



# Paw Prints

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## Letter from the Editor

### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Autumn Club Cruise
- Holiday Party Info

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As I sit down to write this letter to you, it is Black Friday; the day after Thanksgiving! My Black Friday tradition is to avoid the shopping malls at all costs! So what better way to do that than to work on and publish this edition of the Paw Prints?

Another year is nearing it's end as we enter into the official 2015 Holiday Season. As a club, we had a lot of things happen. Including the continued success off our swap meet. By the way the 2016 Swap Meet is just around the corner. We also saw a successful All Pontiac Indian Uprising, a change in our club sponsor and a ton of club participation throughout the entire 2015 car season.

In my opinion the best of that club participation was the spring and autumn cruises. If you missed one or, hopefully not, both of them you really missed a great time and what is some of the best parts of being in this club. I hope you will take advantage of whatever plans we put together in 2016.

Along with all that, our club lost two beloved members. Bill Hartley (technically he passed at the end of 2014) and Dan Gregory Sr. This, to me, is another reason to get together with the club whenever possible. Then you never have to wish you could have spent more time with a fellow member or done more things with the club.

Our club also continued to grow too as we welcomed new members throughout the year. So participate. Help out. Drive with us. Be an active member of the club; you won't regret it. I promise.

Finally, look inside for information about our club Holiday Party and our 2016 Swap Meet. Remember that we will NOT have a December Club meeting. The next meeting will be January 13, 2016 at the facilities of our new club sponsor. I hope to see many of you there.

Until then have fun, be safe and I wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

—Kevin



Ron Cozzo's, Lonnie McLaughlin's & the Farlow's Cars



# Champaign Aviation Museum—Autumn Club Cruise 2015

On a dreary and precipitation likely morning of October 24, 2015, 24 club members met behind the Tim Horton's in Dublin. This was the starting point of this year's autumn club cruise. Our destination was Urbana, Ohio and the Champaign Aviation Museum. Rain started pouring down as we pulled out of that parking lot. The only brave souls to bring their vintage GTOs were Ron Cozzo, Lonnie McLaughlin and the Farlows (Stan and Pam). Three others brought out their later model GTOs including Jeff and Jane Frazier and Bill and Karen Sigg. Stan and Pam Farlow led the way on a great drive on back roads to the Grimes Field Airport. We arrived to have lunch at the Grimes Field Airport Café. Expecting to see a hangar with a lot of parts and a partially restored B-17 Air Fortress, many were quite shocked at what was there. Several planes and memorabilia spanned the hangar. Almost all with information telling you about the pieces! It is an amazing place that you should visit if you did not come with us. We sponsored the museum and will have an 8x8 brick laser etched with the club's name on it when they lay out the sponsor walkway. We were invited back to bring more of our vintage GTOs and maybe even do some burnouts down the taxi way of the airport. Do we need to be encouraged to turn a few tires? No way! Many thanks to Lonnie McLaughlin for suggesting this amazing destination and many thanks to Stan and Pam Farlow for another great driving route!



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**See more pics on our Facebook page!**

## Four on the Floor by Steve Schaeffer

When the 60 's Muscle Cars were new, no self -respecting hot rodder would be caught dead with an automatic transmission. The Beach Boys helped to immortalize " Four on the Floor" in their songs. It was quite a feeling to really go thru the gears with your Hurst Competition Plus Shifter. Hurst even had a motto, " Shift as hard as you want, but don' t break your arm. "

You felt like a fighter pilot when, at the drag strip, you side stepped the clutch at 3,000 rpm, the slicks hooked up, and the G-forces slammed you back against your seat. As the tach climbed to 6,000 rpm you grabbed second gear with everything you had, then 3rd, and 4th. There was a reason that you were running a 3:90- 4:33 rear end gear. You went thru the traps with the engine screaming, winding out in 4th gear. You were pinned back in your seat the whole time with the adrenalin flowing.

It was interesting though because at trade in time the dealers took money off your trade for a stick shift. Today only 7% of the new cars sold have a traditional stick shift transmission. Most people today probably can ' t even drive a stick shift. However for vintage muscle cars and high end sports cars the opposite is now true. The traditional stick shift is bringing a premium price.

On Tuesday, November 10, 2015, The Wall Street Journal had an article on this very subject. It was on the front page, " Drivers Stuck on the Stick Hold Out Against Shift to Automatic. "

" Three-pedal purists have made an impact on the high end sports car market. Used Ferraris and Lamborghinis with manuals now sell for \$15,000 to \$20,000 more than those with paddle-shift gear boxes, which have no clutch pedal and small paddle-shaped shifters. " Interesting, no?



# Tiger Bites! - Noteworthy News Bites

- ◆ **NOTE FROM THE CLUB SECRETARY:** Attention club members! The secretary will no longer be mailing club dues notices. Instead, you will receive an email and members owing club dues will be listed in the meeting minutes in the Paw Prints.
- ◆ **GTOACO Club Holiday Party February 6, 2016**—The party will be held at member Mike Berichon's party room at Mediu, LLC 106 Stover Drive Delaware, Ohio 43015 @ 6pm. See the page below for directions.
- ◆ **2016 All Pontiac Swap Meet March 20, 2016**— The swap meet will be held at Dennis Hyundai of Easton 2900 Morse Rd, Columbus, OH 43231. We will begin signing up volunteers at the January meeting.
- ◆ Our club was co-hosting the Columbus Hot Rod and Custom Car Show in January 2016. Due to construction projects that have fallen behind at the Convention Center, this show has been canceled for 2016 and will start in **January 2017**. Club members no longer need to hold the January 2016 dates open.
- ◆ **There will NOT be a December 2016 club meeting** since the Hot Rod and Custom Show will not be held in January. 2016
- ◆ 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

# Meeting Minutes November 11, 2015

President Ron Cozzo called the meeting to order. Those in attendance were Kevin Russo, Mike Shockley, Pam & Stan Farlow, Austin Cozzo, Kevin & Erica Landis, Jeff Frazier, Lonnie McLaughlin, Jerry & Tina Brownfield, Jim Lowry, Brenda & Cody Ferguson, Mike Berichon, Jim Kaho, Jess Girard, Brad Blackburn, Ed & Carolyn Slone, Brent Barham, Brian D'Amico, Ron & Donna Landis.

**Treasurer's Report:** Mike Shockley gave the Treasurer's report. Kevin Russo made a motion to accept the minutes and Lonnie McLaughlin 2nd.

**Club Cruise to Urbana to visit the B-17 Restoration:** October 24th, 2015 Thanks to Stan, Pam & Lonnie for a fun filled day. We had about 25 people for lunch next to the Champaign Aviation Museum. The museum was selling bricks and the club purchased one. 8x8 with GTOACO on it. Great day was had by all.

**GTOACO Bylaws:** Who has them and do we need to change anything? Mike Berichon offered to work on this as soon as we can locate them.

**Officer Nominations:** Lonnie McLaughlin made a motion to keep the current officers. 2nd by Brent Barham. Motion carried with all the officers accepting. Board of Directors 8 members were nominated for the board. You will be able to go to the website and cast your vote for 4. Voting will end December 31, 2015. Results will be at the January meeting.

**Winter Party:** Mike Berichon offered to have the party at his party house that is located north of Jegs in Delaware on February 6th, 2016. Club will provide the food and drinks. Kevin & Erica Landis and Brian D'Amico offered to find a good caterer. Will start around 6:00 PM.

**All Pontiac Swap Meet:** March 20th, 2016 at Dennis Hyundai of Easton. Kevin Russo is in charge of finding a place for breakfast. There will be a sign up list for workers for the day. Ron Cozzo is taking care of the Insurance. Jeff Inskeep will handle the flyers. More details in January and February.

## **NO DECEMBER MEETING**

**January 13th Meeting:** January meeting will be held at our new Sponsors Dealership. Dennis Hyundai on Morse Rd. Aaron Masterson will be there to introduce himself to the club. Meeting starts at 7:00PM. Any members wanting to eat before the meeting will meet at South of the Border at Easton at 5:30PM.

**August All Pontiac Show:** Much talk on this as to what the club should do. Some members will be meeting Sunday to decide where and how many days for this.

**Open Discussion:** Five members made the trip to Twila Hartley to get Bills car back together and ready for winter. Kevin Landis & Jim Evans headed to Nancy Stone to check on Genes GTO

Sending Prayers to Doug & Toni Boyle. Also prayers to Tom Frazier who has been sick and to Shawn Rinehart.

**Meeting Adjourned:** Lonnie McLaughlin 2nd by Kevin Russo

**Dues for Dec - Mike Shockley**

**Dues for Nov - Adam Sigg**

**Dues for Oct - Steve Corvi**

**Dues for Sept - Bob Gribben, Mark Jones,**

**Dues still due for Aug - Tom Frazier, Lance Hudnell, Michael Vedra, Barry Wear, Mark Willis**

**Dues still due for July - Frank Block, Geoffrey Ludwig, Phil McCool, David Price.**



*Meetings held the 2nd Wednesday each month at a different location. Look here for more info.*





***Meeting Agenda - No December Meeting***



***Happy Holidays from the GTO Association of  
Central Ohio!***





# Calendar of Events



December 2015

No December Meeting—Happy Holidays!

December 6-14, 2015

Hanukah

December 24, 2015

Christmas Eve!

December 25, 2015

Merry Christmas!

December 26-January 1, 2016

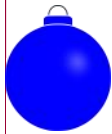
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December 31, 2015

New Year's Eve!



## DECEMBER 2015



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6 	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14 	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24 	25 <i>Christmas</i>	26 
27 	28	29	30	31		

# GTOACO Holiday Party!

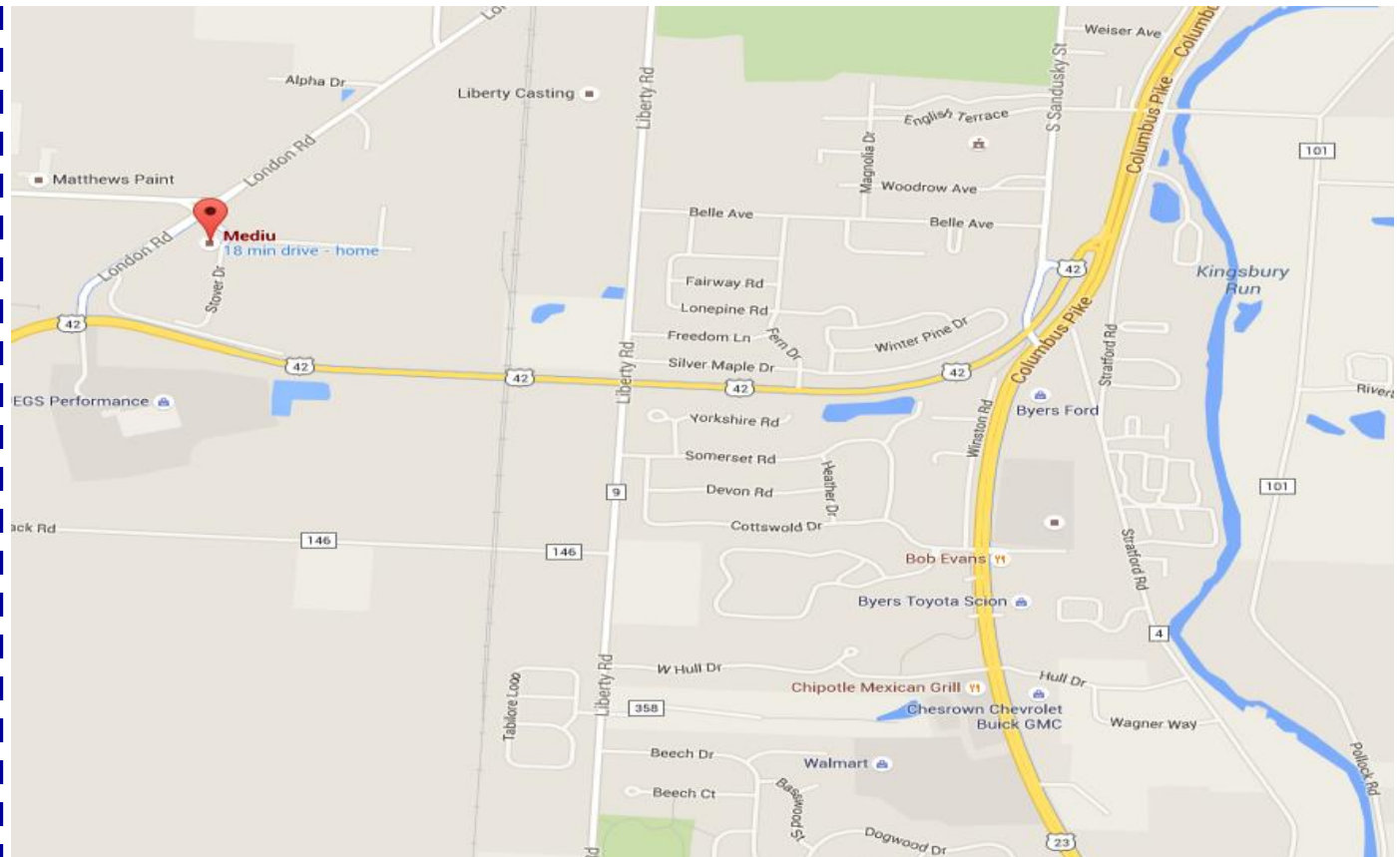
When: Saturday February 6, 2016

Where: Mediu, LLC 106 Stover Drive Delaware, Ohio 43015

How much: The club will cover the costs.

What to bring: We will let you know next month.

What you need to do: RSVP to Ron Cozzo @ [rcozzo@earthlink.net](mailto:rcozzo@earthlink.net) or 740-777-1135



# For Sale

- ◆ 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](mailto: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!



- ◆ *I will rebuild your Muncie '64 to '74, or Borg Warner T-10, '57 to '65 or GM Super T-10, '75 to '81 4 speed transmission for \$375.00 including the following parts that are necessary to freshen up a worn, high mileage unit.*

*Synchronizer Rings, Case Bearings, all small parts, Spacers, Snap Rings, Needle Bearings, Thrust Washers, Strut Keys & Springs, New counter shaft, Gaskets, Bushings, and Seals.*

*I also have new and used gears, cases, side covers, tail housings, etc. available.*

*Steve Schaeffer, Retired A.S.E. certified mechanic, Lancaster, 740-654-8959 or 740-215-0126.*

*I also build Ford Top Loaders '64-79 passenger car, overdrive and regular, as well as Chrysler A833 4 speeds. Parts on Ford and Chrysler transmissions are slightly higher.*



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

*Remember, ads are FREE to GTOACO Members!*



**APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP  
GTO ASSOCIATION OF CENTRAL OHIO**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Membership Dues are \$20/year for email Paw Prints delivery, or \$30/year for postal delivery.

(Check One)

RECEIVE OUR MONTHLY NEWSLETTER, THE PAW PRINTS

BY EMAIL (COLOR PDF) \$20

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MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: **THE GTO ASSOCIATION OF CENTRAL OHIO**

SEND TO:

**DONNA LANDIS  
58 ARLINGTON AVE.  
LONDON, OH 43140**

Web Site [www.gtoaco.com](http://www.gtoaco.com)

**740-506-5804  
E-MAIL ADDRESS  
[SHARKLANDIS@NETSCAPE.NET](mailto:SHARKLANDIS@NETSCAPE.NET)**

YOU A MEMBER OF THE GTO ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA # \_\_\_\_\_ Date Expires \_\_\_\_\_

SPOUSE'S NAME : \_\_\_\_\_

CHILDREN: \_\_\_\_\_

YEAR, COLOR AND STYLE OF GTO (s) OR PONTIAC (s) CURRENTLY OWNED:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

WHAT ACTIVITIES WOULD YOU BE INTERESTED IN? \_\_\_\_\_

OPTIONAL:

WRITE A SHORT STORY ABOUT YOURSELF, FAMILY, OCCUPATION, HOBBIES AND HOW YOU GOT INTERESTED IN GTO'S. IF YOU HAVE ANY PICTURES OF YOUR CAR SEND THOSE ALSO. THIS INFORMATION WILL BE USED IN A COLUMN IN THE PAW PRINTS FEATURING MEMBERS. IT IS A GOOD WAY FOR US TO BECOME AQUATINTED WITH EACH OTHER.



**GTOAA Information**

Your chapter is an affiliated chapter with the GTO Association of America. You can join the National GTO organization, the GTOAA & receive the Golden Quill Award Winning publication, *The Legend*.

To Join complete the form below and mail in, or join online at [www.gtoaa.org](http://www.gtoaa.org)



**Membership Application**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Mem #: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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**GTO Ownership is not a requirement of membership to the GTOAA**

**GTO OWNERSHIP**

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.*

CHECK / MO # \_\_\_\_\_

Mastercard / Visa Card # \_\_\_\_\_ Exp # \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Make Check/Money order payable to GTOAA:

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