



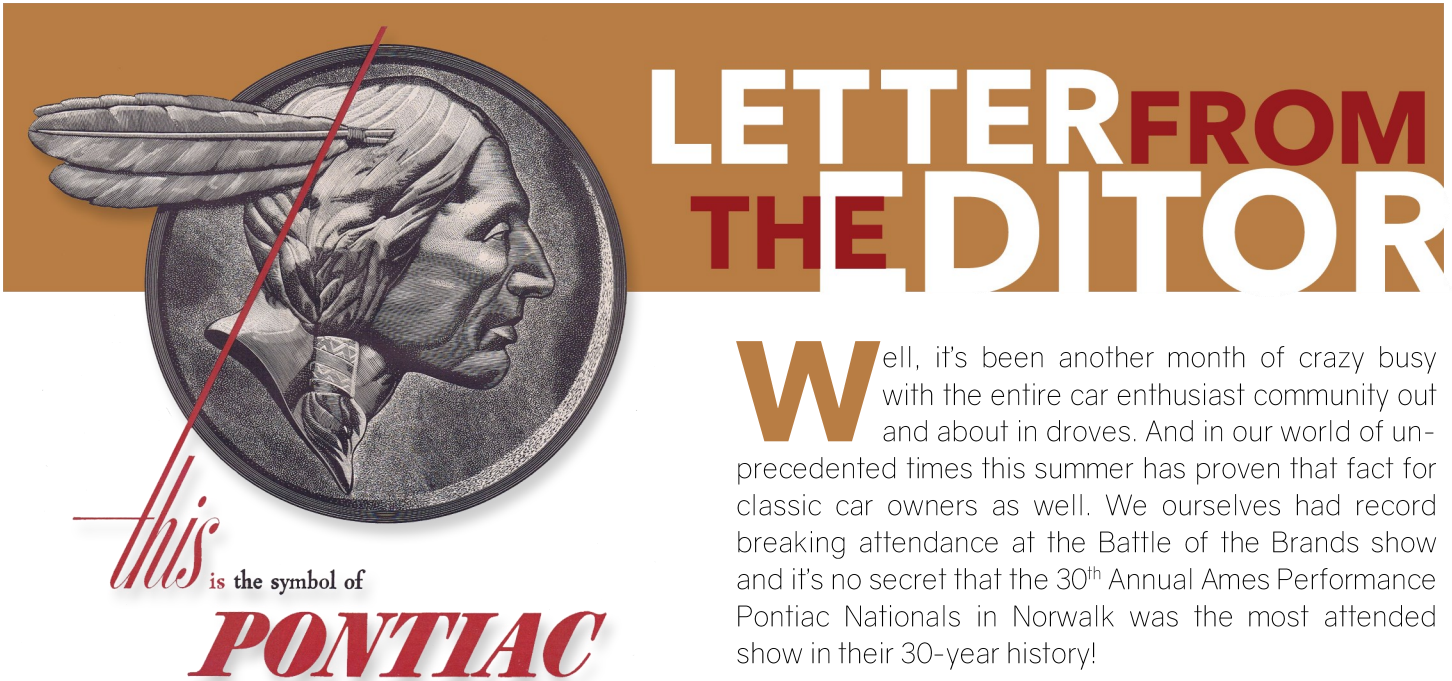
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BATTLE of the BRANDS

STEVE & NANCY KIDWELL | BEST PONTIAC



Well, it's been another month of crazy busy with the entire car enthusiast community out and about in droves. And in our world of unprecedented times this summer has proven that fact for classic car owners as well. We ourselves had record breaking attendance at the Battle of the Brands show and it's no secret that the 30th Annual Ames Performance Pontiac Nationals in Norwalk was the most attended show in their 30-year history!

For as much as I try to ignore the fact that the days are getting shorter and that this year's summertime swelter will soon be morphing to fall, I secretly look forward to the crisp night drives with the windows down. There's just something about the smell of the night air around fall time along with that legendary dance of the leaves from the wake of a rumbly dual exhaust that just puts a smile on my face. As for me, I plan on making the most of my September and even October by getting in a little extra shift therapy before the brine boys in my neck of the woods hit the highway! Because as sure as I'm writing this note, I know old-man winter is just itching to end his vacation and send those blustery chills of his my way. Of course like every year, he sends those frozen wintery temperatures quite a bit sooner than I, or maybe even you are ever willing to consent to!

We are looking forward with great anticipation to possibly breaking yet another attendance record for the All Pontiac Indian Uprising show as well as for our annual club picnic that will be held at the Farlow's home on the 18th. We hope you'll be able to join us for both events.

I want to take another moment again this month to thank the folks who have been so kind to take the time to snap photographs to support our GTOACO newsletter. I truly appreciate you!

Karen

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Steve & Nancy Kidwell
 Best Pontiac | 2021 Battle of the Brands
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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

By Brad Blackburn

SPECTACULAR. Possibly the best single word I could use to describe our 6th Battle of the Brands car show! The weather gods blessed us with a great day and the cars showed up in mass! Based on our cash receipts we had around 250 cars at the show. In reality, we actually had to turn people away as we simply ran out of parking spaces. Our planned show field had room for 238 cars but with some creative parking and some very understanding and generous car owners that actually gave us their \$10.00 entry fee even though we told them they would have to park outside the show field, we made it to 255 cars. If you count the folks that just left when told we were out of spaces, I think we would have been closer to 265 cars! We had another great turnout from our club members to help make this show a huge success. Thank you to everyone that participated, without out all the hard work of our volunteers we would not be able to put on such a successful event to help us support Prevent Blindness. Special thanks to Kevin Russo and Nicole D'Amico who did a fantastic job in tackling the registration of this record number of attendees. From their vantage point at the registration table, I am quite sure there were times they looked up and thought the line would never end! Thanks also to Brian D'Amico, our in-house DJ for his usual high-quality job keeping everyone entertained. We had plenty of very positive feedback from folks attending the show. Our sponsors, Big Walnut Grill, Jet's Pizza, Kroger, and Haggerty-Cowlin Insurance Agency were all very happy with the day and all indicated they would be on board again next year. We took away from the show some good ideas from club members on how to improve the process next year and we will work on a way to secure more parking spaces in hopes that we won't have to turn anyone away next year.

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!

We have two more big events coming in September. First is our 37th Annual All Pontiac Indian Uprising on Sunday September 5th at Quaker Steak & Lube Polaris. If you have not signed up to help, please contact Ron Cozzo, we need a strong club showing to ensure the show is another quality show hosted by the GTOACO. On September 18th, Stan and Pam Farlow will again host our annual club picnic. Please be sure to RSVP to Stan so we get a general headcount for food. We are also going to hold our September club meeting at the club picnic instead of at the Hickory House on September 8th as I had stated on the agenda of our August meeting.

Our October 13th club meeting will be our annual corporate meeting where we will elect officers and directors for 2022. Please begin thinking about nominations for all positions. If you are interested in a position, please let one of the current officers or directors know and plan on attending the October meeting.

Finally, I wanted to extend my congratulations to all the GTOACO members that showed their cars at the Pontiac Nationals in Norwalk. The club had a great showing and brought home many awards. This is quite an accomplishment given the show had a record-breaking number of cars in attendance this year.

Thanks,

TIGERBITES

Noteworthy New Bites

Please join us in welcoming new member Danny Anderson of Wapakoneta, Ohio!

We'll be meeting in person this month at Stan and Pam Farlow's home for the September meeting and club picnic, please join us Saturday afternoon, September 18th at noon time for a potluck lunch. Please bring a covered dish (vegetable or dessert), your favorite lawn chair, and your car for a group photo.

The club will be providing hamburgers, brats, hot dogs, paper plates, and cutlery along with tea, pop, and other liquid refreshments.

RSVP to Stan at 614-230-4529 or at skfarlow@aol.com. Stan and Pam's home is located at **1810 Upper Valley Drive, West Jefferson, Ohio 43162.**

Volunteers are needed for the Delaware Performance Charity Car Show on October 9th, 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 September birthdays and anniversaries. We are happy to have you as part of our car club family!



2021 Battle of the Brands
Photo Credit | Bill Sigg

BEST IMPORT
Mark & Debbie Garrest
1961 VW Beetle

AUGUST 11•2021 MEETING MINUTES

The August Meeting was called to order by President Brad Blackburn.

In Attendance were Members: Brad Blackburn, Lonnie McLaughlin, Rob Wilson, Ron Cozzo, Brent Barnham, Jim Lowry, Max Treier, Joe Block, Stan and Pam Farlow, Jeff Frazier, Jon Leffler, Stephen Leonard, Bill Sigg, Scott Stalnaker, Jackie and Jon Stottsberry, and guests Stephen Kidwell and Nancy Young.

Treasurer's Report – Lonnie McLaughlin read the treasurer's report. Motion to accept was made by Ron Cozzo, 2nd Joe Block.

Battle of the Brands – Brad stated that the Battle of the Brands show was a huge success with Lonnie reporting a total of 255 paid participants not including club member's cars. We had to turn away some cars as spots filled up quickly. Next year Brad would like to ask for additional parking spots to increase the size of the show field for 300 show cars.

Delaware Performance Charity Car Show – Brad Blackburn reported that the July show has been rescheduled to Saturday, October 9th. Volunteers who are interested in helping at the show should email Kevin Russo at krusso_sp@hotmail.com to sign up.

Pontiac Tri-Power Nationals (AKA Norwalk) – Rob Wilson and Ron Cozzo reported that they along with Kevin Russo, convoyed to Norwalk together. It was a the largest event in the 30-year history of the Tri-Power Nationals. We had eight club members win trophies and more than twenty of our club members attended.

All Pontiac Show – Ron Cozzo verified everything is set and in order for our All Pontiac Indian Uprising show being held on Sunday, September 5th at the Quaker Steak and Lube. Charles, our T-shirt vendor, said he will be there this year too. Ron said we still need a few more volunteers to help things run smoothly. Please arrive for set up at 8:00 AM. Please contact Ron for volunteer details.

Open Discussion – The Ohio Valley GTO Association is having their annual car show on Sunday, August 22 at Fiehrer Motors in Hamilton, Ohio. Please support them as they support our show. Steve Kidwell reported that there is a car show at Adena Mansion in Chillicothe on Saturday the 14th. He said it is a beautiful site for a show and we should try to attend.

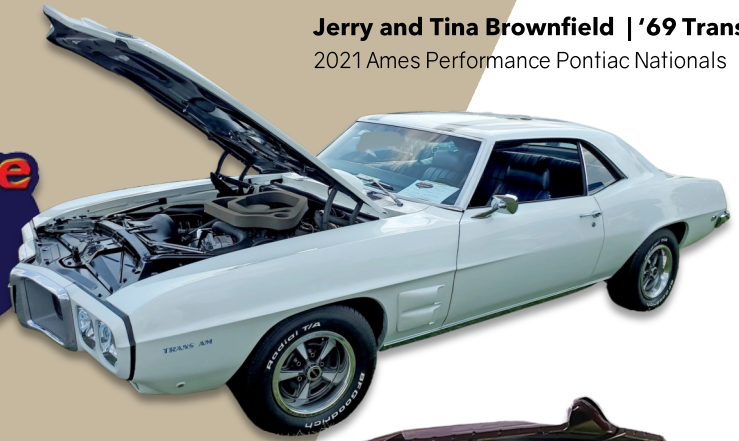
September Meeting Location and Club Picnic – September 18th will be the date for our club meeting as well as our yearly club picnic. Stan and Pam Farlow have graciously offered to host it at their home again. The club will be providing hamburgers, hot dogs, brats, and beverages. Please bring a covered dish and your own lawn chairs. We will be meeting at the Farlow's at noon.

Motion for Adjournment – Joe Block, 2nd Bill Sigg.





Jerry and Tina Brownfield | '69 TransAm
2021 Ames Performance Pontiac Nationals



Jim Kreim | 1st Place ST-2E Class | '68 GTO
2021 Ames Performance Pontiac Nationals
Photo Credit | Ron Cozzo



2021 Ames Performance Pontiac Nationals Photo Credit | Rob Wilson

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MEETING AGENDA

- **Establish Quorum**
- **Call to Order**
- **Treasurer's Report – Lonnie McLaughlin**
- **37th All Pontiac Indian Uprising – Ron Cozzo**
 - ⇒ **Wrap-Up**
- **Delaware Performance Charity Car Show October 9th – Kevin Russo**
 - ⇒ **Need 6-8 volunteers to help man main entrances and direct show cars**
- **2021 Columbus Zoo show – Cancelled**
- **Annual Corporate Meeting – October**
 - ⇒ **Election of officers and directors**
- **Open Discussion**
- **Next Meeting – October 13th (at the Hickory House)**
- **Motion for Adjournment**

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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!



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Steve Shaeffer | Rob Wilson
2021 Ames Performance Pontiac Nationals

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West Jefferson Ox Roast

Labor Day Weekend, September 04-06
For Daily Hours Check the [Website](#)

Have a happy, healthy, safe Labor Day Weekend. Hop in your classic and head out to the Ox Roast [car show](#) being held from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm on Monday. Don't forget to grab a famous Ox Roast sandwich starting at noon on Labor Day. The festival includes rides, entertainment, crafts, kiddie tractor pull, and much more!



All Pontiac Indian Uprising

Sunday, September 05
9:00 am—3:00pm

Join us at the [37th Annual Indian Uprising All Pontiac Car Show](#) at Quaker Steak & Lube, [8500 Lyra Drive](#). Registration begins at 9:00 am with awards at 3:00 pm. This event will be held rain or shine. A portion of this event's proceeds will benefit Prevent Blindness Ohio.

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Club Meeting & Picnic

Saturday, September 18
12:00 pm

Join us at Stan and Pam Farlow's home at 1810 Upper Valley Drive, in West Jefferson for the September meeting and picnic. Please bring a covered dish (vegetable or dessert), your favorite lawn chair, and your car for a group photo. Hamburgers, brats, hot dogs, paper plates and cutlery along with tea, pop, and other liquid refreshments will be provided.



All Pontiac Show

Sunday, September 19
9:00 am-4:00 pm

Head on out to [Toth Buick GMC](#) in Akron to support the Greater Ohio GTO Club. Registration is 9:00 am to noon. Awards will be presented at 4:00 pm for Top 25, Best Paint, Best Interior, Best Engine, Best of Show, Stock and Modified. Door prizes will be given and dash plaques are available for the first 100 registered cars. Contact Louis Lamanna @ 330-592-9898 for additional information.

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Pictured to the right:

**GTOACO President
Brad Blackburn presents
the Best of Show Award
to Steve Andix for his
1948 Chevy Pickup.**





BATTLE *of the* BRANDS

The 6th Annual Battle of the Brands Car Show was a HUGE success! With well over 240 cars registered, this was the largest this event has ever been! Thank you to all of the volunteers who gave their time to help make the event the success that it was including:

- All those who showed up early in the morning to unload the trailer and set up the tents and tables for registration and club information.
- Everyone who helped collect participants' registration fees and controlled the traffic allowing show cars in and helping others find where they needed and wanted to go.

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- Everyone who sold 50/50 tickets to help add to the fund raising.
- My partner in Registration and Judging Tabulation, Nicole D'Amico.
- Brian D'Amico for keeping the crowd entertained with awesome music and running the awards.
- Brad Blackburn and Brian D'Amico for chairing the Battle of the Brands event.
- Our sponsors, Big Walnut Grill, Jets Pizza and Kroger for the use of their part of the parking lot.

But most importantly, thank you to all the folks who showed up with their beautiful cars. We hope the event is even bigger next year! Looks like we better get more parking spaces!

2021 Battle of the Brands Photo Credits | Ron Cozzo | Kevin Russo | Bill Sigg





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Best Chevy

Craig Grumkemeyer | '69 Corvette

Best Ford

Don Hess | '62 Ford Fairlane

Best Import

Mark & Debbie Garrest | '61 VW Beetle

Best Mopar

Kenny G | '16 Dodge Challenger Hellcat

Best Pontiac

Steve & Nancy Kidwell | '65 GTO

Top 25

Rick Marti | '63 Impala SS 409

Tom Risek | '68 Camaro

Brad Leon | '70 Chevelle SS

Scott Mayo | '68 Camaro

Fred Lawson | '57 Belair Convertible

Luke Billings | '59 Cadillac

Mark Devine | '49 Chevy 3100

Shelly Lucas | '87 Jeep Wrangler

Matt Warren | '69 GTO

Mary Marti | '56 Chevy Belair

Pete Lieb | '62 Chevy Belair

Brett Garhart | '67 Nova SS

Michael Bullock | '64 Fairlane Thunderbolt

John Gossard | '65 Mustang GT 350

Mike Matthews | '47 Ford Special Deluxe

Harry Squires | '70 Chevelle SS

Ron Hedinger | '69 C10 Stepside

Mark Lester | '67 Camaro

Frank Russell | '00 Saleen Mustang

Bob King | '10 Dodge Challenger

Bill Westfall | '64 GTO

Frank Baldwin | '67 Firebird

Rich Robins | '39 Cadillac LaSalle

Rick and Jean Lawrence | '73 Chevelle SS

Billy Wright | '71 Corvette

NORWALK



By Rob Wilson with Photo Credits to Ron Cozzo | Steve Shaeffer | Connie Stevens | Rob Wilson

For those that missed going to the 30th Annual Pontiac Tri-Power Nationals at Norwalk, I wish you could have been there. It was the biggest event in their 30-year history! On Friday, July 30th it was announced that all swap meet spots were sold out, and on Saturday around noon, the day of the car show, the loudspeaker crackled once again with the familiar voice of the announcer asking that all golfcarts be moved out of parking spaces to make way for show cars that were already through the gate. The grounds were full to capacity, and they were now having to turn cars away at the gate. The numbers were unreal for a three-day event with well over 12,000 spectators, 251 swap meet vendors

utilizing 436 spaces, 44 sale cars in the car corral, and an amazing 644 show cars as well as 428 additional cars tearing up the drag strip! These numbers didn't even include our Canadian Pontiac friends that were unable to attend due to the border closing.

The GTOACO had a great club presence at the event with no less than 10 show cars and more than 20 members in attendance bringing home not one, but four 1st Place, one 2nd Place, two 3rd Place, and one Best in Class trophies. Well done my friends!



2021 Ames Performance Pontiac Nationals
Photo Credit | Connie Stevens



Jess Girard | Best in Class Full-Size | '66 Ventura



Max Trier | 3rd Place GT-3 Class | '68 GTO



Brent Penny | 1st Place GT-4 Class | '74 GTO



Kevin Russo | '68 GTO



Earl Boyle | 3rd Place C2 Class | '65 GTO



Ron Cozzo | 1st Place ST-2B Class | '66 Lemans



Rob Wilson | 1st Place GT-2 Class | '66 GTO



Keith & Connie Stevens | 2nd Place ST-2F Class | '70 GTO





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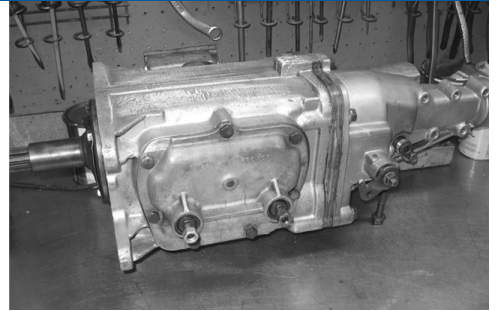
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Save the Date

Trunk or Treat Car Show

Date: **October 16, 2021** (Rain Date: October 23, 2021)

Registration: **11 am to 1 pm** Registration Fee: **\$10** Awards: 3 pm

Location: **Hilliard Presbyterian Church**
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All makes, models & years welcome



100 Dash Plaques & 50 Awards,
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