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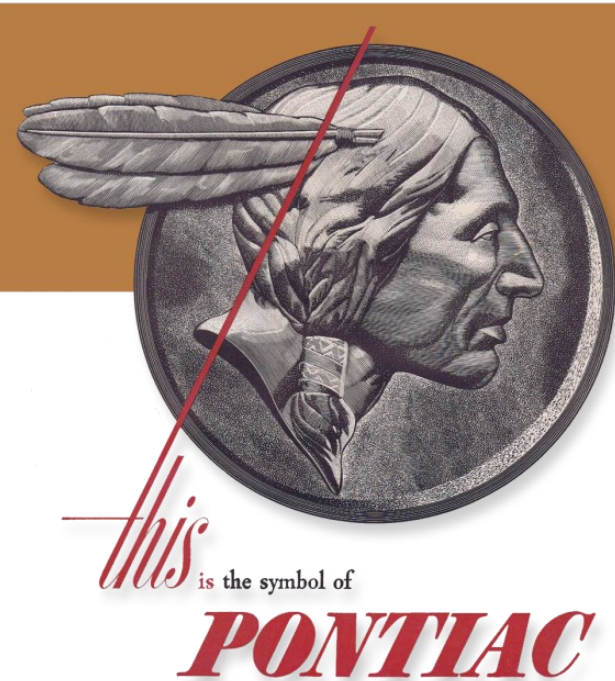
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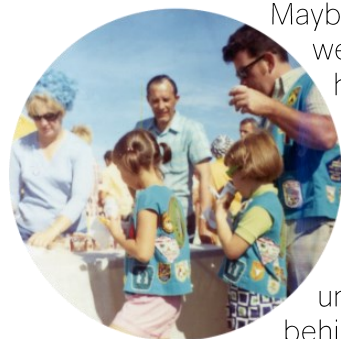
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# LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

I suppose if it weren't for the photographs, I'd likely never admit to wearing bright green sunglasses and coordinating shorts, yet there I am in full living color. And I surely can't begin to explain the long sleeves and the blue "feather cap" (hello, it's summertime!) of my fellow camper on the other side of the table. But one thing I do know for sure is that it's safe to say that even at the tender age of five there were those of us who were instinctively aware of who arrived at the campground in a sedan and who rolled in shaking the ground just a bit with nods of appreciation. But just as my mother knew those green glasses were styling in '68, so was my dad's GTO and those Elvis sideburns of his.



Maybe it was I-90 or even the loop road but as we tore westward down that dry stretch of highway to the Badlands my dad's GTO was seemingly strapped to the bumper of my uncle's Pontiac Bonneville wagon. And looking at my seven cousins packed in the Bonne, it was clear to my sister and I that we were in the cool car. I never quite understood at the time why we were always behind Uncle Richard. But today, I'm thinking maybe he was the leader of the pack in that Big Bonne of his. Perhaps he was the Purveyor of the Pavement, the Gas Guzzler, our Westward Wheelman...just pushing that dry dusty air creating a sweet slipstream for his fellow family travelers. It was no wonder dad was constantly blowing tires as our little Apache trailer held fast to the hitch for dear life with the speed-o-meter nearing three digits. Needless to say, Salt Lake City welcomed us with open arms along with my dad's open wallet, new tires all around!



Truth be known my sister's recollections are quite a bit sharper from our camping days than my own. But when I think of some of my best childhood memories, camping, one certain 1964 GTO, and an Apache trailer clearly come to mind. And sometimes when dad swore it was just going to be another 50 miles, which more times than not was on the cusp of 200, my grandma would just stretch out on the backseat with my sister inevitably calling shotgun for the back window

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**On the Front Cover:**

2018 GTOACO Spring Cruise  
Brew Dog Brewery—Canal Winchester, OH  
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Volunteers needed and appreciated. Mark your calendars for Sunday, March 14th for our first swap meet of the season at the Franklin County Fairgrounds.

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Get Ready to make a splash at Chula Vista Resort and Waterpark in Wisconsin Dells.

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# LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

By GTO STAN

**T**his is my last shot at writing a monthly letter to the club. All of you deserve some credit for tolerating my meanderings for 3 years. Some letters were maybe ok while others were just silly. The one thing I always try to remember is that we have a good group of members who are connected by their common interest in the Pontiac GTO. The challenge has always been to find activities where we all can share that common interest and have a little fun. Since the club started, we have seen many cars progress through being drivers to restoration projects to restomods and to wherever they are going now. Hopefully, we will find a few things to share in the upcoming years.

2021 will be a transition year with some new leadership. We have a great new team of leaders with some good ideas on how to move forward. I have been working through the transition with Brad Blackburn and will continue with some of the behind-the-scenes paperwork. And yes, the trailer is staying at my house for a while. Hopefully, this will make the job a little less demanding for Brad. Brad is running the club. We have talked at length about the corona virus impact on 2021. So far, the plan is to continue as though we are doing all the normal things we usually do until we know that we can't. Unfortunately, 2021 looks like a continuation of 2020. We will do our best to communicate updates and cancellations concerning club events as early as we can.

We have a couple of club cars going to Mecum in Kissimmee. I plan on stopping by to visit and hopefully watch them sell. I'm not sure this is public knowledge but I'm sure you will recognize them when you look through the car listing. I know these are premium cars, so I'm very interested in watching them sell. I have always believed that this auction sets the tone and the pricing for the rest of year more so than Barrett Jackson or Russo and Steele. Ritchie Brothers has been selling collector cars since 2019 and is now planning on growing its business. We may be in for a new round of competition in the auction market.

With that I am done being President. I am not leaving the club in any way and I will continue to support the club however is needed. Pam and I have a lot of traveling to do while we still can. I have a lot of car projects that have been sadly neglected and the cars certainly show it. I absolutely appreciate all the help and support you all have provided me. Hopefully I've done something along the way that at least made each of you smile.

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

**A perfect New Year's message from member Connie Stevens** reminding us how a simple gesture can make a big difference in someone's day. "I hope you all are well and reaching out to one another. Whether it be to family or friends, a simple text, email, or call can mean a lot. Keith and I hope that everyone had a Merry Christmas and we both want to wish everyone a Happy New Year!"

**Our greatest concern is the safety of our members.** Due to the ongoing concerns regarding COVID-19, the January meeting at the Hickory House as well as the Winter Party may be cancelled. Check the calendar updates on our homepage at [gtoaco.com](http://gtoaco.com) before heading out to attend the meeting. Any Winter Party updates will be included in the February 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 January birthdays and anniversaries. We are truly honored to have you and hope that this new year brings you and your families well-being and happiness!

**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). Let's share the positivity of your milestone in a future edition of the Paw Prints publication.

“Happiness  
isn't around the  
Corner...  
it is the Corner”



GTOACO, Spring Cruise 2016

Photo By Ron Cozzo | cozzoron@gmail.com

Stan & Pam Farlow's '65 Convertible and Ron's '68 Convertible Driver's-Eye View

# JANUARY • CALENDAR

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**New Year's Day**  
Friday, January 1  
12:00 am-12:00 pm

In many cultures, the predominant belief is that anything in the shape of a ring brings good luck, because it symbolizes "coming full circle," completing a year's cycle. It is primarily for this reason that doughnuts are a perfectly acceptable alternative to pork and cooked cabbage to ring in the new year!

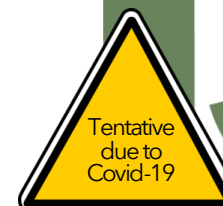


**Club Meeting**

Wednesday, January 13  
7:00 pm-8:00 pm

The January Meeting will be held at The Hickory House Restaurant Meeting Room at 550 Offcenter Place, Gahanna, OH 43230. Please kindly notify club president, Brad Blackburn at [bradblackburn@dsa-rep.com](mailto:bradblackburn@dsa-rep.com) if you plan to attend. Pre-Meeting Dinner is available to order starting at 5:30 pm in the meeting room.

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**Martin Luther King Day**

Monday, January 18  
12:00 am-12:00 pm

Martin Luther King continually asked: "What are you doing for others?" Start this year by choosing to volunteer your time and efforts to give back to your community. You just may inspire someone.

Pictured is Dr. Martin Luther King hand painted oil on canvas by artist Enxu Zhou; available at [fineartamerica.com](http://fineartamerica.com)



**National Pie Day**


Saturday, January 23  
12:00 am-12:00 pm

Take a road trip to celebrate the simple, delicious pleasures of American pie. Try Loretta's Country Kitchen at 12 E. Pike Street in Christiansburg, OH. Small town, homemade food that's worth the drive. Reasonably priced, but bring your cash, no credit cards accepted.

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# JANUARY 13 • 2021 MEETING AGENDA

- Establish Quorum
- Call to Order
- Treasurer's Report - Lonnie McLaughlin
- Holiday Party
- 2021 Swap Meet
- Spring Cruise Ideas
- Battle of the Brands
  - 1) We need a Chairman
  - 2) Currently no Date or Location
- Annual Dues Update (Due in January)- Roster Purge?
- Next Meeting February 10 (at the Hickory House hopefully! TBD)
- Open Discussion
- Motion for Adjournment



**MEMBER DUES ARE PAYABLE BY JANUARY 15 • 2021**  
**\$20.00/Year** for Members in the USA  
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**If you have recently changed your email or postal address,** updating your information is easy. Simply message us on [Facebook](#) or communicate your updates to the club president, Brad Blackburn, via telephone at 937-478-0476 or email at [brad.blackburn@dsa-rep.com](mailto:brad.blackburn@dsa-rep.com).



# APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Street** \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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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?**

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**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!



# ALL PONTIAC

## INDOOR SWAP MEET

VISIT US ON FACEBOOK AND AT GTOACO.COM

### FRANKLIN COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

4100 Columbia Street  
Hilliard, OH 43026

### VENDOR SET-UP

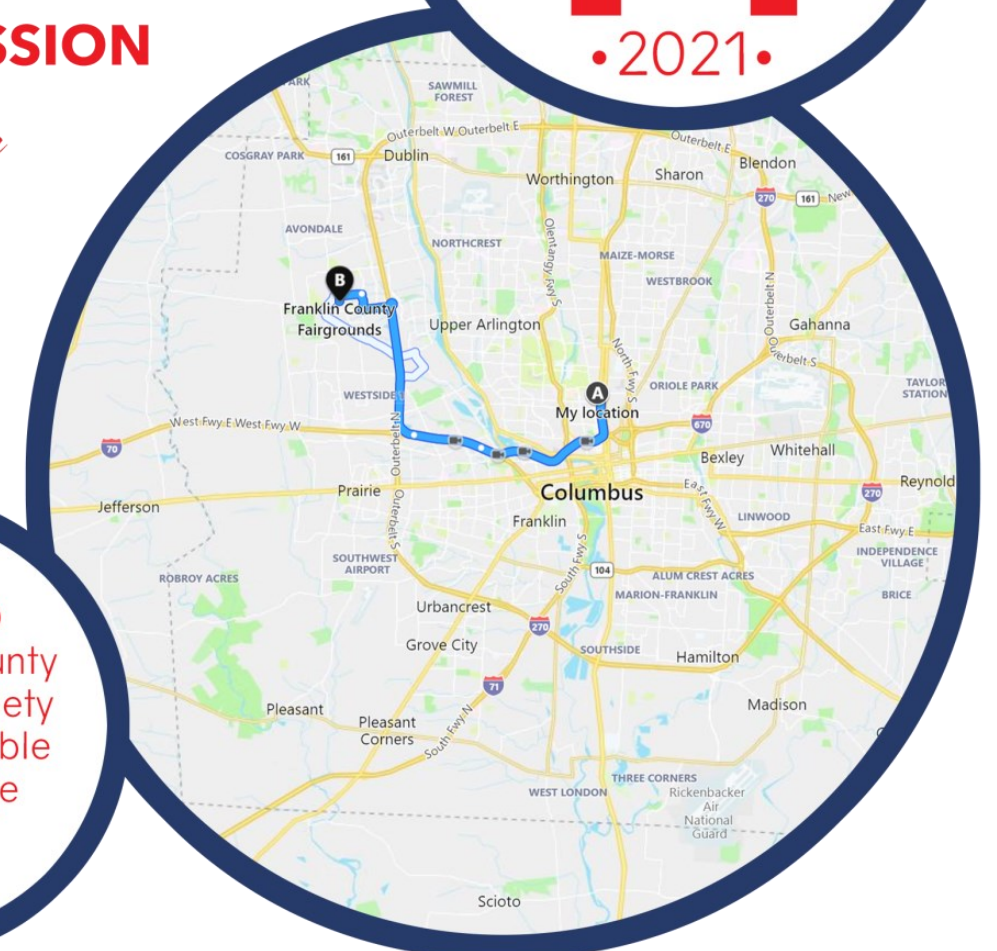
8AM - 9AM  
10'X10' Space - \$20 Each

### OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

9AM - 2PM

### GENERAL ADMISSION

**\$5** *per person*



The GTOACO and Franklin County Agricultural Society are not responsible for any damage or injury.

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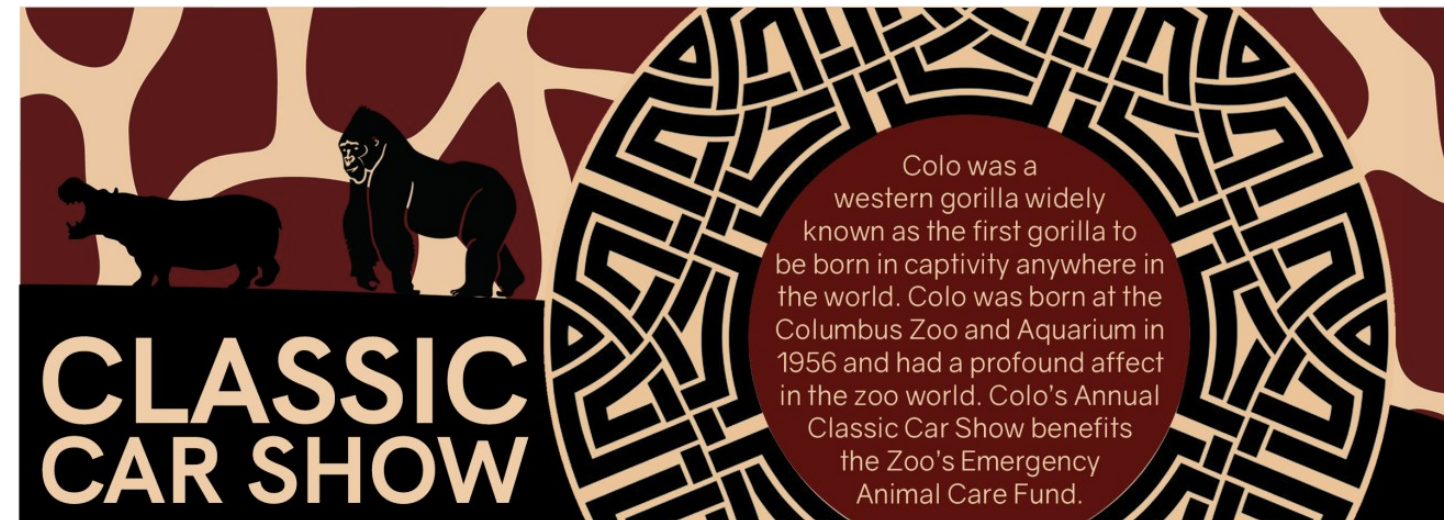
### GTOACO at Colo's Classic Car Show

By Kevin Russo

Colo was a western gorilla widely known as the first gorilla to be born in captivity anywhere in the world. She was also the oldest known gorilla in the world. Colo was born at the Columbus Zoo and Aquarium and lived there for her entire life. That is the brief story about the namesake of the car show we have all come to know as The Zoo Show or Colo's Classic Car Show. The show started in 2008 and was famously held in what was known as Jungle Jack's Landing. The show started out much smaller than what we know today with cars being parked in the picnic pavilions, all along the paths, and in the grassy areas.

Over a short time, it grew to massive numbers and over that time, our very own Jeff Inskeep got involved with the show and asked our club to help with parking the cars. I don't exactly remember how, but I was given the reins on parking the cars back then. Eventually, we had to open the wave pool area and park cars on the "beach" portion of the wave pool. That year, it was said the show brought in over 800 cars! We continued to park cars throughout the amusement park and the wave pool for a few more years. As the show continued to grow the zoo decided to relocate the show from Jungle Jack's Landing to the parking lot to accommodate the ever-growing number of cars. The parking crew rejoiced because there was PLENTY of room to park cars and we wouldn't have to "discuss" with owners about how they parked their cars taking up too much room or saving a spot late in the day when their friend wouldn't be able to get to them.

2020 and the COVID-19 pandemic shut down larger car shows and many of us thought that the Zoo Show would follow suit, but thankfully it didn't. Given the large space of the parking lot and a continued announcement of social distancing and mask wearing, the show could be held safely; and so, it was on. Our club came out in force to help! Jeff Frazier, Scott Stalnaker, Stan Farlow, Angelo Mandato, Jeff Larger, Keith Stevens, Phil McCool, Rob Wilson, Ron Cozzo, Mike Shockley, Bill Sigg, and I were all on hand to help with parking, admission, and judging. Of course, Jeff Inskeep was also there helping with just about everything as usual! While the day started out chilly, it warmed



Colo was a western gorilla widely known as the first gorilla to be born in captivity anywhere in the world. Colo was born at the Columbus Zoo and Aquarium in 1956 and had a profound affect in the zoo world. Colo's Annual Classic Car Show benefits the Zoo's Emergency Animal Care Fund.



*Congratulations*  
**RON COZZO**



up nicely especially once the sun came out. Attendance was certainly up from last year's rainy event, but not where it has been in past years due to the pandemic. However, with well over 400 registered cars it was a great day. Congratulations goes out to member Ron Cozzo who placed in the Top 20 with his 1964 Yorktown Blue Hard Top. A big thanks to everyone who volunteered and helped make the show not just a success but a bright spot in a most unusual year. Our club enjoys helping at this show and we look forward to holding the reins on the parking for many more years to come!

*Kevin*



1965



Stan Farlow

1965



Rick Farrell

1965



Jeff Inskip

1966



Phil McCool

1967



Bill Sigg

1968



Kevin Russo

1970



Keith Stevens

1971



Robert Rutkowski



1967



Scott Stalaker

1969



Jerry Brownfield

1976



Jeff Langer

1978



Angelo Mandato



# TECHNICALLY LEAKING

Technicians are craftsmen skilled in the technique of an art or craft. They are skilled workers, mechanics, smiths,wrights, journeymen, and true artificers. Technical skills can refer to the ability to perform tasks that require the use of certain tools, whether tangible or intangible, and the technology required to master their intended uses in a variety of scenarios. Technical terms are an essential part of all technical and scientific writing. Each field and specialty typically use a vocabulary that relays a variety of specialized concepts by means of technical language. These special terms convey concentrated meanings that have been built up over significant periods of study by specialized technicians of many specific fields.

## Hope You Checked Your Anti-Freeze By Steve Schaeffer

I hope by now you have checked the anti-freeze in both your collector cars and your everyday drivers. The attached picture shows what can happen if the system only has water in it, or not enough anti-freeze to offer maximum protection.

The engine block is cracked in the valley chamber. The original compliant was low coolant. It wasn't until he realized that water was getting into the oil that he realized he had a big problem.

At first, we looked for a blown head gasket or a cracked cylinder head. When we pulled the intake manifold and both cylinder heads, we found the real problem.

Of course, we had to pull the engine. Then tear it down to the bare block. The older our collector cars get the harder it is to find a good replacement engine block. Our machine shop was not interested in having the block welded in the valley chamber. They have not had good luck with that type of repair. Luckily this was not a number matching car.

After locating a block, it had to be hot tanked, magnafluxed to check for cracks, re-machined, assembled, and reinstalled in the car. Fresh anti-freeze would have been a lot cheaper and considerably less work.

*Steve*



Tales from Nowhere New Hampshire

# He Always Gave Back



By Dan Gregory, Jr.

I tried to remember back to the first time I actually remembered learning who Steve Ames was, but I couldn't. Not so much because my memory is going but more so that I have known who Steve is for as long as I can remember. See I have had the pleasure (and sometimes pain) of going to many GTO Nationals, POCI Conventions, Spring and Fall Carlisle events and of course Norwalk which we now know as the Ames Performance Nationals.

He was always there for the hobby, for us Pontiac people. Supplying quality parts, helping to support a good cause, sponsoring an event like Norwalk or the Parking Lot Party at our GTO Nationals. He always gave back.

I have several great memories of Steve over the years, especially after he sold the retail side of his business that bears his name. He would often come deliver parts, from his wholesale business to me at various events. That's when you would get to see the man behind the scenes. We would talk about his latest acquisitions for his vast collection, new parts that were coming out, the hobby, the business side of things and just life in general. I always enjoyed the time I got to spend with him.

In the winter of 2015, I took the best road trip of my life! Dad and I were headed to Nowhere New Hampshire to pick up the old "Ames Performance" Show Trailer from Kevin who now

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My cerebral cortex is in hyperdrive as I try to take it all in, the sights, the stories, while reading the insanely low mileage or 1 of X posted on the windshields, trying to make sense of it all.

owns the retail side of Ames Performance and we were going to visit with Steve at his shop and view his personal collection of rare and low mileage cars. Little did I know it was the last road trip for dad and I. Man do I miss him!

When we arrived at Steve's place, it was just a road leading into the dense New Hampshire woods. No flashy entrance, no paved drive, not even a sign, just a road. That is how Steve wanted things to be, plain and simple. No need for frills or extravagance. Once you go back this long unsuspecting road, it opens up to a modest house on one side and three giant multi-level buildings on the other side. When we pulled in, we were greeted by the old familiar New England accent. We exchanged hellos and went inside.



I don't recall which building we started in, but I remember that my jaw hit the floor as my eyes were taking in the sights of rare automobiles and my brain was trying to keep up. As we walked around, there were cars everywhere. Each building was full of cars that you just never see any more like Judge Convertibles (yes plural), a 58 Fuel Injected Bonneville, RAM AIR GTO's, Lamborghinis, a Buick GNX with 27 miles, a HEMI Cuda and on and on. After touring his three buildings all connected by walkways (it gets cold with a lot of snow in New England winter) I was in amazement of all these cars! Then I notice the tires on a Mustang GT 350 wrapped

in what looks like saran wrap. I ask Steve about this and he explains that when the cars get transferred to the "new" building they don't get rocks stuck in the original tires or damage the original paint. Wait...WHAT? There's ANOTHER Building?

We climb into an old Ford Explorer, Steve's winter beater and drive across the road. As we round the corner the headlights shine upon an enormous building! This is building number four and as we enter the front area, we are

greeted by a 1958 Chevrolet Apache Pickup truck with just 3 miles on it. It had come from the Lambrecht Chevrolet Sale in the fall of 2013. Still adorning its dented roof, busted windshield, and years of dust dotting along with thousands of fingerprints of curious auction spectators. Still preserved just as it was when Steve bought it. See that is what Steve wanted to do, preserve. These cars are only original once and he wanted to be able to keep them

that way for generations to come. He wanted us to be able to experience the craftsmanship of the cars that we love so much today.

As Steve tells us part of the story of the truck, the auction and the people at the auction, my eyes wander through the doorway into the vast area and the sea of cars. As we enter the main area, I stop and take a photo of dad and Steve as they shake off the New England cold. Now it's pure automotive overload. I look around at five low mileage 455 SD Trans AM's, a Boss 429 Mustang, more GTO's, a 409

Chevy, some 40's era cars, 50's era cars, a 63 Buick Riviera gifted to Columbus's own Len Immke and on and on and on. My cerebral cortex is in hyperdrive as I try to take it all in, the sights, the stories, while reading the insanely low mileage or 1 of X posted on the windshields, trying to make sense of it all. The amount of time researching and finding these cars, the money that is sitting there, the stories each of these cars has and how Steve knows each story by heart is incredible. You can feel his connection to not only the car, but to the people that he got them from and his admiration for the fact that they preserved them so he could preserve them as well. Not sure how much time we spent looking at these cars, but it wasn't enough.

The building could hold about 120+/- cars and he still had about thirty or so that needed to be moved over from the other buildings. Dad and I talked about going back up once he had everything all finished and the cars moved in. But we lost dad that summer before we could. Steve had extended the invitation for my wife and I to come up and visit to tour through his cars once more, see the new acquisitions and spend more time listening to the stories that each of his cars have. I talked about doing it, but never did. Now I can't.

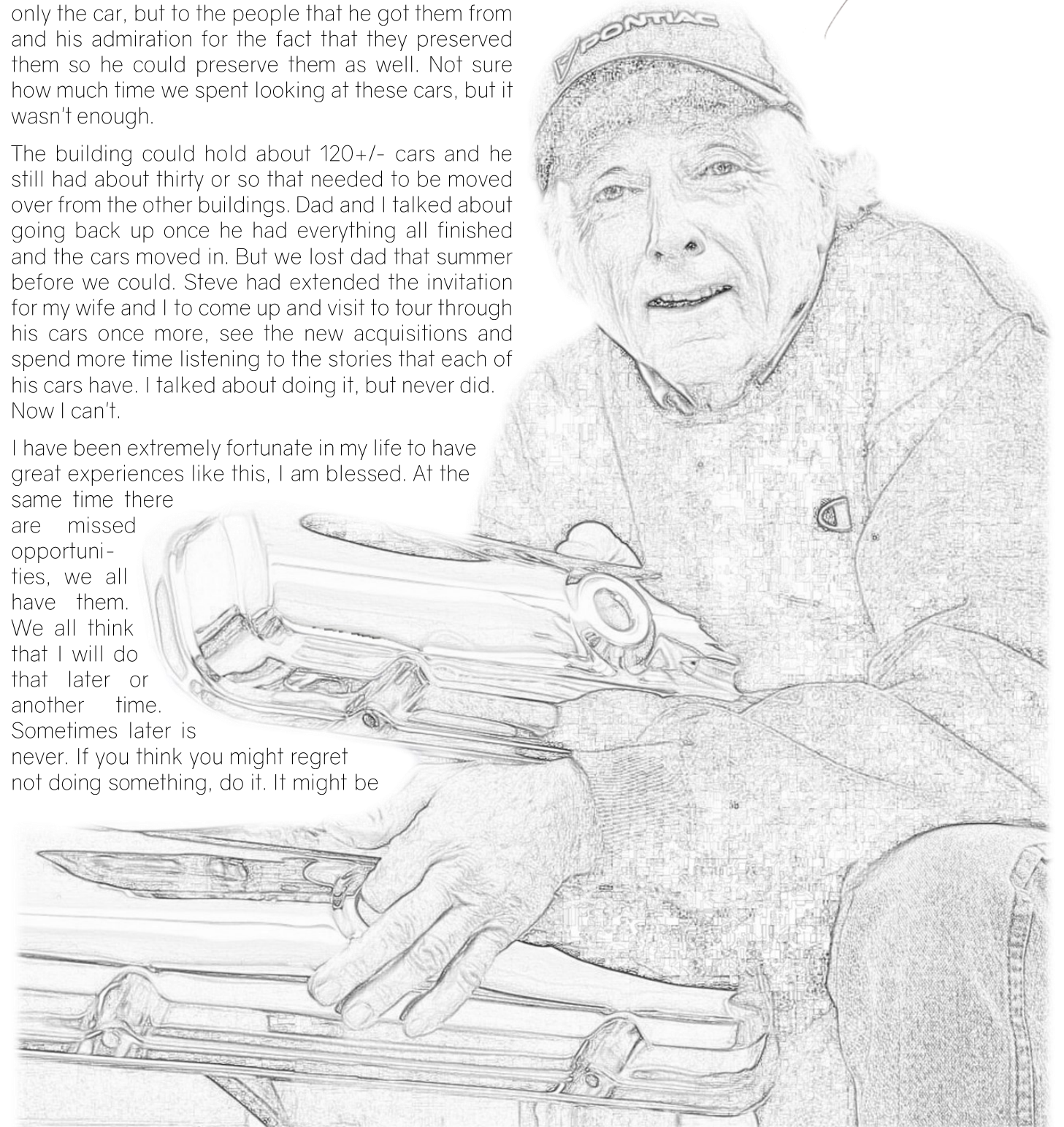
I have been extremely fortunate in my life to have great experiences like this, I am blessed. At the same time there are missed opportunities, we all have them. We all think that I will do that later or another time. Sometimes later is never. If you think you might regret not doing something, do it. It might be

too late tomorrow.

Next time we see each other, feel free to tell me a story about Steve, my dad or just ask me to tell you a story about either of them. It is through our stories that we help insure their legacy lives on.

Steve you will be missed by us all.

*Dave G. Moore*



PARTS WE CAN ALL COUNT ON



# BUY • SELL TRADE

SEND US YOUR ADS\* FOR FEBRUARY BY JANUARY 20, 2021  
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which was prime real estate in those days. Leaving me with the floorboards and the dreaded hump, stacking my pillows and settling in as the hum of the exhaust lulled me to sleep with dreams of nothing but whether or not the poor little Apache was still holding fast to the hitch.

I suppose that this would be considered a full circle moment for me being that I was the first club secretary back in 1984. I'm excited to return as your editor and hope that you too will take some time this year to write down your thoughts and stories. Through them we share our passions, our joys, and even our sorrows. Just like our classic cars, our stories bring us together sparking a connection and creating memories that transcend time. They tell everyone just who we are and where we've been in this crazy life of ours. And sharing them, well, that my friend is undoubtably a priceless gift not only to the here and now but to future generations. So grab that pen of yours...

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—Karen*



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