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#### **VOLUME 8 ISSUE 2**

# Letter from the Editor - Kevin Russo

#### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

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- Club Party Change Info!
- Summit Show Changes!

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Month 1 of 2017 is just about gone. But it hasn't felt like January has it? That makes me worry about what February and March has in store for us but let's not worry about that.

There are a few things to please make note of in this edition.

First, note that the Summit Hot Rod and Custom Car Show was moved to February. See details inside but it will be February 17 -19.

We are still looking for volunteer help. The three pages that follow this letter are the sign-up sheets and work details. Please look at it and consider helping out. You can do so by referencing these sheets, and contacting Stan Farlow or Ron Cozzo. You can also volunteer at the February club meeting.

I've got all the club cars needed for the show. If you want to help transport either with a trailer or as a helper to one of our trailers, please contact me!

Second, because of the Summit Show dates, our Holiday Party is now our Spring Party and it's date has moved to Saturday, March 11. It will be at the same location and you now have until March 4 to RSVP. Again, more details inside this edition.

While not a change, Stan and Pam Farlow have planned a great spring cruise event for us. We will be heading up to Amish Country, Sugarcreek to be exact, for their 27th Fabulous 50's Fling! Stan has secured a hotel room block. Please see details inside. Stan needs to know how many will be going and using a room so he doesn't lose the rooms at the price he secured which was a nice price drop.

As you can see, there's a lot going on. I hope you can help out and spend some time having fun with your fellow club members! We always have a great time together!

I hope to see you at the meeting and then at the Hot Rod show. Until then stay warm and safe!

—Kevin



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# **Sunbury Country Cruise-In**

The Sunbury Country Cruise-In has a long history. Starting out on the Sunbury village square, it
has made a move to the Sunbury Kroger Plaza at the corner of Route 3 and State Route 36/37.
If this location sounds familiar to you, that 's because it is the same location as our own Battle of
the Brands Cruise-In. Several club members made their way out to the show on that beautiful
late September day including Brian D 'Amico, Doug Boyle, Jim Evans, Ron Cozzo, Dan Kirchner, Bill Sigg and Jeff Frazier.



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### Oakland V-8 Indy 500 Race Car by Steve Schaeffer

In the late 1920 's GM built many companion cars. They were trying to fill every price point. Oldsmobile had the Viking and Oakland had Pontiac. Oldsmobile and Pontiac survived the depression years but Viking and Oakland did not.

Amazingly enough an Oakland V-8 engine powered a 1930 Indy 500 car to an 11th place finish in that year 's race and I just discovered the actual race car in a local shop undergoing a restoration. The car is owned by John Armstrong of Lancaster, Ohio. The car is complete with pictures and documentation. This is the real McCoy not a recreation or a replica.

I believe that the 1929-1930 Viking was the first flathead V-8 engine with a one piece cast engine block. Previously V-8 engines were cast in 3 parts. They were really two 4 cylinder blocks bolted to a common crankcase. While all the books give credit to Henry Ford for the first mono-cast V-8 engine block in 1932 they are not correct.

From pictures and spec sheets it appears that the 1929- 1932 Oakland and 1932 Pontiac V-8 were the same engine or a similar design. The Oakland V-8 in the 1930 race car originally made 85 horsepower at 3,200 rpm. Remember that a 1930 Ford Model A made 40 horsepower and a 1932 Ford V-8 made 65 horsepower.

The Oakland V-8 had a 3.4375 bore and a 3.375 stroke for 251 cubic inches. The compression ratio was 5 to 1, and it had a horizontal valve system. The block was cast just like a modern V-8, 90 degrees. It has 3 main bearings. It also has a solid lifter camshaft. The oil pan holds 7 quarts of oil and the engine has a pressure type oiling system, not splash like so many early engines. This one has also been equipped with a full flow oil filter which would certainly solve some of the early V-8 Oakland oiling issues. It also had a flat plane crankshaft which gives a better firing order than the traditional multi plane crankshaft we are used to.

Not to pick on Ford, but their latest Mustang V-8 super high performance engine uses this same design crankshaft. Another one of Ford 's better ideas?

The stock Oakland V-8 engine used a semi down draft one barrel Marvel carburetor. The Oakland race car engine is using dual Winfield Model S carbs, which at the time were state of the art. Winfield 's were the dominate racing carburetor in the 1930 's. I wouldn 't be surprised if the engine is also running a Winfield cam because the car is set up to run 105 mph at 4,000 rpm. Ed Winfield was the top cam grinder during that time slot. Also notice the Delco Remy generator mounted on the top of the engine.





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## Oakland V-8 Indy 500 Race Car by Steve Schaeffer

This race car also uses a Delco Remy distributor and not a magneto. The distributor is mounted on the top rear of the engine just like most modern GM V-8 engines before they went to distributor-less ignition. The starter is Delco Remy also and the fuel pump is AC.

This is a pretty interesting and rare engine today. Oakland built 22,500 in 1930, 13,500 in 1931, and just 6,286 in 1932. There are probably just a handful of these engines left. The engine has 4 intake ports in the top of the block. It also has 8 exhaust ports in the top of the block. With more development this could have been a great engine.

I built several Ford flathead V-8 's in the early 60's. They had 3 exhaust ports coming out of the block on each side. The exhaust ran between the cylinders. This caused these engines to be very difficult to keep cool. In addition the distributor on the '48 and earlier Ford V-8 's was directly driven off the cam and mounted on the very front of the block. When the radiator boiled over it would soak the distributor and then the car wouldn 't run.



The 1930 Oakland V-8 powered Indy car was built by Ira Vail. It was driven by Claude Burton and the riding mechanic was Geo N. Howie. Claude qualified the car for the 1930 Indy 500 at 95.087 miles per hour. He started the race in the 16th position and finished in 11th place. Amazing for a stock block powered car.

For 1930 this was a state of the art race car. Notice the front and rear parallel leaf springs and the real knock off Rudge-Whitworth 20 inch wire wheels. Also notice how far back the engine is set in the chassis for better weight distribution and handling. The transmission and 3rd member style rear end appear to be Oakland as well.



Can you imagine Claude and Geo going down the straights at Indianapolis at over 100 mph with no safety equipment? The entire tail of the car is filled with a gas tank, not a fuel cell. There is no roll bar, seat belts, or blow up proof bell housing. There were no Snell rated crash helmets either. It 's really amazing that so many drivers survived major crashes.

It is also amazing that the actual car was saved all these

years and is being restored to actual 1930 Indy 500 race condition. Number 38 lives.





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# 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 club will be co-hosting the Columbus Hot Rod and Custom Car Show in February 2017.
  - Club members will be asked to help with this event. Come to the *February Meeting* to sign up to help work the show or contact Ron Cozzo (rcozzo@earthlink.net).
  - The club has been asked to provide cars for display at the Summit Racing area and our club area. We have enough cars lined up for this event. What we need help with is transportation!. Kevin Russo is coordinating this. If you want to help or can provide a trailer to transport cars, please contact him (krusso\_sp@hotmail.com).
- Due to the change in dates of the Summit Show, our 2017 Holiday Party will now be our club Spring Party on March 11, 2017 at Lynne and Lonnie McLaughlin's home (5808 Tarton Circle North Dublin, OH 43017).
   Please bring a chair. See page 8 for more details and *PLEASE RSVP*
- Our annual All Pontiac Swap Meet will be held on Sunday, March 19, 2017. See the flyer in this Paw Prints for more details! A volunteer schedule will be made up prior to the event. Please plan to help!
- Our spring club cruise has been set for June 9-10 at the Sugarcreek Fabulous 50's Fling. See page ## for 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 is an application in your Paw Prints below and the GTOAA can now take membership applications on line.

Welcome New Members!

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No new members this month

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# Meeting Minutes January 11, 2016



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President Ron Cozzo called the meeting to order. Those in attendance were Kevin Russo, Jess Girard, Jeff Frazier, Kevin Landis, Lonnie McLaughlin, Brian D'Amico, Brent Barham, Keith Stevens, Connie Jacobs, Mike Shockley, Steve Schaeffer, Jeff Inskeep, Max Treier, Joe Block, Rob Wilson, Brad Blackburn, Mike Berichon, Jerry and Tina Brownfield, Stan Farlow, Jim Lowery and Dan Gregory.

**Treasurer's Report:** Mike Shockley gave the Treasurer's report. Mike presented the new format of the report since switching to electronic statements to avoid service fees. Kevin Russo made the motion to approve the report 2nd by Brad Blackburn.

**February 17,18 & 19, 2017 Summit Racing Equipment Hot Rod & Custom Car Show:** NOTE DATE CHANGE. Cohosted by the GTOACO. Rodd Rainey was in attendance and gave the club an overview of our responsibilities and answered many questions from members. Along with the date changes due to the convention center, there are also some other changes in times around setup. There will be one day less for setup; only 2/16 7am –midnight; Move out is 2/19 6pm-midnight. Rodd will have badges for all volunteer workers. He will also work out a method for our club cars to "jump the line" and get into the convention center. He will also work out trailer parking. Show starts on Friday at 2pm. Awards Sunday at 4:30. Club cars will get moved Thurs. Club members working the show, please wear club t-shirts. Kevin Russo is organizing the club cars. We are all set for cars but if you have a trailer and would like to help move in and out, please contact him. Stan Farlow is working on a manpower plan. Club insurance has been submitted. This covers our members only. Please see the man power plan in this month's Paw Prints and volunteer to help where you can. We want this to be a fun club activity! Join in! Wednesday

All Pontiac Swap Meet: March 19th, 2017 @ Dennis Hyundai-Flyers were brought to the meeting and set for mailing. Club insurance has been submitted. Ron has put the swap meet information on at least 12 different web sites. Should be in the Legend in February. Ron is got the same food vendor as last year. Next meeting Ron will have volunteer sign-up. Kevin Russo will organize breakfast.

2nd Annual Battle of the Brands: All set to go for July 29, 10am-3pm. More as date gets closer.

**Cruise In & All Pontiac Show:** Double Tree at the Crosswoods is our venue and the date will be August 19-20. Ron will work on getting band. Kevin Landis will work on a food vendor. Room rate will be \$119/night with breakfast for two. Flyers will be worked on and information will be posted on various internet sites.

**Spring Party (NOTE CHANGES):** Lonnie & Lynne McLaughlin March 11th, 2017. 6:00PM. Food will be catered. RSVP to Lonnie by March 4th, 2017. Club will pick up the tab. Changed date and to spring party because of the Summit Hot Rod show date changes.

**Spring Club Cruise:** Will be to the Fabulous 50s Fling in Sugarcreek, OH June 9-10. Registration is at http:// www.fab50sfling.com. 500 car show so get registered and RSVP to Stan Farlow if you are going. Stan has a a block of rooms at a nearby hotel for \$125/night (normally \$175). See information in Paw Prints. Should be a great time!

Meeting Adjourned: Brent Barham made the motion to adjourn the meeting 2nd by Brian D'Amico.

Submitted by Kevin Russo for Donna Landis, Secretary

(Note the member dues section was not updated this month; the following are from January)

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

DUES FOR JAN-Earl Boyle, Jerry Brownfield, Jim Evans, Denny Halderman, Ron Landis, Phil McCool, Michael Vedra, Barry Wear, Robert Williams DUES FOR DEC- Frank Block, Adam Sigg, Mike Shockley, Frank Stewart DUES FOR OCT - Jess Girard DUES FOR AUGUST - Dan Bridenbaugh DUES FOR JUNE - Greg Butler

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



# **Calendar of Events**

February 8, 2017	<i>Regular Club Meeting 7pm @ Dennis Automotive 2900 Morse Rd Columbus, OH</i> 5:30pm pre-meeting dinner <i>@</i> Smokey Bones Bar & Fire Grill, 3939 Morse Crossing, Co- lumbus, OH 43219
February 14, 2017	Happy Valentines Day
February 20, 2017	President's Day
February 16, 2017	<i>Setup and move cars into the convention center</i> - Club car move in schedule will be published in email and members notified by K. Russo
February 17-19, 2017	Summit Racing Hot Rod & Custom Car Show
February 19, 2017	6pm—midnight Clean up and move club and show cars out of convention center

# February 2017

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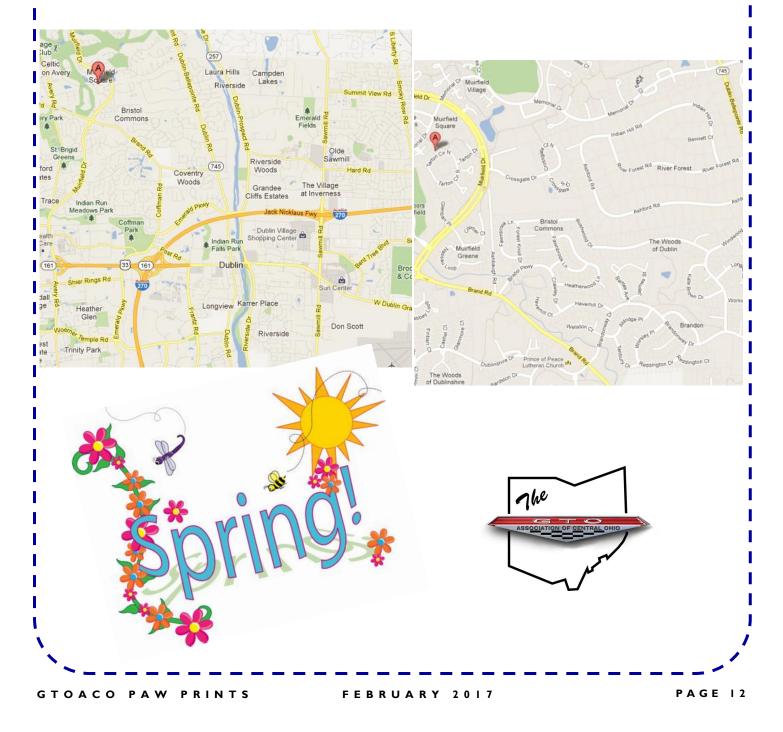
2017 GTOACO Spring Party?

When: Saturday March 11, 2017

Where: Lonnie and Lynn McLaughlin @ 5808 Tarton Circle North Dublin, OH 43017

How much: FREE

What to bring: Chairs. If you want, you may bring a dessert. Everything else is provided by the club What you need to do: RSVP to Lonnie at londart@aol.com or 614-327-8885.





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)

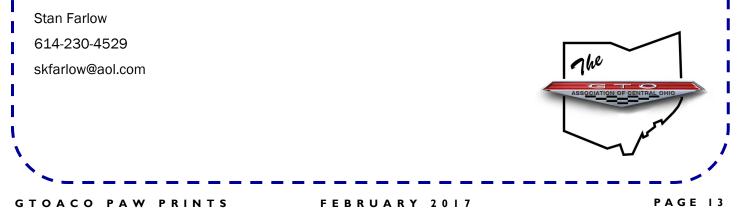
Saturday–Car show registration 9:00 am to 1:00 pm (only 1980 and older cars allowed). Need to preregister \$15. We must drive in together to park together. This is a 500 car, judged show, awards @ 4:15 pm.

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 1and 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.



# 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 <a href="http://digtoparts.com/">http://digtoparts.com/</a>. 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.

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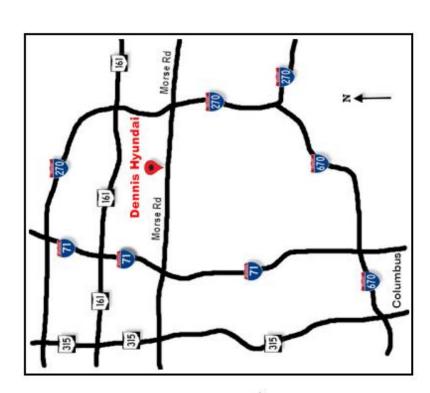
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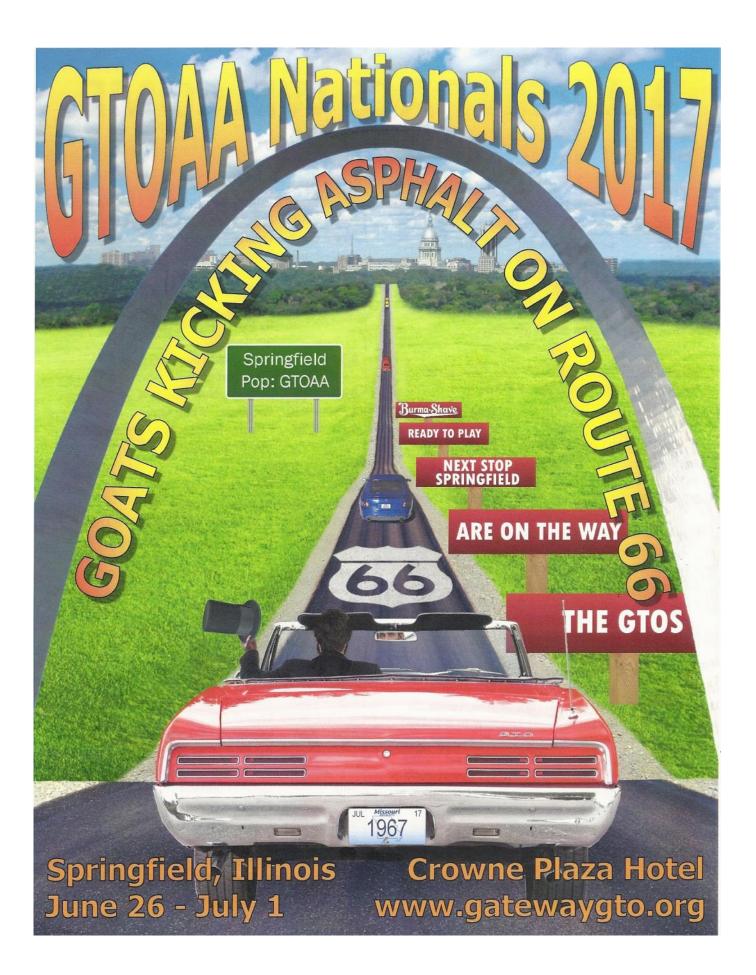
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