

# SUSQUEHANNA VALLEY



## The GTO Tiger Times

The Voice of the GTO and Pontiac Enthusiast in Central Pennsylvania



### President's Corner

Patience.

Something we all have various amounts of. My hats off to those of you who have more than I! Cars and children will both teach you a LOT of patience.

Lately motivation for car related activities has been tough to come by while I try to get my 05 running, as something as simple as a computer replacement becomes somewhat of a worm hole, and I realize more than ever that GM does not really care about the Pontiac brand or their owners. Discontinued parts are the norm (even remanufacturing has been stopped for most parts) and they just say sorry, can't help you. So, it's off to find a used part. Because this particular part is a one year only item it is becoming very hard to find, and even the biggest parts remanufacturing companies cannot source them to rebuild. Luckily, I did find one used computer and that is what is calling the shots right now, only after having to trailer the car to the local Chevy dealer to reprogram the new to me ECM. I suppose time marches on, and we just need to find new ways to get what we need. Will the aftermarket step up and start making new pieces like this? Who knows, only time will tell.

This feels a lot like the 80's and 90's infancy of the restoration industry all over again! Hopefully they pick up the newer cars like they have the original muscle cars, it's truly amazing what is available now!

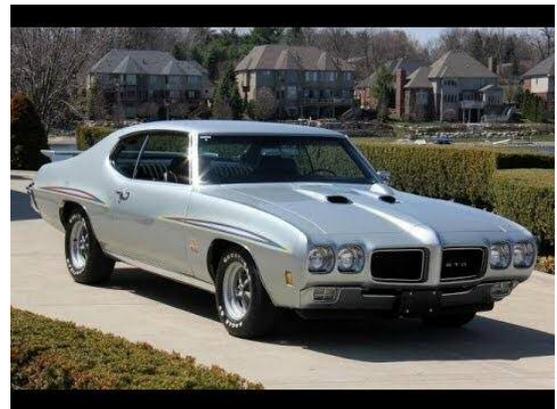
We are entering the busiest time of the year for SVGTO. The GTOAA convention is underway as I write this (hopefully some of our members got the chance to make the trip!), and just a few weeks further on the calendar will be the POCI counterpart in our back yard in Gettysburg the week of July 15<sup>th</sup>. That Sunday (July 21<sup>st</sup>) is also our summer meal prep day at the Ronald McDonald House in Hershey. These 2 events will be a great opportunity to pick up Mecum badges and parking passes if you haven't yet. July 31<sup>st</sup> kicks off Mecum Harrisburg, so make sure you see me to get your passes! If you cannot get to either of these events

please contact me ASAP so we can make other arrangements to get your credentials to you.

We will not have an official meeting for July, but officers will be on hand at the Ronald McDonald House on the 21<sup>st</sup> to answer any questions and will have all our normal financial reports and information for upcoming events. We'll return to RMH on August 10<sup>th</sup> for a formal club meeting as we make final plans and stuff goody bags for our 12<sup>th</sup> annual all Pontiac show the following weekend on August 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>. Have you registered yet?

Remember that we as members are now in the general show field just like we have been at past regional shows in Hatfield, so make sure you register in the correct class as they have all changed. Hope to see you all soon!

Brian



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

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## Meeting Notes 6/9/2019

### In Attendance:

Brian Little,  
Bob Krewson,  
Mike Gettys,  
Russ Esenwine,  
Marlyn Runk,  
Meade Green,  
Jim Eyer,  
Rich Slarb,  
Glen & Deb Hill,  
Alan Haynes.

Meeting called to order with opening remarks by President Brian Little

Treasurer's report was presented by Bob Krewson

First up was a recap of the REM tour and May meeting. Once again, SVGTO wishes to thank Ralph and Doug Moyer and the employees of REM for their generosity in hosting this tour.

Next, a recap of the Burdette Bros show in Urbana, Maryland. Please read the write up from Bob in this newsletter. Next, a recap of the LCBC show. This year's show saw over 1200 cars on display.

We received a thank you note from the organizers of the Rock Solid show in Dillsburg. SVGTO wishes to thank all those members who were in attendance. The date for the 2020 show is May 23<sup>rd</sup>.

We are talking to our website host about updating our website to be "responsive" What that means is, that instead of hosting a desktop and a mobile site, the site would be formatted in such a way,

that it will "sense" what platform you are using and adjust it's format automatically to fit your device, whether it be mobile or PC. We will keep you updated.

POCI Convention at the Gettysburg Gateway is coming up on July 16<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup>. Any members in attending are encouraged to take photos of the event and are invited to submit a story (hint hint) of your experience for an up coming newsletter.

Mecum is also fast approaching, July 31<sup>st</sup> – Aug 3<sup>rd</sup>. Any members who have volunteered as drivers need to get your credentials if you have not received them yet. Brian will have them at each club function or you can contact him to make arrangements to get them.

Our August show is coming up in about 5 weeks. Most things are already in place. Volunteers are always needed, so you can contact Brian, Mike or Alan to let them know if you can help out.

Meeting Adjourned



## Next Meeting:

There will be no formal club meeting for the month of July. Several officers will be present at the RMHC meal prep on the 21st if anything pressing needs to be addressed.

The August meeting will be held on Saturday, August 10th at 6pm at RMHC. We will be having our regular meeting, last minute show prep and filling goodie bags.

## Somber News

It is with a heavy heart we must relay another SVGTO loss. Club member Jerry Cosgrove passed away unexpectedly recently following neck surgery. He was one of our very best drivers at Mecum every year, always willing to drive whatever we had, and an expert whenever we had a motorcycle to pilot. Jerry was always fun to have around and his larger than life personality would always lift our spirits late in the hot days in the staging lanes. It's safe to say he will be sorely missed.



## BURDETTE BROTHERS PONTIAC SHOW June 2, 2019

By Bob Krewson

I would love to say that the early morning of the Burdette Brothers show dawned bright and sunny and with great promise. But NO, June 2, 2019 dawned wet and drizzly and a bit chilly. But I had 100 miles to drive so I saddled up and headed out in the G8.

Traffic was light and moving well as I headed South on Rt 83 & 695S out of York. I jumped on to 70 West, still no traffic at 6:30AM! Then my trusty Waze navigator took me on a series of adventures, through people's backyards, driveways, and tiny, twisty, one-lane roads that would have been fun had it not been foggy.

Lo, at the end of the trail, bright hazy sunshine was peeking through, and as if by magic, there was Burdette a mere 100 yards away on my left, with Pontiacs waiting in line to get into the lot. I missed the Long-Distance award by 10 miles, it was 110 miles door-to-door for me, the winner was from PA as well, but he traveled 120 miles.

Our own George Richardson is the driving force behind this show. It is very well-run and organized. Each year/model has its designated parking area, and George's volunteers quickly pointed the way, no confusion whatsoever. Unfortunately, 2020 will be the last year that Burdette will host the show, Don Burdette told us all that it would go out with a bang, he has plans to make sure that the final show will be memorable for all. Meanwhile, I hope that George is looking for an alternate spot!

After picking up my registration packet and detouring through the line of early Catalina's and Bonneville's (most of you know my penchant for the Pontiac "Big Guns"), I went back to where I had the G8 parked, in a line with, to my disbelief, a whole line of G8's! Most were acquaintances of mine from the Capital City G8 club from Northern Virginia & DC, and it was fun to see what the latest modifications were that had been done to some of these cars. How about a 1000hp twin-turbocharged 4-door sedan with functional AC, five seats, cupholders, and a killer stereo, that runs low, low 10 second ¼ miles at over 130mph (on drag radials)? And yes, he drives it to work at least twice a week. Hopefully I was able to talk our show up enough to get some of these guys to come to Lancaster County in August.



As I mentioned previously, since this is a POCI show, they attract a goodly number of older big cars. There were several '59 Catalina's and 4 or five '60's Bonneville's, many of those were convertible/ 4-speed/ tri-power cars. Rare AND cool!

Of course, the Grand Prix contingent was there, another of my favorites.



Just super cool vehicles and the owners would happily talk your ear off in true Ponti-Yacker style.

The only SVGTO-ers in attendance were Lee Douglas in his new-gen GTO, Tonja & Greg Haupt in their Spice Red '06, and Myrle Dodson and his wife in their new-gen. I briefly saw a Pontiac-less Brent Lehman, but he vanished into the crowd before I could chat with him.

There was another "barn-find" '65 GTO—is anyone else getting tired of seeing a filthy dirty, otherwise-beautiful car sitting on 4 flat tires with bird poo all over it? Come on, wash the car!



This one had less than 12,000 miles showing from new, and it had been sitting in a barn for the past 50+ years. Sadly, the owner had been sent to Viet Nam in 1967 and didn't return, and his parents couldn't bear to sell the car, until the parents' estate did that now. The paint, while filthy and in need of a little love in the usual spots, actually looked pretty good, all things considered. The interior was extremely dusty, but otherwise perfect, and it didn't have any of "The Smell", at least that I could notice. The car was 100% all-original, except for the Day 2 wheels and tires, which goes back to my earlier mention of the 4-flat-tire syndrome. You could almost see through these dry-rotted rubber donuts, and they leaked air out as fast as you could put it in. I asked the owner if it ran, he apologized and told me that he had JUST picked it up the night before and hadn't had time to even look at anything past inflating the tires, repeatedly.

Our 24th Year!

2019 Club Officers

Brian Little—President  
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I am hoping that he drags it to our show, I'm pretty sure that the Adam's Polishes Shine Team could clean it up for him!

There were burgers and dogs sold to benefit the local Scout troop, they were delicious and the smell wafting over the grounds was positively inviting. Plenty of baked goods were available for purchase as well, I managed to veer away from those tables, however. I did fall for the ice cream truck's invitational sounds and the offer of a cool treat on a hot day, however.

At around 1pm, the natives started getting restless as the weather appeared to be closing in again, and George and his crew quickly moved the awards ceremony into the old Pontiac showroom, which was full of Don Burdette's vintage Pontiacs. I was invited to make an announcement about our show and somehow managed to hold everyone's attention for a few minutes, I then handed out my SVGTO business cards and more show flyers for those who will hopefully make the trek to Lancaster County.

In the end I took a 2<sup>nd</sup> place with the G8,



# SVGTO

second to my buddy Bryan Ginn's '09 G8 GXP.



Lee Douglas took a 3<sup>rd</sup> with his GTO, hopefully I'll see him soon to give him his trophy! Lee, Greg & Tonj, and Myrle, I apologize that I don't have a good photo of any of your cars!

All in all, a pretty good show, there were roughly 90 cars in attendance in spite of the weather, even the panic-stricken trailer queens were able to get home without getting the tow cars wet. I drove back to Landisville in the gloom, and still got less wet than in the morning. The rain held off until 6pm, well after I was sitting at home with my feet up!

That's all to report from Urbana, MD!



**Burdette Brothers**

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## National Organization Information



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.

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# Chapter Corner

with GTOAA Chapter Coordinator, Denny Deal

Well here we are ready for another National Convention this time in Lawrenceburg, IN. I'm looking forward to visiting and catching up with everyone.

This year I will be driving but not in a GTO, since this is my last "official" responsibility as the outgoing GTOAA Chapter Coordinator, I have a lot of stuff that I've accumulated over the years that needs to go back to the GTOAA or forwarded along to Monica Hooten, my replacement. Even in my '65 GTO I'm not sure I could get all of the stuff it's massive trunk.

Being chapter coordinator certainly has been a lot of fun, and a lot of work, but very rewarding. Being associated with multiple chapters around the country has introduced me to a number of very good people, and in the long run that's really why I volunteered to take this task on. I've always loved my cars, and the people that gravitated to them. It's that bond that all car people have, the things in common, the stories we share and the outlet that our cars give us.

Is there anything better than cruising down the open road, windows open, the sweet sound of your exhaust, your engine whining from the RPM's, when someone pulls along-side you, honks their horn and gives you a big smile and a thumbs up?

I wanted to update everyone on a bit of information related to the MECUM partnership we have. We all know that they travel all over the country and have agreed to help promote our hobby. Each month GTOAA President Vic Schreck has been generating a "GTOAA NEWSLETTER" and in it, typically at the bottom, there will be information on upcoming MECUM Auctions.

I met with David Morton, MECUM's Manager of Communications and Event Marketing. Since Vic has assigned the Chapter Coordinator to be YOUR point of contact to get tickets or passes to these event's I wanted to clarify a few things for you.

- The easiest way to get passes (this includes a bidder's pass at no charge, and a daily pass to get into the auction) is by "clicking" on the MECUM event button on the newsletter and fill out the form.

- There will be a question on how you heard about the auction and you need to hit the dropdown arrow on the selection (on the last page of the application) and reference “GTO Association of America”.
- In order to be a bidder, the registration fee for our group is waived. The only requirement is that you either do a \$500 hold on your credit card or obtain a bank letter from the bank. This is required for all bidders to establish they have credit. The easiest is to do the \$500 credit card hold and that hold will then fall off after the auction. If nothing is purchased.
- When you get the bidders pass, it allows the bidder and a guest to enter the auction every day the auction is running and also allows for seating in the auction arena to view the auction. With this pass there is not a requirement to purchase and it gives you the flexibility to join in whichever days you like.
- Your ticket and pass will be mailed to you, or available on “**will call**” at the event, and will be good for the duration of the event. Mailing to certain addresses or PO boxes can take additional time, so order your passes well in advance to get them to your home. If you order late (a week before the auction) you can expect to pick them up on will call.
- IF you just want to help out your chapter and the GTOAA by working the “Car Club Booth” you need to notify Monica Hooten who will forward your information along to David Morton and he will get an “**auction pass only**” set aside for you on “**will call**”. You can pick it up there the day of the event but you are expected to man the booth for some time.
- Please keep in mind this partnership with MECUM is a work in progress and we know that there has been some overlapping information. This statement above is direct from our friends at MECUM and is the way we shall proceed. I’ll have Vic update his general letter we send out to those requesting passes so we’re all on the same page.

I hope this helps you if you decide you want to head down to an auction to see the action, actually bid on some of the vehicles, or just support your chapter and our parent organization, the GTOAA.

Happy Motoring,

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PRESENTS:

## 2019 GTOAA EAST COAST REGIONALS

DATE:	August 16 & 17, 2019
TIME:	FRI: Noon-6 SAT: Reg. 8a-11a Show 9a-3p
PLACE:	Amos Herr Park 1670 Nissley RD Landisville, PA 17538
COST:	Pre-reg: 15.00, DOS: 20.00

12<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL  
All Pontiac Show

**NEW  
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- B: Stock GTO 1968-74
- C: Stock GTO 2004-06
- D: Stock Pontiac thru 1964 except GTO/TA/FB
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- F: Stock Pontiac 1980-99 except GTO/TA/FB
- G: Stock Pontiac 2000-09 except GTO/TA/FB
- H: Stock Trans Am & Firebird 1967-81
- I: Stock Trans Am & Firebird 1982-2002
- J: Modified Pontiac All Years except GTO/TA/FB
- K: Modified Trans Am & Firebird 1967-81
- L: Modified Trans Am & Firebird 1982-2002
- M: Modified GTO 1964-74
- N: Modified GTO 2004-06
- O: G8
- P: Under Construction/Driver
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- ◆ Best Of Show Awards
- ◆ Longest Distance Award
- ◆ Raffles / Door Prizes
- ◆ Catered By Enck's Custom Catering
- ◆ Showfield On Grass / Abundant Shade
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- ◆ Trailer Parking

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### Model Car Contest:

- Classes for Adults & Kids
- Pontiac & Open Classes
- Model cars limited to plastic assembly, NO diecast.
- Model Car contest is FREE to show registrants
- Registration day of show.

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

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

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 10, 2019  
To: SVGTO ALL PONTIAC SHOW >>> ATTN:  
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