



Paw Prints

VOLUME II ISSUE II

Letter from the Editor - Kevin Russo

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Indian Uprising Pics
- Front-end Tech

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Well, it's here. The time to put our prized GTOs and Pontiacs away for that long cold season known as winter. It's such a sad time. I hope you got yours out enough this season despite that little issue called a global pandemic.

With it comes the season of planning. At the October meeting, many things were discussed. This year's club activities. Do we want to keep all of them? Do we want to add more or different ones? Did we do enough as a club?

I believe we did more as a club that most other local clubs during this unprecedented time. We went on cruises together and we started attending shows together. We held our annual

All Pontiac Indian Uprising and we got our swap meet in as well. We still had our club picnic and early in the year holiday party. All in all, we did just about everything except the Battle of the Brands. Here's hoping we get that one in for 2021.

Besides those items, we discussed our charity donation to Prevent Blindness and came to a consensus for that donation during our club holiday party in February (actual date TBD). We also got some changes in our officers. See inside for more details.

Lastly, come January, there will be a brand new look and a brand new editor for the Paw Prints as Karen Wilson takes on the role. Based on the con-

cept presented at the October meeting, your socks will be sufficiently blown off. December will be my official last edition of the Paw Prints (at least for now). It has been a privilege and a pleasure to be your editor. Don't worry I'm not going anywhere. One of the officer changes is that I was elected your Vice President. I'm both excited and again privileged to take on that role.

I hope to see more of you at the November Meeting and look forward to the end of this crazy year.

Until then, stay safe, and healthy!

—Kevin



Scott Stalnaker's 67 Firebird!



's Letter

October was a busy month for the club. Our zoo show support was excellent both in numbers and enthusiasm. The annual meeting went very well with a new slate of officers being elected. And now we are working on the transition of officers and the Paw Prints editor.

I made it to the zoo show several minutes early. The sun was just coming up and the weather was overcast and chilly. There were already a half dozen club members working to get the show workers into the parking lot. Everyone was in a great mood and the banter was flowing. We had the largest group of volunteers we've had for several years. The group handled the parking and a large share of the judging. And Ron Cozzo's "2 Stock" scored a top 20 trophy. Most importantly everyone was in a good mood all day despite the gloomy chilly weather. This was certainly a good day for the club.

We held our annual meeting on October 14. Our meeting attendance continues to suffer from virus concerns but we were able to have a quorum with margin. We were also able to approve a \$2,000 donation to Prevent Blindness. There was even some competition for the vice president position. Brad Blackburn is taking over the president's job with Kevin Russo becoming our vice president. Lonnie McLaughlin and Rob Wilson are continuing as treasurer and secretary. Brian D'Amico will replace Kevin on the board of directors with Max Treier, Jim Lowry, and Brent Barham continuing as directors. Karen Wilson is taking over as Paw Prints editor. Ron Cozzo will continue as our social media coordinator and I agreed to take care of the government and GTOAA interfaces. I believe this is a great group of folks to manage the club going forward.

Like many of you I belong to POCI. The Smoke Signals magazine includes monthly summaries from the various POCI local chapters. These summaries are always a good place to look for other car club activities. Most of the POCI chapters basically shut down operations for 2020 but others have continued reduced operations with some innovation. One of the activities I noted was junkyard scavenging where club people spent a day going through a junk yard looking for treasures. Never thought of doing that but the results could be interesting if we could find the right yard. Another activity, that we used to do more, was to help a club member with car maintenance. I know that we have a group of members who are very active in working together on projects but most of us don't take advantage of the talent available within the club.

Our November meeting on the 11th will be our last meeting of the year. Come on out and join your friends at the Hickory House.

Stan Farlow
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36th Indian Uprising!



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Your Front End is Loose by Steve Schaeffer

Your Muscle Car needs to go, stop, and steer, to really be an enjoyable ride. There are a lot of articles on rebuilding your engine either for high performance or as a restoration. The same is true about transmissions, rear ends, and brakes. However, not much is said about your car's front end.

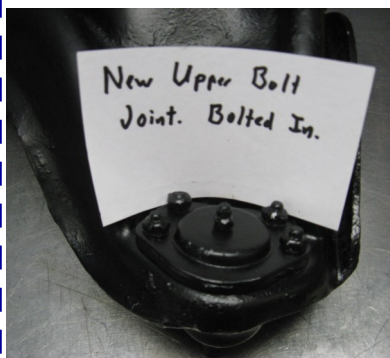
To steer and handle properly there a lot a lot of components to redo. You need to bring your front- end steering and suspension back to original equipment specs. It is no fun when you constantly are forced to correct the steering because the car is all over the road.

A proper rebuild requires replacing all the steering linkage, and rebuilding or replacing the steering gear box. This includes tie rod ends, sleeves, the center link, idler arm, and sometimes even the pitman arm on the steering gear box.

The suspension consists of the front upper and lower control arms, which usually need new bushings and ball joints. Then move on to springs, shocks, sway bar links and possibly a larger diameter front sway bar.

A lot of our cars started out as daily drivers or street/strip cars. Components got replaced as needed unless you were doing a frame off restoration.

I have found the most neglected part in the front end are the control arm bushings because they are very labor intensive to change. If you are doing it yourself allow a full day, plus the front- end alignment. Most people will replace ball joints without ever removing the control arms. On the upper control arms you cut out the rivets that hold the ball joint in and replace them with special bolts. The lower ball joints press in and your local auto parts store usually has the tool kit that you can borrow.



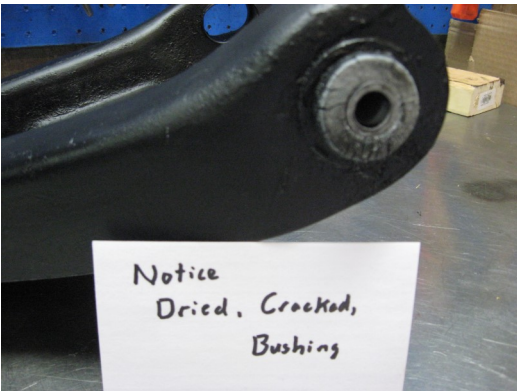
Your Front End is Loose

To replace the control arm bushings you need to remove the control arms from the chassis. Be sure the car is properly supported on jack stands or a lift. Use a coil spring compressor and be dam careful. If a coil spring is released without a spring compressor it can come flying out with deadly force.

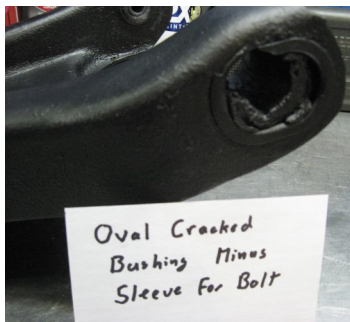
The bushings and sleeves can be cut out with an air chisel or by hand. They can be hammered in using a driver or pressed in. I suggest buying both oval and round bushings and returning the ones you don't use. The upper control arms use round bushings and the lowers use both round and oval.

Sometimes the new coil springs make the front of the car set a little higher, throwing off the ride height. When this happens the top of the front tires lean in. The car has negative camber and even removing all the shims will not correct it. Moog manufactures offset control arm shafts to correct this problem, part number K5250. Both Jeg's and Summit racing stock them. They provide + 1 / 1.5 degrees of camber adjustment. It may be a good idea to install them when you install the upper control arm bushings. If you don't need them a couple of extra shims solve the problem. However if you do need them it is a lot of extra labor. These shafts fit '64 to '74 GM "A" bodies and others.

This is a lot of wrenching but when the job is finished and the front end is aligned it will drive like a new car again. Please read your car's shop manual or a Motor's or Chilton's Auto Repair Manual before under- taking this project. Also remember to practice safety first. If in doubt turn this over to a professional mechanic.



Notice
Dried, Cracked,
Bushings



Oval Cracked
Bushings Minus
Sleeve For Bolt



Rt Lower
Control Arm



Tiger Bites! - Noteworthy News Bites

- ◆ *The Club is back to regular meetings back at the Hickory House. Come at 5:15pm for dinner. Please come back to join us. The Hickory House is happy to have us back and is taking all necessary pandemic precautions to ensure we have a safe and productive meeting.*
- ◆ 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.
- ◆ The annual holiday party date will be determined at the November 2020 meeting. Please note here in the Paw Prints for that date, time, location and what to bring.
- ◆ 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!

- ◆ No New Members this month

Meeting Minutes October 14, 2020

The meeting was called to order by Brad Blackburn with President Stan Farlow via telephone. In attendance were members: Brent Barnham, Bill Sigg, Rob Wilson, Jeff Inskip, Jeff Larger, Keith Stevens, Jim Lowry, Ron & Linda Cozzo, Kevin Russo, Brad Blackburn. This meeting served as the Annual Meeting.

Zoo Show Feedback – Jeff Inskip reported that the Zoo show raised much needed money for the Zoo. With the temps in the low 40s attendance was down with 487 cars. He thanked all the volunteers that worked the show as it was greatly appreciated.

Verification of Quorum - President Stan Farlow presented

Treasurer's report – Brad Blackburn gave the report of the club finances. Motion to accept Kevin Russo, 2nd Bill Sigg.

Election of Officers and Directors – Election was carried out with the results being: President Brad Blackburn, Vice President Kevin Russo, Treasurer Lonnie McLaughlin, Secretary Rob Wilson. With Kevin becoming Vice President, Karen Wilson has volunteered to assume the position of Editor of the Paw Prints. Directors will be Jim Lowry, Max Trier, Brent Barnham, Kevin's director's seat is also available and could be filled by either Stan Farlow or Brian DiAmico. Motion to accept by Brad Blackburn, 2nd Jeff Inskip.

Election of Honorary Members – Kevin Russo suggested a position of honorary members for founding members. Rob Wilson suggested making this a one member per year addition to the role as honorary member. The consensus was to do this and for the first member to be nominated was Jeff Frazier by Kevin Russo. Jeff is a founding member that has continuously volunteered whenever needed for many years. Congratulations Jeff! Motion by Jim Lowry, 2nd Brent Barnham.

Discussion of Financial Condition – Brad Blackburn read our financial condition and stated with the lack of shows we are basically in the same position as we were in 2019.

Donation to Charity – Ron Cozzo made a motion that we donate \$2000.00 again to the Prevent Blindness foundation. 1st Ron, 2nd Bill Sigg.

Discussion of Club events and changes to operations – We are looking at going to the Wilds in the Spring again. More to come. Possible club trip to Pacemaker's for a test and tune drag night. Discussion was made to make a concerted effort to invite new GTO owners into functions we have and to make them a welcome part of our club.

Discussion of Club Bylaws and recommended changes – Rob Wilson recommended sending a copy of the bylaws to the members once a year. Ron Cozzo suggested placing a copy on our website for ease of access to members.

Open Discussion – Rob presented a sample copy of the Paw Prints that Karen is working on for January and it was met with many compliments by all in attendance. Bill Sigg recommends that those thinking of attending the 2021 GTOAA Nationals to get online and do some research and to get your reservations in early.

November Meeting Location – The meeting will be at The Hickory House on November 11th. 5:30 PM pre-meeting dinner, 7:00 PM monthly meeting.

Motion for adjournment- Brent Barnham, 2nd Kevin Russo

Submitted by Rob Wilson, Secretary



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

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



Meeting Agenda - November 11, 2020

- Treasurer's Report - Lonnie McLaughlin
- 2021 Swap Meet
- Holiday Party
- Spring Cruise recommendations
- Open Discussion
- Next Meeting January 13 at the Hickory House
- Motion for Adjournment

Calendar of Events

November 11, 2020

Regular Club Meeting 7pm @ Hickory House 550 Offcenter Pl. Gahanna, OH 43230; Come early to eat out for dinner at 5:30pm in the same room as the meeting.

November 11, 2020

Happy Veteran's Day and Thank You to them and their families!

November 26, 2020

Happy Thanksgiving!

November 28, 2020

Black Friday



NOVEMBER 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11 <i>Veteran's Day</i> <i>Club Meeting 7pm</i> <i>@ Hickory House</i>	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					



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

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Address _____ City _____ ST _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Occupation _____ E-mail Address _____

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ARE 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 AQUAINTED WITH EACH OTHER.



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



Membership Application

Date: _____

Mem #: _____

Name: _____

Phone: _____

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GTO Ownership is not a requirement of membership to the GTOAA

GTO OWNERSHIP

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: _____

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\$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 # _____

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