



# Paw Prints

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## SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Member Spotlight!
- Starting your fresh rebuild

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## A Letter from the Editor

When you get this edition of your Paw Prints, it will just about be May. That means it's car show season 2012!

Watch for my posts in the Local forum on our website for shows. I'll also post there to let you know what shows we will have some number of club members attending. It's always great to see a row of GTOs at a local car show. At least I think so!

This month I finally got someone to help me out with a Member Spotlight piece.

Make sure you check out Keith Stevens' own story of how he found his well know 1970 beast

we all know (and love!).

Thanks Keith for putting together a great piece and sending all those great pictures!

Also inside, you'll find a Steve Schaeffer Tech Article on getting your freshly rebuilt Pontiac engine started.

Now, I know you're all wondering if I got my engine out of my GTO. The answer is YES FINALLY! :) A job that should have taken 3-4 hours took 10+ hours over 3 separate days to get out. Ask me, the next time you see me, how much I hate headers!

With the 76 V8 out, it's time to

do some cleaning and get the 68 YS V8 into that engine compartment. God knows I can't be without my GTO for a long period of time once the shows start happening.

Maybe I'll write a piece on my trials with this project; once it's completed!

Check out the calendar for some events. I'll make one plug for the Thursday weekly Wholly Joes' at Polaris cruise-in. It's a great time with no stress!

Enjoy this month's issue and I hope to see you all soon!

—Kevin



# MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



## My GTO by Keith Stevens

My love affair with the GTO began in 1974. I was living in Winchester Indiana at the time. A friend of mine had just bought a car from the Chevy dealer in Rossburg, Ohio, which is the home of Eldora Speedway. He asked me to help him pick it up. When we got there, they had a 1970 Duster, 340 4-speed car on the used car lot (yeah, I know it was a Mopar). When I went back the next day someone had already bought it. A few days later, this same friend told me there was another car I might want look at. It turned out to be a 1970 Pontiac GTO. The next thing I knew, it was mine.

I became a car nut a very young age, so I knew what a GTO was. But I didn't know much about Pontiacs. When I bought my GTO I became its fourth owner. The original owner bought it in Fort Wayne, Indiana. PHS says it was shipped to Pete Caldwell Pontiac-Cadillac in Jackson, Michigan. The guy I got it from & the previous owner were both from Winchester. The brother of the guy I bought it from was an Indiana State Police officer. One of his "selling points" was "I out ran my brother's patrol car quite a few times". I didn't really believe him until years later when I meet his brother (a story for another time :). He asked if I still had his brother's GTO. When I told him that I did, he said "He out ran my patrol car quite a few times."



# MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



## My GTO by Keith Stevens continued

When I got my GTO it was all original except for the Cragar wheels, the larger tires and an aftermarket AM/FM 8-track stereo. It is pepper green with a green interior and a black vinyl top. PHS says it had a factory green vinyl top. Sometime before the second owner is when it got the black top. The only other options it has are power steering, power disc brakes, rally 2 wheels, G70 white wall tires, and a TurboHydro-matic 400 transmission.

In the spring of 1975, the engine broke a connecting rod, broke the camshaft and cracked the block. I was very disappointed. I didn't know at the time that Pontiac blocks were pretty much the same. A short block from a 73 Catalina replaces the original YS block. The rest of the engine parts are still "numbers matching". After that I learned more about Pontiacs and the GTOAA. I am GTOAA member number 565. I also found out about H-O Racing Specialties. The carb was re-jetted using one of their kits and the distributor re-curved. I also added an .068 camshaft and Ram Air exhaust manifolds. Finally, I also replaced the open rear end with posi-traction and 3.90 gears.

In 1988 I became a "buckeye". Moving from Indiana to Columbus. The GTO stayed in Indiana at my mother's home until 2002 when she passed away. By then I was working at The Dawes Arboretum and moved to Newark. The GTO stayed in a storage unit for a while. Then in 2003 I found a garage with a house, or is that the other way around? In 2004, Abe's Body Shop in Granville, Ohio replaced both quarters and sprayed on a coat of paint. The car is still very much original and has not really been fully restored.

I liked my car the first time I saw it 38 years ago and I still do to this day. I enjoy driving it, going to shows and showing it off. I'm proud to be member of the GTOACO and the GTOAA.



# Starting Your Freshly Rebuilt Pontiac By Steve Schaeffer

I lost a camshaft in my freshly rebuilt Pontiac engine. I had to tear it back down to the bare block. The block had to be hot tanked twice to get all the metal out of the oil passages. Then I had to replace the camshaft, valve lifters, main bearings, rod bearings, cam bearings, oil pump and gaskets.

Still not 100% sure what caused the problem. I followed the cam manufactures directions. However I think part of the problem is that the EPA made the oil manufactures remove the zinc from the motor oil. Newer engines with roller tappet camshafts do not require the anti-wear qualities that zinc provides. However our engines with flat tappet cams require it. The 1st time I used a major manufactures oil and a zinc additive. The second time I used Brad Penn oil with zinc already in it, made the old fashioned way.

After talking to the techs at Comp Cam I have changed my start up procedure for a fresh engine. I still apply the moly lube that comes with a new cam to all the camshaft lobes, bottoms of the lifters, and the dist gear. I also lube the pushrods and rockers with motor oil. I use assembly lube on all the bearings.

After talking with my machinist I am now using Brad Penn Break In oil with zinc for the 1st 30 minutes of camshaft break in. Then I am changing the oil and filter to regular Brad Penn oil made with zinc to drive on.

Before firing the engine I use an oil pump priming tool made especially for Pontiacs. This time we primed it till we had 60 pounds of oil pressure on the gauge. Then the tech at Comp Cams said to just bump the engine over. We made sure we had oil coming out of every pushrod, and that every rocker was oiling. We also ran the engine at 2,000 to 3,000 RPM for 30 minutes before letting it idle.

Engine sounds and runs fine. The valve lifters are quiet, it feels like it has plenty of power. I think you are safe to use modern engine oil in a well broken in engine. However I would certainly use a zinc additive too. In a fresh engine I highly recommend using a premium oil with the zinc already in it. There are many brands available besides the Brad Penn we are now using. I see ads for Comp Cams, Edelbrock, Joe Gibbs, Royal Purple and others. Read all the directions that come with your new cam twice!



# Tiger Bites! - Noteworthy News Bites

- ◆ The dates for the 2012 Summer Night Cruise-In and Annual Indian Uprising HAVE changed to July 13 and 14. The site will most likely be the Embassy Suites Hotel at Cassidy Rd. (near the airport). The Rezes-Hall Band was not available. Another band will be hired hopefully for both days.
- ◆ The SEMA Action Network (SAN) set July 13 (We can celebrate it at our Summer Night Cruise In) as Collector Car Appreciation Day. See [www.semasan.com](http://www.semasan.com) for more info. We are all encouraged to commemorate the day by taking out our cars. I'm sure we'll be out in force
- ◆ 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 or newer 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. There is an application in your Paw Prints below and the GTOAA can now take membership applications on line.
- ◆ The plan for a spring cruise has changed. See the meeting minutes for more information.



## Welcome New Members!

- ◆ ***No New Members this month***

# For Sale

- ◆ For Sale! A TON of miscellaneous 1964–1969 GTO parts and some Pontiac Sales Literature for many years. See the club web site, in the Forum section in the For Sale Forum for the entire list and contact information (<http://www.gtoaco.com/forum/index.php>) CALL 440 254-4642 or email me ([patandgreg2011@hotmail.com](mailto:patandgreg2011@hotmail.com))
- ◆ For Sale: 1976 Pontiac Big Car 400. 70k actual miles. Rebuilt in 208. Edlebrock Intake and 4 bbl. Headers. Complete and Runs (in the car until Sunday April 31). Asking \$700 OBO. Email Kevin @ [krus-so\\_sp@hotmail.com](mailto:krus-so_sp@hotmail.com) or call at 740-549-2279.



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Send in your items for sale to your Paw Prints Newsletter Editor (pictures welcome).

Remember, ads are FREE to GTOACO Members!



# Meeting Minutes, April 11, 2012

President Jim Evans called the meeting to order. Those in attendance were Lonnie McLaughlin, Cody and Brenda Ferguson, Pam and Stan Farlow, Ron Cozzo, Kevin Russo, Mike Shockley, Jeff Frazier, Jim Lowry, Bill Sigg, Dan Gregory Jr., Ron and Donna Landis. We had a guest. Dennis Kabeato from Lewis Center. He has a 1966 custom convertible with a 9 year old restoration. He is thinking about joining the club. Needs help with some restoration on his car,

**Treasurers Report:** Mike gave the PNC Bank report.

**Swap Meet:** March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2012 at Haydocy Automotive. Swap meet went very well. Vendors seemed to be happy and the weather was good. Only one drawback was that one of the service desks that we were using somehow got a light scratch on it. Ron and Kevin checked it out and looks like it can be buffed out. Jim told Chris we would pay for any of the damage to the desk.

**Summer Car Show and Cruise In 2012: July 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>. Embassy Suites Hotel on Cassady.** Kevin Landis was unable to attend the meeting but sent word that he should have the contract with the hotel in the next couple of weeks. He is also contacting Safe Auto about the flyers. Some members were worried about a dip between the hotel and the parking lot for the public coming to the show. Unless you want to go through the hotel parking lot, this is the only way to get to the show lot. There is plenty of parking over at the show lot for both public parking on trailers. Members agreed to have the same band as last year. For some reason the band cannot make those dates. Not sure what is up with this at the time of the meeting.

**Spring Cruise:** Lonnie said that the date of May 5<sup>th</sup> and May 19<sup>th</sup> are not good days for the cruise. June 9<sup>th</sup> looks like a good day. What will happen is that everyone will get an e-mail a few days before the cruise as to the time and place. This way we can wait on what the weather will be. Watch for the e-mail. Lonnie also suggested an overnight cruise to maybe the wine country in Pittsburgh.

**Next Meeting: May 9th, 2012**

Continuous prayers to Jack & Leah Ferron, Joe & Renda Bennett

Meeting Adjourned: Motion made by Lonnie McLaughlin, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kevin Russo

Submitted by Donna Landis, Secretary

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



# Calendar of Events

May 3, 2012

*1st Weekly Wholly Joe's Cruise-in FREE; Every Thursday 6:30-???* Until 9/27/12.

May 9, 2012

**Regular Meeting 7pm @ Haydocy Automotive**

To eat before the meeting be at Rooster's on West Broad St. anytime after 5:00PM. Roosters is located in the parking lot in front of the strip mall across the street from Jeg's former Broad St location.

May 13, 2012

**Happy Mother's Day!**

May 19, 2012

**North Union Band Booster Car Show and Swap Meet; Registration is 11am-1pm. \$10/car**

The North Union High School Band Boosters in Richwood, Ohio invite you to attend our 4th Annual Car Show. This year we are adding a Swap Meet and Silent Auction to the event as well as new trophy categories (including "Special Use Vehicles"). See our website for more info ( <https://sites.google.com/site/nucarshow2012/> ).

**American Cancer Society Relay for Life Cruise-In Car Show**

1pm—4pm @ Olentangy High School (Lewis Center, OH; Lewis Center Rd. (\$25)

May 25—27, 2012

**2012 Springfield Spring Swap Meet @ Clark County Fairgrounds**

[www.ohioswapmeet.com](http://www.ohioswapmeet.com)

## MAY 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
				<i>1st weekly Wholly Joe's Cruise</i>		
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
			<i>Club Meeting 7pm@Haydocy</i>	<i>Wholly Joe's Cruise</i>		
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
				<i>Wholly Joe's Cruise</i>		<i>North Union and Cancer Show</i>
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
				<i>Wholly Joe's Cruise</i>		<i>Springfield Spring Swap Meet</i>
27	28	29	30	31		
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Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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