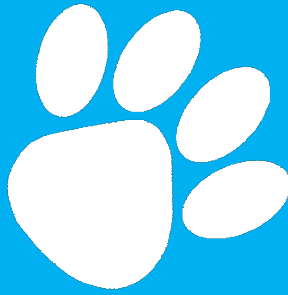
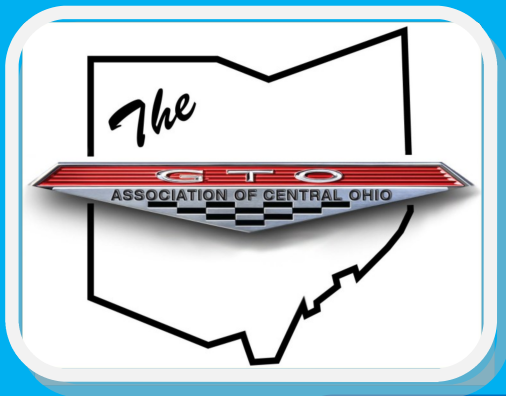


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Letter from the Editor - Kevin Russo

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Little Indian
- Don't forget the holiday Party!

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Is it really winter? Sure, we've had a few cold days and a little bit of snow, but we had a 70 degree day in January. If you are like me, you are expecting to have to pay for that relatively good weather in February or March. I certainly hope not, but we are in Ohio after all and even Mother Nature doesn't know what to do with us sometimes!

In month's edition, I hope you enjoy the piece from Steve Schaeffer. I certainly did and with visions of spring and summer car shows in our head, it's nice to be able to keep the content fresh in the Paw Prints. Many thanks Steve for keeping the information flowing! If you would like to contribute a piece

to the Paw Prints, just let me know and send it to me. I can help with the idea and even the text or wording. Pictures are always great with a piece. A good example would be a Member Spotlight. I haven't had one of those in quite sometime. Tell us about your first GTO, about how you got draw into classic or muscle cars.

Don't forget about the Who's Working on What section. Let me know how your project is going. What part you are working on or if you've just finished a part or all of it.

We are still looking for volunteer help for our annual Swap Meet on March 8, 2020. Please contact Rob Wilson if you can

help or come to the February meeting to sign up!

Lastly, don't forget to the club Holiday Party is February 29, 2020 at the McLaughlin's. Please RSVP to Lonnie (see the page on the party inside for details).

I hope to see many of you at the February Meeting, the Holiday Party or the swap meet. The club is so much more fun when you are involved! So get involved!

Until the I see you again, have fun, stay safe!

—Kevin





's Letter

The first month of 2020 is almost over. How are you doing on your winter list of car projects? I know mine are lagging but our club activities are moving along just fine.

Our Holiday party is going to happen on February 29 and the swap meet is going to happen on March 8. We are working on the spring cruise and Ron Cozzo already has the flyer for our Indian Uprising out for comment. Our GTOAA annual report has been filed and I have the information together for our state and federal filings. Our only hole is that we need a chairman for the Battle of the Brands show. You can see our club calendar with all our events and event locations on GTOACO.com. I try to keep this calendar up to date with correct locations and times. One feature is the calendar is linked to Google Maps so that you can also get directions to the venue.

The Battle of the Brands is one of our major events for the year and a significant source of revenue for the club. We have plenty of members willing to do the work but so far no one has stepped up to take the lead role. Brian D 'Amico worked for several years to establish this show on the local calendar; it would truly be a shame to let it drop. Hopefully someone will step up soon so that we can continue this event.

I heard from several people that there is a concern about the personal liability associated with taking a leadership role in club activities. This month we completed procurement of Officers and Directors insurance. We were able to find a policy through JC Taylor, our general liability insurance provider thanks to GTOAA. The policy provides normal coverages plus covers members and volunteers at club functions and provides some additional protection for our event vendors. The policy also has fewer exclusions than some of the other policies. This was the last item on my list of actions to protect club members from personal liability. There are always things we could do to hone some fine points but the club and its members are well covered. I am always open to improving the situation if someone finds an area we missed.

All that business aside, it seems like GTOs sold well at the auctions. I have always thought that GTOs were better sold at Mecum than Barrett-Jackson, but this year Barrett-Jackson seemed to hold up well. We also know of several GTOs that started the restoration process during the last quarter of 2019. A couple of the restoration shops that I follow are doing good business with frame on repairs and upgrades. It seems the hobby is still alive and well. We should all be looking forward to the upcoming season.

The next club meeting is at the Hickory House in Gahanna on February 12. The focus of this meeting is on swap meet planning and the holiday party. I ' ll be in Florida so Brad has the meeting. As always bring your ideas on things we should be doing as a club.

Stan Farlow

614-230-4529



Little Indian by Steve Schaeffer

The predecessor to our beloved '64 to '72 GM A body, Tempest, LeMans, GTO, was the GM Y body.

Pontiac's version of the Y body was the '61 to '63 Tempest and Lemans. The engineering on this car was way ahead of it's time. In the front, the suspension and engine was bolted to a cross member that then was bolted into the unibody. In the rear there was a transaxle that bolted to a cross member and then to the unibody. The engine in the front was connected to the transaxle in the rear by a torque tube which contained the driveshaft. The standard shift flywheel, clutch, and bellhousing was bolted to the rear of the engine.

If all this sounds familiar to you, look at a C5, C6, or C7 Corvette from 1997 thru 2019. It is all the same design. When Motor Trend made the '61 Tempest its "Car of the Year" who knew how advanced the design was at the time.

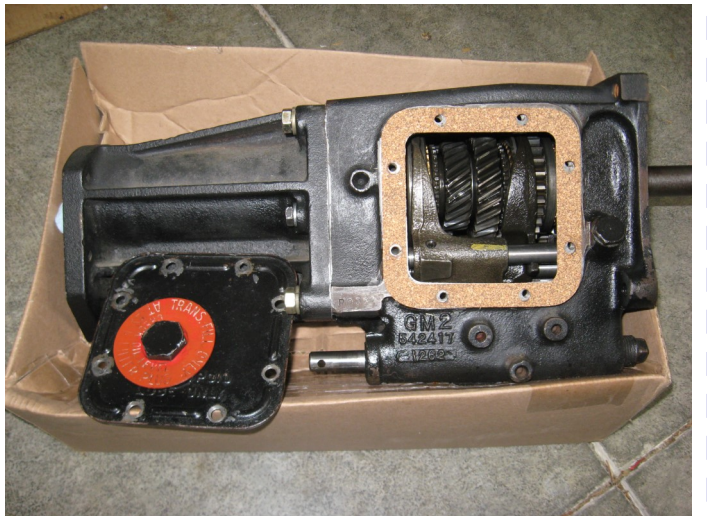
Like the Corvette the idea was to have a 50/50 weight distribution. Also even after Pontiac offered the 326 V-8 in the car in 1963 it was still several hundred pounds lighter than a '64 GTO.

In 1963 Pontiac built 6 coupes and 6 station wagons with the superior dual quad 421 Super Duty race engine to run in the factory experimental class, A/FX. These cars had a 4 speed automatic transaxle. The cars really flew and today the few remaining Super Duty cars have a value in the 6 figures.

Today you always see a few '63 Tempests with monster Pontiac V-8's and converted to conventional rear ends running a good 3 seconds faster than the original Super Duty cars at any major Pontiac event.

The Pontiac design had a few flaws. The 4 cylinder engine was the right bank of a 389 V-8. This was in the days before 4 cylinder engines incorporated a balance shaft, so the engine vibrated at idle.

The transaxle design was shared with the Corvair and had swing axles rather than universal joints at each end. When Pontiac came out with the 326 V-8 in 1963 it was only offered with the 3 speed standard shift transmission or the Powerglide automatic. The Corvair based 4 speed transmission just didn't have enough torque capacity.



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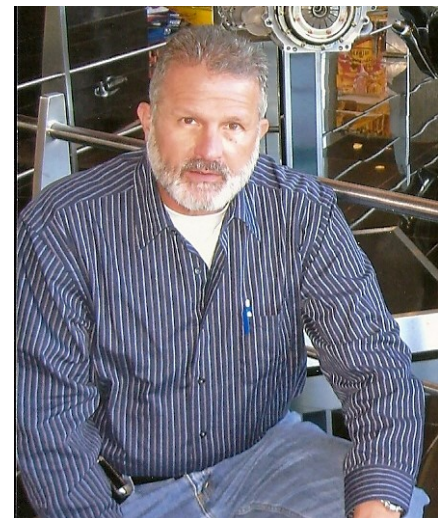
I have a friend with a very unique version of this car. The original 4 cylinder block is bored .060 oversize and uses Pontiac 400 pistons. The cylinder head is a big valve, high compression unit from a GTO. It has the 2.11 intake valves and 1.77 exhaust valves. The intake manifold is a modified Edelbrock torquer with an Edelbrock 500 cfm carb. Exhaust is thru a Dougs header and it has a custom ground camshaft.

I got involved when the 4 speed manual transaxle gave up the ghost. Little did I know that the '63 Tempest 4 speed transaxle had a one year only cluster gear and we couldn't locate one.

To make a long story short, the owner found a shop that could rebuild the manual transaxle using a Corvair gear set. The 4 cylinder 4 barrel carb Tempest engine was advertised as having 217 foot pounds of torque. The turbo charged Corvair in 1963 was advertised as having 210 foot pounds of torque. We don't know how much the modified Tempest 4 cylinder engine makes but we hope the gear set is over engineered.

The attached pictures show the 4 speed transmission before we bolted it up to the balance of the transaxle. Also you can see the transaxle and the torque tube and driveshaft before we put it together.

This was the first time I ever wrenched on one of these cars. The magazines always called it as having a "rope" driveshaft but really it is a steel shaft that works like a torsion bar.



Tiger Bites! - Noteworthy News Bites

- ◆ *The 2020 club holiday party will be Saturday, February 29, 2020 at the McLaughlin's.* See the next page for more details and don't forget to RSVP!
- ◆ Our annual donation to Ohio Prevent Blindness will be presented at the holiday party!
- ◆ *The club's 2020 All Pontiac Swap Meet is March 8, 2020.* Volunteers are needed for both set up night, March 7 and the day of the swap. Come to the meetings to volunteer and/or contact Rob Wilson at ro.wilson@att.net if you can help!
- ◆ 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. There is an application in your Paw Prints below and the GTOAA can now take membership applications on line. *Please let a club officer know when you join and provide 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 continues to put his 66 LeMans together
- ◆ *Send me what your are working on and I will put it here! (krusso_sp@hotmail.com)*

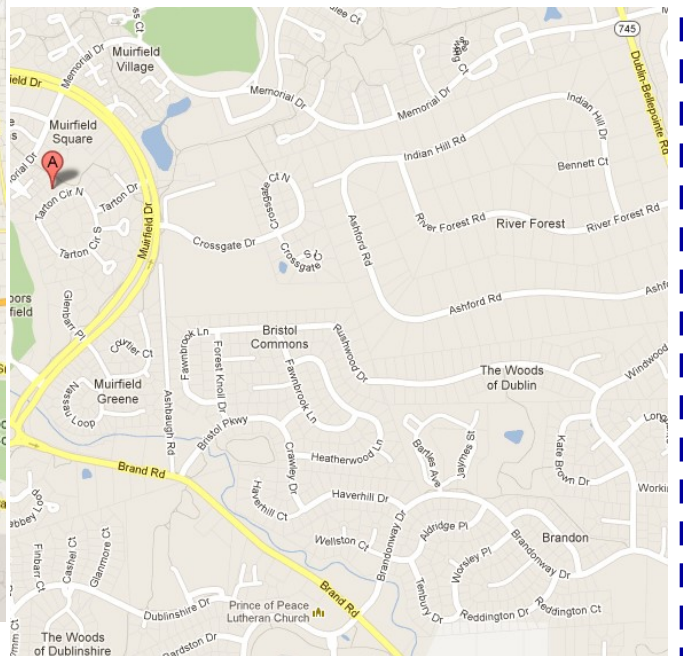
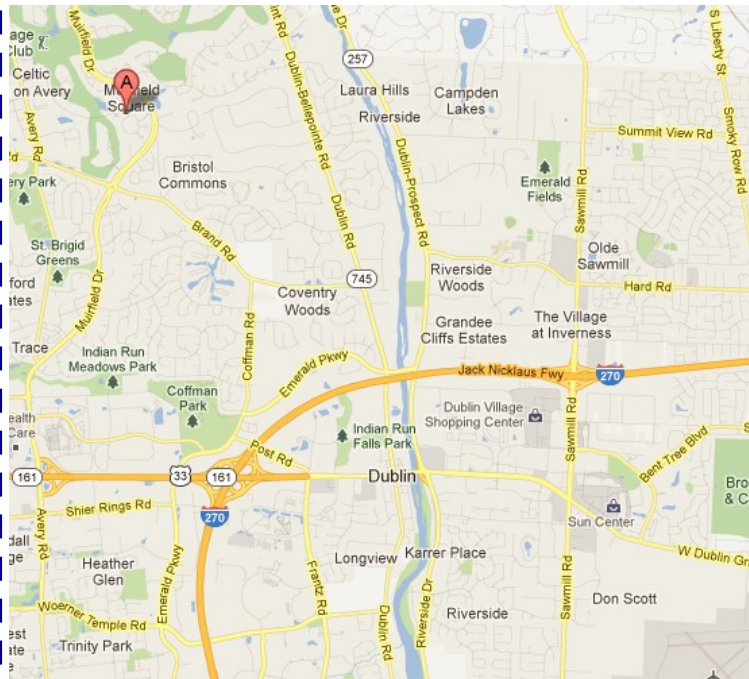
2020 GTOACO Holiday Party!

When: Saturday February 29, 2020 6pm

Where: Lonnie and Lynn McLaughlin @ 5808 Tarton Circle North Dublin, OH 43017

What you need to do: RSVP to Lonnie at londart@aol.com or 614-327-8885.

Bring a chair and, if you like, a dessert (but not required)!



Meeting Minutes January 8, 2020

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Brad Blackburn

In attendance were members Rob Wilson, Brad Blackburn, Lonnie McLaughlin, Max Trier, Steve Schaeffer, Stephen Leonard, Brent Barnham, Jeff Frazier, Bill Sigg, Jim Lowry, Richard Whaley, Keith & Connie Stevens, Scott Stalnaker, Lance Hudnell, Ron Cozzo and Kevin Russo.

Treasurer's report – Was presented by club treasurer Lonnie McLaughlin. Sponsor check from Dan Gregory, DJ Parts for dash plaques was given for our show The Indian Uprising. Motion to accept the report from Ron Cozzo, Max Trier 2nd.

Holiday Party – Lonnie & Lynn McLaughlin have again offered to host our Holiday Party at their home. It will be on February 29th at 6:00 pm. Please bring your own chairs if you have them since depending on the turnout there may not be enough. As in years past we are making our donation to the charity Prevent Blindness at the party. Please RSVP to Lonnie as we need a count for who's attending.

Swap Meet – Rob reported that everything is in place for our 2020 swap meet on March 8th. Venders have called from within Ohio as well as Michigan and Illinois hoping to reserve spaces since we sold out last year. Volunteers are needed to assist in laying out the swap meet spots at the Franklin County Fairgrounds 6:00 pm Saturday March 7th with pizza provided afterwards. We also need volunteers during the show like the ones that continue to make our swap meet possible over the years. Vender setup starts at 7:00 the show ends at 2:00. Volunteers needed for admission set up, vender exit, T-shirt table set up, tear down and sales, three people are needed for vender direction. We also need volunteers during the show like the ones that continue to make our swap meet possible. Vender setup starts at 7:00 the show ends at 2:00. Please contact Rob to volunteer.

Our food vender is again Denise Rhodes who will be arriving early enough to serve those setting up the swap as well as attendees throughout the day.

Open Discussion – A discussion for our Spring Cruise to The Wilds in Muskingum County was brought up with dates to be determined at a later date. Ron Cozzo passed out a proof copy for our 36th Annual Indian Uprising car show on September 6th 2020. Changes to it were suggested for the final copy. Rob Wilson displayed the finished club work shirts and took orders for six of them. If you would like one for yourself contact Rob for information on how to order them.

Next Monthly meeting – February 8th at the Hickory House in Gahanna. Please contact any of the officers if you have a suggestion for a different location.

Motion for adjournment- Kevin Russo, 2nd Brent Barnham

Submitted by Rob Wilson, Secretary

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



ATT: MEMBERS!!!! Please get your dues to Lonnie McLaughlin at 5808 Tarton Circle North Dublin, OH 43017!!

ALL DUES FOR ALL MEMBWBERS ARE DUE BY JANUARY 15, 2020. Dues for 2020 are \$20 (\$30 for postal mailed newsletter delivery)



Meeting Agenda - February 12, 2020

- Treasurer's Report - Lonnie McLaughlin
- Holiday Party February 29 at Lonnie's house. Did you RSVP?
- 2019 All Pontiac swap meet on March 8 at Franklin County Fairgrounds
 - Set-up and Work Schedule
 - Coffee and Donuts, Water
- Battle of the Brands
 - We need a Chairman, Currently no Date or Location
- Spring Cruise is Scheduled for April 25. Stan is working on obtaining discount coupons. If we go as a group we will have to register and pay in advance.
- The club calendar on the web site is updated for all 2020 activities. Comments are encouraged.
- Annual Dues were due in January , The roster purge will happen in April.
- Next Meeting will be at the Hickory House
- Open Discussion
- Motion for Adjournment

Calendar of Events

February 12, 2020

*Regular Club Meeting 7pm @ Hickory House 550 Officenter Pl, Gahanna, OH 43230 .
RSVP to Stan Farlow at skfarlow@aol.com if you plan to come. Dinner will be at 5:15pm before the meeting in the same room.*

February 14, 2020

Happy Valentine's Day!

February 17, 2020

President's Day

February 29, 2020

Club Holiday Party 6pm @ The McLaughlin's 5808 Tarton Circle North Dublin, OH 43017



FEBRUARY 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12 <i>Club Meeting 7pm@ Hickory House</i>	13	14 	15
16	17 	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29 <i>Club Holiday Party!! 6pm @ the McLaughlin's</i>

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*

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

Remember, ads are FREE to GTOACO Members!



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

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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.



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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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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: _____

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\$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.

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Signed: _____ Date: _____

Make Check/Money order payable to GTOAA:

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ALL PONTIAC INDOOR SWAP MEET

March 8, 2020

Franklin County Fairgrounds
4100 Columbia St, Hilliard, OH 43026



Vendor Set-Up 7:00 A.M. - 9:00 A.M.
Open to Public 9:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.

10' X 10' spaces - \$20.00 each
\$5.00 general admission

For information contact:

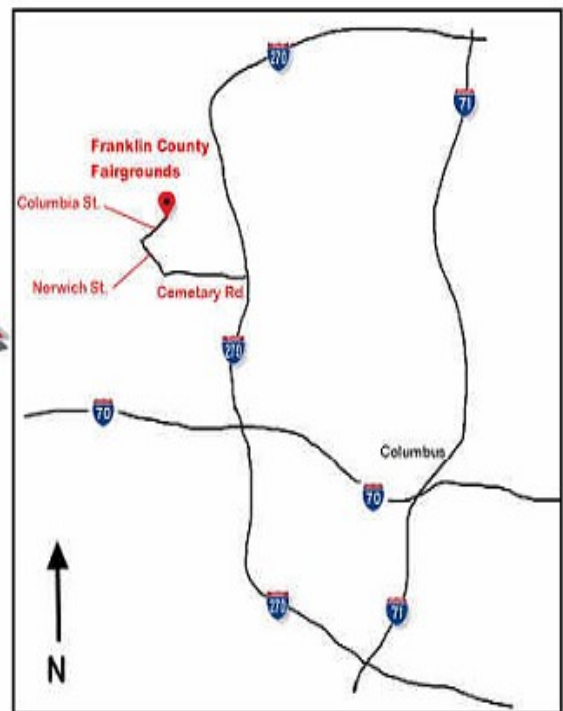
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