

GTOACO Meeting minutes August 14, 2024

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Kevin Russo.

In attendance were members: Brad Blackburn, Stan & Pam Farlow, Chris McCracken, Jim Lowry, Jeff Frazier, Rob Wilson, Keith & Connie Stevens, Ron Cozzo, Kevin Russo, Bill Sigg, Jon Stottsberry and Rhonda Osborne.

Treasurer's report – Treasurer Connie Stevens gave the treasurer's report. Motion to accept, Ron Cozzo, 2nd Brad Blackburn.

Officer's vacancy President – Vice Kevin Russo asked again for anyone interested in filling in for president to please contact him or any of the GTOACO officers. At the October meeting we will at minimum need a Vice President as well as a President as Kevin will not be accepting a position. Please come forward if you are interested in any of the officer's roles and we will assist in helping you in your position. As always, our club has no problem helping each other.

Good Guys GTO 60th Anniversary display – Ron Cozzo reported that there were over 100 GTOs in the building which filled it about 2/3. Good Guys presented each owner with a metal sign commemorating the event. Ron said the building was so cold he needed to go out into the 90+ sun of the outside for a good 10 minutes to warm up. All in all, it was a nice show and cool to be part of.

Club is turning 40! 9/21/2024- As noted last month, we will be celebrating our 40th anniversary party in conjunction with our Fall Picnic at Stan & Pam Farlow's home. Pam and Stan reiterated that you are encouraged to bring your car and if you to trailer it there is plenty of room to park your truck and trailer. We really want to get a group photo of your car and you with it. We are going to eat at Noon and then get a group picture afterwards. We would really like to have as many past members there as we can locate. If you know any of them, feel free to invite them, no worries if they have a GTO or not we would love to have them there. Please email Stan to let him know how many are attending. Stan Farlow skfarlow1@gmail.com GTOACO Fall Picnic and 40 Birthday Party on September 21 at The Farlow's (1810 Upper Valley Drive, West Jefferson, Oh, 43162) Please bring photos or videos to share with the club if you wish.

Ames Performance Pontiac Nationals (Norwalk) reports- Vice president Kevin Russo reported that Norwalk was amazing again this year. We had a great turnout of members showing their cars and we also did well with some of them winning awards again this year. Jon Stottsberry took 1st Place with his 1970 GTO. Kevin Russo took 3rd Place with his 1968 GTO. Ron Cozzo took 1st Place with his 1964 GTO. Rob Wilson took 1st Place with his 1966 GTO. Other members in attendance were Keith and Connie Stevens with their 1970 GTO, Bob Berry with his 1965 Tempest, Austin Cozzo with his 2002 Firebird, and Brian D'Amico with his 1967 GTO.

Battle of the Brands report – Brad Blackburn reported that this year's show was a huge success with perfect weather and great turnout with 195 cars participating. According to Brad, Jet's Pizza and Big Walnut Grille have already signed up to be sponsors for the 2025 Battle of the Brands. Ron Cozzo made

a motion to increase the entry fee by \$5.00 next year as most other show are charging \$20 now so we'll be still lower than most at \$15. 2nd by Bill Sigg.

All Pontiac Indian Uprising update 9/1/2024- Ron Cozzo reported that the trophies have arrived and are awaiting the dash plaques. Everything is in place and ready to go. Ron passed around a volunteer sign-up sheet to help out at the show. We are still in need of judges and tabulation helpers. If you can volunteer please contact Ron.

Continue discussion - Ideas for a method to make meetings available as a Zoom type meeting or an audio dial in meeting for those that want to attend but cannot. Table this for anyone that has ideas until next month's meeting.

Other shows of interest:

Delaware First Friday

Grace Chapel -Westerville-Every Wednesday evening- 5:00-9:00. 7798 Big Walnut Rd Westerville

Der Dutchman-Plain City-Every Thursday evening-Stan & Pam go. Show up for dinner and car show or just car show 100's of cars, big turnout every Friday, gets bigger every time.

Westerville Sunday Cars & Coffee – Every Sunday at Starbucks 691 N Cleveland Ave 9-11 am

Next Meeting- Will be at The Hickory House on September 11th.

Motion to adjourn – Brad Blackburn, 2nd Jon Stottsberry.