2009 GTOACO CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September 9 th	Regular Meeting at Haydocy Automotive 7:00PM To eat first be at Roosters anytime after 5:00PM
September 19 th	Club Picnic at Pam & Stan Farlow 1810 Upper Valley Dr., West Jefferson, Ohio 1:00PM
October 3 rd	GTOACO Drag Day at National Trails
October 11 th	Colo's Classic Car Show at the Columbus Zoo
October 14th	Regular Meeting at Haydocy Automotive 7:00PM To eat first be at Roosters anytime after 5:00PM
November 11 th	Regular Meeting at Haydocy Automotive 7:00PM To eat first be at Roosters anytime after 5:00PM

GTOACO MEETING JULY 15TH, 2009

President Jim Evans called the meeting to order. Those in attendance were Ron Landis, Lonnie & Lynne McLaughlin, Doug & Toni Boyle, Bill Hartley, Joe Block, Sonny Block, Larry Reeb, Jim Lowry, Richard Whaley, Rick Farrell, John Hoffman, Lance Hudnell, Pam & Stan Farlow, Tom & Shirley Sefrick, Leah Ferron, Steve Scheaffer, Ron Cozzo, Mike Shockley, Jeff Frazier, Shawn & Kim Rinehart

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

Spring Show: July 26th, 2009. Eighty-Four cars were at the annual car show. 40 of those were club members. What a great turn out for the members. Quality of cars was there but participation was down. Discussion was that maybe registration fee is too high. Ron Cozzo suggested we get some new judging standards. Silent auction raised \$300.00. The club voted that we would match the amount that was made. Shirt sales did well and everyone had a good time. Only one problem. One car did not get judged. Next year maybe use dots on packets to show the car was judged. Thanks to all club members who helped.

Club Picnic: September 19^{th} , 2009 at 1:00PM at Pam and Stan Farlow 1810 Upper Valley Dr., West Jefferson, Ohio. Club will provide the meat and drinks. Bring a side dish, table setting and chairs. RSVP to the Farlows by September 16^{th} .

GTO Regional 2011 in Dayton: We were asked if the club would be interested in helping with this. Members at the meeting said yes were interested but would like more details.

Blast from the Past Delaware Show: Rain! Rain! Rain! & Fire. Club members who went said it rained all day and a fire sent a fire truck down the middle of the car show.

Pontiac Nationals Norwalk Ohio: Friday and Sunday were nice days but Saturday was rain all day. Two club members came home with awards from the car show. Congrat's to John Hoffman 2^{nd} place and Steve Schaeffer 2^{nd} place.

Club Cruise: Yes this will happen. Lonnie is working on a fall cruise to Rosco Village. Hopefully he will have a date by the next meeting.

A special speedy recovery to Renda Bennett. Mike Shockley sold his '69 GTO Conv. And purchased a newer GTO. Looks like no more jokes to Mike about breaking down.

Reminder of dues that are still due for July Dan Gregory, For August Frank Circelli, Cody Ferguson, John Hoffman Jr., Rand Paselk, Larry Reeb, Kevin Russo.

Meeting Adjourned:

Motion made by Lonnie McLaughlin, 2nd by Joe Block

Submitted by Donna Landis, Secretary

SUMMER DAZE

Well, it's here again...the onset of autumn... with winter close behind. Invariably...the Ohio summers fade too quickly. Although this one was packed with plenty of cruisin' action and hot Pontiac excitement, I'm still not sure I've compiled enough to last me through the long, cold winter that lies ahead. The thought of putting the GTO in mothballs for six months or so just doesn't sit well with me. In years past, I've always had a laundry list of things to do and almost looked forward to the "off season" as an opportunity refresh the cosmetics and tweak on the mechanics...but this year is different. The novelty of the fresh coat of paint and the rebuilt 389 still has not worn off just yet. A little more polishing of the paint and a touch more pounding on the four speed and I just might grow a little tired of it all...not!!! Nope...this year is different, although I cannot for the life of me explain why. I know the season is not over yet, but in its waning days...well...it's just sad. Hopefully we can cram a few more parties and get-togethers in before the frost sets in and the snow begins to fly. Labor Day weekend is typically the swan song for summer...but I'm hoping to stretch this one out just a bit more this year. With some careful planning, I believe we can pull it off. Maybe a trip or two to the Hocking Hills to enjoy the foliage or a pancake breakfast somewhere in Amish country would fill the bill. I'm open for suggestions as long as we can do it in a group and with our beloved GTOs. Many of us are getting a little long in the tooth and this fact has not escaped me. I, for one, am through putting off things that I truly enjoy simply because I feel I do not have the time or the money. I'll make the time and I'll get the money somehow. I would sooner have a few fond memories than a ton of regrets. You've never seen a hearse with a luggage rack, have you? Did you ever hear anyone on their death bed proclaiming "I wish I had spent more time at work"? Think about it. These ARE the good ol' days! I used to say "There's always next year", however, it has become painfully obvious to me that this is not, in fact, always the case. Responsibility has never been my strong suit. I've spent a lot of money on fast cars and good times. The rest, I squandered. Anyway...at least consider what I've outlined here and let's plan for a bombshell of a close to this season with a few more shindigs. We're off to a good start with the track rental in October. If you've never been down a racetrack in your GTO...I strongly recommend it. You don't have to beat it to death to enjoy it. However, it IS a completely unique experience. This Club has always been a family oriented organization, so anything we plan will surely welcome kids or grandkids. Stop and think of the memories we'll be creating for them. I know the simple things I recall from my childhood. Interaction with friends and family are often overlooked in today's society. We need to show them what they are missing for them to truly appreciate its value. The fun things we used to do are still fun...just not as prevalent as they used to be. It's time to reintroduce them if we want them to live on. Anyway...that's about enough rambling out of this old fart. I've planted the seed...and even fertilized it a little. Let's see what it produces.

Take care . Ron

GTOACO ANNUAL CLUB PICNIC SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 19TH 1:00 P.M.

STAN & PAM FARLOW 1801 UPPER VALLEY DR WEST JEFFERSON OHIO CLUB WILL PROVIDE THE **MEAT AND DRINKS BRING A SIDE DISH** TABLE SETTING AND CHAIRS RSVP TO THE FARLOWS AT 614-879-9923 BY SEPTEMBER 16TH

Directions to the Picnic

Take I-70 West

Take exit 80 right towards Mechanicsburg/Ohio 29/Urbana (0.3 mile)

Turn right (West) onto State Rte 29 (1 mile)

At the traffic light turn right (Northeast) onto State Rte 42 (0.8 mile)

Turn right (Southeast onto Byerly Mill Rd (0.5 mile)

Continue East on Goodson Rd (0.1 mile)

Turn right (Southeast onto Upper Valley Dr (0.1 mile)

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