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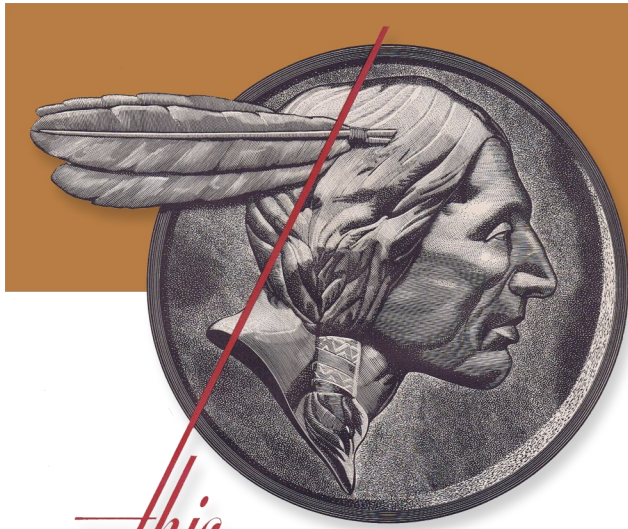
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# LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

**W**ell, we made it. It's been another whirlwind of a summer and we've officially welcomed the fall season. And although I know it's inevitable, I'm keeping my fingers crossed this week and willing that nasty little dash light not to illuminate a single letter or number related to low tire pressure. Because truth be told, and as per the norm, I'm never quite ready to relinquish that ride for the winter freeze!

But as we close the summer show season you might finally be able to find a bit of time on your hands and if you're already familiar with Hagerty you might very well know that their [DriveShare Blog](#) has a wealth of stories written by DriveShare members that connect us all to cars, communities, and experiences. I ran across one such story last month that was written by Chris Gebhardt which I think is worth the read, so grab a hot cup-of-joe, a tea, or even that spirited beverage of yours, and enjoy Greg's story...

*"The 1967 Pontiac GTO has been a part of my family since we rescued it from a salvage yard in 1990. As a Gen-X'er, I had never experienced the original muscle cars when they were new. But for my dad, that was his dream car. The GTO was always the king of muscle cars, and for him, the '67 was the peak of style and performance. His enthusiasm for the car rubbed off on me and I was hooked. My dad and I put it on the road and it was my daily driver, taking me back and forth to school and all around town throughout my high school years. There were plenty of Camaros, Firebirds and Mustangs around, but my GTO was one of a kind at my school. It didn't matter to me that a previous owner had apparently hand-painted it in a dull gray finish or that the drivetrain had certainly seen better days. The GTO has always been something special.*

*After being involved in a minor parking lot dust-up, a quick repair turned into a full frame-off restoration in 1992. Nothing on the car was left untouched except for the"...[read more here](#).*

*Karen*

#### On the Front Cover:

2021 All Pontiac Indian Uprising Show  
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# INTERIOR FEATURES

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The election of officers and directors for 2022 will take place at this month's Annual Corporate Meeting. Nominations are currently being accepted.

## 06 MEETING MINUTES

Meeting location change. Join us at the McLaughlin's home for an evening cookout followed by the Annual Corporate Meeting.

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Our 37th Annual All Pontiac Indian Uprising Show is in the books. See the show results and pics.

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A long-time loyal member of the GTOACO, Joe Block was one of the kindest, most warm-hearted individuals you could ever hope to meet. He will be missed by all.

## 20 2 BRANDS

From a houndstooth beginning, this GTOACO member loves all classic muscle cars...

## 24 GET TO THE POINT

It's all about the trophy at The Point this October 3<sup>rd</sup>, don't miss it!

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# LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

By Brad Blackburn

**H**appy Fall! It's hard to believe the 2021 car season is winding down! Maybe it's just me, but the summer season seems to go by quicker each year?

We just put our 37th All Pontiac Indian Uprising Show in the books. While the weather was not as cooperative this year and the show got off to a slow start, we still ended the day with 33 registered cars, 14 club cars and a handful of cars that either arrived too late to register or simply did not register. By all observations it appeared Quaker Steak & Lube had a great day as well. Club volunteers showed up in force as usual ensuring another successful GTOACO car show! Thank you to everyone who showed up to help. A special thank you to Ron Cozzo and Kevin Russo for organizing another great event!

The 2021 club picnic will also be in the rearview mirror by the time you are reading this. We will have held our September meeting during the picnic and one of the big topics of discussions will have been our upcoming October Annual Corporate Meeting. During the October meeting we will discuss how the club did for the year, suggestions for changes and improvements along with nominations for club officers for 2022. If you were not able to join us for the club picnic and would like to volunteer or nominate someone for a particular office, please send me an email or call me prior to our October 13th meeting. A big thank you goes out to Kevin Landis for hosting our Club Picnic when plans needed to change on such short notice!

Remembering Joe Block...a long-time loyal member of the GTOACO family who faithfully made a two hour plus drive to attend our monthly meetings and whose name could always be found on the volunteer signup sheet of club events! Joe was one of the kindest, most warm-hearted individuals you could ever hope to meet. He will be missed by all.

To honor Joe, his family members along with their classic cars (including Joe's cars) and about 30 other hot rod and classic cars (including 6 members of the GTOACO) accompanied Joe from the funeral home to his final resting place. I am sure Joe and Deb, again hand in hand, were smiling as they watched from the heavens above! Rest in peace my friend!

*Brad*

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

**Please join us in welcoming** new members John Hunley of Canal Winchester, Mike and Terri Miller of West Jefferson, Dave Ollam of Columbus, and Dan and Samantha Sawmiller of Columbus!

**We'll be meeting in person this month at Lonnie and Lynne McLaughlin's home,** please join us Wednesday night, October 13<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm for a cookout followed by the Annual Corporate Meeting which will start at 7:00 pm. Food for the cookout will be provided by the club. Please bring your own chair.

**Volunteers are needed for the Delaware Performance Charity Car Show** on October 9<sup>th</sup>, if you can help please contact Kevin Russo at your earliest convenience.

**On behalf of the Officers and Board of Directors,** we wish nothing but the best to all of our GTOACO members who are celebrating October birthdays and anniversaries. We are happy to have you as part of our car club family!



JERRY BROWNFIELD | 1969 Trans Am  
Best GM | Driving for Daisy Car Show at Motts Military Museum  
Photo Credit | Max Treier



# SEPTEMBER 25 • 2021 MEETING MINUTES

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

**In Attendance were Members:** Brad Blackburn, Kevin and Charlene Russo, Lonnie McLaughlin, Rob and Karen Wilson, Ron Cozzo, Brent Barnham, Kevin Landis, Donna Landis, Jim Lowry, Stan and Pam Farlow, Jeff and Jane Frazier, Jim Kaho, Mike and Terry Miller, Scott Stalnaker, Keith and Connie Stevens, and guest Zach Copus.

**Treasurer's Report** – Lonnie McLaughlin read the treasurer's report. Motion to accept was made by Brad Blackburn, 2<sup>nd</sup> Brent Barnham.

**37th All Pontiac Indian Uprising Show** – Ron reported that we had 33 show cars that registered and 14 club member cars in attendance. For a day that started out raining it was a good turnout. The day turned sunny after noontime bringing in a few more cars to the event. We also received a donation from our T-shirt vendor, Charlie the T-shirt guy.

**Delaware Performance Charity Car Show** – Kevin Russo asked for 6-8 additional volunteers to man the entry points and direct show cars. If you would like to volunteer please contact Kevin as soon as possible at [krusso\\_sp@hotmail.com](mailto:krusso_sp@hotmail.com). Registration fees are complimentary for volunteers who wish to participate in the show.

**2021 Columbus Zoo Show** – It has been officially announced that the show has been cancelled for this year. Jeff Inskip is working to resurrect it for next year.

## **Annual Corporate Meeting - October**

**Election of Officers and Directors** – Brad Blackburn announced that he will be stepping down as President. He announced that due to his wife's recent diagnosis he will be spending more time with her and his family. Kevin Russo has agreed to stay on as Vice President, Lonnie McLaughlin agreed to continue as Treasurer, Rob Wilson agreed to stay on as Secretary.

**For anyone wishing to be considered for an Officer or Board of Directors position**, please contact a current Officer to have your name added to the list of nominations for 2022. Voting will be held at our October meeting.

**Open Discussion** – It was mentioned that we would like to create a memorial for long time club member Joe Block. With the passing of Joe, we had rescheduled the original club picnic date from September 18<sup>th</sup> to September 25<sup>th</sup> so that members could attend Joe's funeral on the 18<sup>th</sup>.

We thanked Kevin Landis for graciously offering his shop to host the rescheduling of the picnic and we were all looking forward to the car detailing demonstration that would follow the meeting with Zach Copus of Tidy Rides.

The rescheduling of the picnic left Stan and Pam with a surplus of supplies. Lonnie has offered to host the Annual October Corporate Meeting at his home in order to utilize some of the supplies previously purchased for the original picnic date.

The possibility of changing our newsletter from a monthly to a quarterly publication was discussed due to the amount of time it takes to prepare and print the new format of the Paw Prints along with the absence of the amount of member driven stories and/or content that is needed for a monthly publication. If this change goes into effect, a monthly email will still go out to the membership with minutes of the meeting as well as any additional information relevant to the month. More to come on this.

New members, Mike and Terri Miller from West Jefferson were in attendance and introduced themselves, they own a 1968 GTO.

**October Meeting Location** – It was voted that the October meeting will be held at Lonnie and Lynne McLaughlin’s home. The motion to accept was made by Kevin Russo, 2<sup>nd</sup> Rob Wilson.

**Motion for Adjournment** – Kevin Russo, 2<sup>nd</sup> Brent Barnham.



Meeting Minutes Submitted By:

**Rob Wilson**  
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MAX TRIER | 1968 GTO  
Best Buick/Olds/Pontiac | Driving for Daisy Car Show at Motts Military Museum  
Photo Credit | Max Trier



OCTOBER 13 • 2021

# MEETING AGENDA

- **Annual Meeting Agenda**
  - **Establish Quorum**
  - **Call to Order**
  - **Treasurer's Report – Lonnie McLaughlin**
  - **Election of Officers and Directors**
  - **Election of Honorary Members**
  - **Discussion of Financial Condition**
    - ⇒ **Donation to Charity**
  - **Discussion of Club Events and Changes to Operations**
  - **Discussion of Club Bylaws and Recommended Changes**
  - **Open Discussion**
  - **Next Meeting – November 10<sup>th</sup> (at the Hickory House)**
  - **Motion for Adjournment**

## **MEMBER DUES ARE PAYABLE BY JANUARY 15 • 2021**

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Lonnie McLaughlin  
5808 Tarton Circle North  
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# APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

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

Street \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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**Mail To Treasurer:**  
 Lonnie McLaughlin  
 5808 Tarton Circle North  
 Dublin, OH 43017

**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>	_____
<b>Year</b>	_____	<b>Color</b>	_____	<b>Style</b>	_____
<b>Year</b>	_____	<b>Color</b>	_____	<b>Style</b>	_____

**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!

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you back.



VIC SCHRECK | Original Owner  
2005 Quicksilver Metallic GTO | 5-Speed Manual w/Sports Appearance Package  
Photo Credit | Vic Schreck

# OCTOBER • CALENDAR

# 03

## "All About the Trophy" and Appreciation Car Meet

Sunday, October 03  
11:00 am—3:30 pm

Join us at **The Point**. No worries about being judged, the first 75 entries will receive a trophy! There will be Top 10 Cruisers of the Year awards, Rookie of the Year, and Club of the Year. This could very well be the C-Town Cruisers last meet of the season, we hope to see you all there!



## 27th Annual Delaware Performance Charity Car Show

Saturday, October 09  
9:00 am—Awards at 4:00 pm

Join us for this family friendly event held in Historic Downtown Delaware. Music, raffles, food, games and other activities will fill the day while we line the streets with over 500 classic and collector cars, trucks and motorcycles. For additional information or to register [click here](#).

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# 13

## Annual Corporate Meeting

Wednesday, October 13  
5:30 pm—Cookout  
7:00 pm—8:00 pm—Meeting

Join us at Lonnie and Lynne McLaughlin's home at **5808 Tarton Circle** North in Dublin for a cookout followed by the Annual Corporate Meeting. Please RSVP to Lonnie by October 6th at [londart@aol.com](mailto:londart@aol.com). Food for the cookout will be provided by the club. Please bring your own chair.



## Trunk or Treat Car Show

Saturday, October 16  
11:00 am—3:00 pm

Head on out to the **Hilliard Presbyterian Church** to support EPC's Children's Charities. Registration begins at 11:00 am and awards will be presented at 3:00 pm. 100 Dash plaques and 50 awards, including Best Halloween Costumes and Best Decorations. Door prizes, music, food and drinks. Cruisers don't forget to bring candy! All makes, models, and years are welcome. Rain date: October 23, 2021.

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# ALL PONTIAC



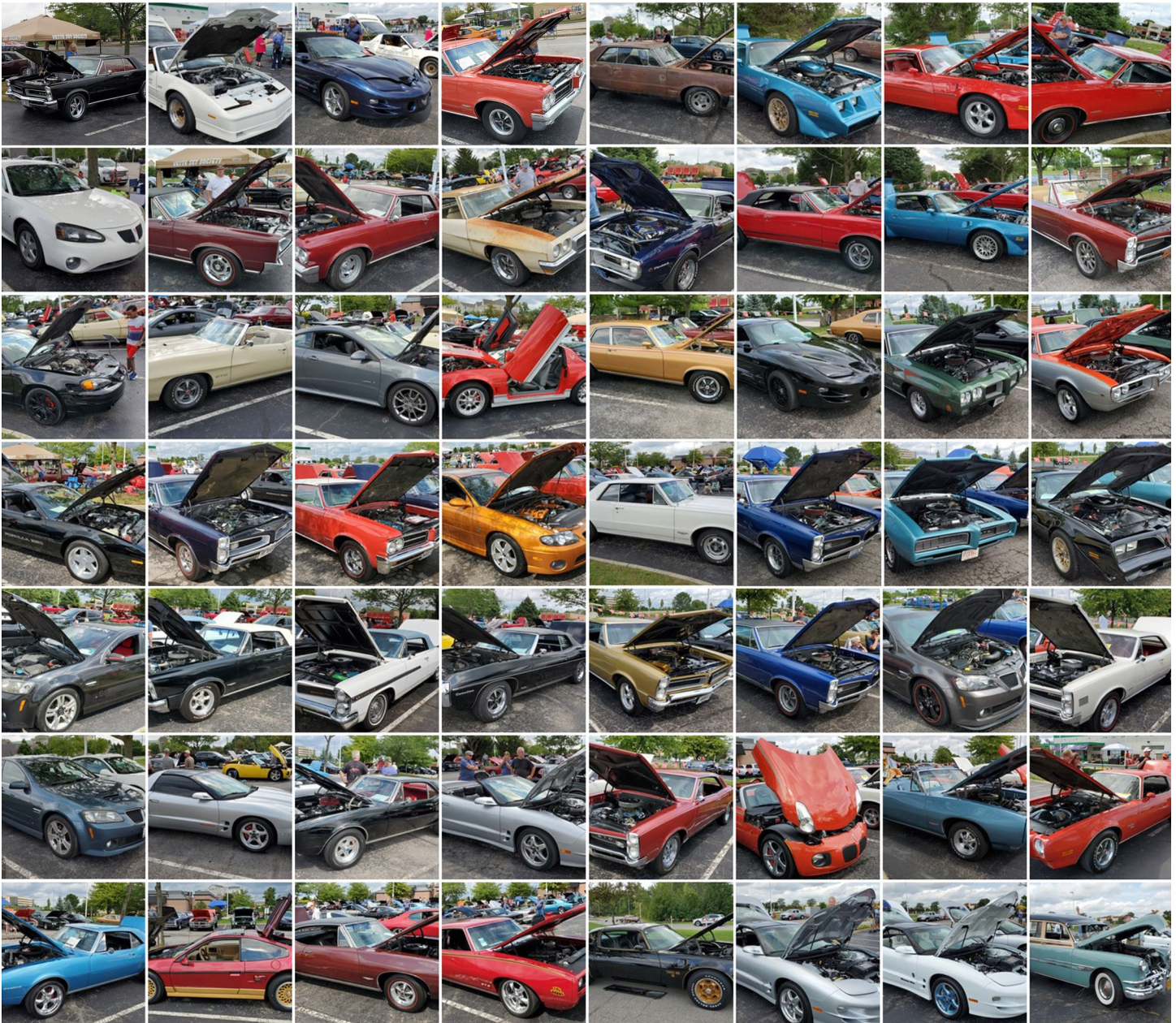
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2021 All Pontiac Indian Uprising Photo Credits | Ron Cozzo | Kevin Russo | Rob Wilson





**BEST OF SHOW**

Scott Berhent  
1966 Burgundy GTO Convertible



**BEST GTO**

Dave Campbell  
2006 Orange GTO



**BEST FIREBIRD**

Frank Baldwin  
1967 Blue Firebird



**BEST PONTIAC**

Schon Crouse  
1967 Red Tempest Sprint Convertible



**2020 WINNERS CIRCLE**

BEST OF SHOW • DAVID MONTGOMERY • 1976 BLACK TRANS AM

BEST FIREBIRD • TONY FERRITO • 1989 WHITE TRANS AM



**CLASS A - 1964-1967 STOCK GTO**

**CLASS B - 1968-1974 STOCK GTO**

1<sup>ST</sup> FRANK FABISH 1967 BLUE GTO  
2<sup>ND</sup> BOB SCHWARZ 1964 RED GTO

1<sup>ST</sup> DAN VARNER 1968 BURGUNDY GTO  
2<sup>ND</sup> NO ENTRIES



**CLASS C - 1964-1971 STOCK CONVERTIBLE**

NO ENTRIES

**CLASS D - 1964-1974 MODIFIED GTO**

1<sup>ST</sup> GARY DUNBAR  
1964 RED GTO CONVERTIBLE

2<sup>ND</sup> STEVE & NANCY KIDWELL  
1965 BLACK GTO

3<sup>RD</sup> DON KRUSE  
1966 BLUE GTO



**CLASS E  
2004-2006 STOCK GTO**

NO ENTRIES

**CLASS F  
2004-2006 MODIFIED GTO**

NO ENTRIES

**CLASS G  
1967-1981 STOCK FIREBIRD**

NO ENTRIES

**CLASS H - 1982-2002 STOCK FIREBIRD**

1<sup>ST</sup> TONY FERRITO  
2002 BLUE FIREHAWK CONVERTIBLE

2<sup>ND</sup> RICK BARNES  
1999 WHITE TRANS AM

3<sup>RD</sup> MATT HOFFER  
2002 SILVER TRANS AM





# 2021 All Pontiac Indian Uprising SHOWRESULTS

## CLASS I-1 - 1967 - 1976 MODIFIED FIREBIRD

1<sup>ST</sup> KEN KUBINSKI  
1967 BLUE FIREBIRD



2<sup>ND</sup> MARK PERRY  
1967 BLACK FIREBIRD



3<sup>RD</sup> NO ENTRIES



## CLASS I-2 - 1977-1981 MODIFIED FIREBIRD

1<sup>ST</sup> DAN KOVALIK  
1979 BLUE TRANS AM



2<sup>ND</sup> PATRICK ELLAM  
1979 BLUE TRANS AM



3<sup>RD</sup> JOHN HUNLEY  
1979 RED TRANS AM



## CLASS I-3 - 1982 - 2002 MODIFIED FIREBIRD

1<sup>ST</sup> KERRY MECHTLY  
1987 RED TRANS AM



2<sup>ND</sup> DAVID HARRIS  
1989 BLACK FORMULA



3<sup>RD</sup> NO ENTRIES



## CLASS J - PRE-1965 STOCK PONTIAC

1<sup>ST</sup> BILL COLOSANTE 1963 WHITE BONNEVILLE CONVERTIBLE  
2<sup>ND</sup> MARYELLEN & TOM MYERS 1952 BLUE STATION WAGON



## CLASS K - 1965-1976 STOCK PONTIAC

1<sup>ST</sup> MIKE SCHAAD 1969 BLACK CATALINA CONVERTIBLE  
2<sup>ND</sup> NO ENTRIES



**CLASS L - 1977 & UP STOCK PONTIAC**

1<sup>ST</sup> LEE ARCHER  
2008 YELLOW SOLSTICE CONVERTIBLE



2<sup>ND</sup> MIKE WILLIS  
2008 GRAY G6 GXP



3<sup>RD</sup> KIM EVANS  
1986 MAROON FIERO



**CLASS M - ALL MODIFIED PONTIAC**

1<sup>ST</sup> TERRY SAUNDERS  
1964 RED LEMANS



2<sup>ND</sup> AUSTIN MAYES  
1970 YELLOW LEMANS



3<sup>RD</sup> NO ENTRIES



**CLASS P - GTOACO 1964-1967 STOCK GTO**

NO ENTRIES

**CLASS Q - GTOACO 1968-1974 STOCK GTO**

1<sup>ST</sup> KEVIN RUSSO 1968 TURQUOISE GTO



**CLASS R - GTOACO 1964-1974 MODIFIED GTO**

1<sup>ST</sup> JEFF FRAZIER 1968 BLUE GTO CONVERTIBLE



**CLASS S - GTOACO 04 - 06 GTO**

NO ENTRIES



**PONTIAC**

**CLASS T - GTOACO ALL OTHER PONTIACS**

1<sup>ST</sup> RON COZZO 1966 WHITE LEMANS



# make it your journey

to live a life of honesty, integrity, and unconditional love;  
to never lose sight of what is most important,  
and to make the world a more beautiful place  
through relationships with others,  
and by staying passionate about our Pontiacs!

*Celebrating* our friend  
**Joe Block**  
March 26, 1949 - September 10, 2021



# Battle 2 Brands

...not a Battle of the Brands for Me.



By: Kevin Russo

It's no secret that the 6th Annual Battle of the Brands Car Show was a huge success this past July. With well over 240 cars registered, this was the largest this event has ever been! To celebrate that fact we'd like to share just one more "branded" story.

As I write this piece and as many of you know, I actually own two brands. Of course, I own my 1968 Pontiac GTO, but I also own a 1969 Dodge Charger R/T 440. At times, these two brands do battle, but not for me.

I acquired my Mopar in 2004. Since I was 14 years old, I was in love with this car. It is my dream car, and I am so lucky and happy to have it. There is no price that can buy this car from me. I had watched prices over the years, and noted how much MORE money I didn't have, in hopes of one day owning one. When doing that in August of 2004, I came across an ad for this car. It was in Delaware, Ohio and in fact, less than 5 miles from my home. I reached out to the owner to take a look at it with a co-worker who was well versed in '69 Chargers. While I still did not have the asking price money, I decided to take a look and, if it made sense, offer what I had for the car. The car was in good shape. It needed a little TLC,

especially in the trunk where it was pretty rotted due to a back-light leak, but otherwise was rust free. It was a numbers matching original drive train. In fact, the car was all original except for a repaint and seat upholstery which had to be replaced due to a little winter live-in visitor one year. Additionally, it was 100% complete! Even the vinyl taillight covers in the trunk were there! I offered what cash I had for the car and as expected, the owner didn't take that offer. I left without my dream car but with the offer remaining on the table and for him to call if anything should change. Two months passed and at the end of October 2004, I got a phone call, it was the owner! He said that he was tired of people trying to scam him and that he felt I would do good by the car and not just flip it, so he sold it to me for my offer and I got my dream car! Since then, I have restored the emblems, repaired and restored the Magnum 500 wheels, and replaced the trunk pan.

What many of you may not know is that I owned a Ford product when I first encountered this club. I owned a 1970 Mercury Cougar with a Houndstooth matching top and interior! I knew Ron Cozzo and had recently met



Mike Shockley, Jim Evans, and Jeff Frazier of the club. Despite not having a GTO or even a Pontiac, these folks were wonderful, and we all became fast and longtime friends. Ron even helped me restore and partially rebuild the 351 Cleveland in my Cougar. When it came time to part with that car, my time with my friends from the GTOACO had stirred the dormant Pontiac man in my soul. My first experience in a Pontiac was back when I was young. My Uncle Gerald had a 1975 Pontiac Grand Prix with 400 CI V8 that was a monster! I can remember being thrust into the back seat whenever my uncle matted that accelerator! Despite that experience, I wanted a GTO, a 1968 GTO to be specific. A friend of mine found my car at the Springfield Swap Meet in 2008. The owner was in Greenville, Ohio, a stone's throw from the Ohio/Indiana border. Ron Cozzo, Jeff Frazier and I went out there to see the car. It had a Pontiac drive train of a 400 CI V8 and a TH350 out of a 1976 big car Pontiac. The original engine block had been destroyed during a race. It was painted Buccaneer Red with a black interior. The PHS told me that the car was originally a Meridian Turquoise hard top with a turquoise interior and an 8 track. Once again, I made an offer and went home without a car. The owner wanted to try and sell it for his asking price at Goodguys that year. Once again, the owner called me back after Goodguys, we made a deal, and I became the happy owner! Ron helped me get the car home with his trailer by meeting the now previous owner in Springfield to get it. The 2009 Nationals was the first GTOAA/POCI Co-Venture in Dayton, Ohio. There I found a 1968 GTO 400 with 60k miles on it running on a stand. It was cast within 3 months of my cars build date. I acquired that engine (a story for another day), did a

refresh of gaskets and timing chain/gears with the help of Ron Cozzo and dropped it into the car. The car won second place in the popular vote class of Stock GTOs at the 2013 GTOAA/POCI Co-Venture in Dayton! After a mishap (again another story for another day), I had the car repainted to its original Meridian Turquoise. What a great decision that was because I love it!

So, you see, there really is no brand battle for me. If you know me, you

know that I'm just a car guy. I



love all classic muscle cars. I love my Pontiac, I love my Mopar, and I hope to own an Oldsmobile one day, a 1968 442 to be specific. Sure, I have preferences, but I appreciate all the hard work, blood, sweat, tears, and money that everyone puts into their beautiful cars. But I do have the most fun with my Pontiac!

*Kevin*





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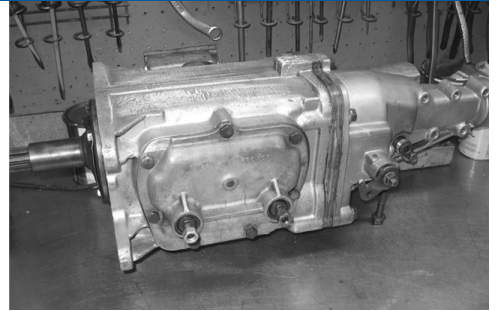
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This very nice '66 Tri-Power 4-Speed GTO belonging to Danny Anderson was at a recent C-Town Cruisers show at The Point. It has those beautiful red line tires and an open hood scoop to let those 3 Deuces breathe.

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