

GTOACO Meeting minutes March 9, 2024

The meeting was called to order by President Kevin Landis.

In attendance were members: Jim Lowry, Jeff & Jane Frazier, Kevin Landis, Dan Gregory, Chris McCracken, Stephen Leonard, Dino & Gaby Martinez, Rob, Karen & Robby Wilson, Amy & Eric Pulles, Donna Landis, Lonnie & Lynne McLaughlin, Brad Blackburn, Kevin & Charlene Russo, Ron Cozzo.

Kevin Landis introduced Amy from Prevent Blindness and she told a story about how Prevent Blindness had paid to replace a child's new glasses after his dog had chewed them. She also presented the members with solar eclipse safe glasses for the upcoming eclipse.

Treasurer's report – Treasurer Lonnie McLaughlin gave the treasurer's report. Motion to accept, Kevin Landis, 2nd Brad Blackburn.

GTOACO Swap Meet – Rob Wilson stated the swap meet is on track and ready to go. A volunteer list was passed around for those that hadn't already signed up to help. He also reminded everyone to please be at the fairgrounds by 7:30.

Goodguys Display- Kevin spoke about the GTO display the Goodguys is having in Columbus this July and wanted to let the club members know that they should apply to have their cars displayed if they're interested.

Summer Shows- May 18th PBJ Healing with Horsepower car show Five14 Church 5744 N Hamilton Rd, Columbus, OH 43230. Registration 8:00 AM Awards 2:00 PM. July 27th is the date for our **Battle of the Brands** car show in Sunbury at the Sunbury Mills Plaza. **Norwalk** – July 19th-21st Always a MUST attend event with our club historically having a great showing with multiple trophies awarded to our members. If you have never been there you need to make it. September 1st is our 40th Annual **All Pontiac Indian Uprising car show** at Quaker Steak and Lube.

Pontiacs Pigeon Forge as a club for May 29-June 1, 2024. A group of members are planning to attend. Ron Cozzo and Kevin Russo are already booked to attend.

GTOACO Membership- Kevin Landis said that we need to be looking for more ways to draw members to the club and specifically younger members. One idea he had was to offer free membership to those wanting to join under 25 years old. If you have any ideas, please bring them up at our next meeting. He also mentioned that he overheard guys in the bathroom at our Indian Uprising show that it was boring. He suggested we look at another venue or date. Please bring ideas up at our next meeting.

Open Discussion- Donna Landis suggested we donate ½ of the money we usually donate to our charity Prevent Blindness to Speak for the Unspoken, a foster-based pet rescue organization which Elisha Gregory is involved with.

Club turning 40!- Kevin Landis said that he has rented the Grigg's Reservoir shelter house for our 40th anniversary club picnic. This is where the club was started with a small group of GTO enthusiasts and to this day a number of those founding members are still involved in the club.

Next Meeting- It will be at the The Hickory House on April 10th. Please

Motion to adjourn – Kevin Russo, 2nd Brad Blackburn.