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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Club Party
- 2017 Summit Racing Show

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Letter from the Editor - Kevin Russo

It's really SPRING! I have to admit though, this winter was NOT a tough one! Which makes me wonder if Old Man Winter has one more blast up his sleeves for us. Let's hope not because I don't know about you, but I'm ready to get my GTO out of storage, fix a few things and get it on the road!

With spring here and the thoughts like mine of getting behind the wheel of our beloved Pontiacs, here are a few things to know and keep in mind.

◇ First Friday Cruise-Ins with the Delaware Vintage Auto Club at the Old Long John Silvers site starts April 7.

◇ Thursday night at Wholly Joe's weekly free cruise-in starts May 4!

◇ Tuesdays at the Ruby Tuesdays on SR 23 just north of Powell Rd in Lewis Center will have a cruise-in this year. It starts May 2.

◇ I will start sending out weekly car show and cruise-in events in email and on our website on the Local Forum by the end of April, depending on when the shows start.

◇ Our club loves to cruise to shows together so look for emails about that too!

I love it when our club shows up in force at a local or even a little farther away show. Nothing looks better in my opinion than a line of GTOs! So let's get out together.

Enjoy the pictures from our recent club party as well as the Summit Racing Hot Rod & Custom Car Show!

I hope to see all of you at the April meeting or soon out with our Pontiacs!

Until then have fun and stay safe!

—Kevin



The Boyle's 69 Convertible



2017 Club Spring (Holiday) Party!



Our wonderful Hostess



Soon to be a GREAT ONE!!



A BIG Check for Prevent Blindness!



Why is Kevin ALWAYS near the food??



2017 Summit Racing Hot Rod & Custom Car Show

Our club co-hosted the 2017 Summit Racing Hot Rod & Custom Car Show February 17 – 19 at the Columbus Convention Center. Move in day was February 16 and our club was on top of not only getting our club cars in but also showing the participants to their assigned spots. We had a full work schedule and, as usual, our club members show up ready and willing to work; and work they did! It was a fun, fun way to spend a February weekend and we hope we get to do it again next year! Maybe at a different venue. Stay tuned for more info on that! Enjoy the pictures and to everyone that rocked it out and helped make this event the success it was, Thank you!! Fun events like this and the participation from members working and playing together make this club a GREAT ONE! (bet you didn't see that one coming; Ok maybe you did :)



An Oops Moment with an LS Engine by Steve Schaeffer

The car is a 2009 Pontiac G-8 with the 6.0 litre LS engine, L76. It has a cat back exhaust system, cold air intake, reprogrammed computer, and a hot hydraulic roller aftermarket camshaft, and it will fly.

The pictures show what happens if you over rev it. It dropped one intake valve and bent it nicely. It cracked one piston and bent the connecting rod. It also broke one valve spring. Fortunately for the owner the cylinder wall was not damaged. However he did have to purchase one piston and connecting rod, as well as a replacement cylinder head and a new set of valve springs. The springs are PAC-1218 safe to .600 lift on the camshaft. It was still a lot cheaper than a new engine.

If you grew up with the great American V-8 engine with a hydraulic lifter flat tappet camshaft you know that the valve lifters have to have .020 to .060 preload. I always accomplished this by going to an adjustable valve train. I used screw in rocker arm studs in the cylinder heads, push rod guide plates, hardened pushrods, and poly locks.

The LS engines do not have an adjustable valve train. The hydraulic roller lifters will handle more than .060 pre load without a problem. If the camshaft has a smaller base circle, most high performance camshafts do, you can get by with longer pushrods. The stock pushrods will work with up to a .550 lift cam. At .600 lift you better check the pushrod length. At .625 to .650 lift it is time to purchase an adjustable valve train. Kits are available that use 3/8 inch diameter pushrods instead of the stock 5/16.

In addition the GM LS roller rocker arms need to be upgraded. The stock rocker arms can experience cageless needle bearing failure when loads are increased. The aftermarket sells kits to convert a stock LS series rocker arm into a captured roller trunnion for "race" applications. The trunnions are then secured by snap rings.

We think what happened to this engine was that when it was over rev-ed, the roller tappet actually came up off the cam lobe. The hydraulic roller lifter filled with oil holding the intake valve open, the valve head hit the piston, destroying the piston and bending the connecting rod. It also broke the valve spring and ruined the cylinder head. The new valve springs have more pressure than the stock ones but the owner needs to be aware that this is not a NASCAR engine that can be rev-ed up to 10,000 rpm.

We also do not know how much lift the aftermarket camshaft in this car has. A lot of the standard beehive style valve springs on these engines are safe to .550 lift. Above that they can coil bind and break, however the new valve springs are safe to .060 lift.

Also note in the pictures that the shop dog protected the owner's privacy by walking in front of the license plate.



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.
- ◆ Our spring club cruise has been set for June 9-10 at the Sugarcreek Fabulous 50's Fling. See further in this edition for more details!
- ◆ 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!

- ◆ Shawn Green
- ◆ Neall Weber - 67 GTO Convertible
- ◆ Peggy Severns
- ◆ Stephen Leonard— of Powell, OH 67 Black on Grey GTO
- ◆ Paul Alexander—of Marion, OH 1960 Burgundy Iridescent Catalina 2+2

Returning Members – Welcome Back!

- ◆ Mike Fox
- ◆ Kevin Johnston

Meeting Minutes February 8, 2017



President Ron Cozzo called the meeting to order. Those in attendance were Brian D'Amico, Stephen Leonard, Jim Lowry, Brenda & Cody Ferguson, Bill & Karen Sigg, Dwight Kilbarger, Rob Wilson, Jess Girard, Steve Schaeffer, Brent Barham, Kevin Russo, Mike Berichon, Donna & Ron Landis.

Treasurer's Report Ron Cozzo gave the Treasurer report for Mike. Lonnie McLaughlin made the motion to approve the report and 2nd by Rob Wilson.

February 17th, 18th 19th 2017 Summit Racing Equipment Hot Rod & Custom Car Show. Cohosted by the GTOACO. Ron thanked everyone who worked. Nothing but good comments from people about our club members. Got three new members during the show. Congrats to Brian D'Amico and Kevin Landis on receiving awards. Looking at moving the show next year to the fair grounds. Ron asked the members if we would be willing to help and all agreed we show. Club received \$2,000.00 from the show for our help.

Holiday Party: Lonnie & Lynne McLaughlin March 11th. 6:00PM. Food will be catered by the Der Dutchman. Lonnie said he has received 52 rsvps. Should be a good time. He will have soda, water and bud light. If you want anything else, you will need to bring it. He will have tables in the garage and in the house. He would like for all members not to rush to leave early.

All Pontiac Swap Meet: March 19th, 2017 @ Dennis Hyundai on Morse Rd., Columbus Ohio. Ron reported he has the insurance, food vendor. Everything is pretty well set up. Dan Gregory is pulling in his trailer the night before. Club has a lot of new signs.

Sugar Creek Cruise June 9th & 10th: Mass e-mail was sent out about the show. Call and get your room by May 1st.

GTOAA Nationals June 26th-July 1st in Springfield, Illinois-Rob Wilson will have a fresh concourse GTO to show. Ron Cozzo is putting his 64 in popular vote. Kevin Landis might take the 70 and Donna & Ron will be taking the 64. Lonnie McLaughlin is going but no car.

3rd Annual Battle of the Brands July 29th 10am-3pm Brian D'Amico is getting the flyers ready and is posting on web sites.

Pontiac Nationals August 4th, 5th, 6th in Norwalk, Ohio

Cruise In & All Pontiac Show August 19th & 20th at Double Tree Hotel, 175 Hutchinson Ave: This hotel hosted the last GTO National in Columbus. Contract has been signed with a deposit. Band will be the same one as last year. Still working on a food vendor. Mention of a Taco Truck. We will need it for 2 days. DJ. Ron is going to check with Mike Shockley. Brian D'Amico can dj on Sunday but not Saturday if needed. Get your rooms. \$119.00 per night with 2 tickets for a breakfast buffet

Meeting Adjourned: Mike Berichon made the motion to adjourn the meeting 2nd by Kevin Russo.
Submitted by Donna Landis, Secretary

**Meetings held
the 2nd
Wednesday
each month
Dennis
Hyundia on
Morse Road.**

ATT: MEMBERS!!!! ARE YOUR DUES DUE???????? ATT: MEMBERS!!!

DUES FOR APR- Vince Lasher, Rob Wilson

DUES FOR MAR- Jay DeLuca, Dana Huff, Bill Kauffman, Mark Jones, Michael Anderson, Michael Koch

DUES FOR FEB- Christine Edwards, Roy Hess, Geoffrey Ludwig

DUES FOR JAN- Denny Halderman, Michael Vedra, Barry Wear

DUES FOR DEC- Frank Stewart

Please mail dues to Donna Landis, 58 Arlington Ave., London Ohio 43140



Meeting Agenda - April 12, 2017

- Treasurer's Report - Mike Shockley
- ◆ Club Spring Party March 11 - Lonnie McLaughlin
 - ◆ Wrap Up
- ◆ All Pontiac Swap Meet March 19 - Ron Cozzo
 - ◆ Wrap Up
- ◆ Sugar Creek Cruise Jun 9, 10 - Stan Farlow
- ◆ GTOAA Nationals June 26 - July 1, Springfield, IL
- ◆ 3rd Annual Battle of the Brands - Brian D'Amico
 - ◆ July 29th 10am - 3pm
- ◆ Pontiac Nationals August 4, 5, 6, Norwalk, OH
- Cruise-In and All Pontiac Show - Ron Cozzo
 - August 19 -20, Double Tree Hotel, 175 Hutchinson Ave.
 - Stage / Generators
 - Trophies
 - Food Vendors
 - DJ's
- Open Discussion
- Motion for Adjournment

Calendar of Events

April 12, 2017

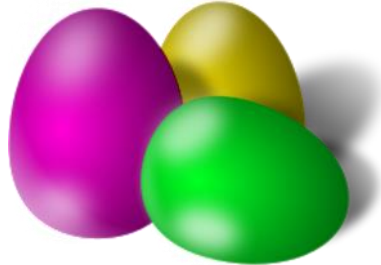
*Regular Club Meeting 7pm @ Dennis Automotive 2900 Morse Rd Columbus, OH
5:30pm pre-meeting dinner @ Smokey Bones Bar & Fire Grill, 3939 Morse Crossing, Columbus, OH 43219*

April 16, 2017

Happy Easter!!

April 7, 2017

Delaware Vintage Auto Club First Friday Cruise-In Starts @ Freddi's Green Street Food (Old Long John Silvers on SR 23)



APRIL 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12 <i>Club Meeting 7pm@ Dennis</i>	13	14	15
16 <i>Happy Easter</i>	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
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2017 GTOACO Spring Cruise to...

27th Annual Fabulous 50's Fling

We are planning a trip to the Fabulous 50's Fling in Sugarcreek Ohio on June 9 and 10. I know that seems like a long time away but we need to book a block of hotel rooms. The hotel has asked me to sign a contract by January 20th confirming that we will be coming. Rooms in Amish country on June weekends are generally full and expensive so the success of the trip is dependent on booking the rooms very soon. The trip is summarized below. I need confirmation that you plan on going by January 20th.

27th annual Fabulous 50's Fling

Sugarcreek Ohio

June 9 & 10 2017

Friday—Wine country cruise and Poker Run (optional) starting at 2:00 pm (5 wineries)

Friday— Cruise-in starting at 5:00 pm in Sugarcreek (open to all cars)

Saturday—Car show registration 9:00 am to 1:00 pm (only 1980 and older cars allowed). Need to pre-register \$15. We must drive in together to park together. This is a 500 car, judged show, awards @ 4:15 pm.

Registration form is on the Website at <http://www.fab50sfling.com/>

Block of hotel rooms at Country Inn & Suites, Dover Ohio 330-365-9388 near the I-77 route 39 interchange. Regular price is \$174 GTOACO rate is \$125. Rate is good to April 1. Need commitments to Stan Farlow by January 20 as this block requires a contract (no room payment guarantee).

Remember GTOAA Nationals are June 26 to July 1 and The Memorial Tournament is May 29 through June 4.

Meet at Dairy Queen on route 62 north of 161 in New Albany at 11:30 on June 9. Route goes up 62 through Johnstown to Millersburg then east on route 39.

Stan Farlow

614-230-4529

skfarlow@aol.com



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) 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.*
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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: _____

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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



Membership Application

Date: _____

Mem #: _____

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

GTO Ownership is not a requirement of membership to the GTOAA

GTO OWNERSHIP

Year _____ Body Style _____ Engine _____

Year _____ Body Style _____ Engine _____

Year _____ Body Style _____ Engine _____

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:

Mail signed Application to: GTOAA, PO BOX 455, Timnath, CO 80547

GTOAA Nationals 2017

GOATS KICKING ASPHALT ON ROUTE 66

Springfield
Pop: GTOAA

Burma Shave

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SPRINGFIELD

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