

Paw Prints

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Letter from the Editor - Kevin Russo

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Mecum Pics
- Blast from the Past

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Before I get too far along, please note a correction for the January Paw Prints. The meeting minutes stated the incorrect date and it should be December 13, 2017 instead of November 8.

Some additional club business includes a reminder to RSVP for our club holiday party on February 24, 2018. Note the page inside with details. Please RSVP by Friday, February 9 so we can get a good head count. RSVP to Brian D'Amico whose contact information is inside with the details.

Also, note that there will be a board of directors election coming soon. This will be an online election so please pay close attention to your email when the

election begins. There are 3 open seats and we have 4 nominees.

Now that that's out of the way, we are halfway through the winter! Days are getting longer and brighter and that means it won't be long before we are waking up our ferocious GTOs for another season! But we still have a ways to go so we will have to dream a while.

Until then, don't forget about our Facebook page and our website that has loads of pictures of better weather days with ours and many other beautiful cars.

President Stan Farlow provided some coverage and pictures

from the Kissimmee Mecum Auction.

Also in this edition is a new regular piece from our Club Secretary, Ron Cozzo called Blast from the Past. As Ron has taken on the task of scanning all the archived paper copies of old club records, he will be regularly putting some in this piece. His goal is to scan it all and make it available to all on the web site.

I hope you enjoy this month's edition of your Paw Prints and I hope to see many of you at the February Meeting. Until then have fun, stay safe and warm!

—Kevin



Club GTOs Lined Up at the 2017 Picnic





's Letter

Happy February, hopefully the weather improves and everyone can get out and around without too much stress. This is the time of year when we all think about the list of things we need to do to our GTOs before summer. If someone is planning a lot of work, make sure to bring it up so that we can plan a work day for the club to help out. There is a bunch of knowledge in the club and someone can help with just about any job. Also remember that the club has manuals available for most of the old GTOs.

A big thank you goes to Brian, Ron, and Kevin for running the January meeting. It's good to see the club continue to do whatever is necessary to continue our organization.

Pam and I were at the Mecum Auction in Kissimmee. Regardless of what you have heard or think about the car auctions; Kissimmee is like the circus coming to town. Every year it is bigger and has more people in the audience. There are plenty of stories about auction house shenanigans and there surely are some but almost all the cars sold this year before the end of the auction. We saw cars that didn't run well or that needed work. We also saw lots of beautiful paint and interiors on huge variety of very good cars. It is a great place to be a car person.

Car prices were all over indicating the large variation in condition and collectability. We saw prices from \$6,000 to \$3,000,000. Corvettes and Ferraris seemed to sell very well. It's probably not a good place to sell a "run of the mill" used car. There was no shortage of bidders or money for good cars.

Among the old series GTOs there were three in particular that are of note. There was an original 1965, 4 speed 4 barrel, Irish mist hardtop that was extraordinarily maintained with 53,000 miles. We saw it run in the staging area. It appeared to be as good as we've seen anywhere. The buyer netted about \$38,000. Then we saw the "recently restored" 1965 convertible with lots of "upgrades" including a red Pontiac engine that brought just under \$68,000 for reasons I will never understand. The top seller was a 1967 convertible that matched Lonnie's old car. The car netted \$115,000 for the buyer. Most of the GTOs sold between \$40 and \$65 thousand.

Jim Wanger's custom LeMans did not sell for \$110,000.

There were 5 2004-2006 GTOs only 2 sold. One had 33 miles on the odometer and some of the shipping plastic intact. It was really a new car that sold for \$38,500. Then there was a 2004 car that was in good shape with normal miles that brought \$6875. It looks to me like market is trying to decide what these cars are worth.

Don't forget our Holiday Party in February, the breakfast in March, and the cruise in April. I am looking for a good car show in May where we can go as a club.



Mecum Auction Kissimmee Pics from GTOSTAN



Mecum Auction Kissimmee Pics from GTOSTAN



HEY! Is that Lonnie's former 67???



Tiger Bites! - Noteworthy News Bites

- ◆ **NOTE FROM THE CLUB SECRETARY: Attention club members! The secretary will no longer be mailing club dues notices. Instead, you will receive an email and members owing club dues will be listed in the meeting minutes in the Paw Prints.**
- ◆ **The February Meeting will be at the corporate headquarters of KEMBA Financial Credit Union 555 Officenter Place Gahanna, OH on December 13. RSVP to Kevin Russo at krusso_sp@hotmail.com if you plan to come for dinner, 5:30pm at Hickory House (across the parking lot) with meeting starting at 7pm.**
- ◆ 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.

Welcome New Members!

- ◆ Welcome back Lance Hudnell who has a red 2006 GTO.

Who's Working on What

- ◆ Stephen Corvi just bought a date coded 64 389 engine tri-power with 32,000 miles on it! He plans to start the rebuild this year.
- ◆ Ron Cozzo is starting work on his 66 LeMans.
- ◆ Lonnie McLaughlin is restoring a 65 GTO convertible and is currently waiting on the frame from powder coating.
- ◆ Kevin Landis should be putting the finishing touches on his 64 GTO.
- ◆ Jess Girard is finishing up his 65 GTO and starting on his 66 Ventura.

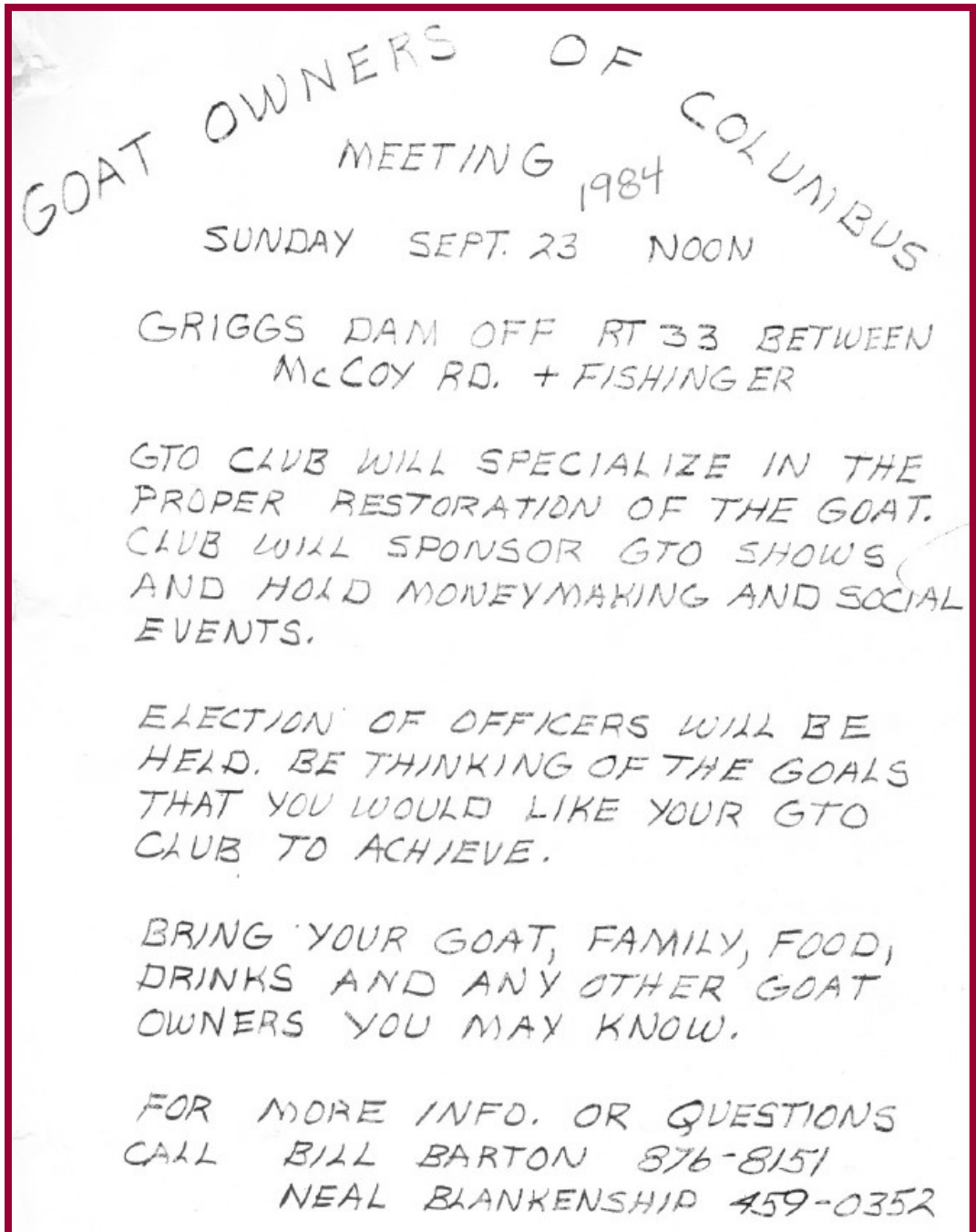
Blast from the Past!

by Ron Cozzo

This will be a new feature in our newsletter each month, highlighting significant events from our club history, if it is well accepted that is! As club Secretary, I've taken on the task of scanning our old club newsletters into pdf format. We have several binders Neal Blankenship and Jim Evans filled through the years. It's our goal to make all of these newsletters available on the club website for all to access. Scanning these and saving them with proper formats and file names is a slow process, but it needs to be done to archive this information digitally, forever. We'll share tidbits here, as we continue the archive process, and I hope to start making them accessible on the website later this year.

Here's our first sample from the club founding in 1984. This flyer was used to invite GTO owners to our first meeting.

Its interesting to see how far we've come now with our flyers and electronic publishing. It must have been a lot of work to put together the flyers and newsletters back then.



Blast from the Past! (continued)

And here are the minutes from that first meeting, Sept. 23rd, 1984. Look, our club dues fee has only gone up from \$15 to \$20 in the past 34 years!

CENTRAL OHIO GTO ASSOCIATION

A meeting and picnic was held Sunday September 23 at Griggs Dam.

Attending the meeting were fourteen GTO owners and families. The meeting and picnic was held to discuss starting a GTO club to promote the restoration of the goat and to sponsor GTO shows and hold money-making and social events.

Election of officers was held and the following people were elected:

Bill Barton - President	Nick Anspach - Vice President
Rob Wilson - Treasurer	
Karen Wilson- Secretary	

The above will hold office for one year. The first group of officers will hold office until January 1986,

By a majority vote of those present, it was determined that the name of our club will become the Central Ohio GTO Association. Also, by a majority vote, the annual fee per member would be \$15 per year. Those who join in 1984 will not be required to pay \$15 again in 1985. Therefore, your membership is good until January 1986.

During the meeting it was brought out that all wanted our GTO club to be a membership involved club. Therefore, when you attend the next meeting, be ready to express yourself as to your strong points (be it either club organization, goat knowledge, etc.).

Also, I would like to know who would like to be involved with committees, like setting up car shows, collecting goat parts, or setting up technical sessions.

Please call me at 460-2173, work, or 876-8151, residence. I strongly feel that if we all pitch in and work, we can make this club one of the better clubs around. Don't forget to send in your membership fee. Make checks out to Central Ohio GTO Association and send your checks to Bill Barton, 3062 Scioto Trace, Columbus, Ohio 43220.

After a few beers and looking at some nice GTO's, the meeting was adjourned. See you at the next meeting.

P.S.

On Wednesday October 24, from 7 PM to 10 PM, Andy Syrkin will host the first technical session at his home. Andy will cover items like what to look for when buying a GTO. We will cover the 1964-1967 GTO's. Andy's phone is 766-0011 and his address is 9130 Muirkirk, Dublin. A map is enclosed.

I hope you enjoyed this first Blast from the Past look back. If so, let us know. If you think it's a waste of space, also let us know. Thanks, Ron

Meeting Minutes January 10, 2018



Vice President Brian D'Amico called the meeting to order at 7pm at KEMBA Financial Credit Union. Attendees were Kevin Russo, Steve Schaeffer, Jeff & Jane Frazier, Brent Barham, Jim Evans, Brad Blackburn, Joe Block, Rob Wilson, Max Treier, Lance Hudnell, Brian D'Amico, Ron Cozzo, and Jim Lowry.

Treasurer's Report - Kevin Russo gave the report from Lonnie. Motion was made to accept by Joe Block, seconded by Brad Blackburn.

Nominations of Directors and Election Process - Brent Barham, Jim Lowry, Max Treier, and Mike Berichon were nominated to fill the three open director positions. An election will be needed. Officers to discuss if we will use the same online poll process we used previously. Ron Cozzo offered to set up if that is the direction.

Holiday Party - February 24th, 6pm to 10pm, at Mike Berichon's business in Delaware. Stan is bringing tables. Berichon has chairs. Need volunteer to arrange catering. Need RSVP list. Options for catering, City BBQ, Der Dutchman, Ann & Tony's. Kevin Russo will send out RSVP email to club by Feb. 9th.

Annual Prevent Blindness Donation - Kevin Russo made a motion to donate \$1500 to Prevent Blindness, seconded by Joe Block

2018 All Pontiac Swap Meet / Deferral to 2019 - A motion was made to have a breakfast social at Der Dutchman March 24, 2018 @ 8am by Brian D'Amico, seconded by Kevin Russo. Other discussion on swap meet, Steve Schaeffer asked us to promote the All GM swap meet March 11, @ Haydocy. Steve will send the flyer.

2018 Battle of the Brands - July 29 at Big Walnut Grill / Sunbury, Ohio, Brian D'Amico, chairman, will bring flyer for next meeting. More parking space to be organized prior to the event.

2018 Cruise-In and All Pontiac Show - Volunteers still needed to chair this event. V.P. and/or Treasurer will approach Quaker Steak and Lube about using their lot for an All Pontiac Show. The consensus was we should not try a two day show again. V.P. requested participation and volunteers from the club to organize and chair. Steve Schaeffer offered an alternative location. River Valley Rods & Customs will hold an All Makes show at the Fairfield County Fairgrounds Labor Day, September 3. Steve offered space for us to do a show within a show for All Pontiacs, proceeds to benefit their charities. No cost for space to us.

Spring Cruise - Stan Farlow is planning. April 28th to Mott's Military Museum and some restaurant in Canal Winchester. More detail later.

Meeting Place for Monthly Meeting - Several options were discussed. Jeff Frazier looked into American Legion, good parking but maybe \$60/hr. Bill Sigg looked into Westerville Library, free but parking is not good. Kevin Russo offered KEMBA financial as our regular meeting place. Brian D'Amico made the motion to stay at KEMBA Financial, seconded by Jane Frazier.

Open Discussion - Welcome back, new/old member Lance Hudnell. Lance is the GTOAA Public Relations Coordinator and lives in Westerville. It was brought up that we should talk to Chesrown in Delaware for a possible location for the swap meet, Lance Hudnell and Brad Blackburn both know Ryan Gill and one of them will approach Chesrown. V.P. Brian D'Amico let us know that club officer insurance needs to be discussed. Maybe we need a separate board member meeting to discuss before bringing it to the club meeting.

Motion for Adjournment - Brent Barham made the motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Jane Frazier Submitted by Ron Cozzo, Secretary

ATT: MEMBERS!!!! If you see your name listed below you owe dues!!!!
Please get your dues to Lonnie McLaughlin at 5850 Tarton Circle North Dublin, OH 43017!!

DUES FOR JAN 2018 - Earl Boyle, Jerry Brownfield, Jim Evans,, Ron Landis, Phil McCool, Robert Williams.

DUES FOR FEB - Bob Gibbons, Roy Hess, Shawn Rinehart, Ed Sloan, Lonnie McLaughlin

DUES FOR MAR - Michael Anderson, Jerry Bales, Michael Koch, Stephen Leonard, Thomas Peters, Stephen Schroeder, Tyler Sims

**Meetings held
the 2nd
Wednesday
each month**



Meeting Agenda - February 14, 2018

- Treasurer's Report - Lonnie McLaughlin

- Election of Directors

- Holiday Party February 24

- March 24 Breakfast at Der Dutchman

- April 24 Spring Cruise

- 2018 Battle of the Brands
 - July 29 at Sunbury

- 2018 Cruise-In and All Pontiac Show
 - Need Chairman

 - Date June 22?

 - Venue

- By-law revisions

- Open Discussion

- Motion for Adjournment

GTOACO Holiday Party!

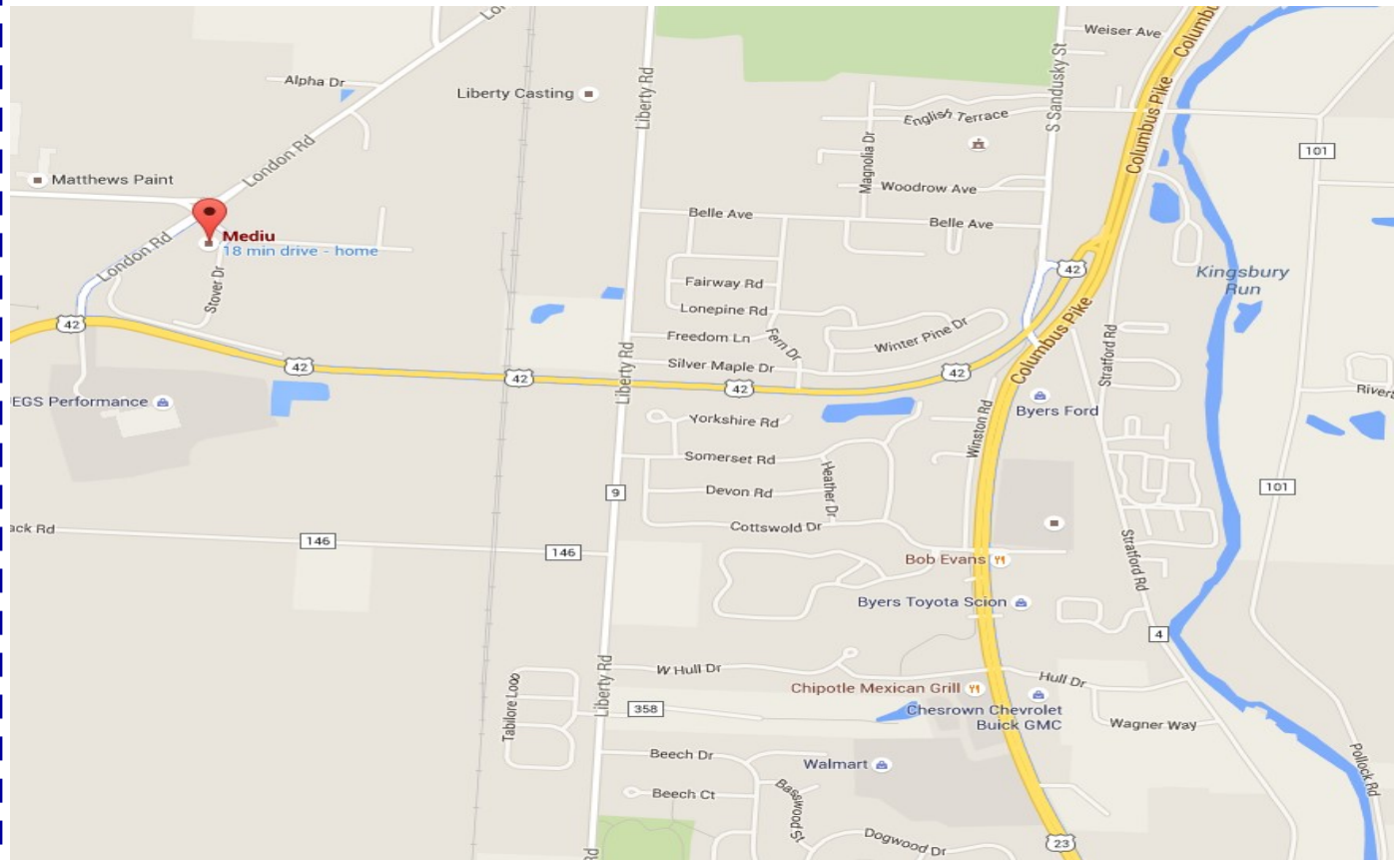
When: Saturday February 24, 2018

Where: Mediu, LLC 106 Stover Drive Delaware, Ohio 43015

How much: The club will cover the costs.

What to bring: A Desert or Side Dish to share

What you need to do: RSVP to Brian D'Amico @ burgboy73@gmail.com or 614-935-5107



Calendar of Events

February 14, 2018

Regular Club Meeting During Club Picnic! @ KEMBA Financial Credit Union Corporate 555 Offcenter Place Gahanna. Dinner 5:30pm Hickory House (across parking lot) at 5:15pm the meeting starting at 7PM. RSVP to krusso_sp@hotmail.com if you join us for dinner.

February 14, 2018

Happy Valentine's Day!!

February 24, 2018

Club Holiday Party @ Mediu, LLC 106 Stover Drive Delaware, Ohio 43015 6-10pm.



FEBRUARY 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14 <i>Happy Valentine's Day 7pm Club Meeting @KEMBA HQ</i>	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24 <i>Club Holiday Party</i>
25	26	27	28			

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!



- ◆ *****NEW ***** 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, or Borg Warner T-10, '57 to '65 or GM Super T-10, '75 to '81 4 speed transmission for \$375.00 including the following 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 & Springs, New counter shaft, Gaskets, Bushings, and Seals.

I also have new and used gears, cases, side covers, tail housings, etc. available.

Steve Schaeffer, Retired A.S.E. certified mechanic, Lancaster, 740-654-8959 or 740-215-0126.

I also build Ford Top Loaders '64-79 passenger car, overdrive and regular, as well as Chrysler A833 4 speeds. Parts on Ford and Chrysler transmissions are slightly higher.



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.

RECEIVE OUR MONTHLY NEWSLETTER, THE PAW PRINTS (Check One)

BY EMAIL (COLOR PDF) \$20
OR POSTAL MAIL (BLACK AND WHITE) \$30

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: **THE GTO ASSOCIATION OF CENTRAL OHIO**

SEND TO: **Lonnie McLaughlin**
5808 Tarton Circle North
Dublin, OH 43017
614-327-8885
londart@aol.com

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 _____

Year _____ Body Style _____ Engine _____

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

8th Annual ALL PONTIAC SWAP MEET

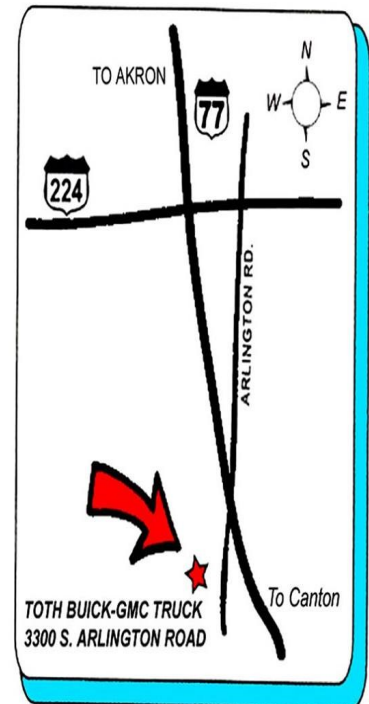
APRIL 8, 2018 *Sponsored by Greater Ohio GTO Club*

Toth Buick-GMC Truck
Just off I-77 @ Exit 120
3300 South Arlington Rd.
Akron, Ohio 44312

\$2.00 General Admission

\$5.00 before 9:00 am

Vendor Set-Up 7AM to 9AM
Open to Public 9AM to About
1PM based on foot traffic.
10'X20' (approx) space \$15.00
\$2.00 General Admission



For Swap & Vender Info:

Rick Hicks 330-801-3396

OR

email: gogtoaa@yahoo.com

Greater Ohio GTO Club

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653 Tremain Pl.

Medina Oh. 44256

IN-DOOR SWAP MEET

Greater Ohio GTO (GOGTO), GTOAA, and Toth Buick - Truck are not responsible for damage or injury.

2nd Annual All GM Swap Meet

March 11, 2018
Haydocy Buick GMC
3895 W. Broad Street
Columbus, Ohio 43228

Auto Related, General Motors Only.

Vendor Set-Up 7:00 am to 9:00 am. 10 x10 spaces \$15.00 each.

Open to the public 9:00 to 2:00pm. General Admission \$2.00.

For more information contact,

Steve Schaeffer, VP, 740-215-0126 , superschaef421@att.net

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