

# Paw Prints

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# Letter from the Editor - Kevin Russo

# SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- New Member Spotlight!
- The 2020 Swap!

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As we look to conclude our second month of enduring the necessary measures to control the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic, many are wondering what will happen with car season.

Many events have either been delayed or canceled. The GTOAA National Convention has been canceled. The Arthritis Foundation's Classic Auto Show has been postponed until the weekend of August 20. You may be the first to know publically that the Delaware Performance Charity Car Show has been canceled. As of now, Pontiac Nationals (Norwalk) is still going on.

As for our club activities, we've

indefinitely postponed our planned cruise to The Wilds, our club meetings have been canceled for April and May. But your officers and directors met virtually in April (see minutes inside) and will do so again in May. Our Battle of the Brands show is still on for now as is our annual All Pontiac Indian Uprising. Until we can resume club meetings, please look to email and your Paw Prints for updates.

I've got a lot of great stuff in this edition for your reading and viewing pleasure! First is a three page New Member Spotlight with pictures kicks off the issue. Next a two page pictorial of our 2020 Swap Meet! Lastly a full page of Who's Working on What and don't forget to check out the second Tigress Den from Connie Stevens!

The last thing I want to cover is that our friend and fellow club member Ron Cozzo had a bit of a health issue this past month. Suffice it to know that he is home and doing fine and we are all grateful! Thanks to everyone who kept him and his family in thoughts and prayers to get him home!

Remember to be cautious as the state and country start to open up. I pray we don't have a 2nd wave that nullifies everything we've done up to now. Stay safe, healthy and stay home if you can!

—Kevin





Pam and I made the trip from Florida to Ohio this month. We had lots of reservations about driving 1200 miles in the middle of all the shutdowns and stay at home orders; but the Florida Governor was quite clear that it was OK for "seasonal residents" to go home. What we found was that we could make the trip in one day with 3 stops, 2 hours faster than our best ever time without much strain. We saw lots of truckers doing their job with added stress from services being limited. We also saw lots of fast food workers and convenience store clerks dutifully toiling their way through the pandemic without much appreciation. We are glad to be back in Ohio and thankful for all the folks who are continuing to expose themselves to this virus so that we could travel home.

So what is the club doing during the shutdown? Our officers and directors held a video conference in lieu of the April meeting and we will do the same for the May meeting. Certainly we are watching how other organizations are dealing with the shutdown and taking whatever information we can find to adjust our schedule. Kevin Russo provided information on the Arthritis Foundation show schedule adjustments. Brad Blackburn is working to keep the Battle of the Brands show alive. We are intent on finding a way to keep our activities moving forward with the best safe schedule. I am always amazed at the time and effort folks put into keeping our club alive.

As club president, I am routinely contacted by people about GTO information and work. We really do have a much bigger footprint in the local car community than most of us realize. This month there was one person looking to decode the engine in his '64. There was also a call from a local fellow with the classic barn find story. Seems he had helped out an elderly gentleman for several years. The old guy always told him he had a GTO in a barn out in the sticks that he wanted to sell. He had purchased the car from the second owner in the late 70s and it hadn 't run since 1980. Finally he took the old guy up on the offer and bought the car with all the documentation. It seems the car is in good shape and without much encouragement it now runs and drives. Turns out the original sales paper work and title shows the car was purchased new by one Henry "Smokey" Yunick (how cool is that?). It appears the GTO may have been Smokey Yunick 's daily driver for a several years. It was noted that the car has some unusual options but it clearly wasn 't a race car. Hopefully we can have more to report about the project as time goes on.

It seems I hear "we 're all in this together" every time there is another gloom and doom pandemic report. A few of you may remember a TV show by Canadian humorist Steve Smith playing the role of "Red Green". Every episode of the Red Green Show ended with a bit of philosophy concluded by "remember we're all in this together". Spend a couple of minutes with Red Green on YouTube. It will help keep the news in perspective and maybe help you smile.

Stan Farlow

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# New Member Spotlight Jon Stotsberry

My name is Jon Stottsberry. I am 61 years old, married with two grown children, four grandchildren and one great grandchild. For the last 24 years, my wife and I have owned and operated a real estate closing agency in Zanesville, Ohio.

As far as hobbies go, it is too early in life to tell which one is most important to me at this time. My list would start with cars and then maybe guns, oh and traveling to very warm places during Ohio winters.

As a child from a large family with sibling rivalry, my brothers and I would complete regularly and knowledge of cars was at the top of the list. By age 14, I had become a full fledged car nut. I have owned many cars but the early ones always seem the most special to me (66 Chevelle and a 69 Buick GS).

In 1978 a friend who happened to own a used car lot had purchased this particular GTO (the 1970 pictured) and was in the midst of repainting the 455 beast when I first laid eyes on it. Naturally, I rush home and tell my wife what a great investment opportunity I had just seen. IT took a few days but I finally convinced her (\$1,600) was a lot of money at that stage of our lives). I drove it home and promised myself it would only be driven on sunny days and garage stored otherwise.

My original plan was to make a race car out of it, but luckily neither time nor money was in my crystal ball for many years. Fast forward 33 years and as I had matured, the financial plan was coming to frutition and I decided to do as close to factory as possible.

Now finally about the car. The body and assembly was done by yours truly. The engine was done by Butler Performance. The transmission was gone through and shift linkage refinished by Mid-West Muncie and Pauls Chrome did all the plating. The fluid lines were sourced from The Right Stuff Detailing and I got a Gardener Exhaust System. My goal was a car that looked like it just came off the assembly line.





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Naturally there were things I could not do by myself. That is where my son and son-in-law were a big help. It took 5 years to complete. Now it sits tucked in the garage with only my eyes to appreciate it. It is definitely time to at least trailer it to some shows, as time permits, and let some other lay their eyes on it.

It is a 1970 Granada Gold Cordova top GTO with brown vinyl interior, an L75 455 HO, an M21 Muncie close ratio transmission and a BUDD breaking system. It has 68,120 actual miles on it. It was built the second week of January 1970 in Pontiac, Michigan with a sequential number of 00014. I believe it was a dealer promotional car and was given special serial numbers along with several other hundred cars to tack sales number of the newly introduced 455 optioned cars. The car was shipped January 20, 1970 to Bullard Pontiac in Brighton, Michigan which incidentally was only 25 miles from the assembly plant.

My oldest sister, may she rest in peace, worked at the Pontiac plant in 1970 as a painter (1 of 6). She tried her best to remember details but claime she had seen so many cars of the years that they began to merge together in her mind. There were some details she could remember and test braking systems was one of them. She also agreed with my theory of regarding it being a promotional car or at least that it was quite possible. She definitely claimed there was a 1 in 6 chance she had sprayed the original paint.

Off the record thought, when I said I was making it as close to factory as possible, I found there are some limitations for a 50 year old car.







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The knowledgeable eye will see things like the air cleaner decal is actually for a 1971 455 HO. Apparently no one reproduces the correct decal (or at least I couldn 't find it). Since I 'm coming clean, the carb is actually a Holley with a stainless braided line down to the fuel pump.

When I started the engine rebuild, I was told by Butler Perforamnce to take the original carb to Cliff 's Quadrajets for rebuilding and plating. I did ask them to make as much horse power (441) and torque (539) as possible as long as it looked factory. Needless to say, once on the dyno the Quadrajet was running out of fuel at 3600 RPM so they strongly suggested going with the Holley to prevent burning the engine up.

I still have the original carb and it will be retained even though I have been offered a ridiculous amount of money for it. Another thing that is quite obvious is the strictly stainless chassis nuts and bolts. But they sure look nice!

The pictures are from several years ago as the engine bay was not detailed yet and the car was on a set of roller tires and wheels. Sitting in the garage are five Coker G70X14 and the proper JA coded Rally IIs.

Thanks for reading up on me and my car!

Note from the editor: Jon joking asked at the end to shred this piece to hide the evidence. Sorry Jon, you can 't hide the evidence now! Welcome to the club and hope to see you and that beastly beauty out and about (once we're allowed again)!





## **2020 Swap Meet!**

Luckily we got our swap meet this year before the state shutdown due to the COVID-19 Pandemic right? It was a great success and we expanded to two buildings! Almost all the feedback from the vendors was great so we are hoping we come close to filling both buildings in 2021! Thanks to Rob Wilson for chairing the event and to all the club members who came to help! It was great to have more volunteers than we needed!



















# 2020 Swap Meet!

















# Tiger Bites! - Noteworthy News Bites

- Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic measures, the club is suspending monthly regular club meetings.
   Directors and officers will meet virtually and minutes will be published in the Paw Prints. Stay
   Health! Stay Safe! Stay Home!
- Currently, Battle of the Brands is still on. We will make a decision on whether to cancel or not by mid June. We continue to work and plan for it until then.
- The Club Spring Cruise as it was planned is cancelled until we know what will happen with The Wilds. We still plan to go back out to the Urbana Airport and the flight museum once all this is over.
- 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 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!

# The Tigress Den



Cruz Into Spring!

A great way to escape from everything is to go out and clean up your prize possession. It you have a old sticker or logo that want come off the glass and your out of your usual remover, try some creamy peanut butter. Just put a little on that spot, wait a few minutes and gently rub or scrap it off. Ladies, this works in the house too with stickers on new applications or any item with a price tag stuck on it. Just a reminder to get that First Aid kit together because you never know when your going to cut yourself cleaning the car at a show. Have a great spring and hope your favorite car show is still on. Connie Stevens

# Welcome New Members!

♦ No new members this month

## Who's Working on What

This section gets it's own page because we have pictures with the submissions! I think it's great! L

Scott Landis (with a little help from Dad :) is working on his 64 GTO!



- Steve Schaeffer is working on the following projects:
  - Freshened up '70 Pontiac 455 H.O. engine. Bored .030 over, 462 cubic inches,. 4 bolt mains, Crane Cam and kit ,double roller timing chain and gears, 60 pound oil pump, the good 6x heads, Performer Products Hi-Rise intake with Edelbrock 800 CFM carb
  - Two Muncie 4 speeds one '64-'65 small pin M-20, one '66-'70 big pin M-20. The early trans has studs and nuts to hold the linkage on.
     The late trans uses cap screws
  - Offenhauser Dual Quad Hi-Riser set up with.2 Pontiac '61-'66 500 CFM AFB carbs, complete with linkage, fuel lines, air cleaners, and throttle cable
  - 1928 International 3/4 ton stake bed with Chevy engine, trans, and rear end. A friend bought it from an estate. It had been sitting for 20 years. Engine and brakes were locked up. It now has new brakes all around. After I rebuilt the carb it started right up they only had to adjust idle speed









Send me what your are working on and I will put it here! (krusso\_sp@hotmail.com)

# Officers and Directors Meeting Minutes April 8, 2020

NOTE: Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic situation, an Officers and Directors only meeting was held virtually. These are the minutes of that meeting:

The meeting was called to order by President Stan Farlow

In attendance were members Stan Farlow, Brad Blackburn, Rob Wilson, Kevin Russo, Ron Cozzo, Max Trier, Brent Barnham.

**Treasurer's report** – Was presented by club director and newsletter editor Kevin Russo. Motion to accept the report from Stan Farlow, Brad Blackburn 2nd.

**Thoughts on when to resume activities** – May meeting will again be virtual and will be an officers and directors only meeting. June meeting at the Hickory House is tentatively scheduled.

**GTOAA Nationals Cancelled** – Due to the COVID-19 pandemic the nationals were cancelled. Stan has talked with the GTOAA and they stated 108 people were still willing and wanted to attend if they had it.

**Spring Cruise to the Wilds** – We decided to wait and see when the Wilds will open to plan a cruise. More to come in future Paw Prints.

**Battle of the Brands car show** – Brad Blackburn is going to contact the Kroger manager in Sunbury to see if there is a chance to still have the show in their parking lot and report back.

**Annual Dues** – Dues were to be paid in January. The roster will soon be purged of those unpaid. Please send your dues into Lonnie as soon as possible so the club can maintain its status as a chapter with the GTOAA.

**Open Discussion** – The Arthritis show moving to August. The Delaware show will more than likely move to August as well. Our 2021 All Pontiac Indoor Swap Meet will be held on March 7th not the 14th as previously reported. We have both the buildings at the Franklin County Fairgrounds reserved. Discussions to have a cruise was talked about to the Delaware area to welcome Ron back

Next Meeting - This meeting has been canceled due to the COVID-19 Pandemic and will again only be an officers and directors virtual meeting

Motion for adjournment—Ron Cozzo, 2nd Kevin Russo.

Submitted by Rob Wilson, Secretary

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Meetings

held the 2nd

Wednesday

each month

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## Meeting Agenda

No Regular Club Meeting in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Please stay home, safe and healthy. We will resume regular club meetings when this is all over.

## **Calendar of Events**

May 2020 No Regular Club Meeting. April club meeting has been canceled due to the COVID-19 Pan-

demic. Stay home, safe and healthy! May 5, 2020 Happy Cinco de Mayo!

May 10, 2020 Happy Mothers Day to all Moms! Thank you for being our moms!

Happy Memorial Day! Remember those who served and gave all... We thank you and your families for your service May 25, 2020

and sacrifice....









# MAY 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10 Mother 's	11	12	13 No club Meeting Stay healthy!	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25 Memorial Day	26	27	28	29	30
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- 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:
  - 323 Posi Rear end. Brand new gears & new axels built by Sonic Motors. \$1500 (compare- Chevy 12 bolt @ \$2600) This is not used rear end. Best cruising gear.
  - Dash Bezel (non a/c) fully restored & rechromed \$275 (compare at \$389.00 for reproduction)
  - New woodgrain dash bezel insert \$50
  - 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
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# September 6, 2020







# **36th Annual ALL PONTIA**







Hosted by: The GTO Association of Central Ohio

Quaker Steak & Lube, 8500 Lyra Dr, Columbus, OH 43240



This show is points judged with 13 All Pontiac Classes. Pontiacs or Oakland Vehicles only please. Additional registration information on reverse side.

REGISTRATION

9:00AM - NOON

SHOW JUDGING

NOON - 2:30PM

3:00PM

**AWARDS** 

For show information contact:

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A portion of the proceeds from this event will be donated to Prevent Blindness Ohio

# September 6, 2020

Rain or Shine





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# OFFICIAL REGISTRATION FORM

Name	Telephone	Cell phone
Address	City	State Zip _
E-mail	Club Affiliation	
Pontiac: Year Model	Body style	Color

## (2)\_ Choose your class \_\_\_

#### 6 - GTO CLASSES

- A 64-67 STOCK GTO
- B G 68-74 STOCK GTO
- C 65-71 STOCK CONV. GTO
- D 64-74 MODIFIED GTO
- E 04-06 STOCK GTO
- F 04-06 MODIFIED GTO

#### 5 - GTOACO CLASSES\*\*

- P 64-67 STOCK GTO
- Q 68-74 STOCK GTO
- R 64-74 MODIFIED GTO
- S 04-06 GTO
- T ALL OTHER PONTIACS
- \*\* no awards or fee for club cars

#### 3 - FIREBIRD CLASSES

- G G 67-81 STOCK FIREBIRD
- H 82-02 STOCK FIREBIRD
- I ALL MODIFIED FIREBIRD

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- K 1965 1976 STOCK PONTIAC
- L 1977 & UP STOCK PONTIAC
- M ALL MODIFIED PONTIAC
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Vendors please inquire to rcozzo@earthlink.net Make check payable to:
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Before August 1

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