



# SUSQUEHANNA VALLEY



## The G T O Tiger Times



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### Presidents Message

With our 2018 convention wrapping up July 1 we're combining the July-August newsletter.

I was first approached about SVGTO hosting the Nationals back in 2012 while attending the convention in Colorado. I recall sitting and chatting with Tom Oxler as he presented me his sales pitch. I declined at the time knowing how much work is involved. Over time as our local show grew and grew and our reputation for hosting one of the best Pontiac events in the country spread, I began getting more and more requests to take our show national. I kept resisting. In 2014 I was asked to take over the GTOAA Public Relations and at the same time again asked to consider hosting an international event. NO!

We began the process of hosting the 2018 GTOAA Nationals back in 2014 just after the Nationals in Pittsburgh wrapped up. HAHA. I phoned Brian Little while in Pittsburgh and informed him, "he's at it again." Unbeknownst to me, Brian began the wheels in motion and by our next meeting he and Bob Krewson conspired to undertake the monumental task of going national. I had concerns, despite the presentation he and Bob presented those in attendance. A vote was taken to either forego this idea or proceed. With a resounding YES let's do it from those in attendance, the process began.

Brian, and Bob spearheaded this endeavor from the beginning until the very end. With both Brian and Bob co-chairing this event it left me to concentrate on focusing on other club activities such as Mecum, and our own show which we would not abandon in 2018 while working on and promoting this convention. Through Brian, and Bob's leadership this past convention set records for a GTOAA meet not before seen since dating to 2004 in Pontiac Michigan. 414 Meet registrations, 267 registered show cars, 85 concours registrations, some 160+ pop vote cars in the show field. This convention lived up to it's hype. We advertised this event heavily and the end result was a WOW factor we worked to achieve.

In all some 300 cars including the Original Owners show field, and display cars plus the 1965 GTO theme bike from Orange County Choppers (not included in the registration numbers) with a surprise guest appearance

by Paul Teutul Sr. who delivered the bike and rode it into the convention center we saw 301 total show cars. A typical convention will play host to 200-250 show cars, with event registrations around 300 is pretty much average. Last year in Illinois at the 2017 convention, some 72 concours cars were entered. This year saw 85, with 82 awards handed out, set a never before seen show field for a stand alone GTOAA meet. To give you an idea how well the concours show was attend, the past co-vention in 2013 saw with the GTOAA and POCI combined, some 93 total concours cars. We had 85 registered.

Of course, all of this is mute if not for the body of the membership who came out to work this event all week. With the mammoth undertaking of a convention, some chapters hosting one will partner up with another chapter to help run and manage their convention. We hosted this convention ourselves. Doing this speaks volumes to the membership we have and the deduction from within. We are blessed to be surrounded by so many wonderful members in SVGTO. It is our volunteers that made this event the success it was. Yellow event shirts were everywhere, assisting everyone who needed help and always with a friendly helpful attitude.

Everything begins in registration. I have been to conventions and witnessed confusion at registration and lines of folks awaiting their turn to get their packets. This convention? No lines, no confusion and no frustration from anyone. I saw our registration crew during the course of the week greeting everyone that entered with a friendly helpful attitude that made an impact on our guests, who were highly impressed with the professional demeanor they commented on. I was in complete awe watching our registration crew in action. It was like they do this all the time. To say it all came together is an understatement, it could not have gone smoother. To give you an idea of just how great our registration team was, Beth Butcher our GTOAA membership coordinator who has been working at registration at the past 28 or so conventions stated she'd like to take our registration staff on the road and do all conventions. I told her, "Beth, I have never seen you smile and have fun like you are!" and she said it's been great working with our crew and how great they are. This tells you just how great our team was. Thanks to Mike Gettys for championing our registrations.

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Random Pontiacs



**ATTENTION!**

Be sure to check out the website

[www.svgto.com](http://www.svgto.com)

For the latest information of upcoming events.

Meeting Notes, 07/22/2018

In Attendance:

Bob Krewson, Vic & Geri Schreck, Brian Little, Russ Esenwine, Rich & Darlene Slarb, Doug & Laura Warble, Bob Martin, Al Haynes, Earl Briggs, Wilson & Tina Wolfe, Casey Heck, Myrle & Anita Dodson

Meeting was called to order with opening remarks from Vic Schreck.

Treasurer's report was presented by Bob Krewson.

Today's meeting focused on preparations for our upcoming annual show.

Volunteers are always needed the day of the show to help with guests, park cars, etc. Anyone wanting to volunteer to help set up the field on Friday, Aug 17th, please contact Vic for details.

GTOAA has approached SVGTO about combining the annual Eastern Regionals (formally held at Pypes, in Hatfield) with our annual SVGTO Show in 2019. Discussions on this subject will be ongoing, and we invite all comments, questions and concerns from all members.

A convention wrap up discussion rounded out the meeting.

Mark your calendars for our annual Holiday Banquet. It was brought to our attention that the date posted on the events calendar on the website was incorrect. The correct date for the banquet is Saturday, November 17th. Menu and details will be forthcoming.

Meeting adjourned.

Our August 18 car show is approaching, as it is with each year we'll need support the day of parking cars and helping in registration please let Brian know you can help. We're going to need someone to operate the Raffle/Door Prize table, please let Vic know if you'd like to assist. The show field will be prepared field Friday August 17, if you'd like to help out please give Vic a shout. We'll again be parking in our usual club display area by registration. SVGTO members: 10.00 per car to register. You can register online on our members are of our website.

We'll have our after show gathering at Bob's place following the show at about 5pm. Covered dish item is appreciated.

**Calling All Members!!**

**Convention Stories!**

We have just concluded the most monumental undertaking in the history of our club, the 39th Annual GTOAA Convention!

As nearly 70% of our membership attended this event, there are bound to be plenty of great stories.

I would like to throw out a request to our members to submit their personal convention stories. Just looking for a short tome about what it was like for you, experiences to share, and perhaps a picture or two. I will be publishing these stories in future newsletters. If you have a longer story, those are welcome to, I can always make room for more!

Send stories to: [secretary@svgto.com](mailto:secretary@svgto.com)

**Next Meeting:**

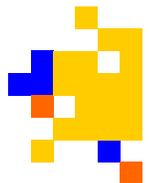
The next regular club meeting will be on **Sunday, August 12th, 1pm @ RMHC in Hershey**. In addition to the regular club meeting agenda, we will be stuffing goodie bags for our upcoming annual show.

**Membership Update:**

We gained four new members at the convention bringing our membership to yet another record high of 88. Please welcome the following to SVGTO:

- Steve Lucas: Steve is an original owner of a 1972 GTO
- Brian Fulmer: Brian has a 1970 GTO
- Kim and Jim Spiece: Kim has a 1998 Trans-Am
- Derrick Hoke: Derrick has a 2006 GTO

Welcome to SVGTO!



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

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Mike's leadership, dedication and system he managed was evident as every guest was quickly processed. Registration is the most critical part of the convention, the staff who ran this made it look easy, and it's not. From Tina Wolfe who coordinated with the gals who cheerfully greeted each guest, to Glenn and Deb Hill who happily made sure all who wanted an event t-shirt got one and those who ordered one to have shipped to them were taken care of.

The leadership from Alan Haynes who managed the concours and pop vote show field and the outside areas was exemplary, the team setting up the outdoor areas in brutally hot weather was precise in the layouts. Typically, when a car comes through tech and pictures they are directed to their particular class and they follow the point of a finger to a parker in their area often times they are left to find their spot on their own. Every car was escorted to their reserved parking spot by following a golf cart who placed them. I got so many compliments on this, there was no guessing where to go and no driving around searching for their class, the show field was laid out in such a fashion it was easy to find each class. Our guests were highly impressed how easy it was to go through tech to their spot.

Alan had point personnel at strategic points to help direct folks who had questions. It was amazing to see the teamwork out in the sweltering heat making sure the needs of our guests were met. Another impressive aspect of this convention was our car wash area. Dave Eyster was over the top with this. Typically, at a car area there is a bucket and a hose. Not for this convention. Dave had set up stations fully stocked with soap, wash mitts, brushes, tire, and wheel care, fender well care and detail spray. Dave knocked this out of the park. Our guests were mesmerized at the Adams Detail area. That area was highly professionally done and impressive to see. Thanks Dave.

I could rant and rave for pages at the teamwork exuded by all our volunteers, it's our membership that pulled off what is being billed by many as one of the best GTOAA Nationals yet. So many to thank for their efforts including those who set up the show fields, to tech-in to our greeters, I can't say enough and I fear I may leave someone out, a huge kudos to all. Arnie Beswick twice told me this is the best GTOAA Nationals he's ever been at and Arnie has been around a very long time. I was humbled all week by the sentiments told me by so many. I told many to thank one of our members in green staff shirts, they get the credit for it. Our volunteers left a huge impression on our guests, the teamwork exuded by all had us fielding many thank-yous. My sincere thanks goes to all that pulled this off. We had a total of 67% of our membership attend this convention whether it was assisting or just enjoying the event, this is an impressive number. We then added 4 new members that week adding to our membership increasing member presence to 69%. An incredible show of support. It's our membership that has SVGTO held in such high regards in the National Organization. I am humbled to be associated with so many outstanding members I am proud to call my friends.

Vic

We had a very impressive showing of SVGTO members at our convention. Some 57 members many with family were in attendance, which represents 67% of our membership, this is very impressive! We also gained 4 members. Add our newest members who joined with us there we had 69% in attendance. Many didn't enter a car in the show but came out to assist, register, and enjoy the event. Thanks to ALL that attended. We also had a healthy list of members who collected awards. Congratulations to our 35 members who scored an International award. The picture provided had many members missing.



First Row L-R: Tom Jackson showing his original owner award for this 1970 GTO. George Richardson (1<sup>st</sup> Place 2009 G8), Scott Wivell (3<sup>rd</sup> Place 2006 Solstice), Wilson Wolf (concours Silver Award 1969 GTO), Chet Ewart (Concours Gold Award 1964 GTO) Doug Warble (1968 Lemans Street Legends, displaying awards for himself, Steven and Reuben Warble) Vince Pestilli (1<sup>st</sup> Place 1969 GTO).  
Second Row L-R: Andy Kear (1<sup>st</sup> Place 1968 GTO), Ralph Moyer (3<sup>rd</sup> Place 1964 GTO), Rich Slarb (Concours Gold Award 1967 GTO) Vic Schreck (Concours Silver Award 1970 GTO) Earl Briggs (Concours Silver Award 1968 GTO) David Briggs (Concours Gold Award 1965 GTO) Jim Eyer (Concours Silver Award, 1966 GTO, 3<sup>rd</sup> place 1971 GTO).

Missing from picture: Mike Bailey with his Original Owner 1969 GTO, (Concours Gold Award for his 1967 GTO) Doug Moyer (3<sup>rd</sup> Place 1964 GTO), Steve Cellucci (Concours Silver Award 1972 GTO), Meade Green (Concours Silver Award 1969 GTO), Steven Warble (Street Legends), Reuben Warble (Street Legends), Brian Fulmer (3<sup>rd</sup> Place 1970 GTO), Robert Lynch (Concours Gold Award 1966 GTO), John Snyder (Concours Gold Award 1965 GTO), Robert McCoy (Concours Silver Award 1966 GTO), Mike Martin (1969 GTO Street Legends), Lester Hess (Original Owner 1967 GTO), Bill Vantuono (3<sup>rd</sup> Place 1969 Firebird), Andy Rock (1963 Grand prix Street Legends), Dave Saneman (Concours Bronze Award 1965 GTO), Brent Lehman (1<sup>st</sup> Place 1968 GTO), Connie Hooks (2<sup>nd</sup> Place 2005 GTO), Bill Gallagher (1<sup>st</sup> place 1962 Catalina), Charles Schultheis (Concours Bronze Award 1967 GTO) Bill Molnar (Concours Gold 1965 GTO), & Putt Willet (1<sup>st</sup> Place 1968 GTO).

If anyone was missed or incorrect year car, our apologies Please let us know so we can update and correct.

Thank you to the following:  
Putt Willet's for displaying his 1968 GTO; 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Display of the 1968 GTO  
4<sup>th</sup> gen GTOs what underwent Beta Judging:  
Tonja/Greg Haupt 2006 GTO  
Alan Haynes 2004 GTO  
Dave Eyster 2006 GTO  
Brian Little 2005 GTO



**2018 Club Officers**

**Vic Schreck- President**  
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**Brian Little - Vice President**  
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**Bob Krewson - Treasurer**  
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**Russ Esenwine - Secretary**  
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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.

**The John Sawruk Best of Show went to Gerald & Scott Tiemann for their 1965 GTO**



**Pontiac Hall of Fame Class of 2018 Inductees**

The Pontiac Preservation's Pontiac Hall Of Fame was unveiled at the Pypes Show Saturday morning June 30. The display was then brought to the convention and erected in the banquet room and unveiled there. A presentation of the display with those inducted were announced at the awards banquet. This display will travel to different major Pontiac events throughout the country in years to come. On it will be name plaques of those inducted into the P.H.O.F. The 10 inductees into the Class of 2018 are:

- John DeLorean
- Bunkie Knudsen
- Malcom Mac McKellar
- John Sawruk
- Elliot Pete Estes
- Jim Wangers
- Arnie Beswick
- Bill Collins
- Herb Adams
- Russ Gee

**Pontiac Hall of Fame Display**



Left to Right: Arnie Beswick; Tom Wangers accepting for Jim Wangers, Scott Tiemann accepting for Mac McKellar; Gary, and James Sawruk accepting for John Sawruk



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](http://www.gtoaa.org). For local chapter information, send an e-mail to Bill Vantuono at [chapters@gtoaa.org](mailto: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](mailto: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.

## National Organization Information



Official GTOAA Chapter, Since 1995



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## 2018 ALL PONTIAC SHOW

11th ANNUAL

DATE:	August 18, 2018
TIME:	<u>Reg: 8a-11a.</u> Show; 9a-3p
PLACE:	Herr Park; 1670 Nissley RD Landisville, PA 17538
COST:	Pre-reg: 15.00, DOS: 20.00

All Pontiacs welcome: Any Year, Any Model.  
Rain Date: August 25, 2018 Same Time

- ◆ Popular Vote By Registered Show Participants
- ◆ Best Of Show Awards
- ◆ Longest Distance Award
- ◆ Raffles / Door Prizes
- ◆ Catered Food By Enck's Custom Catering
- ◆ Period Music By Jeff Primaldi
- ◆ Showfield On Grass / Abundant Shade
- ◆ Trailer Parking

2013 Chapter of the Year



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Register online: [www.svgto.com](http://www.svgto.com)



- A: All Pontiac to 1964 stock except: GTO
- B: Pontiac 1965-1979 stock except: GTO/TA/FB
- C: Pontiac 1980-1999 stock except: GTO/TA/FB
- D: 1964-1967 GTO stock
- E: 1967-1981 TA/Firebird stock
- F: 1982-2002 TA/Firebird stock
- G: 2004-2006 GTO stock
- H: All Pontiac modified except: GTO/TA/Firebird
- I: 1967-1981 TA/Firebird modified
- J: 1982-2002 TA/Firebird modified
- K: 1964-1974 GTO modified
- L: 2004-2006 GTO modified
- M: Pontiac 2000-2009 stock except: GTO/TA/FB
- N: 1968-1974 GTO Inclusive-stock

\* SVGTO Members cars excluded from the judged showfield

\*\* Modified: Any performance enhancing modifications. 3 non performance mods permitted for stock class. SVGTO reserves the right to judge cars accordingly.

Model Car Contest: Adults, & Kids Classes: Pontiac & Open Classes.

Model cars limited to plastic assembly, NO diecast. Model Car Contest is FREE to show registrants others by donation.

Info: [svgto@show@svgto.com](mailto:svgto@show@svgto.com)

717.405-2178; 717.521.8277; 717.615.7117; 717.880.5692

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: ( \_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

(email address is used to notify you of next year's show, we will never share your email)

Model Pontiac: \_\_\_\_\_ Year: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: (Letter from above) \_\_\_\_\_

Children Participation: (age limit 15) # of Children \_\_\_\_\_ Ages: \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*\* MODEL CAR CONTEST REGISTRATION \*\*\*

Enter Class letter & # of models: Class: \_\_\_\_\_ Qty: \_\_\_\_\_ Class; enter (A) or (K): \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*Enter "P" for Pontiac, or "O" for open class & quantity of each

A=SR. K=JR. (15 and under)

Model car contest is free to registered show participants, others by donation day of show

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

\*\* I understand; SVGTO, Jones Dealerships, & East Hempfield Twp will not be held liable for any damages, thefts, or injuries to show cars, or participants.

Checks made payable to: Susquehanna Valley G T O  
Mail registration with remittance by: August 11, 2018  
To: SVGTO ALL PONTIAC SHOW >>> ATTN:  
Bob Krewson: 950 Driver Avenue, Landisville, PA 17538

Portion of proceeds to benefit: Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central PA

