



Paw Prints

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From the Editor's Desk

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Saving a Barn Car
- St. Liz's

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Welcome to Fall 2013! Where did the summer go? Soon, it'll be time to put our beloved GTOs away for a long nap (I won't say the "w" word just yet!).

I have to say, there has been some serious cruising this year by our club. As soon as the Nationals (Co-Vention) was done, our club was showing up to shows in force.

Many of you may have been asking where all the pictures are. I've put a lot on our Facebook page, but you will start to see them in the pages of future Paw Prints.

By the time you get this edition of the Paw Prints, the club trip

to Marietta will be either in progress or in the books.

I have asked some who are going on the club cruise to take pictures and maybe a write up for a future edition of the Paw Prints. I'm sure it will be a great time!

Moving on, there are just a few good weekends left for car showing. Our club is once again helping with Colo's Classic Car Show at the Zoo. See more info inside this edition in the Tiger Bytes section. We will likely meet for breakfast at Hella's before hand.

Many ideas were shared during the September meeting regarding

our show next year. However, many decisions need to be made and a lot of help is needed by everyone.

Please plan to come to the October meeting to help finalize and offer help. We need to pick a date or dates, if it's to be a two day event, decide if we are going to do a BOP or open cruise and where to have it.

Next month we'll feature the Club Picnic and maybe the Marietta cruise!

I hope to see you at the Zoo! Until then have fun and stay safe!

—Kevin



Saving The Barn Find Car by Steve Schaeffer

I have brought two barn find cars back to life in the last two years. No we didn't find the elusive Hemi in the barn. Both cars were solid candidates to bring back to life without going to the expense and time to do a frame off restoration. However both cars did turn out nice enough to take to a local cruise in. Any time you are driving a 40 plus year old car you get plenty of thumbs-up, questions about the car, and "I had one just like it and wish I had never sold it."

I don't try to bring back to life a number 6 car that is only good for parts. I also don't want to do anymore cars that are rusty or missing major components. Major rust or damage is a real turn off. It is cheaper in the long run to buy a better car.

Both cars that I did were sitting for many years, 18 and 21 years to be exact! The first thing I do is jack the car up, put stands under it, and with a good light check the frame for rust. If the frame is solid, I figure I can fix everything else. If the frame is rusted out, or has a previous patch job, look for another candidate.

The second rule is don't assume anything is in good working order until you inspect it completely. I had to break the wheels loose on both cars. They sat so long that they would not even turn. On the first car I was able to jack it up and break the tires loose by "arm strong." On the second car I had to hook a chain to it and the hitch on my pickup, and drag it to get it to roll. Of course I also brought an air tank to get the tires up enough to put the car on a rollback or a trailer.

As soon as I get the car home I check everywhere for unwanted creatures. I don't want any wild life or insects in my garage. I also scrub the body, clean out the interior and trunk, cleanup the under carriage, cleanup the engine compartment, and put some kind of odor eater inside the car to get rid of that musty odor that they usually have from sitting so long.

Both engines were also stuck from sitting. Rust forms on the exposed part of the cylinder walls and on the valve seats of any open valves. Do not try to break the engine loose by force. You will break the piston rings. I spray around the spark plugs with penetrating oil and let it do its thing before I try to remove them. Then I spray a mixture of WD40 and automatic transmission fluid in all the cylinders and let it sit for a couple of days. I then put a socket on the bolt holding the harmonic balancer to the crankshaft and gently work the crank back and forth until the engine turns completely free. Luck was with me as both cars were properly filled with oil when parked. If water got in the engine from being exposed to the elements then the only thing you can do is pull the engine out and try to save it.

After I got the engine to turn by hand, I put a good battery in the car. I made sure the oil was full, disconnected and plugged the fuel line at the fuel pump. I grounded the coil wire and cranked the engine over with the starter, while the spark plugs were still out of it to clear all the oil out of the cylinders. When I do get the car running I don't want anyone to think the garage is on fire from all the smoke.



Saving The Barn Find Car *continued*

The next step was to get the engine running. I put in new spark plugs as well as points, rotor, and condenser. I filled the radiator. I also ran a hose from the fuel pump to a can of fresh gas. I had to put new gas tanks and fuel lines in both cars. The gas in one car looked like jelly and the gas in the other car smelled so bad that I had to tow the car out of the garage to siphon it out and drop the tank. I also had a big fire extinguisher on standby. The fuel pumps worked on both cars. The carbs flooded over badly and had to be rebuilt before I could get either car to run properly. They both smoked pretty good when I got them running the first time. I also had a stuck intake valve that freed itself up. After I got the engines running good it was on to the drivetrain, steering system and brakes.

I made sure that all the fluid levels were full on transmissions, rear ends, and power steering pumps. I replaced clutches, rebuilt transmissions, and rear ends as needed. Same thing with steering linkage and gear boxes, ball joints, and control arm bushings. You have to check everything.

Brakes require a major overhaul. I replace anything questionable; brake shoes, pads, wheel cylinders, calipers, hoses, lines, hardware, rotors, and drums. I also repack or replace the front wheel bearings and seals and the rear axle bearings.

Tires must be replaced because of age, dry rot, and flat spots from sitting. Wheels can either be reconditioned or replaced depending on their condition and what is on the car.

Exhaust systems are usually rusted out from sitting so long. When you first start the engine you will not believe how much crud and rust comes out of the tail pipes. On one of the cars the baffles in the mufflers were so bad that at first it sounded like a rod knock. I have had very good luck with the aftermarket stainless steel exhaust systems that come with all new hangers, clamps, and bolts. For a less expensive choice I have had my local muffler shop bend up complete systems using aluminized steel pipe.

If the car was in decent condition when parked, you can bring the paint and interior back to life with a buffer and elbow grease. Otherwise it is on to the body shop and the interior shop. If the car needs to be painted drive it thru the summer and put it in the "paint jail" for the winter. For any popular car the aftermarket vendors have almost anything that you could need for both the body, interior, and mechanical.



If you purchase a solid car, you will get a lot of satisfaction from bringing it back to life. Vintage cars are a lot of fun and you meet some great people.



St. Elizabeth's Car Show (Mikey's Show)

For as long as I can remember, I've been going to the St. Elizabeth's Parish Festival Car Show on the Friday night of the festival. It used to be a "must-go" show for many central Ohio car people. It had a great family venue with a lot of activities for the entire family. Games for kids of all ages. A silent auction and crafts for the ladies. Music for everyone and, for a time, even a live concert of Phil Dirt and the Dozers. Our good friend and fellow club member Mike Shockley was the DJ and helped put the show on for many years.

Of course, things change. For a while, they moved the concert to Saturday. Then Mike had to stop helping with the show for a number of reasons. Then the flyers would show up late in the year and finally, last year, there were no flyers. I recognized the time of year it was and went to St. Elizabeth's web site to find out if they were still doing the show. They were but the turn out was poor. I think if there were 20 cars last year, it was lucky. Mike came by last year and offered the pastor to do the show again this year. Despite the fact that he moved and was no longer a parishioner. Mike got flyers out and our club came out to support him and his show. There were more cars this year than last and I hope that's a trend, especially if Mike stays involved. It would be great to see this show return to it's previous glory. Here are the pictures from that show. Everyone from the club (well, everyone) got an award. Thanks Mike for trying to resurrect the show! We'll be there to support you!



Tiger Bites! - Noteworthy News Bites

- ◆ **2014 Summer Show:** *All members are urged to come to the October meeting where many decisions need to be made regarding a show next year. There was some discussion in the September meeting but the topic is on the agenda for October too. If you have ideas, please contact someone in the club or a club officer who will be attending the meeting with your ideas!*
- ◆ **Club members are asked to come and help out again at Colo's Classic Car Show at the Columbus Zoo Sunday, October 6.** The best place for you to enter is off of Riverside Drive FREE ADMISSION FOR HELPERS (same as last). The same pavilion has been reserved for us as years past. There will also be Creature Cash for each volunteer that can be used at any concession or souvenir stand plus a t-shirt. Email Jeff Inskeep at jeff.inskeep@inskeepbrothers.com) so he can get this handled early. Look for an email for breakfast at Hella's before we cruise over early to the show.
- ◆ **2014 is the 50th Anniversary of the GTO!** The Nationals are in Pittsburgh and the Arthritis Foundation Car show (the weekend after the Nationals) is featuring the GTO for it's anniversary. Our club is planning to participate in that feature show within a show. Mark your calendars for it. July 11 & 12, 2014
- ◆ If you need to renew or are thinking of renewing your **GTOAA membership, please do so** 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.



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)
- ◆ DJ GTO Parts! Now your one stop shopping place for used and NEW GTO parts. If you know the part number, great, otherwise just let them know what it is you need! See Dan Gregory Jr. (or call 614-563-0877 or email info@djgtoparts.com) for more information and options for taking delivery of your parts or visit their website at <http://djgtoparts.com/>. GTOACO members receive a discount!



- ◆ For Sale. '66-'67 GTO "Desert Cooler" copper and brass 4 core radiator from Ames. 15.5 inch core, standard shift, perfect condition. \$399.00 new, \$200.00. Hoses are top left, bottom right. Will fit '64-'65 if you use a '66-'67 gooseneck. Steve Schaeffer. 740-654-8959



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

Remember, ads are FREE to GTOACO Members!



Meeting Minutes September 13, 2013 Meeting

President Jim Evans called the meeting to order. Those in attendance Kevin Landis, Steve Schaeffer, Jeff Frazier, Lonnie & Lynne McLaughlin, Max Treier, Bill Hartley, Pam & Stan Farlow, Brenda & Cody Ferguson, Doug Boyle, Shawn Rinehart, Lance Hudnell, Larry Reeb, Jim Lowry, Ron Cozzo, Brent Barham, Donna & Ron Landis

Treasurers Report: Mike Shockley was not present to give the report

Shows & Cruises: As a club, members have been making their rounds to the local shows. St. Elizabeth everyone won, Parkinson Show. 37 classes. One award per class & it was a judged show. Genoa Show had 10 club cars. Norwalk had Ron Cozzo and Jim Evans as winners. Bucyrus Show had Ron Cozzo, Jim Evans, Kevin Russo and Bill Sigg attending. As per Jim, it was a screwed up show. Cruise the Ville with 10 club members taking home trophies. The Lebanon Show had Ron Cozzo receiving Best of Show and Jim Evans and Jeff Frazier receiving a top 30 award. The Greater Ohio GTO Show is Sunday September 15th. Ron Cozzo, Jim Evans and Bill Hartley are planning on attending. Doug Boyle will be there also.

Saturday September 14th, 2013: Club Picnic at Pam & Stan Farlow at 1:00 PM.

Club Cruise to Marietta Ohio September 28, 2013: Meet at the Pilot truck stop at exit 126 on I 70 at 10:00AM. Those who are planning on make the cruise are both Landis's, Blocks, Barhams, Cozzos, Boyles, Hartley's, Farlows, McLaughlins. Sorry if anyone was missed .

Buckeyegoats.com: Lance Hudnell (club member) took over the site to keep it alive. 64-04 GTO Ohio owners only for the forum. He asked at the meeting if the club would be on board. No cost to the club. Site is fully funded. To become a member just click on the link.

2014 will be the 10th anniversary of the 2004 GTO, 30 years for the club and 50 years for the GTO. Some celebrating should be planned for the club.

Arthritis Foundation Show 2014: Jim Evans attended one of their meetings. The GTO will be one of the marquee classes. Jim would like to get every year of the GTO for the show. He wanted to really support this show and mail out notices to promote the show. Not all members were on board with this stating we need to promote our own show and that this show is very expense. Club will discuss this in the upcoming meetings.

GTOACO SHOW 2014: Nothing was decided. A lot of ideas were thrown around. One is for a Friday night cruise open to all makes and models with promoting the GTO Birthday. A Friday night cruise with all Pontiac show on Saturday. The only problem is the place to have it. Someone suggested the Safe Auto lot at Polaris. Kevin Landis will contact Tom Boyd to see if they would be interested. All agreed we shouldn't go to another dealership for the show. More conversation on this will be on the agenda for October.

Meeting Adjourned: Ron Landis 2nd by Brent Barham

Submitted by Donna Landis, Secretary

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



Calendar of Events

October 9, 2013

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

October 6, 2013

Colo's Classic Car Show @ the Columbus Zoo

Watch email for details on a meeting place and how you can help!



OCTOBER 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6 <i>Colo's Classic Car Show @ the Zoo</i>	7	8	9 <i>Club Meeting 7pm@Haydocy</i>	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31 Happy Halloween		

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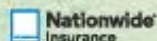
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- Boot's Choice (Trophy)
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