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On the Front Cover:

Long time member Jim Kreim with his award winning 1968 GTO convertible

GTO Association of Central Ohio

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West Jefferson, Ohio 43162



LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Good evening and Happy New Year!

First off, I would like to apologize for missing my inaugural meeting. Unfortunately, my annual trip to the Mecum auction in Kissimmee coincided.

I will tell you I am truly excited to be the new president of the GTO club of central Ohio. I have been acquainted with this organization since 1984. My parents: Ron and Donna Landis were some of the founding members of the club. To say the foundation of my youth and young adulthood were grounded through this club would be an understatement. Some of my best friends and greatest memories have been made with members past and present.

My goal is to maintain the integrity and energy this organization has established for nearly 40 years. I encourage all members to send me email, text or phone calls with any ideas or suggestions that can help move us in the right direction. I look forward to continuing our traditions and building memories. I am looking forward to seeing everyone at the next meeting!

Sincerely,

Kevin Landis

The GTOACO was founded in 1984 by a group of GTO Enthusiasts in the Central OH Region. The club name was slated to be the Goat Owners of Columbus but by popular vote at our first meeting we became known as The GTO Association of Central Ohio. Becoming a chapter of the GTO Association of America in 1985, we were incredibly young and determined, hosting our first national show in 1986.

We continue to host and participate in a variety of national, regional, and local events celebrating a kind of camaraderie not easily found. We are car historians, passionately preserving, protecting, and restoring the Pontiac GTO so that future generations will never lose sight of the era that defined the raw power of the American Muscle Car!

TIGERBITES

Attention all members, dues are payable by January 14, 2023. Check or money orders can be made payable to: THE GTO ASSOCIATION OF CENTRAL OHIO and can be mailed to the Treasurer, Lonnie McLaughlin, at 5808 Tarton Circle North, Dublin, OH 43017.

On behalf of the Officers and Board of Directors, we wish nothing but the best to all of our GTOACO members who are celebrating personal milestones, birthdays, and anniversaries this month. We are privileged to have you as part of our car club family!

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MEETING MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Kevin Russo. Kevin started by reading a letter by our new club President and long-time member Kevin Landis. You can read it in this issue.

In attendance were members: Rob Wilson, Brad Blackburn, Stephan Leonard, Brent Barham, Ron Cozzo, Kevin Russo, Bill Sigg.

Treasurer's report - Kevin Russo gave the treasurer's report. Lonnie reported that he sent our \$1,000.00 donation to Prevent Blindness as well as paid for the rental of the buildings at the Franklin County Fairgrounds for our swap meet. He also reported 3 members paid their dues. Motion to accept by Rob Wilson, 2nd Brad Blackburn.

GTOACO club Insurance - Stan reported that he was able to get our club insurance policy with the effective date starting January 1, 2023 and we have a 3 year rate lock.

Holiday Party - February 18th This year's holiday party will be hosted by Lonnie and Lynn McLaughlin at their home 5808 Tarton Circle North Dublin, OH 43017. Starts at 5:00 PM, food provided by Ann & Tony's Restaurant. We will have our February meeting at the party. Please RSVP Lonnie as soon as possible with the number attending. londart@aol.com

Swap Meet - March 12th Setup starts at 8:00. Brad Blackburn reported that Lonnie has paid for rental on the buildings. Our contract is signed for them, Brad is taking care of obtaining the proof of insurance coverage. Rob Wilson stated that he has had numerous calls and emails from vendors saying that they will be attending again this year. We will have our March meeting at the Fairgrounds prior to set up on Saturday night. A volunteer list will be emailed for those that can help. We need someone to take entrance fees at the doors as well. Pizza for those attending after set up.

Open Discussion - Kevin Russo reported that Delaware show will be October 14th this year. They are in negotiations with the city to increase the size from last year.

Brad Blackburn discussed talking with sponsors for this year's Battle Of The Brands show.

Rob Wilson talked about the upcoming overnight trip to Narcissi Winery in Gibsonia Pa. Watch for more in the Paw Prints.

Next Meeting will be at the Holiday Party at Lonnie & Lynn McLaughlin's on February 18th.

Motion to adjourn - Bill Sigg, 2nd Brent Barham.





It's with heavy hearts we have to say goodbye to long-time club member Jim Kriem. Jim passed away unexpectedly on January 12, 2023. As club vice president Kevin Russo said, "He was part of the heart and soul of our club". Our thoughts and prayers go to his family and loved ones.

<https://tinyurl.com/y9k926cr>



Meeting Minutes Submitted By:

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FEBRUARY 18 • 2023 MEETING AGENDA

- Introduction– Kevin Landis
- Treasurers Report—Lonnie McLaughlin
- Club is turning 40!
- Swap Meet—Rob Wilson
 - Setup Saturday 6:30 PM
 - Dan's Deli
 - Vender setup 8:00-9:00 AM
 - Doors open 9:00 AM
- Open Discussion
- Next Meeting—March 11th at the Swap Meet Setup
- Motion for adjournment



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Spouse's Name _____

Child's Name _____ Child's Name _____

Child's Name _____ Child's Name _____

List the Year, Color, and Style of the GTO(s) or Pontiac(s) that you currently own.

Year _____ Color _____ Style _____

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What Club Activities are you interested in?

Thanks for Joining Us! Every Tiger has a Tale, so sit back a few minutes and let's get better acquainted. Please share a short story about yourself, your family, your occupation, or any hobbies that you enjoy. Tell us how you became interested in the Pontiac GTO.



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ALL PONTIAC INDOOR SWAP MEET

March 12, 2023

Franklin County Fairgrounds
4100 Columbia St, Hilliard, OH 43026

Vendor Set-Up 8:00 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

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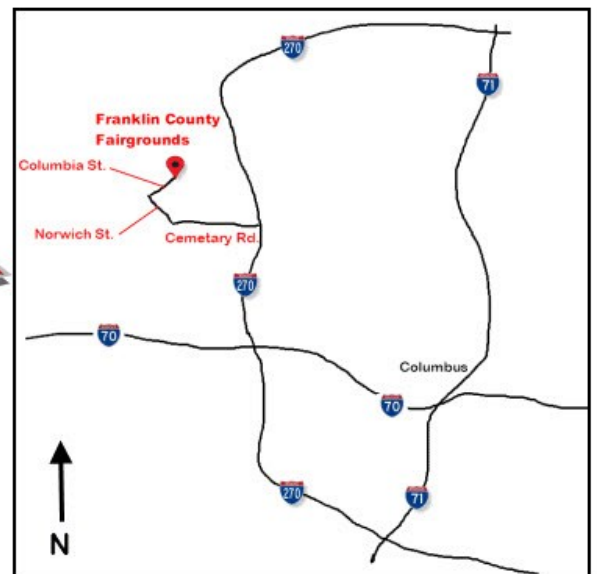
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