

## **UP COMING EVENTS –2009**

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**ALL MEETINGS START AT 7:00PM UNLESS NOTED**

<b>FEBRUARY 8<sup>TH</sup>, 2009</b>	<b>GTOACO ANNUAL SWAP MEET HAYDOCY 3985 W BROAD ST COLUMBUS OH ALL DAY</b>
<b>FEBRUARY 11<sup>TH</sup>, 2009</b>	<b>REGULAR MEETING HAYDOCY AUTOMOTIVE 9852 WEST BROAD ST COLUMBUS OHIO 7:00PM MEET TO EAT AT ROOSTERS W BROAD ST BETWEEN 5&amp;5:30</b>
<b>FEBRUARY 21<sup>ST</sup>, 2009</b>	<b>HOLIDAY PARTY AT THE PARTY HOUSE. LONNIE &amp; LYNNE MCLAUGHLIN 6:00PM</b>
<b>MARCH 11<sup>TH</sup>, 2009</b>	<b>REGULAR MEETING HAYDOCY AUTOMOTIVE 9852 WEST BROAD ST COLUMBUS OHIO 7:00PM MEET TO EAT AT ROOSTERS</b>

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**TONI BOYLE, RON COZZO, BRENDA FERGUSON**

*The last three months have seen members lose family members.*

*May each special memory shine in your heart and bring you peace.*

*Sympathy to -*

*Rick & Barb Farrell – Barb's mother*

*Calvin & Brenda Ferguson – Brenda's Father*

*To the family of member Bill White - Member*

*Donna, Ron & Kevin Landis – Donna's Mother*

*Jim & Diane Evans – Diane's Mother*

*Doug & Toni Boyle – Toni's Mother*

*To the family of Nick Anspach – Founding Club Member*

**The Party House has returned**

**Annual Holiday Party**

**Saturday February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2009**

**6:00 PM**

**Lonnie & Lynne McLaughlin**

**7177 Dublin Rd.**

**Dublin, Ohio**

**614-327-8825**

**[lynnemcl@aol.com](mailto:lynnemcl@aol.com)**

**Food is being catered**

**Deserts & drinks furnished**

**Rsvp by February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2009**

**NICK ANSPACH**  
**GTOACO PRESIDENT 1986 AND 1987**

Just when I was starting to look forward to the New Year with hopes that it would be a happier one, I'm hit with the sad news that an old and dear friend has passed on. Although this may or may not impact you as a Club member directly, depending on the length of your affiliation with this organization, it does have a bearing on you. Know it or not...you owe hats-off to this man. Nick Anspach was one of the original "Founding Fathers" who was instrumental in getting this organization off the ground in the mid eighties. Nick was Vice President in 1985 and President in 1986 and 1987. Nick and his wife Sally were heavily involved in all Club activities and basically raised their two children along side of our own, during the summer months anyway. One memory comes to mind that should be classified as a nightmare but was actually a fond memory because of Nick's light hearted antics. We followed Nick and Sally in their '69 GTO hardtop to the GTO Nationals in Wichita Kansas. It was 106 degrees by the time we reached St Louis and Nick's car vapor locked from there all the way to Wichita...40mph with frequent stops....with kids...no less! I had just purchased a new Ford Truck... minus air conditioning, of course! So ...our six year old and Nick's boy and his friend road in bed of the truck following this Goat that was limping along for hundreds of miles...while my loving wife kept reminding me that foregoing the air conditioner option may not have been my shining moment. Well...we were laughing and joking about it soon after arriving at the meet. No harm..no foul. We weathered it together. Friendships were forged. Anyway, we were recently reunited with Nick when he showed up at a local meet. His "old" '69 ragtop is still in the club today owned by Doug and Toni Boyle. There are stories about that car as well... but that's for another day. Nick's integrity is apparent in the fact that the '69 still has much of the original restoration intact including paint and until recently, the interior and top. His friendship was equally enduring. Always smiling... he will be yet another familiar face I'll miss seeing at this year's meet. Nick was away from the mix for awhile and had just recently rekindled his interest...even spoke of acquiring another GTO... .Another grim reminder of our mortality and too little time we are allotted here. So,...just a reminder that if the opportunity to get with friends and live a little presents itself...do NOT make the mistake of believing that there is always tomorrow. It just isn't so. For those of you that also have fond memories of Nick...please join me in bidding him farewell.

Rest in Peace, my Friend! Ron Landis

December 12, 2008

Ms. Donna Landis  
GTO Association of Central Ohio  
58 Arlington Avenue  
London, OH 43140

  
Dear Ms. Landis:

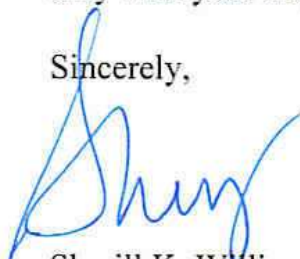
I am pleased to enclose Prevent Blindness America's 2008 Annual Report, "A Century of Saving Sight," which is distributed to thousands of supporters and sight-saving partners nationwide.

Your partnership in the fight to save sight through your generous annual campaign contribution to Prevent Blindness Ohio for the year ending March 31, 2008 is recognized on pages 25-31. Your continuing support in the fight to save sight is greatly appreciated and valued!

Prevent Blindness America utilizes a wide range of strategies to encourage vision health policies and practices, which contribute to educating people about how to protect their vision. In celebrating their 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary, PBA continues to focus on promoting a continuum of vision care. Together with a network of affiliates, divisions and chapters, it's committed to eliminating preventable blindness in America.

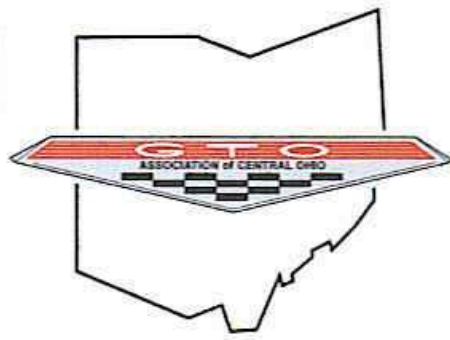
Thank you for your support of our mission to prevent blindness and preserve sight. It is only with your help, that we will see a day that preventable vision loss is eliminated.

Sincerely,

  
Sherill K. Williams  
President & CEO

*We were so pleased to give GTO's this nationwide recognition. Well-deserved!*





December 1, 2008

Jeg's High Performance

Dear Jeg Jr.,

It is my honor to bestow upon the Jeg's Foundation in its fight against cancer this offering in the name of Mr. John M. Sawruk and Family. Recently, John lost his courageous battle with this dreaded disease but his memory will never die. His inspiration lives on, as well. John was a good friend and cherished treasure to many of us in the Pontiac community. He was a fountain of valuable information and knowledge that was unparalleled. His years of employment as an engineer for Pontiac Motor Division of General Motors afforded him insight that he was all too happy to share with fellow enthusiasts. In a show of appreciation for what John has given us, the GTO Association of Central Ohio, a chapter of the GTO Association of America wishes to humbly offer this token of our heartfelt thanks to your organization in honor of John's life that he so graciously shared with us. Thanks are also in order for your organization's gallant efforts in the fight against this terrible disease that does not discriminate between age, race or gender, as so many of us know on a personal level. We are so proud to join this effort and only regret that we cannot do more. In hopes of giving John's life even more meaning, we submit this check for \$500.00 in an effort to further this most worthy cause. Thanks again to the Jeg's Foundation and for your help in providing hope and in helping us to facilitate this gesture in remembering our good friend John Sawruk. Many thanks to all involved. We are proud to join in this cause.

As per our previous discussion, if you would in fact personally forward an acknowledgement of our actions on behalf of Jeg's, I'm sure the Family would be ever so appreciative, as would I. Her address is:

Marjorie Sawruk,  
667 Oxhill Ct.  
White Lake, MI 48386-2336.

Sincerely, Ron Landis

GTOACO Member

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*Keeping The Original Muscle Car Alive!*

## A Corvette Christmas

Christmas is a time for wishes and dreams to come true for children of all ages. This was especially true for Martha Mabe, owner/operator of Mabe's Sporting Goods in London, Ohio. Martha has operated her business for many years and is well known in the community. She, along with her late husband Robert "Bob" Mabe raised their family in London and she now enjoys several grandchildren and great-grandchildren. "Granny" has always been there for her kids and is selfless in her generosity. Just the type of person that makes folks want to do something to brighten her life for a change. Sadly, Martha lost her son Jim to health issues earlier this year. In her garage sat Jim's passion....his '63 Corvette split-window coupe. Jim was a mechanic for the State of Ohio, working at the State Highway Garage on State Rte 42 outside of London. The old adage "the cobbler's kids go barefoot" came to mind when the door was thrown back on the garage after Jim's passing. There sat the Riverside Red coupe....in a state of disarray. The wheels were off with brake parts missing. The engine was so covered in rodent feces that the aluminum valve covers were actually deteriorating from the acid deposited by the little critters. The inside was serving as a condo and a complete rat skeleton was found intact....entombed in a door panel!!! The carpet had been utilized to insulate and decorate the nests that abounded throughout the vehicle. The engine was locked up and the wiring was in shambles. All in all... a discouraging side. Several "collectors" were offering to take the car off of Martha's hands... at pennies on the dollar, I might add. Martha was having none of it!! This was her boy's dream car. To see it completed was the only option she could envision. But this would be costly and time consuming, and who to trust with such an assignment. Enter Kevin Landis. His mother was a friend of the family and worked with Martha's daughter Becky for nearly thirty years at the County Treasurers Office. Kevin has a sideline business called Buckeye Classics and has turned out several award winning Pontiac GTO's only with a recently completed '69 Corvette big block roadster for a friend. He was only too happy to tackle this project. And Martha was equally as enthusiastic to offer him the consignment. So...off to the races! The corvette was awakened from its slumber where it had gone undisturbed since 1982. It was dragged to the shop and the tear-down commenced. As is common with projects of this nature many surprises arose, but none that was insurmountable. Time to call in some favors. The paint work was farmed out to Haydocy Pontiac...who sponsors the GTO Association of Ohio, which Kevin is Vice-president of. They made him an offer he couldn't refuse once they heard the just of the situation. After all...they are car guys themselves! Next, in a stroke of luck, a '63 327 was obtained from, oddly enough, a '55 Chevy BelAir that Kevin was also in the process of restoring to original for another local resident. Can you say karma? Next, the tranny was sent out for a rebuild, along with the one for the '55 project. I love it when a plan comes together. After completing a juggling act of ordering parts and coordinating a game plan that just seemed to fall into place, it was time to put the puzzle back together. It became obvious that with a concerted effort and the help of many friends, this project showed promise completion before Christmas!! The excitement was mounting. Now...to make it happen. Many long and tedious hours followed and the end result was well worth it. On Sunday, December 21<sup>st</sup>... the first day of winter, Kevin presented Martha with the keys after parking the shiny red 'Vette' on the sidewalk in front of the store with the family members and a few key participants on hand. It was a joyous reunion, needless to say. After the presentation, Kevin loaded Martha into the "red sled" for its journey to its resting place in Martha's other son's garage. We followed and were puzzled when they passed the turnoff to the garage. We later learned that in their conversation, Martha had stated that "she sounds good...how's she run? Kevin was more than happy to show her, so they proceeded to the edge of town and a spirited display of performance ensued. Martha was pleased, I guess, as her only statement was "I thought my hair was gonna come out! Parking the 'Vette' in the garage was eerie, as the garage door did not want to remain closed...almost like she was saying "one more ride! Anyway...it all seemed worthwhile and I have to believe that Jim was smiling along with the rest of us as his "baby" is now standing tall. The only regrets being that he was not here to see it. Merry Christmas Martha!!

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