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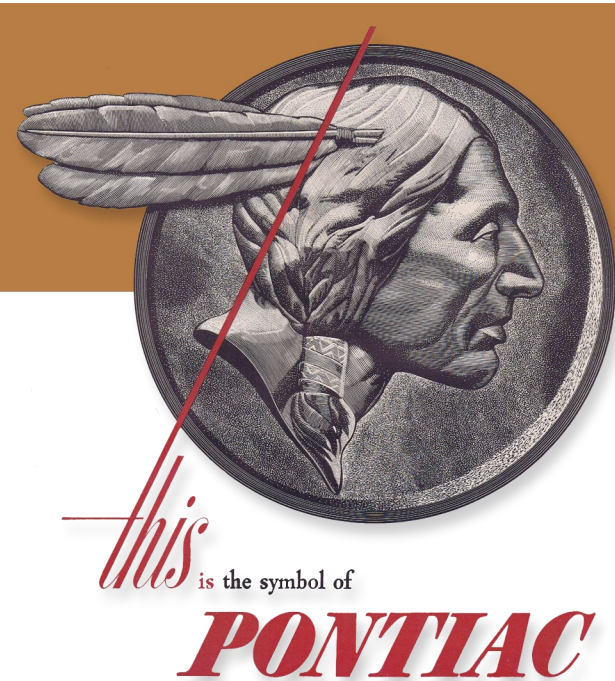


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# LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

**I**t always starts on that late crispy fall morning when I'm cruising down my favorite stretch of road just enjoying the solitude of the drive and catching little glimpses in the rear view of the leaves doing that legendary dance of theirs in the wake of the dual exhaust...a mighty serene picture I might add. I would even go so far as to say that it is quite a Zen moment for me until that nasty little dash light illuminates low tire pressure! Otherwise known as my not so friendly reminder that it is getting rather cold out and the driving days in my girl are essentially over for the year or are at best, pretty darn limited as the days grow shorter. Even if I'm fortunate enough to make it past the dash light reminder for a few more therapeutic weeks of stick shift therapy, I know that the brine lines will soon grace the asphalt county roads, and she'll be banished to the garage, tethered to her **lifeline** with no choice but to wait out the winter snow and ice.

So, if you too find yourself lingering in the garage on a trip to your recycle bin about this time of year you're not alone. It's on these frosty winter days when mother nature is hell bent to paint the sky grey that I look intently for any remote signs of spring. And on my walk the other day, well, let's just say that I would have sworn I was seeing the tender sprouts of a springtime daffodil, discovering its way so eagerly through the blackened soil. But as I rounded the corner, to head for home, that all too familiar winter wind threw me right back into reality. As for those tender little sprouts... nothing but the mere remnants of a few discarded green onions which obviously didn't quite make it to anyone's recycle bin!

Hang in there I keep telling myself, therapy starts again in about 50 days...

*Karen*

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Lonnie McLaughlin's '65 Bluemist Convertible  
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Grab your coat and kick off the season with one of the finest swap meets in the Midwest.

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Volunteers needed and appreciated for Saturday night setup and day of show. Contact **Rob Wilson** and mark your calendar for Sunday, March 14th for our first swap meet of the season at the Franklin County Fairgrounds.

### 18 AT MECUM KISSIMMEE

GTOACO members all revved up as the gavel drops in Central Florida.

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# LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

By Brad Blackburn

I hope this, my first letter from the "Pres", finds everyone safe, healthy, and looking forward to a much-improved new year! I am sure I am not the only one counting the days until we can get back outside and enjoy our friends (and Pontiac's).

This year will start off with many events that would normally be "locked" in on the club calendar to events that will require flexibility and last-minute decisions. Our top priority will be the health and safety of our members. Events like in-person meetings and our Holiday Party are fully in our control. Speaking of the Holiday Party, I cannot give you any hard plans other than it will not occur in February as normal, more details will follow soon. Other events like the swap meet, are still a go as of this writing per the current fairground guidelines. Please bear with us as we make firm decisions on events and communicate those to all members as quickly as possible.

THANK YOU "GTOSTAN"! I want to personally and on behalf of the club thank you (and Pam) for the last three years of club leadership. Stan has done a fantastic job of keeping the club active and moving forward. From the many cruises and events he planned, and we all enjoyed, to his countless hours of behind-the-scenes activity on our club's organizational status. Many may not be aware, but thanks to Stan, we are now officially The GTO Association of Central Ohio Inc. and enjoy 501 (c) (7) status. This status was the result of at least eighteen months of work on Stan's part. It sets the club up for many years of simplified tax filings at both the state and federal level and much more. Stan has also volunteered to continue to handle some of the required paperwork for the club (like our tax returns and our GTOAA Chapter Survey) which will be of great help to me. So again, Thank You Stan for the past three years and for your future contributions to the club!

As I wrap up my "maiden" letter, I want to welcome any comments, questions, concerns or ideas regarding the activities and direction of the club as we move in to our 37<sup>th</sup> year!

Thank You,

The GTOACO was founded in 1984 by a group of GTO Enthusiasts in the Central OH Region. The club name was slated to be the Goat Owners of Columbus but by popular vote at our first meeting we became known as The GTO Association of Central Ohio. Becoming a chapter of the GTO Association of America in 1985, we were incredibly young and determined, hosting our first national show in 1986.

We continue to host and participate in a variety of national, regional, and local events celebrating a kind of camaraderie not easily found. We are car historians, passionately preserving, protecting, and restoring the Pontiac GTO so that future generations will never lose sight of the era that defined the raw power of the American Muscle Car!

# TIGERBITES

Noteworthy New Bites

**Our greatest concern is the safety of our members.** Due to the ongoing concerns regarding COVID-19, the February meeting will be held online. Watch your inbox this week for the Zoom Meeting invite from Brad Blackburn. New to Zoom or prefer to join by phone only? Visit the [Help Center at Zoom](#).

**The Holiday Party** has been officially postponed at this time. Further updates will be communicated in a future edition of the Paw Prints.

**Remaining a National Chapter Club takes everyone's participation.** We encourage all GTOACO members to apply for membership to the GTO Association of America at [www.gtoaa.org/store](http://www.gtoaa.org/store). Already a member? Help us update our membership roster by emailing your GTOAA Membership ID# and Expiration Date to the editor at [kwilson.1@att.net](mailto:kwilson.1@att.net).

# MILESTONES

Meaningful Member Moments

**On behalf of the Officers and Board of Directors,** we wish nothing but the best to all of our members who are celebrating February birthdays and anniversaries. This month send your well wishes to our very own Club Secretary, [Rob Wilson](#) who will be celebrating his birthday in mid-February. We are truly honored to have all of you as part of our car club family.

**Are you celebrating a milestone?** Positive experiences happen to us every day. If you would like to share your good news with fellow club members about your anniversary, birthday, a completed restoration, retirement, or any other positive occasion email the editor at [kwilson.1@att.net](mailto:kwilson.1@att.net).

We are all in this difficult time together and it's hard to keep a positive mindset when we are all consuming so much negative news. Please consider sharing something positive. We're eager to hear your good news.

# JANUARY 13 • 2021 MEETING MINUTES

**The Online Meeting** was called to order by President Brad Blackburn.

**In Attendance were Members:** Brad Blackburn, Kevin Russo, Rob Wilson, Karen Wilson, Ron Cozzo, Brent Barnham, Steve Corvi, Stan Farlow, Jeff Frazier, Dan Gregory, Jeff Inskeep, Adam Sigg, Bill Sigg, and Scott Stalnaker.

**Treasurer's Report** – In Lonnie's absence Brad gave the treasurer's report. Motion to accept Kevin Russo, 2<sup>nd</sup> Rob Wilson.

**Holiday Party** – The Holiday Party has been postponed until it is warmer, and we can all meet outside to maintain social distancing. Watch for announcements in a future edition of the Paw Prints.

**Swap Meet** – The swap meet is scheduled to take place as planned. Brad contacted the fairgrounds to verify that the buildings are going to be available for us in March. The only change is that we are limited to having 300 people at one time in the Edwards Building and 250 in the Ganyard Building. Brad is moving forward with obtaining Plexiglas shields to protect our members taking money at the doors. Jeff Inskeep is making signs to place at the entrances to remind attendees that masks and social distancing are required at all times. Ron Cozzo is going forward with the promotion of the swap in the Legend and other media locations. Rob Wilson will be sending out an email to ask for volunteers to set up on Saturday evening and during the swap meet on Sunday.

**Spring Cruise to The Wilds** – Jeff Inskeep checked with the Zoo and they will accommodate us for a tour at a date of our choosing. We discussed making it during the warmer months since the animals are much more active then. If you have any suggestion on a date, please submit it to Jeff or Brad. We are also open for any other suggestions for another location if you have one.

**Battle of The Brands** – The show is currently on hold. We are looking for someone to chair the event and would like to explore if it is something we can have in Sunbury or possibly at another location. If you are interested in being the show chairman, please contact Brad.

**Open Discussion** – Brad thanked Karen Wilson on her work in creating a newly designed Paw Prints and gave thanks to Kevin Russo on the wonderful job he has done for the past 11 years as editor of the Paw Prints. Jeff Inskeep recommended sending the GTOAA a copy of the new design as a potential Golden Quill Award winner. Karen asked when we would be making our donation to the Prevent Blindness organization since she would like to include a story about the organization and our donation. Kevin Russo recommended making the donation now so they can add it into their yearly budget and take a picture of the BIG CHECK presentation at the Holiday Party. Motion by Ron Cozzo, 2<sup>nd</sup> Rob Wilson. Joe Block sent a thank you note for the thoughts and flowers that the club sent for his wife Debbie's funeral. Insurance increased slightly and it was a unanimous decision to continue with the company we have

been with. Motion by Brad Blackburn, 2<sup>nd</sup> Brent Barnham. It was noted that in December an email message was received from Monica Hooten, the Chapter Coordinator of the GTO Association of America stating that "In 2021 GTOAA has increased the percentage to 70% GTOAA active membership status for chapters to maintain status in GTOAA" and that "The ultimate goal is for every chapter to be 100% GTOAA membership".

**February Meeting Location** – The monthly meeting will be held virtually (via Zoom online or by phone) on February 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM. Brad Blackburn will be sending email invitations out prior to the meeting. New to Zoom or prefer to join by phone only? Visit the [Help Center at Zoom](#) for instructions.

**Motion for Adjournment** – Brad Blackburn, 2<sup>nd</sup> Kevin Russo



Meeting Minutes Submitted By:

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*Excuse me dear,  
Lonnie's on  
The phone*  
did you send the check last month?

Reminding everyone that annual membership dues were payable last month. Membership dues enable us not only to fund club activities, shows, and events but they help to defray club insurance costs, postage, newsletter printing, and most importantly they help to fund our annual charitable contribution to the community!



# LITTLE INDIAN

Words and Photos By: Steve Schaeffer

**T**he predecessor to our beloved '64 to '72 GM A body, Tempest, LeMans, and GTO, was the GM Y body.

Pontiac's version of the Y body was the '61 to '63 Tempest and Lemans. The engineering on this car was way ahead of its time. In the front the suspension and engine were bolted to a crossmember that then was bolted into the unibody. In the rear there was a transaxle that bolted to a crossmember and then to the unibody. The engine in the front was connected to the transaxle in the rear by a torque tube which contained the driveshaft. The standard shift flywheel, clutch, and bellhousing was bolted to the rear of the engine.

If all this sounds familiar to you look at a C5, C6, or C7 Corvette from 1997 thru 2019. It is all the same design. When Motor Trend made the '61 Tempest its "Car of the Year" who knew how advanced the design was.

Like the Corvette the idea was to have a 50/50 weight distribution. Also, even after Pontiac offered the 326 V-8 in the car in 1963 it was still several hundred pounds lighter than a '64 GTO.

In 1963 Pontiac built six coupes and six station wagons with the superior dual quad 421 Super Duty race engine to run in the factory experimental class, A/FX. These cars had a 4-speed automatic transaxle.

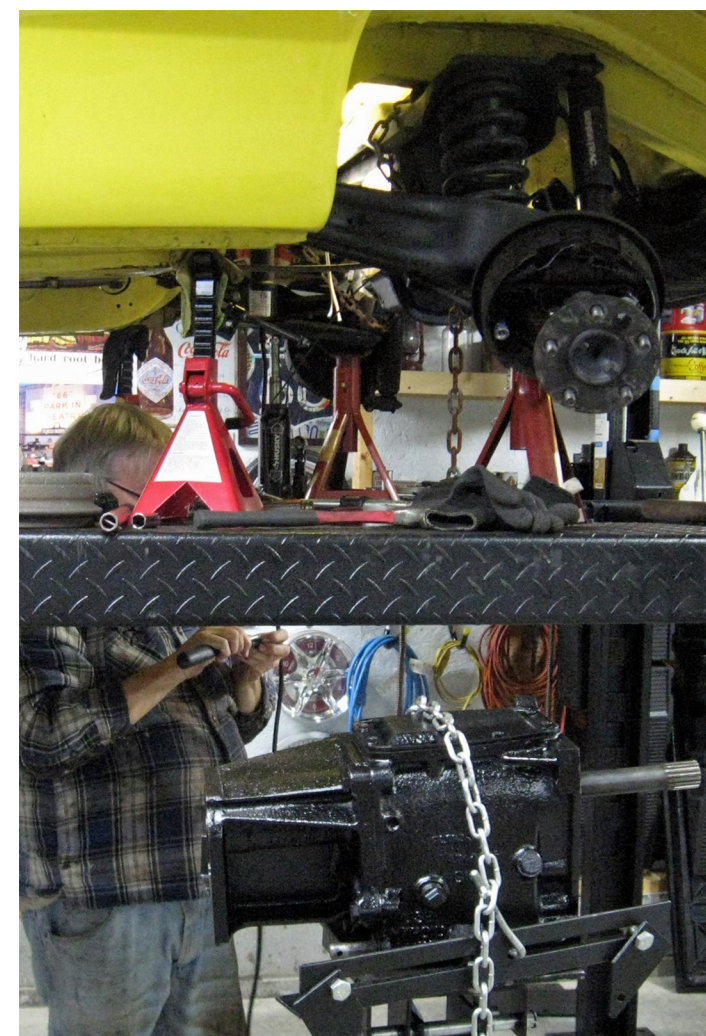
These cars really flew and today the few remaining Super Duty cars have six figure values.

Today you always see a few '63 Tempests with monster Pontiac V-8's and converted to conventional rear ends running a good three seconds faster than the original Super Duty cars at any major Pontiac event.

The Pontiac design had a few flaws. The 4-cylinder engine was the right bank of a 389 V-8. This was in the days before 4-cylinder engines incorporated a balance shaft, so the engine vibrated at idle.

The transaxle design was shared with the Corvair and had swing axles rather than universal joints at each end. When Pontiac came out with the 326 V-8 in 1963 it was only offered with the 3-speed standard shift transmission or the Powerglide automatic. The Corvair based 4-speed transmission just didn't have enough torque capacity.

This car was ahead of its time. If GM had allowed Pontiac to spend more money on engineering it could have used a Muncie 4-speed with a redesigned case, input shaft, and output shaft. Also, the swing axles allowed the rear tires to tuck in on a hard corner. Redesigned rear axles with a u-joint at each end would have cured this. The so-called rope driveshaft was strong enough to hold a 405 HP 421 and they used the Tempest rear end carrier with a 3.90 gear ratio. In addition, the special 326 V-8



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crankshaft is the same stroke as a 389 or 400 V-8 and the external dimensions of all three engines are the same. This crank shaft would have worked just fine in a 389 or 400 after it was rebalanced.

I have a friend with an incredibly unique version of this car. The original 4-cylinder block is bored .060 oversize and uses Pontiac 400 pistons. The cylinder head is a big valve high compression unit from a GTO. It has the 2.11 intake valves and 1.77 exhaust valves. The intake manifold is a modified Edelbrock torquer with an Edelbrock 500 cfm carb. Exhaust is thru a Doug's header and it has a custom ground camshaft. Using DeskTop Dyno, I came up with a 237-horsepower figure. Not bad for a 57-year-old 4-banger.

I got involved when the 4-speed manual transaxle gave up the ghost. Little did I know that the '63 Tempest 4-speed transaxle had a one year only cluster gear and we couldn't locate one.

To make a long story short the owner found a shop that could rebuild the manual transaxle using a Corvair cluster gear. The 4-cylinder 4-barrel carb Tempest engine was advertised as having 217-foot pounds of torque. The turbo charged Corvair in 1963 was advertised as having 210-foot pounds of torque. We don't know how much the modified

Tempest 4-cylinder engine makes but we hoped the gear set was over engineered.

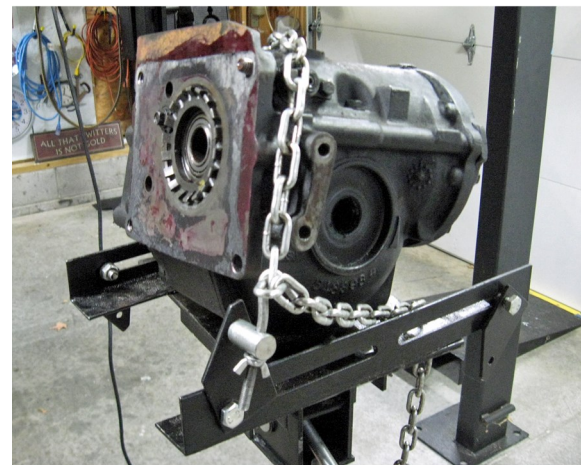
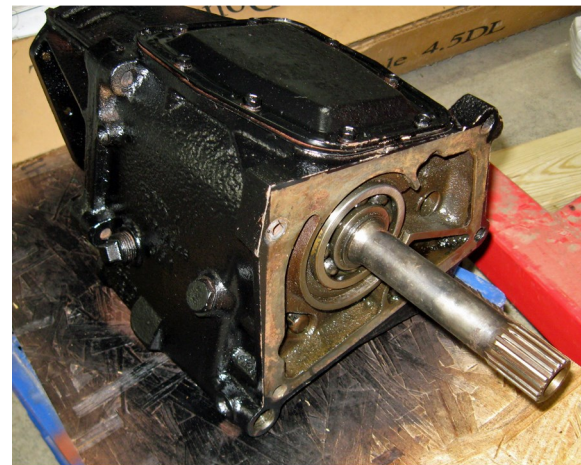
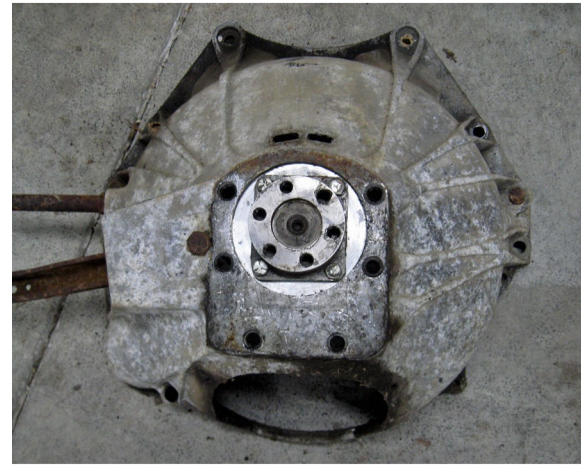
This was the first time I ever wrenched on one of these cars. The magazines always called it as having a "rope" driveshaft but really it is a steel shaft that works like a torsion bar.

That was too easy now the Corvair based 4-speed broke again. This time it needs a cluster gear and what Pontiac calls a clutch gear. The clutch gear fits a '63 Tempest 4-speed only and we can't locate one anywhere. Also tried to find a good used 4-speed or a core I could rebuild with no luck. Bottom line we now changed the car over to a 3-speed transaxle from a '63 Tempest 326 V-8. Which uses the same cluster gear and 2<sup>nd</sup> gear as a '58 to '62 Corvette Muncie built 4-bolt side cover 3-speed transmission. That should hold the horsepower and torque from a mighty 4-cylinder Pontiac "Little Indian." These gears were strong enough to stay together behind a Corvette V-8.

The attached pictures show the car as well as the '63 Tempest 3-speed transmission and rear end carrier and torque tube and drive shaft.

Thankfully, we had a 4-post lift, a high lift transmission jack, and impact guns.

*Steve*



We'll see you at  
*Chula Vista*  
Resort & Waterpark!

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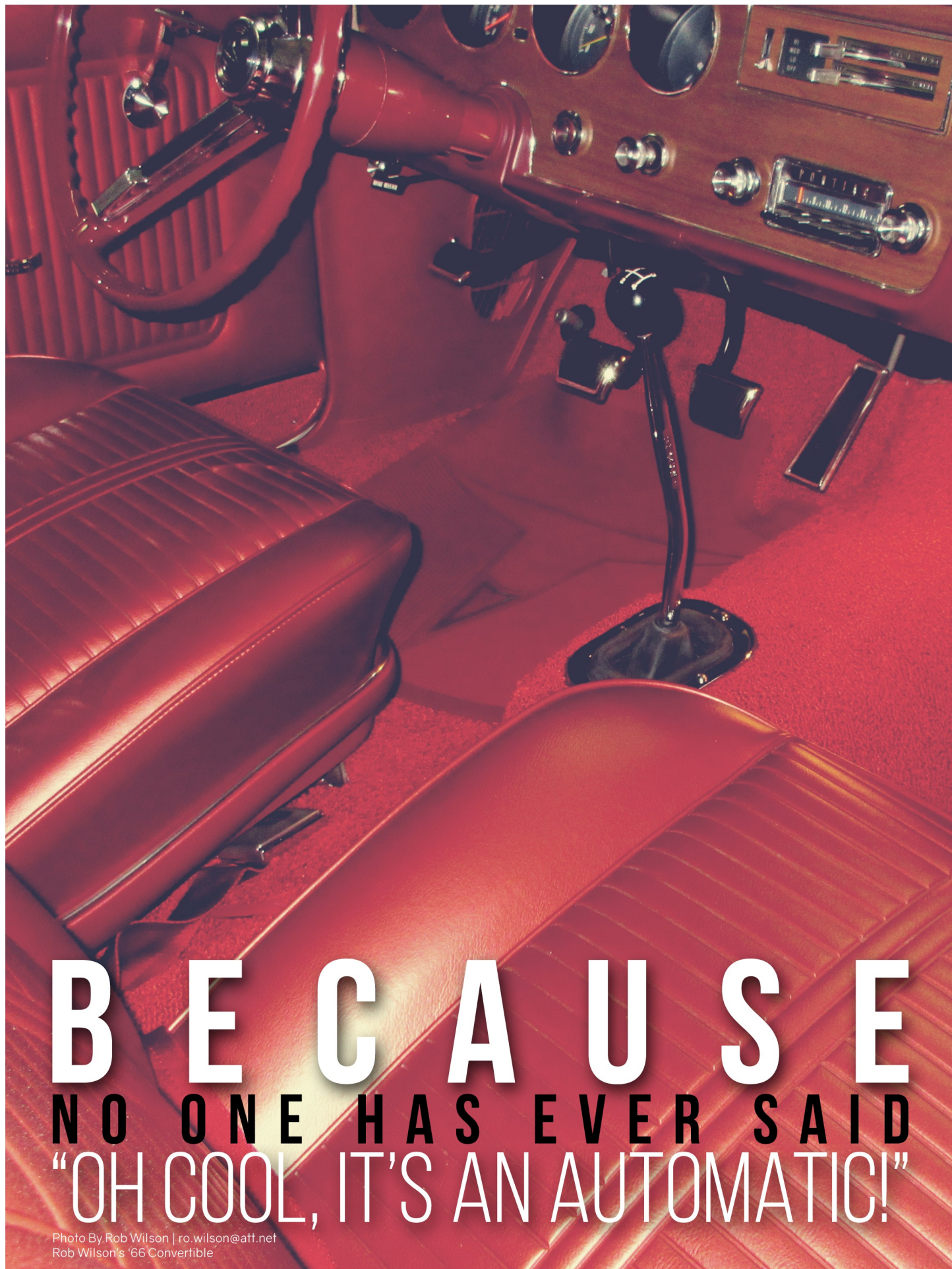


New to the Convention? Be sure to check out this **Beginner's Guide** because the annual GTOAA National Convention is more than just a Car Show.

The Convention is an annual get together where GTOAA members can learn new things about the GTO hobby and enjoy each other's company. During the Convention, there are numerous seminars hosted by Pontiac dignitaries as well as qualified technical experts on Pontiac performance parts and restorations. The Tech Seminars provide valuable information to members and always fill quickly so be sure to select your choices while filling out your **Online Registration**.

The five day convention truly is a family affair with the opportunity for GTOAA families to partake in sight-seeing activities in the Wisconsin Dells that they may never have otherwise had the opportunity to do without attending the Convention. Most activities pricing includes tickets and transportation to and from the activity. In addition there are also self-guided and/or activities that include driving your own vehicle. Visit [www.gtoaa.com](http://www.gtoaa.com) for the current **Schedule of Events**.

**Book your stay** today and we'll see you at the Chula Vista Resort this July!



BECAUSE NO ONE HAS EVER SAID "OH COOL, IT'S AN AUTOMATIC!"

Photo By Rob Wilson | ro.wilson@aff.net  
Rob Wilson's '66 Convertible

# FEBRUARY • CALENDAR

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### American Heart Month

Monday, February 1 - Sunday, February 28  
12:00 am-12:00 pm

One in four deaths in the USA is caused by heart disease. Take some time this month to learn about heart health risks. Think about the small ways in which you can keep your heart healthy. Staying active, eating a balanced diet, and keeping daily stress at bay can all help you to lower your risk.



# zoom

### Club Meeting

Wednesday, February 10  
7:00 pm-8:00 pm

Due to the ongoing concerns regarding COVID-19, the February meeting will be held online. Watch your inbox for the Zoom Meeting invite. New to Zoom? Visit the [Help Center](#) for instructions.

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### Valentines Day

Sunday, February 14  
12:00 am-12:00 pm

From horse-drawn carriage rides to Cheesecake and Beer pairings at the Dog Tap, [Columbus on the Cheap](#), (while not always frugal) has month long ideas and specials for you, your valentine, and the entire family. Before heading out, call to confirm listed events.



### Cars & Parts Springfield Swap Meet & Car Show


Saturday, February 20  
8:00 am-3:00 pm

Grab your coat and head on out to get a jump start on the parts you need for your project car as the Clark County Fairgrounds hosts one of the finest series of automotive [swap meets](#) in the Midwest! \$5.00 admission fee per person.

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# FEBRUARY 10 • 2021 MEETING AGENDA

- Establish Quorum
- Call to Order
- Treasurer’s Report - Lonnie McLaughlin
- Swap Meet Sunday March 14, 2021
  - 1) Set-Up and Work Schedule
  - 2) Entry Signs—Sneeze Guards - Face Masks - Hand Sanitizer
- Battle of the Brands
  - 1) We need a Chairman
  - 2) Currently no Date or Location
- Annual Dues Update (Due in January) - Roster Purge?
- Prevent Blindness Donation
- Open Discussion
- Next Meeting March 10 (at the Hickory House hopefully! TBD)
- Motion for Adjournment



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# APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

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**City** \_\_\_\_\_ **State** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip Code** \_\_\_\_\_

**Home Tel:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Business Tel:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Cell Tel:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Occupation** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**Membership Dues:**  
 **\$20.00/Year for Members in the USA**  
 (Color PDF Electronic Copy Paw Prints Newsletter)  
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**Please provide your GTO Association of America Membership ID# and Expiration Date**

**Membership ID#** \_\_\_\_\_ **Expiration Date** \_\_\_\_\_

We encourage all GTOACO Members to apply for membership to the National GTO Association of America. The GTOAA provides many benefits including insurance coverage for club events which is extended to all national chapter clubs (including ours). Membership has its advantages with over three decades of technical knowledge, The Legend monthly magazine, vendor discounts, and access to the National Convention. If you're not currently a member, please consider joining the GTOAA today. For just \$3.00 a month, you can join fellow Pontiac enthusiasts in helping preserve and promote the Pontiac GTO. [Click here to join or renew.](#)

**Spouse's Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Child's Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Child's Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Child's Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Child's Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**List the Year, Color, and Style of the GTO(s) or Pontiac(s) that you currently own.**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Color</b>	<b>Style</b>
_____	_____	_____
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**What Club Activities are you interested in?**

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Thanks for Joining Us!** Every Tiger has a Tale, so sit back a few minutes and let's get better acquainted. Please share a short story about yourself, your family, your occupation, or any hobbies you enjoy. Tell us how you became interested in the Pontiac GTO. Include any photographs of your GTO that you would like to share with fellow members. If your story is selected to publish in an upcoming edition of the GTOACO Paw Prints Newsletter, we'll send you a free club t-shirt!





# BUY • SELL TRADE

SEND US YOUR ADS\* FOR MARCH BY FEBRUARY 12, 2021  
EMAIL THE EDITOR AT: [kwilson.1@att.net](mailto:kwilson.1@att.net).



**Muncie 4 speed transmissions** rebuilt for \$275.00 labor, parts extra. The basic rebuild kit consists of front and rear bearings, all needle bearings, gaskets, snap rings, seals, synchro rings, front input retainer nut, synchro keys and springs. Also includes new counter shaft. My cost on the overhaul parts kit is \$126.00 plus shipping. Additional parts, if needed, are at additional cost.

Contact: Steve Schaeffer | Retired A.S.E. Certified Mechanic  
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**323 Posi Rear End** - \$1200.00. Brand new gears and axles built by Sonic Motors. (Compare to Chevy 12 bolt at \$2600) This is not a used rear end. Best cruising gear to keep your 389 cool. Will deliver to any GTOACO member.

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ADS\* MUST BE FOR CAR PARTS AND THE LIKE, ABSOLUTELY NO HOUSEHOLD OR PERSONAL ITEMS.

# ALL PONTIAC INDOOR SWAP MEET

VISIT US ON FACEBOOK AND AT [GTOACO.COM](http://GTOACO.COM)

## FRANKLIN COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

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### VENDOR SET-UP

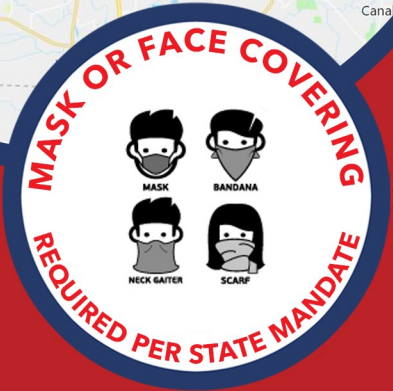
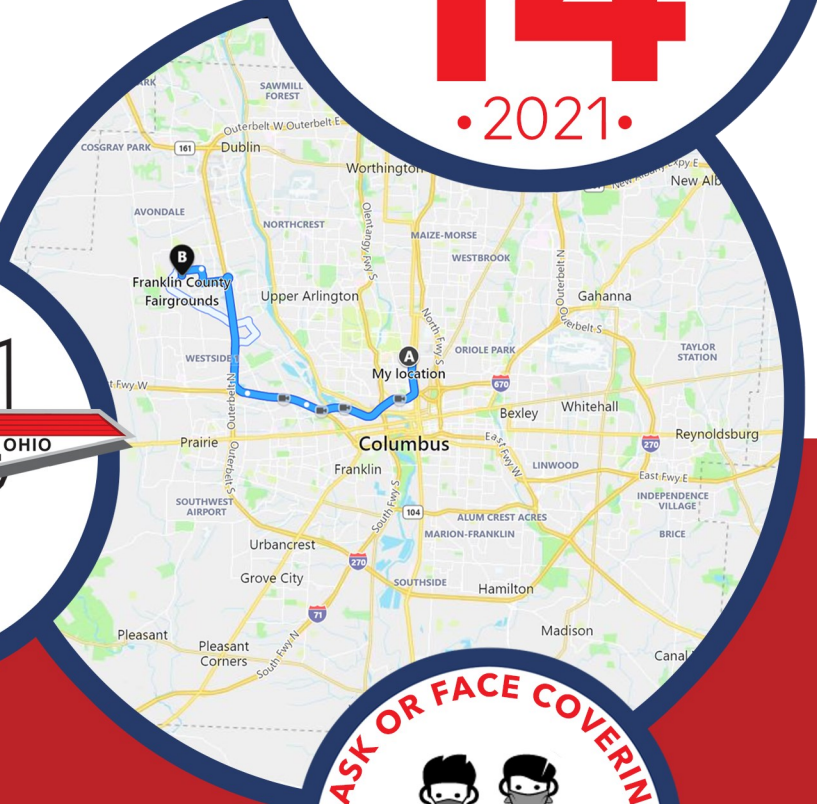
8AM - 9AM  
10'X10' Space - \$20 Each

### OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

9AM - 2PM

### GENERAL ADMISSION

**\$5** *per person*



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The available lots had never looked better for the 16th year at Osceola Heritage Park in Central Florida. From pre-war cars to classic American muscle to modern Ford GTs, the diversity of cars made for one of the best line ups that we have seen at Mecum Kissimmee, the world's largest collector-car auction. Featuring thousands of vehicles and countless pieces of road art collectibles bidders from nearly every state and several countries make the annual sojourn to Osceola Heritage Park to participate in the event. Whether you had the opportunity to be there in person as members Lonnie McLaughlin and Kevin Landis did or if you were a virtual spectator it's clear to see that every vehicle has a story and a unique past that never fails to enthrall car enthusiasts far and wide.

Mecum Kissimmee 2021 was especially memorable for member Lonnie McLaughlin this past January 16<sup>th</sup> when the gavel dropped at a cool \$86,900 (including buyer's premium) for his '65 Bluemist Slate convertible. A hearty congratulations to both Lonnie and the new owner.

Tune into NBC Sports Network March 18<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> for the Glendale, AZ event. This venue offers a wide variety of 1,200 vehicles. Visit [Mecum](http://Mecum) for details.





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