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Letter from the Editor - Kevin Russo

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Fall Cruise
- Oakland Indy Race Car

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Well, I said that the November Paw Prints was my second to last edition as your newsletter editor. That would have made this edition my last. However, that will not be the case. Since I find myself with more free time with my employment (or lack there of) situation, I will likely take a bit more time to make sure that your new editor, Bill Sigg, has a great transition and therefore will be taking it slower.

With that out of the way, can you believe the holidays are here? As I write this, I am on the tail end of the Thanksgiving weekend. I hope you had just as nice and wonderful Thanksgiving as I did. My daughters were home and we had family

and friends over. Now that the holiday season is in full swing, start thinking of those items your winter project could benefit from and put them on your list to Santa (or your better half :)!

Note that the date for our holiday party has been set for February 16, 2019 hosted by the McLaughlins! Also take note that there will be no December Club meeting.

Enjoy the pictorial of our fall club cruise out to Raven's Glenn Winery in Coshocton. Also in this edition is an interesting piece by Steve Schaeffer on a very early Oakland Indy race car.

If you are planning on going to the GTOAA Nationals at the end of June in Lawrenceburg, Indiana, you need to be a GTOAA member. Please sign up now and let the club know what your member number is as this helps us with our roster and our chapter survey accuracy.

Lastly, see Stan's letter regarding club dues. How dues are collected and when was changed in 2018. So please take note.

I celebrate Christmas so I want to wish all of you a very Merry Christmas, a Happy New Year and Happy Holidays!

—Kevin



Club Cars at Raven's Glenn Winery October 2018



's Letter

The cars are tucked away for the winter and the holidays are upon us. Planning for next year is in full swing. It's also time for the annual chapter report to GTOAA. Every year we submit to our national organization the club roster, and officers as well as a bunch of general information about our chapter. It takes a significant effort but it's part of what we do to stay and affiliate chapter of GTOAA.

Why do we bother to go through this effort? Actually there are several reasons. We always say it's for insurance from the GTOAA on our larger club events (shows). That's OK but the insurance covers more than just car shows and swap meets. It covers all of our functions, including regular meetings and also covers us if we have a mischievous treasurer that absconds with our funds. The GTOAA magazine is good but it certainly doesn't justify everything it takes to be a chapter. Being part of a national organization makes us more than just a weekend cruiser club. We are a social organization centered on our interest in Pontiac automobiles. GTOAA provides an avenue for us to engage on a national level with several thousand likeminded people. Our members participate in GTOAA activities on a regular basis. Whether it's our concourse participants (we have several and we are very competitive) or our contribution of tech articles to the Legend (thanks to Steve Schaeffer) or those of us who just take our cars to nationals every couple of years; we depend on GTOAA to provide us with more than just the local car shows and cruise-ins. These are some of the reasons we are part of GTOAA.

All that being said, we really should have more club members that are members of GTOAA. I don't believe this is a financial issue since the combined annual membership fees for both clubs won't buy a tank of premium gas. GTOAA is the center of our club, without that association our club wouldn't be the same. If you aren't already a member, please consider joining GTOAA.

Don't forget that our national meet is in Lawrenceburg, Indiana this year. A bunch of us are going and looking forward to having a good time. This year, like any other year, you are required to be a GTOAA member to enter your GTO in any of the show classes. Hotel rooms are filling up fast and car show registration is open on the internet. Don't wait if you are planning on attending especially for hotel rooms.

As an organizational note, we changed our club dues cycle this year. The dues are still \$20 (\$30 for printed and postal delivery of the Paw Prints) per year as they were in 1985. We changed the dues cycle to be January to January so that everyone's dues are due in January. We have some people who pay several years dues at one time we had some people pay \$20 late in the year this year, we haven't lost track of you and we aren't out to double up on dues. Dues payments go to Lonnie McLaughlin (his address is on the membership application and in the Paw Prints). Lonnie and I will be working out how we are going to do a notification to members but we won't have to notify you if you send your dues to Lonnie in January so do it now. Thank you in advance!

Stan Farlow

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2018 GTOACO Fall Club Cruise

Raven's Glenn Winery



Our 2018 Autumn club cruise took members back to Raven's Glenn Winery in Coshocton, Ohio. Stan and Pam Farlow mapped out a great route to the winery and a different one back for great scenery and no construction. While the day started out with some slightly wet roads, it progressed into a beautiful one! The food, service and wine (of course) were excellent. I have a feeling that this won't be the last time we make our way out to this destination!



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Oakland V-8 Indy 500 Race Car by Steve Schaeffer



In the late 1920's GM built many companion cars. They were trying to fill every price point. Oldsmobile had the Viking and Oakland had Pontiac. Oldsmobile and Pontiac survived the depression years but Viking and Oakland did not.

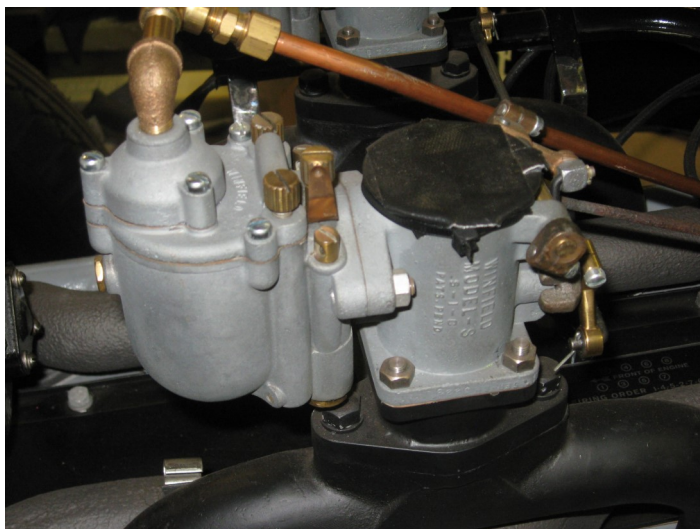
Amazingly enough an Oakland V-8 engine powered a 1930 Indy 500 car to an 11th place finish in that year's race and I just discovered the actual race car in a local shop undergoing a restoration. The car is owned by John Armstrong of Lancaster, Ohio. The car is complete with pictures and documentation. This is the real McCoy not a recreation or a replica.

I believe that the 1929-1930 Viking was the first flathead V-8 engine with a one piece cast engine block. Previously V-8 engines were cast in 3 parts. They were really two 4 cylinder blocks bolted to a common crankcase. While all the books give credit to Henry Ford for the first mono-cast V-8 engine block in 1932 they are not correct.



From pictures and spec sheets it appears that the 1929- 1932 Oakland and 1932 Pontiac V-8 were the same engine or a similar design. The Oakland V-8 in the 1930 race car originally made 85 horsepower at 3,200 rpm. Remember that a 1930 Ford Model A made 40 horsepower and a 1932 Ford V-8 made 65 horsepower.

The Oakland V-8 had a 3.4375 bore and a 3.375 stroke for 251 cubic inches. The compression ratio was 5 to 1, and it had a horizontal valve system. The block was cast just like a modern V-8, 90 degrees. It has 3 main bearings. It also has a solid lifter camshaft. The oil pan holds 7 quarts of oil and the engine has a pressure type oiling system, not splash like so many early engines. This one has also been equipped with a full flow oil filter which would certainly solve some of the early V-8 Oakland oiling issues. It also had a flat plane crankshaft which gives a better firing order than the traditional multi plane crankshaft we are used to.



Not to pick on Ford, but their latest Mustang V-8 super high performance engine uses this same design crankshaft. Another one of Ford's better ideas?

The stock Oakland V-8 engine used a semi down draft one barrel Marvel carburetor. The Oakland race car engine is using dual Winfield Model S carbs, which at the time were state of the art. Winfield's were the dominate racing carburetor in the 1930's. I wouldn't be surprised if the engine is also running a Winfield cam because the car is set up to run 105 mph at 4,000 rpm. Ed Winfield was the top cam grinder during that time slot. Also notice the Delco Remy generator mounted on the top of the engine. This race car also uses a Delco Remy distributor and not a magneto. The distributor is mounted on the top rear of the engine just like most modern GM V-8 engines before they went to distributor-less ignition. The starter is Delco Remy also and the fuel pump is AC.

Oakland V-8 Indy 500 Race Car by Steve Schaeffer

This is a pretty interesting and rare engine today. Oakland built 22,500 in 1930, 13,500 in 1931, and just 6,286 in 1932. There are probably just a handful of these engines left. The engine has 4 intake ports in the top of the block. It also has 8 exhaust ports in the top of the block. With more development this could have been a great engine.

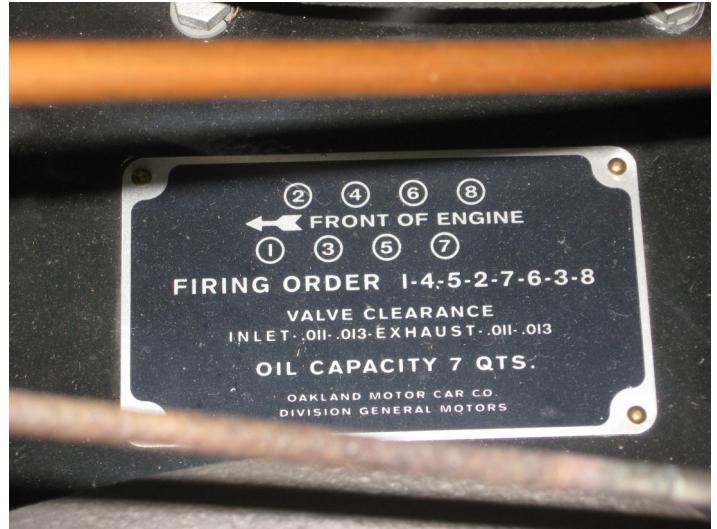
I built several Ford flathead V-8's in the early 60's. They had 3 exhaust ports coming out of the block on each side. The exhaust ran between the cylinders. This caused these engines to be very difficult to keep cool. In addition the distributor on the '48 and earlier Ford V-8's was directly driven off the cam and mounted on the very front of the block. When the radiator boiled over it would soak the distributor and then the car wouldn't run.

The 1930 Oakland V-8 powered Indy car was built by Ira Vail. It was driven by Claude Burton and the riding mechanic was Geo N. Howie. Claude qualified the car for the 1930 Indy 500 at 95.087 miles per hour. He started the race in the 16th position and finished in 11th place. Amazing for a stock block powered car.

For 1930 this was a state of the art race car. Notice the front and rear parallel leaf springs and the real knock off Rudge-Whitworth 20 inch wire wheels. Also notice how far back the engine is set in the chassis for better weight distribution and handling. The transmission and 3rd member style rear end appear to be Oakland as well.

Can you imagine Claude and Geo going down the straights at Indianapolis at over 100 mph with no safety equipment? The entire tail of the car is filled with a gas tank, not a fuel cell. There is no roll bar, seat belts, or blow up proof bell housing. There were no Snell rated crash helmets either. It's really amazing that so many drivers survived major crashes.

It is also amazing that the actual car was saved all these years and is being restored to its actual 1930 Indy 500 race condition. Number 38 lives.



Tiger Bites! - Noteworthy News Bites

- ◆ The 2019 Swap Meet will be Sunday, March 17, 2019. Due to unexpected events the venue will have to change. Stay tuned here, on our website and Facebook page for updates.
- ◆ The GTOACO Holiday Party will take place on February 16, 2019 at Lynne and Lonnie McLaughlin's. Stay tuned here for more information on what to bring and directions. Please RSVP to Lonnie @ londart@aol.com.
- ◆ *****No December meeting! Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.**
- ◆ If you need to renew or are thinking of renewing your **GTOAA membership, please do so** to ensure our club remains a valid GTOAA chapter with all the benefits of that status. There is an application in your Paw Prints below and the GTOAA can now take membership applications on line. **If you plan to go to 2019 Nationals you must be a GTOAA Member. Please let Stan Farlow know when you join and get your member number in order to keep our roster updated!**

Welcome New Members!

- ◆ No new members this month

Who's Working on What

- ◆ Ron Cozzo mated the completed chassis for his 66 LeMans with the body and is installing the Vintage Air AC and prepping the firewall.
- ◆ Lonnie McLaughlin's 65 GTO convertible has the body on the chassis and the drive train installed.
- ◆ Mike Berichon is finished getting another garage built and is now setting up his shop.

Blast from the Past!

by Ron Cozzo

This Blast from the Past is from the July of 1993 Paw Prints. The GTO Association of Central Ohio has a long history of producing high quality restorations. One of the most legendary cars to come out of our club was Andy Syrkin 's Triple Black 1965 GTO Convertible. Below is the announcement it won Best of Show.



Congratulations to Andy Syrkin for winning "BEST OF SHOW" at the 1993 GTOAA NATIONALS with his 1965 Triple Black Convertible.



It would be very difficult to restore a vehicle to this standard today. It used NOS parts whenever possible and the supply of those is drying up. Congrats again Andy on creating and restoring a Legend.

Anybody know where this car is now?



Meeting Minutes November 14, 2018

President Stan Farlow called the meeting to order at 7pm at the Hickory House.

Attendees were Stephen Leonard, Mike Berichon, Richard Whaley, Brent Barham, Lonnie McLaughlin, Kevin Russo, Brad Blackburn, Jeff Frazier, Jim Lowry, Max Treier, Joe Block, Jess Girard, Brian D'Amico, Bill Sigg, Rob Wilson, Pam & Stan Farlow, Steve Schaeffer and guest Bud Krebs from Ohio Valley GTO Association



2019 GTOAA Nationals Discussion by Ohio Valley GTO Club committee - Rooms almost all booked up for Nationals. Hollywood Casino still has rooms. 850 car garage for concours overflow and popular vote. Ohio Valley GTO would like our help. Need judges, parking lot workers, etc. The town of Lawrenceburg, Indiana has been very cooperative. There will be assigned parking spots for concours and popular vote shows. Committee meetings are the first Tuesday of each month, except Jan. 1, at Maverick's Firewater Grill in Lawrenceburg.

Treasurer's Report - was presented by Lonnie McLaughlin. Motion to accept by Kevin Russo, 2nd by Max Treier

Swap Meet new location and arrangement - Our sponsor, Performance Dodge in Delaware has backed out. We're investigating new options. Central Ohio Auto Body in Plain City has offered their building. Need to check facility next week, satellite view seems to show lack of parking. Franklin County fairgrounds also to be investigated.

Nomination of Officers - No new nominations this month. Last month's nominees were elected to office. Stan, Brian, and Lonnie have agreed to accept nomination to continue as President, V.P. and Treasurer. Rob Wilson as Secretary. Bill Sigg as Newsletter Editor. Ron Cozzo as Social Media Coordinator.

Holiday Party - Tentatively scheduled for February 16th at Lonnie and Lynne's (pending Lynne's approval).

New Club Events - Stan working on 2019 calendar. Looking for ideas, drag day, cruise, other events to add.

Open Discussion - January an Officer meeting will be held. Swap meet, no calls, Normal.

Next Monthly Meeting - No December Meeting! Forums on club website broken and will be removed. Limited usage doesn't justify the hours required to repair. Paw Prints will be made accessible on the website in the near future. KEMBA Financial Credit Union is no longer a sponsor and to be removed from newsletter, website, etc. Mike Berichon is now retired and available for help. Prayers requested for Brian D'Amico's fiancée Nicole who has a tumor on her spine. Lonnie is looking into a club outing to see the Suthphen car collection in Hilliard. Dues for most are due in January this year. Some paid in advance. Email to be sent out.

Motion for Adjournment - by Ron Cozzo, 2nd by Brad Blackburn

**ATT: MEMBERS!!!! If you see your name listed below you owe dues!!!!
Please get your dues to Lonnie McLaughlin at 5808 Tarton Circle North Dublin, OH 43017!!**

*If you owe dues for after July 2018, you owe \$10 for 2018.
Then in January, ALL DUES FOR ALL MEMBWEERS ARE DUE BY JANUARY
15, 2019. Dues for 2019 are \$20 (\$30 for postal mailed news-
letter delivery)*

*Meetings held
the 2nd
Wednesday
each month*



Meeting Agenda - December 2018

No Club meeting.

*Merry Christmas and Happy
Holidays!*



Calendar of Events

December 14, 2018

No Regular Club Meeting Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

December 24, 2018

Christmas Eve

December 25, 2018

Merry Christmas!

December 31, 2018

New Year's Eve!

Merry Christmas



DECEMBER 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12 <i>No December Meeting!</i>	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
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30	31 					

For Sale

- ◆ DJ GTO Parts! Now your one stop shopping place for used and NEW GTO parts. If you know the part number, great, otherwise just let them know what it is you need! See Dan Gregory Jr. (or call 614-563-0877 or email info@djgtoparts.com) for more information and options for taking delivery of your parts or visit their website at <http://djgtoparts.com/>. GTOACO members receive a discount!



- ◆ *For Sale—400 Pontiac motor. New build about 500 mi. Comp Cam and accessories, aluminum .intake, water pump and valve covers asking \$1500.00 Harry Mullins 614 795 2310*
- ◆ *I will rebuild your Muncie '64 to '74, Borg Warner T-10 '57 to '64, or GM Super T-10 4 speed transmission for \$400.00 including the following new parts that are necessary to freshen up a worn high mileage unit.*

Synchronizer Rings, Case Bearings, all small parts, spacers, snap rings, needle bearings, thrust washers, strut keys and springs, new counter shaft, gaskets, bushings, and seals.

Shop supplies are additional as are new and used gears, cases, side covers, tail housings, synchronizer assemblies, shift forks, front bearing retainers, etc.

Steve Schaeffer, Retired A.S.E. certified mechanic, Lancaster, Ohio, 740-215-0126.



Send in your items for sale to your Paw Prints Newsletter Editor (pictures welcome).

Remember, ads are FREE to GTOACO Members!



www.gtoaco.com

**APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP
THE GTO ASSOCIATION OF CENTRAL OHIO**

Name _____ Date _____

Address _____ City _____ ST _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Occupation _____ E-mail Address _____

Membership Dues are \$20/yr for email Paw Prints delivery, or \$30/yr for postal delivery.

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ARE YOU A MEMBER OF THE GTO ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA # _____ Date Expires _____

SPOUSE'S NAME _____

CHILDREN _____

YEAR, COLOR AND STYLE OF GTO (s) OR PONTIAC (s) CURRENTLY OWNED

WHAT ACTIVITIES WOULD YOU BE INTERESTED IN? _____

OPTIONAL:
WRITE A SHORT STORY ABOUT YOURSELF, FAMILY, OCCUPATION, HOBBIES AND HOW YOU GOT INTERESTED IN GTO'S. IF YOU HAVE ANY PICTURES OF YOUR CAR SEND THOSE ALSO. THIS INFORMATION WILL BE USED IN A COLUMN IN THE PAW PRINTS FEATURING MEMBERS. IT IS A GOOD WAY FOR US TO BECOME AQUAINTED WITH EACH OTHER.



GTOAA Information

Your chapter is an affiliated chapter with the GTO Association of America. You can join the National GTO organization, the GTOAA & receive the Golden Quill Award Winning publication, *The Legend*.

To join complete the form below and mail in, or join online at www.gtoaa.org



Membership Application

Date: _____

Mem #: _____

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

GTO Ownership is not a requirement of membership to the GTOAA

GTO OWNERSHIP

Year _____ Body Style _____ Engine _____

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Year _____ Body Style _____ Engine _____

I agree that, if elected to membership, I will conform to all rules of the Association and conduct myself in the manner that promotes the goals and purposes of the Organization.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

DUES:
\$35.00/year for members in the USA, \$40.00USD/year for Canadian members, and \$50.00USD/year for all other international members. \$5.00 for associate memberships in the same family name (includes membership card, decal, and membership listing). There is a \$2.00 bank processing fee for applications paid by credit card.

CHECK / MO # _____

Mastercard / Visa Card # _____ Exp # _____

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Make Check/Money order payable to GTOAA:

Mail signed Application to: GTOAA, PO BOX 455, Timnath, CO 80547

ALL PONTIAC INDOOR SWAP MEET

March 17, 2019



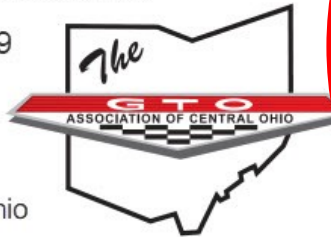
Performance Chrysler Jeep Dodge Ram, 2815 Stratford Rd, Delaware, OH 43015

VENDOR SET-UP 7:00 A.M. - 9:00 A.M.
OPEN TO PUBLIC 9:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.

10' x 10' spaces - \$15.00 each
\$2.00 general admission

For swap & vendor information call:

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www.gtoaco.com



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UNEXPECTED CHANGE IN VENUE!!!

Stay Tuned for updates and information!



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