

2009 GTOACO CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- August 1st* *Plain City Downtown Car Show*
- August 7th, 8th, 9th* *Pontiac Nationals, Norwalk Ohio*
- August 12th* ***Regular Meeting at Haydocy Automotive 7:00PM***
To eat first be at Roosters anytime after 5:00PM
- August 14th, 15th* *Woodward Dream Cruise, Michigan*
- August 28th, 29th, 30th* *TransAm Nationals, Dayton Marriott Hotel*
- September 9th,* ***Regular Meeting at Haydocy Automotive 7:00PM***
To eat first be at Roosters anytime after 5:00PM
- October 3rd* *GTOACO Drag Day at National Trails*
- October 14th,* ***Regular Meeting at Haydocy Automotive 7:00PM***
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GTOACO MEETING JULY 15TH, 2009

President Jim Evans called the meeting to order. Those in attendance were Doug and Toni Boyle, Lance Hudnell, John Hoffman, Dan Gregory, Keith Stevens, Larry Reeb, Shawn & Kim Rinehart, Brent Barham, Brenda & Cody Ferguson, Kevin Russo, Kevin Landis, Steve Schaeffer, Mike Shockley, Lonnie & Lynne McLaughlin, Tom & Shirley Sefrick, Leah Ferron, Donna Landis, Phil McCool, Ron Cozzo and Bill Kauffman.

Treasurers Report: Mike Shockley gave the Treasurers report. Jim gave the National City Bank report. Anyone wanting more information can contact Mike or Jim.

Earth Angel Show: June 20th, 2009. The Club had 5 club members attend. Keith Stevens was one of the top 80 award winners. The club received a nice sponsor award and had a nice write up in the book.

Cruise to Veterans Hospital: There were about 15 cars that cruised to Chillicothe. The veterans loved the show. The club had hot dogs, pop and magazines and other items for them. Kevin stated he hoped to start early next year and build on this as a great cruise. He also suggested that we might do an ice-cream social for them during the holidays. More will be discussed at a later date.

GTOAA/POCI Nationals: Thirty-eight club members attended the show in Dayton. We also brought home some hardware. Club members worked hard at the tech inspection for 5 full days, Lance did a great job on the slide show and the valve cover racing was a big hit. About 15 club members got together on Tuesday night for dinner. Thursday was the parking lot party and there were more people then I have ever seen at a parking lot party. Everyone was having a good time and Scotty Bratcher band was fantastic. Had a lot of positive feedback. On Friday night 45 club members met and went out to eat at Logan's Steak House. The club picked up the bill for this. About 10 of us stayed for the awards on Saturday night.

Arthritis Foundation Auto Show July 10th, 11th: Since the show was during the GTOAA/POCI Show not too many club members attended. Mike Shockley and Phil McCool went Friday night. They said there was no place to park and were only about 5 GTO's there. On Saturday Tom Sefrick took 2nd place with his GTO.

Blast from the Past Delaware Show: July 25th, 2009. Meeting place will be Long John Silver Parking Lot on 23 South of Delaware. If you want to meet for breakfast be there at 8:00AM otherwise 9:00AM

Spring Show: July 26th, 2009. We will have two food vendors. The awards are plaques with gold lettering. The club previously voted on only one trophy per class for club members. Jim decided since we received a little money from Haydocy that club member's class would receive two trophies. Kevin volunteered to call the Columbus Dispatch to see if they would do a story on the show since advertising is so expensive. Mike Shockley will be out of town but his daughter will DJ the show. All members are urged to come and have a good time and work.

Club Picnic: Pam and Stan Farlow have volunteered their house for the club picnic. Date and time will be set next month.

Meeting Adjourned:

Motion made by Lonnie McLaughlin, 2nd by Kevin Russo

Submitted by Donna Landis, Secretary

Reminder: Dues still due for June-John Heimbush and Tom Vedra, For July-Chuck Arbuckle, Ron Cozzo, Dan Gregory.

Smoke on the Horizon

I can still see it from where I live...down towards Dayton way! Looks like a little bit around Xenia, as well... obvious remnants of the SMOKIN' shindig recently experienced by many of us. Was that all it was hyped to be...and then some? Not only were many of the Legends of the Pontiac hobby as well as of the industry itself front and center, but all standing tall and accessible to us mere mortals! C'mon....a '62 bubbletop Catalina with an all-aluminum motor built FOR Mickey Thompson BY Pontiac! Rumor has it that the owner of this wondrous piece of Pontiac heritage also picked up the one-of-one aluminum SD frame owned by P.J. Heck...a local legend in the Pontiac racing circles. Anyone wish to venture a guess on what this car will be worth when she all comes together? Hint: I believe the frame alone fetched @ fifty grand! What on Earth could you compare this one to? Hell, they made about seventy times as many ZL-1 COPO Camaros and about six times as many aluminum RA V motors. Oh, yeah...there was one of those running around, as well. For those of you whom missed this event...I'm so, so sorry. I do NOT expect to see another display of this caliber in my lifetime. The best of the best and the rarest of the rare all together at one location at the same time...sort of like the alignment of the planets. I saw it and still could not believe it. Sad part is...I probably missed about one half to one third of what was there. I was cherry-picking what I thought to be the best. Outstanding cars appeared mediocre amidst this spectacular display. The cars inside were overwhelming....the cars outdoors were equally amazing. Several SD and RA IV cars just drove in as if they were nothing special. We know different! The vendors were out in full force with just about anything you could want or need. The drag strip is a story in itself. I personally watched TWO '62 Grand Prix stick cars run in the eights! I'd say it is safe to say that you don't see THAT every day. Many of the Pure Stock show cars were also being pounded on at the track...another rare sight. What a remarkable event on top of a remarkable event. Some described it as "sensory overload". I tend to agree. One final note....the parking lot party provided by this Club was described as the "best ever" for this organization by the folks that put together the entire show...which made me feel especially proud. No...they didn't play "Little GTO", but if we are to grow and draw "new blood" into the organization, we need to play to the varied interests of our prospective new members. I think Scotty Bratcher did just that. I noticed folks moving chairs closer to the stage. I do not recall seeing that at any Phil Dirt and the Dozers show. My apologies to anyone that didn't care for the entertainment, but I must say you do represent a minority from the feedback I received. Personally, I was in the middle of the best party I've experienced in quite some time. I'm sure a few others would agree...if only they could remember! ALL IN ALL THIS WAS MY BEST PONTIAC EXPERIENCE EVER!!! HOW ABOUT YOU?

RON

Winners at the GTOAA/POCI Convention

Concours Judging-Richard Whaley received two gold and Max Treier and Larry Reeb received silver.

Popular Vote results- Tom Frazier 1st place, Doug Boyle 2nd. Lance Hudnell 2nd place, Rick Farrell 1st place, Toni Boyle honorable mention, Steve Schaeffer honorable mention, Lonnie McLaughlin 1st place, Keith Stevens honorable mention, 2nd place John Hoffman, 2nd place Ron Landis. Kevin Landis was suppose to be in the popular class but was asked to have his freshly restored '69 on display inside the Nutter Center.

Valve Cover Race: Jesse Block 4th place, Christine Cozzo 3rd place, Thomas Block 2nd place, Tyler Sims 2nd place, Joey Block 3rd place

Model Car Contest: Steve Schaeffer 3rd place

THANKS TO CHRISTINE AND KEITH STEVENS FOR A VERY NICE LOOKING CLUB DISPLAY!!!!!!!!!!!!

SPECIAL THANKYOU TO DAN GREGORY FOR THE USE OF THE GTO'S TO THE TRACK AND AT THE TRACK, KEVIN LANDIS FOR SUPPLYING THE SHADE AND FOR GETTING THE BAND FOR THE PARKING LOT PARTY.

----- Original Message ----- From: <thejbeckers@fuse.net>
To: <gtoaco71@columbus.rr.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 15, 2009 10:37 PM
Subject: Co-Vention

- > Jim
- > Please pass along a great big thank you to all of your guys who helped put > on the nationals without help from a club like yours we could not have > done it.
- > We can't wait to repay all of you for your hard work.
- > Again Thanks
- > John Becker Ohio Valley GTO

Hello Everyone,

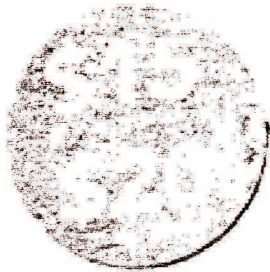
I need to clear up my feelings on modified versus stock 'Rules'. The rules need to be consistent. Yes my wheels make my car modified. I have no problem with that. I prefer the Cragars and have had them on all 3 GTO's that i have owned. But after factory gauges make a car modified also. It did not come that way. A tach hanging off the steering column is not stock. An aftermarket radio is not stock. You can put factory gauges on a car just like i could put my Rally II's back on. It's a choice i make. I have a real problem with the GTOAA on this and have discussed this with them. The answer that aftermarket gauges are a safety factor does not hold water when talking about stock versus modified. You really could make a case for running 40 + year old wheels versus new mags being a safety factor. As I have said, yes my Cragars make my car modified and that is fine. It did not come that way from the factory. I would like some consistency in the rules. Sorry for blowing off. As most of those who know me this is not about being in a class so i could win an award, I could care less about that. I have a GTO because my uncle let me drive his 66 tri-power 4 speed when i was 17 back in 1968 (yes they had cars). He worked for the Dispatch and didn't want to leave it overnight downtown so i 'offered' to drive him down and bring the GTO back on weekends. Of course coming back home on High Street I got to test its power. Then had to stop at Jerry's drive-in for something to eat. It broke my heart when i found out he had traded it in on a 68 442. I found out when i was home on leave. Once i got out of the Army in 72 the first thing I did was buy a 67 GTO convertible for \$800. Oh well i am rambling.

Thanks for listening,

Jeff

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Indian Uprising 2009

It is pretty obvious by now to most in the Pontiac circles that the demise of Pontiac had little to do with the spirit of the true enthusiast. With well over one thousand cars attending the recent Co-Vention in Dayton, the hobby is thriving by anyone's standards. This was also evident at our recent local show at Haydocy Pontiac, as many cars filled the lot on West Broad Street to show and shine some more! Seems folks never get tired of these awesome classics and the numbers indicate that there is still a strong following right here in our back yard. Aside from the usual local entries, I noticed some seldom-seen early cars that made their presence known. The weather cooperated for the most part, with a few late afternoon showers creeping in on us. All in all, a good turn-out for a show scheduled so close to what most considered the "main event" in the Pontiac world. The GTOACO offers our many thanks to Chris Haydocy and his people for their continued support and for making this whole thing possible. With all the cutbacks and economic problems at the forefront...commitment such as this is a shot in the arm for the hobby and a real confidence booster over all. People realize where the passion lies and get to see what this hobby is all about. Hopefully, everyone in attendance had an enjoyable experience and got to kick back and relax a little. I know I got to visit with some folks I seldom see throughout the rest of the year. I also noticed some "fresh blood" and some cars I had not seen at previous meets. That's a good thing! Also...those who plan on attending the Ame's Tri-Power Weekend at Norwalk may want to get your ducks in a row...as the time is approaching fast. Anyone who has not experienced this event may want to seriously consider it. There is something for everyone at this remarkable event and the venue is outstanding! You'll see racing at one of the finest drag strips in the Nation and a show field second to none. The swap area itself is worth the price of admission. Be sure and get your pound of hand-dipped ice cream for a dollar to top off the experience. No trip to Norwalk is complete without that treat! Anyway... the saga continues as the best Pontiac summer ever continues on. Hopefully, everyone gets their fill, as the season draws closer to a climax. Remember...the winters are long and cold here in Ohio...get your fix while you can! Take care. Ron

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