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Letter from the Editor - Kevin Russo

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Memorials
- 64 Ventura Spotlight

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2020 is almost over! I am writing this letter on the weekend before Thanksgiving. So while there is still a bit more than a month of 2020 left, the end of it is still a welcome sight.

Further, with the news regarding the two COVID-19 vaccines that has come out, there is even more hope that 2021 will be a better year!

However, even though this edition is the "Christmas Edition" and with that vaccine good news, this edition is a bit melancholy. There are two memorials in this edition and it is my last as your editor.

If you didn't already know, we lost Debbie Block to COVID-19 which truly hits our club in the

heart. I want to personally thank Donna Landis for the beautiful memorial she contributed to Debbie that you'll find in this edition. We will miss you Debbie.

The Pontiac community also lost Milt Schornack. The memorial to him is one I edited slightly from his family's announcement and the GTOAA Facebook memorial.

Lastly, this is my last edition as your newsletter editor. I've really enjoyed this role over the last 11 years, but your Paw Prints is in great hands as Karen Wilson takes over. I know I mentioned how AWESOME her concept is for the newsletter last month, but it really is an evolutionary change that I

know you'll love!

I want to thank you for the opportunity to serve the club in this role and as a director, but I am also grateful for the trust you've put into me by electing me club Vice President. I truly believe we have the best club in the state and perhaps the best GTOAA Chapter (ok, maybe I'm biased). But that's because of all of you! The members of this club are true friends and family to each other!

Remember no December meeting! So Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays and Happy New Year! Stay safe, happy and healthy!

—Kevin





's Letter

We spent 2020 hoping 2021 would return to normal. So far that doesn't seem to be the case as we have virtually all our 2021 activities in a wait and see mode. I think it's time to talk about something other than current events.

I'm looking at our 65 GTO convertible hoping that the rebuilt power steering pump finally heals the leak it's had for most of this year and wondering if I should give up on the 3.90 gears or switch to a 5 speed transmission. The car has been a part of the family for 45 years so it's hard to start hacking on it. At the same time it has to be safe and reliable if we're going to drive it outside the immediate neighborhood.

In late 1974 Pam and I moved back to Indiana after a 3.5 year stay in New York City. We bought a small house in Plainfield Indiana where I could (and did) walk to work. There was already a second car but we both wanted a convertible. We bought the GTO from the son of the salesman who sold it new and took it back on trade when the original owners bought a new car. It was the cleanest unmodified GTO we could find at the time and \$1,000 was near the top of the market. It came home with us on Good Friday of 1975. We figured out the car dealer's son needed to get rid of it because of engine noises. I soon had the intake manifold off to find a couple of broken pushrods. New lifters, push rods, a bunch of gaskets, and a tune up later it sounded much better. New rear springs and air shocks helped the sagging rear end so that the car was OK. We kept it running and drove it a few miles every year. The kids eventually figured out that Christmas presents always came from the GTO trunk. There were several parades and trips for Ice cream; as well as a few indiscretions where it usually held its own. It always started when called on and stayed in the garage even when our other cars sat outside. We scraped a lot of frost off our drivers so that the GTO could stay in the garage.

Eventually our youngest graduated from college. That fall the GTO came apart for the first time---not a restoration just a lot of refreshing, an engine and transmission rebuild, new suspension bushings and body mounts, disk brakes up front, a little body work (took the duct tape out of the trunk floor, and new paint. We kept it as close to original as practical. There have been a couple of issues but it's been mostly good for a dozen years. So what now? It needs to cruise faster, stop faster, and survive on new gasoline mixes. It's also due for some substantial maintenance like new brake lines and the top refit. I need to figure this out without spending a lot of money.

I hope everyone finds a way to enjoy the holidays. We have all seen too much gloom and doom that tends to overwhelm the good things that are going on in all our lives. Pam and I wish you all the merriest of Christmas' and a much brighter new year. It might be that working on your GTO is a good way to forget the rest of the world for a while.

Stan Farlow

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Remembering Debbie Block by Donna Landis



As most of you already know the club lost a long time member. Debbie Block lost her battle with covid-19. For those of you who didn't have the opportunity to know Debbie let me enlighten you.

I can't remember the first time I met Debbie. That's how long we were friends. She and Joe would drive hours to the club functions. Most of the time bringing a grandchild or two. She was always willing to help at any club function.

Times we spent in Michigan at the Woodward Dream Cruise I will cherish. From letting Toni try and drive their 68 GTO 4speed in a store parking lot, and let's not forget getting lost in the Meijer Store only to be told the store was closing and we needed to leave. That's funny, Meijer doesn't close. Oh I forgot to tell you, we made a stop first for a cocktail.

One trip had my room smelling like French toast. Yes that's right. Joe making his famous French toast and bacon in my hotel room. When an employee of the hotel stopped to tell us that there was no cooking in the room. We said we weren't cooking. We weren't at the time but you could smell it all the way down to the lobby...

Then there was the trip that had us heading to Michigan during the black out. Should we go or not? We did and it was the best time I believe we have ever had as a group.

Debbie even set up Kevin with (as she put it) a really nice girl. That relationship lasted a few months, long distance relationships are hard. Good try Debbie.

One more memory I have is as we were cruising Woodward, myself and Toni in one car & Debbie & Christi in another, the shifter came out of the car they were driving. .???? No problems. Put it back in & head back to Joe.

A few of the girls in the club at that time had their own little club. Debbie, Toni Boyle, Lynne McLaughlin and Renda Bennett and myself. We were known as the B---- Club. Debbie had a special title. I think it was given to her by an ex son-in-law and it stuck. She was our Christian -----.

I didn't see Debbie that much but when I did it was like two old friends letting each other know what has been going on in our lives. We would hug each other and tell each other we loved them. Many special friendships have been created in this club and I will forever cherish them.

Debbie, I was honored to call you my friend. I will miss you.

Joe may you know others feel your pain and prayers to you and the whole family.

Rest in Peace Debbie. We will all miss you. Your GTOACO Family.



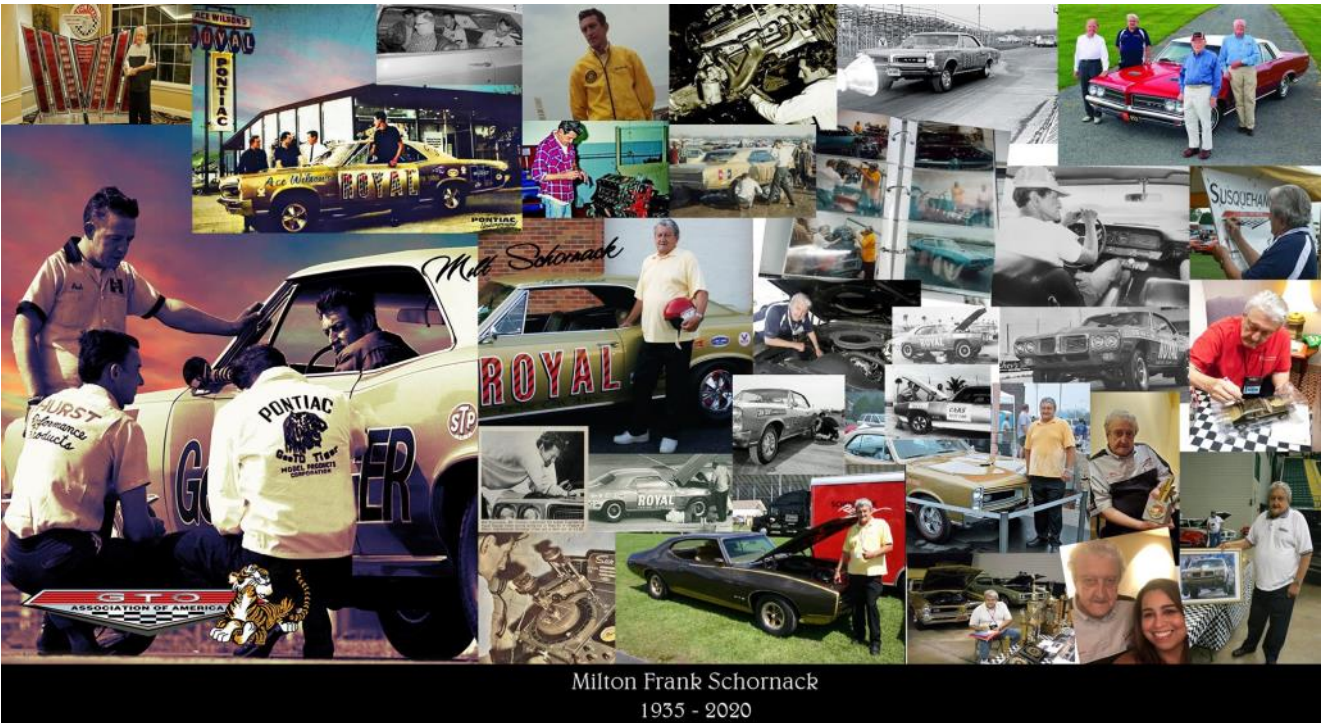
Milt Schornack: 1935-2020



A moment of silence for the passing of a legend... To the GTO Community and all it's wonderful Family. It is with a heavy heart that the Schornack family announced the passing of Milt at 6:14am November 14, 2020. We can't express enough thankfulness for the friendship you gave. Milt never stopped talking about the people, events, and yes, the cars. You each gave him so much to brag about and live for and we can't thank you enough. Sincerely Michael Schornack, and family

From the GTOAA Facebook Post:

RIP Milt! Sad day for the Pontiac Community. We have lost a friend and a part of our history. After a short 2 week battle, Royal Pontiac's Milt Schornack went to meet his Lord the morning of November 14, 2020, just after 6:00AM with his family by his side. It was challenging to have built his last racecar for him back in 2007. He never lost his passion for Pontiacs.



Milton Frank Schornack
1935 - 2020



'61 Pontiac Ventura 421, 4 Speed by Steve Schaeffer

This '61 Pontiac Ventura is owned by Bud Krebs of The Ohio Valley GTO Club. For many years it was powered by a real 421 Super Duty Dual Quad 421 engine.

It is not a show car but with a 4:30 rear end it made many trips down the quarter mile. Sometimes on the drag strip and sometimes not. He loved to pick on Ralph Carr's 409 horsepower 409, 4 speed.

When I first met Bud, over 40 years ago, I had my red '64 GTO running a built 348 horsepower 389, 4 speed. My car was running C Stock at the time. I was running 13.70's at 106 on 7 inch wide slicks. Bud said, "My car runs mid 13's." I looked at him with some disbelief. He then threw a \$50.00 bill on the table and said, "If you don't believe me the slicks are in the trunk."

After many years of violent 6,000 RPM shifts the engine dropped a valve. One combustion chamber in the original 306 casting numbers heads had 2 holes punched in it. It filled one cylinder with water, bent a forged steel Super Duty connecting rod and cracked one cylinder wall.



'61 Pontiac Ventura 421, 4 Speed

The 421 needs major expensive repairs. With machine shops booked up and 4 bolt main 421 blocks in short supply and 306 casting heads as rare as hens teeth I stepped up to help my old friend get back on the road.

I put together a '70 Pontiac 455 H.O. engine, 4 bolt main bored .030 over to 462 cubic inches. It is running the good 6x heads, 9.5 to 1 compression. The valve train is all Crane with a Power Max 278-2 cam. Lift is .467 intake and .494 exhaust. Duration at .050 is 222 degrees on the intake and 234 degrees on the exhaust. The intake is a Performance Products dual plain high riser running an Edelbrock 800 cfm carb. He also has an Offenhauser High Rise dual quad manifold that will go on later with the rejetted 421 carbs.

Bud added the original 421 Super Duty cast iron headers, the rare Super Duty heavy duty starter with the solenoid mounted on the bottom, and a new 2.5 inch exhaust system. He also put a street gear in the rear end and drove the freshly assembled car to the GTOAA Car Show in Columbus. It never even got a chance for a good bath.

On Desk Top Dyno the engine made 461 Horsepower at 5,000 RPM. It also puts out 549 foot pounds of torque at 4,000 RPM.

Look out Mr. 409 Bud is gunning for you!





Tiger Bites! - Noteworthy News Bites

The Club's monthly meeting will be evaluated month to month based on the current pandemic conditions. For example, the November on-site meeting was canceled in favor of a virtual Officers & Directors meeting. Please watch your email for up to date information on whether a particular month's meeting is in person or virtual.

- ◆ Planning for our 2021 events will start with the Swap Meet. Please note that the date of the swap meet is March 14, 2021 due to a scheduling snafu at the Franklin County Fairgrounds.
- ◆ **Scheduling for our 2021 Holiday Party will be discussed in January or later** given the current conditions and restrictions. The part will be discussed and evaluated over the course of the next few meetings.
- ◆ **Additionally, the club is still hoping to plan a spring cruise.** We are considering The Wilds (thanks to our involvement in the Zoo show) but we would love to have other suggestions to consider. Please send your suggestions to any officer or director (see last page for email addresses).
- ◆ The 2021 Club Officers are Brad Blackburn, President; Kevin Russo, Vice President; Lonnie McLaughlin, Treasurer; Rob Wilson, Secretary; Ron Cozzo, Social Media Officer. Club Directors are Brian D'Amico, Brent Barham, Jim Lowry and Max Treier. *Congratulations to all the officers and directors and thank you for serving our club in those capacities!*
- ◆ 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. There is an application in your Paw Prints below and the GTOAA can now take membership applications on line. *Please let a club officer know when you join and provide your member number in order to keep our roster updated!*

Welcome New Members!

- ◆ Mike Miller—Mike has a 68 GTO! He won't have to go far for our traditional club picnic as he is Pam and Stan's neighbor!

Meeting Minutes November 11, 2020

**NOTE* This was a VIRTUAL Officers and Directors meeting.*

The meeting was called to order by President Stan Farlow.

In attendance were members: Stan Farlow, Rob Wilson, Kevin Russo, Brad Blackburn, Ron Cozzo, Brian D'Amico, Brent Barnham.

Treasurer's report – Stan gave the report of the club finances. Motion to accept Kevin Russo, 2nd Rob Wilson.

Swap Meet – Deposit for both buildings are being sent. Discussion regarding the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and how it may still be a concern with new rules on the amount of people allowed to attend and if we will be allowed to hold it was a hot topic. Brad Blackburn is checking with a vender to find Plexiglas screens to protect club members at the entrance taking money. Ron Cozzo is going forward with promotion of the swap in the Legend and other media locations.

Holiday Party – Currently we are going to wait and see how the pandemic develops to determine if we will be having the holiday party. Watch for announcements in future Paw Prints.

Postal Delivery of Newsletter Member Dues Increase – We discussed the need to increase the dues for members still receiving the newsletter in hard copy via postal mail form due to increases in printing costs and associated handling of the mailings. If members that are receiving it in hard copy form can receive it via email the need to increase dues is not needed. We are looking at options and will announce the outcome shortly.

Spring Cruise Recommendations – Currently we are still looking at The Wilds in Guernsey County near Cumberland. **We are open to other ideas from the members for places they can recommend.** With the pandemic still a major concern

Open Discussion – Stan & Pam are going to attend Debbie Block's funeral service.

January Meeting Location – The meeting will be at The Hickory House on January 13th. 5:30 PM pre-meeting dinner, 7:00 PM monthly meeting.

Motion for adjournment- Kevin Russo, 2nd Brad Blackburn

Submitted by Rob Wilson, Secretary

**Meetings
held the 2nd
Wednesday
each month**



ATT: MEMBERS!!!! Please get your dues to Lonnie McLaughlin at 5808 Tarton Circle North Dublin, OH 43017!!

ALL DUES FOR ALL MEMBWERs ARE DUE BY JANUARY 15, 2020. Dues for 2020 are \$20 (\$30 for postal mailed newsletter delivery)



Meeting Agenda - December 2020



Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays! No December club meeting!

Next club meeting will be January 13, 2021!



Merry Christmas & Happy Holidays!



DECEMBER 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9 <i>NO CLUB MEETING</i>	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24 	25 	26
27	28	29	30	31 		

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!



- ◆ *For Sale—400 Pontiac motor. New build about 500 mi. Comp Cam and accessories, aluminum .intake, water pump and valve covers asking \$1500.00 Harry Mullins 614 795 2310*

- ◆ *1966 GTO Parts for Sale:*
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 - Dash Bezel (non a/c) fully restored & rechromed \$275 (compare at \$389.00 for reproduction)
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 - 1966 rare Delco am/fm radio. Delco, FT Wayne certificate. Totally reconditioned with new resistors, transistors, components. All documentation and instructions available. \$500 (compare at \$750) this is a fresh new original radio.
 - Extra dash nobs at n/c Center console for Automatic. Very good condition. No door, but the shifter linkage is all there in great shape. \$275.00 (maybe only 40,000m original miles)
 - Reverb complete w/ dash bezel & switch. \$200
 - 389 Exhaust manifold for 4-barrel \$125
 - Rear window stainless moldings for vinyl top (rt side only) \$50.00 Tail light bezel trim – 6 pieces stainless nice shape Free
 - Original single reservoir master cylinder- \$25Call Greg, leave message 740 815 4748 or for pics jgregnobis@gmail.com

- ◆ ***NEW** Muncie 4 speed transmissions rebuilt for \$275.00 labor plus parts. The basic rebuild kit with front and rear bearings, needle bearings, gaskets, snap rings, seals, syncro rings, front input retainer nut, synro key and spring kits, and a new countershaft is \$126.00 my cost, plus shipping. Additional parts if needed extra. Steve Schaeffer, Retired A.S.E. Certified Mechanic, 740-215-0126, superschaef421@att.net.*



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

Remember, ads are FREE to GTOACO Members!

ALL PONTIAC INDOOR SWAP MEET

March 14, 2021

Franklin County Fairgrounds
4100 Columbia St, Hilliard, OH 43026

Vendor Set-Up 8:00 A.M. - 9:00 A.M.
Open to Public 9:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.

10' X 10' spaces - \$20.00 each
\$5.00 general admission

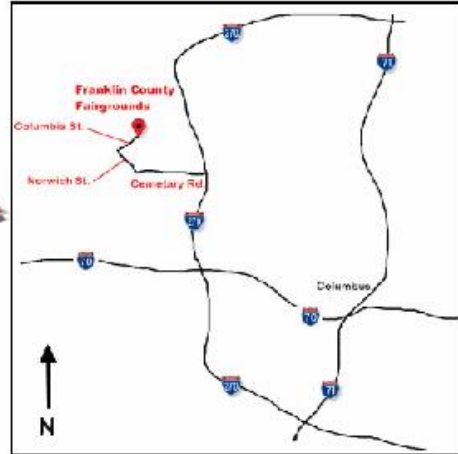
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YEAR, COLOR AND STYLE OF GTO (s) OR PONTIAC (s) CURRENTLY OWNED

WHAT ACTIVITIES WOULD YOU BE INTERESTED IN? _____

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

To join complete the form below and mail in, or join online at www.gtoaa.com



Membership Application

Date: _____

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