

The G T O Tiger Times



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Presidents Message

Buyer Beware

Recently on the GTO Forum a member posted a 1967 GTO for Sale on Ebay. This person wasn't sure why a '67 trim tag would appear on a 1966 GTO. As I looked at the pictures of this car it was clear to me someone either didn't know what they were doing when restoring this beautiful looking Mariner Turquoise with the wrong year parts or they didn't much care. When I got to the trim tag on the firewall picture, bells and whistles began playing in my skull. It appeared that tag was not the right one for the car and it was placed on this car which is of course, illegal. My suspicions were confirmed when a member of that forum posted an update to his report to Ebay on this car as a possible fraud.

According to the poster, the story goes: after reporting it to Ebay a detective and an investigator showed up at the home of the seller to inspect the car. It's reported the seller not knowing what he was looking at purchased this car then discovered the car was not as it was claimed to be. It was stated it was discovered this 1967 GTO as advertised is actually a 1966 Lemans turned into a '67 GTO. A few '67 GTO parts were installed on this car namely the front grilles and more importantly the firewall trim tag. The seller claims he was scammed and to make matters worse rather than report it to authorities especially purchasing it from a dealer he decided to dupe another. The seller who claims he is a victim of fraud is now finding himself in heap of legal problems. To read his advertisement on the car in the Ebay auction it's worded like and comes across as a legit 242 car. The verbiage and the pictures do not add up. No official documentation appears in the advertisement.

Reading the advertisement over and over the seller does not appear to be someone that was scammed as they claim. The wording to me depicts someone who knows a 1967 GTO, or, perhaps, took the wording of another car and plagiarize some to fit his car? Did he not know there are people out there who do know these cars and can see the discrepancies? Maybe at a no reserve auction as this car was advertised, he thought the car would move fast from a quickly made deal? Who knows.

The car was for sale in Michigan and has been traced back to Ohio where now learned was purchased from a

dealer. The police are now involved and the seller claims he had no idea it was a Lemans, purchasing from a dealer you'd feel confident it's what it's advertised as right? The VIN describes the car as a 242 car. The seller's "ignorance" and his well worded essay on the car just do not add up from a person who says he was victimized. Be that as it may he'll have a hard time convincing the authorities he was not attempting to scam another.

The person who reported it to ebay did some investigating on ebay and found the person selling this car purchased it from a dealer in Ohio for 33,900. A case of I got duped, my turn to dupe? A dealer involved in this unknowing or not if the car was legit? A dicey situation for the dealer. The dealer's feedback at 100% one would tend to think the dealer was duped.

From time to time we hear stories like this. It reminds me of the story in 'The Legend' a few years back regarding Doppelgangers. Those who steal the identity of another's car and the clone is involved in a manner whereby the actual car and owner are through no fault of their own finding themselves in the middle of a legal wrangling and having to prove just which car is real. Is this car another example of a doppelganger transaction?



It's great to be in a club where one who has questions on a vehicle has access to information from those they know. As a member of the GTOAA we all have access to technical advisors who will provide you the necessary information you need to help you in your quest to purchase a GTO and with legal questions, access to Judge Frank who can assist with legal issues. There were some 20+ bids on that "GTO" and the auction was up to 21K.

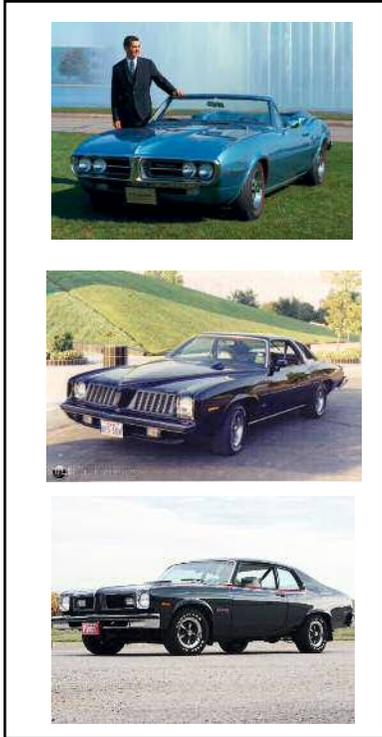
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Random Pontiacs



Meeting Notes 09/18/2016

Bob Krewson presented the treasurer's report. At this meeting, we performed our annual post car show autopsy to identify any weaknesses and to evaluate our performance.

As most of you are aware, SVGTO has earned a reputation throughout the Pontiac community as a premier venue for our car shows. The reason we scrutinize our performance each year is to continually streamline the process so that we can make it easier to manage and make a more enjoyable experience for our guests as well as our dedicated staff. On behalf of Vic and your club officers I'd like to personally thank each and every volunteer who works tirelessly to make out show a resounding success, year after year. I tip my Pontiac cap to all, with a big Thank You! You are the reason our show has earned the respect of other clubs!

Newsletter Submissions.

As you are all aware, since Pontiac's demise, it's become harder and harder to fill these pages, as Pontiac centered stories are becoming more scarce. With that being said, I'd like to once again appeal to all members to submit stories or article for inclusion in the newsletter. They could be stories that you run across online, or personal stories of you and you Pontiac. Anything you might think would be of interest to our members, just forward to me. You needn't be a Pulitzer prize winning author, just a story in your own words would be fine too. Email any submissions to Russ, macgto@comcast.net for consideration.

Event Coordinator Position effective Sept. 2016

We have created an Event Coordinator position within the club. This position was created to take some of the burden off of Vic so he can concentrate on club matters. VP Brian Little will now serve as EC for the time being. The ECs responsibilities will be to brainstorm ideas for club events as well as handle coordinating and planning event venues and schedules. Create buzz promoting the events and recruit volunteers to assist in planning. Currently VP Brian Little will be handle the EC position. If anyone would like to volunteer to take this position, please contact Vic or Brian.

Our next club meeting is on Sunday, October 23rd. Meeting will be at 12 noon at Hillside. In addition to the regular monthly meeting, we will be updating everyone on the 2018 Convention. Plan to attend if you can.

The date of the club banquet is Saturday, November 26th. Due to a scheduling error on Enck's part, this is the only date we could secure. Being the weekend after Thanksgiving, it is not ideal, however, the banquet has become a great SVGTO annual tradition which we wouldn't want to give up. We understand if you cannot make it because of the holiday, but we certainly hope you can.



ATTENTION!

Be sure to check out the website

www.svgto.com

For the latest information of upcoming events.

Next Meeting:

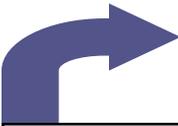
The next regular club meeting will be Sunday, October 23rd, 12 noon at the Hillside Café.

In addition to our regular meeting, we will be holding an informational update for the 2018 National Show. All show committee members are encouraged to attend.



If you have comments about, or suggestions to help improve The GTO Tiger Times, please contact Russ Esenwine.

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Membership Update

Members to date: 77

2017 SVGTO Memberships:

Our memberships for 2017 come due in the month of January. There are several GTO owner members who have allowed their GTOAA membership expire and have not responded to reminders to renew. If your GTOAA membership is not active as of January 1 you will be removed from our active roster and mailing list. After January 30 those not renewed with SVGTO will be removed from our active roster. There are several ways to renew. The easiest is by visiting our website's Members Area www.svgto.com Login using the Login and password. If you have forgotten it contact me for the info. As of January 30, 2017 the login will change. You can also download a svgto application on our About page on our site and remit to Bob.

If you plan on attending our banquet on November 26th you can renew then. Russ will be handling renewals there. Membership dues remain at 15.00 for GTOAA members / 25.00 for non GTOAA members.

Reminder: If you have a change of address, phone number or other contact information change, please remember to let us know so we can keep our records accurate.

Vic

Events Coordinator

Brian Little has assumed the position of Event Coordinator. Brian will be the go to person for scheduling and coordinating of events. If you have an idea for an event, please contact Brian. I will still handle the Mecum, East Coast Regional, and our show events. We're always looking for different events that interests all members. We encourage your input and suggestions.

Our banquet is November 26th at Enck's Custom Catering in Manheim, PA.

Hors D'oeuvres will be served from 5-6 with dinner served at 6pm. A full menu and price per person will be announced shortly. Hope many of you can make it. Four those who may want to lodge overnight it may be wise to reserve a room now as there are events going on in the area and rooms may be hard to find at that time.

[Lancaster Inn & Suites](#) next door --- [Hampton Inn](#) at the entrance to the turnpike on RT 72.



2017 SVGTO Officer Nominations

2017 Club Officer Nominations will take place at our October 23rd meeting at the Hillside Café at noon. If you've considered becoming an officer this will be the time to be nominated. Election for officers take place in November. If there are no contested positions and the current officers choose to retain their position there will be no need for an election.

From Tom Oxler:

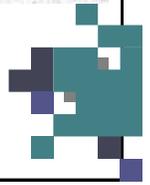
I was notified yesterday (September 29, 2016) from Sarah Wacholtz that her father, Jon Wacholtz passed away. Jon was a member of our GTOAA Staff for many years serving as Chief Concours Judge. He has attended many of the GTOAA Conventions has work tirelessly judging GTO's and offering members of GTOAA advice on the restoration of GTO's and Pontiacs. His knowledge of restorations was immense and he will be missed by the entire GTO, Pontiac and GTOAA community. The GTOAA Board of Directors, Officers and Staff send their condolences to Sarah and the entire Wacholtz family in this time of sorrow.

Good Bye Old Friend.

G. Tom Oxler
President of GTOAA



5 years ago, I said goodbye. :-(





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Classified ads by SVGTO members will be placed in the GTO Tiger Times free of charge. Please email your ads to Russ Esenwine, at macgto@comcast.net. I will try to get the ads placed in the next issue. If you include a photo of the items that you are selling, please send a clear digital photo in .jpg format. I will include your photos if space permits.

To me, unless this guy was padding his bids, it seemed many mostly not knowing what they were looking at were standing in line for this awesome no reserve deal. Neither of the sellers had any PHS documents. We've heard over the years, at least I know I have.... If it's too good to be true.....



Notice the '67 trim tag and evidence it was tampered with i.e. reinstalled and possible peening over of the left rivet when tapped back into the factory hole. The car screams '66 but the tag says '67

Before being removed from Ebay the original ebay ad expired on August 26, 2016 and the car reappeared on Ebay shortly thereafter through the private sale and was pulled September 21. Did the guy learn he was scammed and was trying to dump the car? [HERE](#) is the link to the ebay ad the seller had up, the link was active at this write-up. Notice it says a real 242 car not a Lemans or Tempest. From what I gather the investigation is ongoing. I'd like to know how this turns out. If I do find out I will be certain to update you on the outcome.

Vic



Susquehanna Valley GTO is an affiliated chapter of the GTO Association of America, the premier national organization for GTO enthusiasts. Each month GTOAA members receive **The Legend**, a Golden Quill Award winning publication. Members can read the technical articles and have access to the GTOAA Technical Advisors Staff, use 50 words of free advertising monthly, view the feature articles on some of the most interesting GTOs you'll come across, and have access to the GTOAA Club Store merchandise. For an on-line preview of The Legend, go to www.gtoaa.org. For local chapter information, send an e-mail to Bill Vantuono at chapters@gtoaa.org. To receive a membership application by mail, write to: GTOAA, PO Box 213, Timnath, CO. 80547, or send an e-mail to: membership@gtoaa.org for more information.

The GTOAA National Meet is hosted by various local chapters, and is held annually. The acclaimed Concours and Popular Vote Car Shows bring some of the finest GTOs together for superb viewing. Other highlights include many renowned Technical and Special Interest speakers, the multi-day swap meet, drag tracing, and other great events.

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