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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Operation Buckeye Cruise
- Member Spotlight: Steve Schaeffer

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A Letter from the Editor

What a winter this has been! I think most of you can agree that when we heard that this winter would be mild, we didn't expect all the early frigid temperatures let alone all this snow!

I can't remember a Columbus winter in the 22 years I've lived here that has had a snow storm a week for so long. I can't wait for spring!

This month, there's lots of information to give you folks. In these pages you'll find information on this year's Swap Meet, a fund

raiser for Wilma and Mike Shockley, our Summer Friday Cruise Night and Indian Uprising and our Holiday Party. Make sure you get it all and join us for all of it.

I hope to see many of you at our Holiday Party, but ahead of that, at Wheels for Wilma. This is the fundraiser to help ease Wilma and Mike's financial burden. The club response has been great so far and I hope more of you join us to show our support.

Please contact Donna Lan-

dis to RSVP for the Holiday Party and Jim Evans to attend Wheels for Wilma.

Thanks to Steve Schaeffer for contributing his Member Spotlight story. Anyone else interested please let me know. A good story about a member with great old pictures always puts smiles on faces. Well, at least mine!

I'd also welcome information and photos of your winter projects (boy I need to get back to mine!)

—Kevin



Member Spotlight on Steve Schaeffer by Steve Schaeffer

Steve and Barb Schaeffer have been members of the GTOACO since 1994.

Steve purchased his first new Pontiac in 1963. It was a silver 389 Catalina convertible. With a 4 barrel carb, dual exhaust, and a 3.64 POSI rear end, he was king of the world until he raced his first 409 Chevy. His 2nd new Pontiac was a 65 Catalina 2+2 2dr hardtop. Running a built 421 Tri-Power, 4 speed with a 4.11 gear, that car really ran. He still has the trophies he won with it.

Pontiac number 3 was a serious 62 Catalina 2 door hard top race car. We ran as a 333 horsepower 389 4speed, or as a 348 horsepower Tri-Power 4 speed. This was an absolute killer car. We dominated the local drag strips. In 1969 we even took the 62 to Indianapolis Raceway Park where we won G stock!

Of course I wish I had been smart enough to keep all 3 of these cars. Today we have 5 collector cars. In 2010, we did 20 different shows. We were lucky enough to win at 18 of them with the 5 different cars. In 1971 I purchased my first GTO. A red 64 2 door hard top, 389, 4 speed, POSI. I originally built it to run C stock at the drags. When Jr stock racing fell out of favor I built a very strong 421 for the car. It was one of few street driven cars in the Pro Bracket. By the early 1990's I decided to restore the car back to original. Today I still own the same car completely restored to original condition.

In 1994 when I joined the GTOACO I purchased two 66 GTO project cars. Both were just the stripped out shell of the body on a rolling frame without any drive train, front end, or interiors. I brought them home along with several truck loads of parts. Pontiac Historical verified that all 3 cars were real GTO's and not clones. My friends looked at them and said they would never be on the road again.



Member Spotlight on Steve Schaeffer continued

Over a five year period I restored both cars. I built my engines and 4 speeds in my home garage. I did all the brakes, steering, and suspension at home. I also did the electrical, hung my front sheet metal and doors. I even had a friend help me build set up the POSI rear ends at home.

The first 66 GTO is a silver 2 door hard top restored to original. It is equipped with a 389,automatic, factory air conditioning, power steering and brakes, tinted glass, tilt steering, map lights, and rally I wheels with red line tires.

The 2nd 66 GTO was originally built to be a street –strip car. It is also a 2 door hard top. It has custom blue paint and a white interior. I am running a strong 462 cubic inch 4 bolt main Pontiac engine in it. It has a Muncie 4 speed trans and a 3.31 12 bolt rear end. I found out the hard way that a Pontiac 8.2 rear end will not live behind a 455 engine with cheater slicks at the drag strip.

Even with just a 3.31 gear the 66 GTO will run high 12 seconds at 106mph at the drags. In 1999 I won my class at the Jegs Championship Racing Series event at National Trails Raceway Park.

My 4th Pontiac project car started by accident. We where in Detroit for a family event and saw an ad for a 64 LeMans 2 door hard top body fresh from Calif. The owner paid big dollars for it and then found out from PHS that it was a 4speed HO car, but not a GTO.

I bought right on the spot.

I put the complete spare drive train that I already had from racing the 66 GTO. Today it is running a big cam Pontiac 455 with dual 4 barrel carbs. It also has a Muncie 4speed and an Eaton 3.42 12 bolt POSI rear end.

All 4 Pontiacs where featured in The Legend Magazine. Our Pontiacs have also appeared in Pontiac Enthusiast, Street Machine, Cars and Parts, and Lets Go Cruisin.

These cars are not museum pieces. While our racing days are over we drive them to shows all over the Midwest. Barb says, "The only thing that belongs on a trailer is a boat." We hope to keep cruising for many years to come in our Pontiacs or in Barb's favorite car a restored 65 Olds Cutlass convertible, but that is another story.



GTOACO Support Operation Buckeye!

More than 13 members and their cars came out as our club came out in force to show support for Operation Buckeye.

Operation Buckeye is a non-profit organization that puts care package boxes together for our troops deployed over seas. These boxes contain items from home that they would ordinarily not have while deployed.

Our club has always supported our military men and women as they

dedicate their lives and sacrifice time with family and their own safety to keep us, our way of life and our country safe.

The Ohio chapter of the Centurions Law Enforcement Motorcycle Club came to our September club meeting to ask us to participate. Due to our strong show of support, they have asked us to return next year.

Along with individual club members' donations, the club donated another \$100 in support of the

cause and we have invited the Centurions to our Friday Cruise Night with the proceeds of Friday's 50/50 going to Operation Buckeye.



Tiger Bites! - Noteworthy News Bites

- ◆ **2011 Swap Meet is March 20, 2011!** Setup is 7am–9am. Please come to help out or stay to help clean up.
- ◆ Don't forget to get signed up at our web site so you can get information on weekly cruise and car shows. You can also get an electronic copy of the Paw Prints all the way back to November 2008. ***If you are an Internet Explorer user, update to version 8 to resolve a login issue where it looks as if you cannot login even after registering.***
- ◆ If you need to renew or are thinking of renewing your **GTOAA membership**, ***please do so ASAP*** to ensure our club remains a valid GTOAA chapter with all the benefits of that status.
- ◆ **2011 Holiday Party:** The Holiday Party is set for Saturday, February 19 at Lonnie and Lynne's. Please RSVP to Donna at 740-852-1742 or e-mail at sharklandis@netscape.net. No deposit will be collected this year. See the January Meeting Minutes for more information.
- ◆ **Wheels for Wilma Fund Raiser**—This fundraiser for Wilma and Mike Shockley is to help ease the burden of medical transports for Wilma as she fights Multiple Myeloma. See the Calendar of Events for more information. Contact Jim Evans if you would like to attend and pay in advance to sit with fellow club members. There are currently 35 club members attending. Come help us show Wilma and Mike how much we care about them and help ease their burden.
- ◆ **2011 Summer Night Cruise and Indian Uprising**—The update on our summer show is that we have our started the process of getting permits and starting to line up sponsors. We have decided to give the Friday 50/50 proceeds to Operation Buckeye and Saturday's to Prevent Blindness. The hotel parking lot can support up to 451 cars. A map was created counting up the spots we can use when arranging parking. Saturday's Uprising will be \$10 in advance and \$15 day of the show. Keep your eyes here for more updates.

Parts For Sale

- ◆ **Parts for Sale - Bob Burk 740-385-7077 Logan, Ohio**
 - 400 Short Block Code 1097 #500667 \$100.00
 - Valve Cover Pan \$15.00
 - New Gas Tank With Straps for 67-68 Camaro- Firebird \$125.00
 - 2 Turbo Trans. 67-68 \$75.00 Ea or both for \$125.00
 - Set of Heads #11 Small Valves Code E040 \$60.00
 - Intake # 9778816 Code D215 1966 \$35.00

Meeting Minutes, December 8, 2010

President Jim Evans called the meeting to order. Those in attendance were Doug & Toni Boyle, Kevin Russo, Brent Barham, Joe & Deb Block, Ron Cozzo, Bill Sigg, Brenda & Cody Ferguson, Shawn & Kim Rinehart, Jim Lowry, Steve Schaeffer, Bill & Twila Hartley, Jeff Frazier, Dan Gregory, Mike Shockley, Kevin Landis, Ron & Donna Landis

Treasurers Report: Mike Shockley gave the Treasurer's report. Jim gave the PNC Bank Report.

Swap Meet: March 20th, 2011 at Haydocy Automotive. Flyers have been mailed out. Already have seven spaces sold. Set up and clean up same as always. Set up 7:00AM – 9:00AM. The new GTO Club in northern part of the state will hold a swap meet April 10th at Toth Buick, GMC.

Holiday Party: February 19th, 2011 at Lonnie & Lynne McLaughlin. RSVP to Donna at 740-852-1742 or e-mail at sharklandis@netscape.net. This year I am not going to take the deposit. Every one that says they are coming usually show up so I am not going to collect this year. The menu will be Italian again from Ann & Tonys. Spaghetti, Lasagna, and pasta with white sauce. Starts at 6:00PM. Just bring yourself and some good conversation.

GTOACO Show & Cruise In 2011: Date for next year all Pontiac show will be Saturday July 23rd at the Marriott at Tuttle Crossing with a cruise in for all makes and models including motorcycles on Friday night July 22nd. Still no title for this so at the next meeting we need to have a title. Kevin Landis has the contract signed. He will be attending a meeting with the city of Dublin to see what permits we will need. Iron Pony is interested in sponsoring. Hotel parking lot has a total of 451 spots. For Friday night we are looking at Top 40 for cars and Top 10 for bikes. Kevin spoke with the Motorcycle Club and they are on board and willing to help. The donations will go to Prevent Blindness and Operation Buckeye. For the Show on Saturday pre-registration will be \$10.00 and \$15.00 day of show.

Continuous prayers to Mike & Wilma Shockley, Jack & Leah Ferron, Joe & Renda Bennett.

Meeting Adjourned: Motion made by Joe Block, 2nd by Ron Cozzo

Submitted by Donna Landis, Secretary

*Meetings held
the 2nd
Wednesday
each month at
Haydocy
Automotive on
W. Broad St.
Columbus, OH*



Calendar of Events

February 9, 2011

Regular Meeting at Haydocy Automotive 7pm

Back to the old eating-place. To eat before the meeting be at Rooster's anytime after 5:00PM. Roosters is located in the parking lot in front of the strip mall across the street from Jeg's.

February 4, 2011

Wheels for Wilma Benefit 7:30pm @ Villa Milano

This event is a fund raiser to help Wilma and Mike Shockley lighten the burden of the ever growing costs of Wilma's medical care bills. Cash bar and light hors d'oeuvres. \$25/person in advance and \$35 at the door. Jim Evans is organizing the club's participation and tables for us to sit together. Contact him if you plan to go in advance of the event. We currently have 35 going. Help us show long time beloved club members how much we support and love them.

February 19, 2011

2011 Holiday Party 6pm

At Lonnie and Lynne's. Menu is Italian. Bring yourself for good food, good company, good conversation and good fun! For more details see the January Meeting Minutes.

FEBRUARY 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4 Wheels for Wilma 7:30pm @ Villa	5
6	7	8	9 Club Meeting 7pm @ Haydocy	10	11	12
13	14 Valentine's Day! 	15	16	17	18	19 Holiday Party 6pm @ Lonnie & Lynne's
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28					

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To Join complete the form below and mail in, or join online at www.gtoaa.org



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GTO Ownership is not a requirement of membership to the GTOAA

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Year ____ Body Style _____ Engine _____

Year ____ Body Style _____ Engine _____

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I agree that, if elected to membership, I will conform to all rules of the Association and conduct myself in the manner that promotes the goals and purposes of the Organization.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

DUES:

\$35.00/year for members in the USA, \$40.00USD/year for Canadian members, and \$50.00USD/year for all other international members. \$5.00 for associate memberships in the same family name (includes membership card, decal, and membership listing). There is a \$2.00 bank processing fee for applications paid by credit card.

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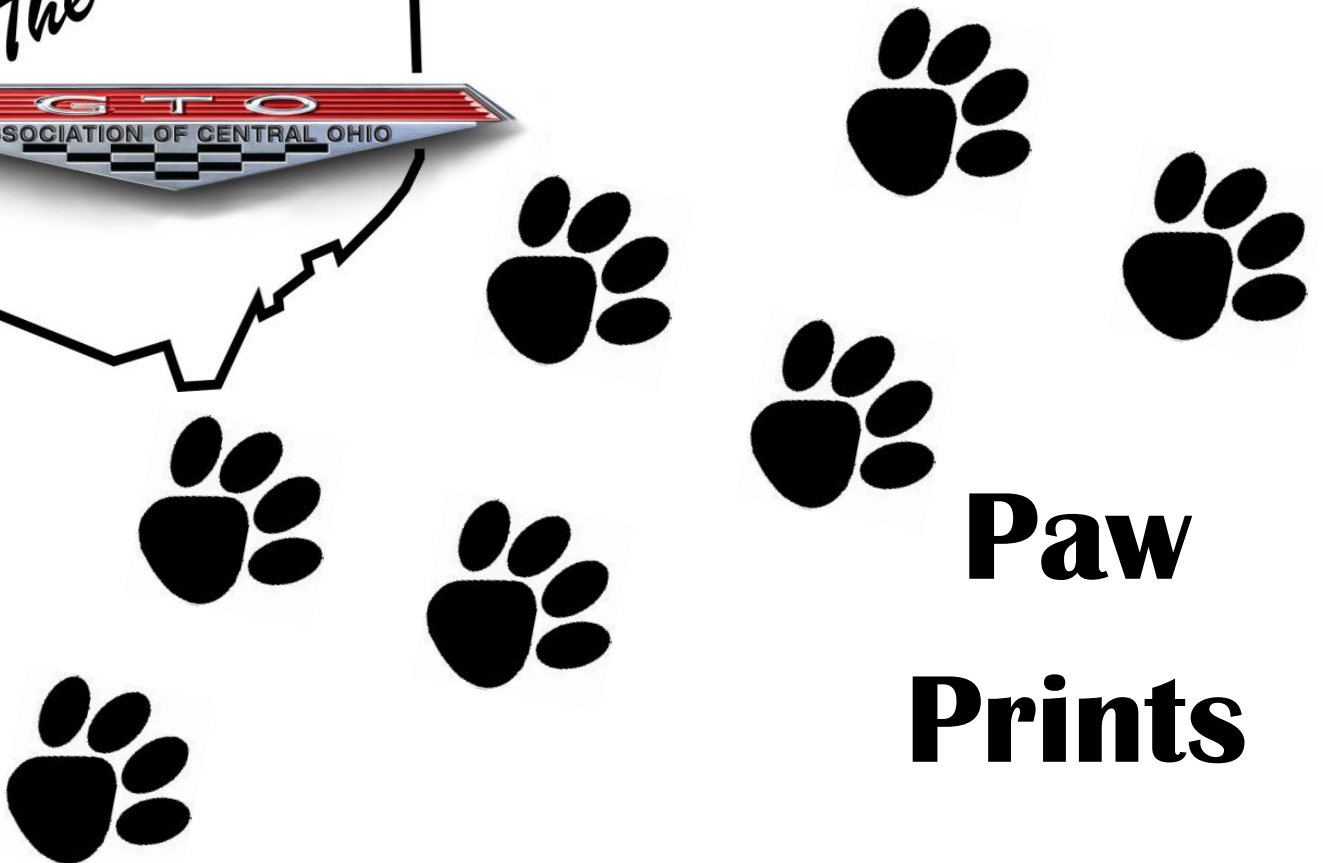
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