



TIGER TALES



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Monthly Newsletter of the



TarHeel Tigers Pontiac Club

Raleigh Chapter of the GTO Association of America
Raleigh Chapter of National Firebird and Trans Am Club



Visit our Web Page at <http://www.tarheeltigers.org>

Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 1, 2011

**At Auto Performance Center
922 US Highway 70, Garner, NC 27529**

Memorabilia Meeting



At Patio Enclosure Inc. of Raleigh



President's Message (Steve Veatch)



Hi Guys,
Warmer temps are here in North Carolina & the first mosquito has made his presence in my garage so Spring is officially here! I've been able to make some progress on my car in the garage & I know a lot of other club members have been able to do the same in last couple of

months. Car show season is fast approaching so it's a good time to get those last few details taken care of on your Pontiac.

Remember that if you have any questions about your car whether it concerns restoration, available options on your year/model or where to locate parts & services, your fellow club members have a great wealth of this information! If you've hit a snag in your project or even just need a second opinion on something that has you stumped, the best

time & place to ask questions are at our monthly club meetings.

We've had several new members sign up recently & we look forward to seeing you at our meetings.

Thanks!
Steve



Editor's Note (Jerry Hazi)



next meeting the display we set up at the Carolina Collector Spring Auto Fest coming up on March 11-13. Volunteers are needed to help with the displays and recruitment of new members. Any help will be appreciated. Please come to the meeting to show your support. Richard Tursi will have his GTO on display along with Hendrick GMC-Buick vehicles.



Thanks, Jerry

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Hey Everyone,
We will be discussing at our



ROSTER UPDATE

Updated e-mail addresses: Please e-mail new addresses to Sheila Ward WARD_922@bellsouth.net, Steve Veatch veatchs@bellsouth.net, Jerry Hazi jjvic@earthlink.net, or David Hinnant dhinnant1@nc.rr.com. Thanks!
Printed copies of the THT membership roster and copies of the Newsletters are now available at the monthly meetings.



MINUTES



February, 2011 Meeting

We held our monthly club meeting at Patio Enclosure Inc. of Raleigh, Thanks to Bill Karras for being the host. 22 Members attended.



We would like to thank all the club members who took the time to bring some great items to share. It's amazing what we find to collect through the years and the stories that goes with the items. Gary Anderson once again made the memorabilia meeting with a wide range of collectables. Thanks Gary.

THT club meeting will be back at Auto Performance Center on March 1 at 6:30pm.



Thanks Jerry

DIRECTIONS

REGULAR MEETINGS are held on the first Tuesday of each month, from 6:30 to 8:30pm at Auto Performance Center, 922 Hwy 70, Garner West. **SPECIAL MEETINGS** are held periodically. Check the cover of this newsletter; visit our website, or call/e-mail an officer for next month's meeting location.

VOLUNTEERS

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CLUB T-SHIRTS/ WINDOW STICKERS



T-Shirts



Window Stickers

Contact Chris Hastings at: 919-876-3874 or gto648@nc.rr.com
Window Stickers

TarHeel Tigers Club T-shirts: \$12.00, Heather gray w/ silk-screened tiger head logo; Men's sizes M - XXXL.
Contact Steve Veatch at: tarheeltigers@bellsouth.net

SEMA ACTION NETWORK

<http://www.semasan.com/san/join.aspx>

The **SEMA Action Network** is a nationwide partnership of car clubs, and individual enthusiasts (like you) who work together to impact legislation that affects car and truck hobbyists of all kinds. By joining the SAN you will receive up-to-date alerts on hobby-related legislation in your state and across the country.

MEMBER'S SERVICES

Anderson Creek Auto Sales & Salvage
Auto Performance Center
Dustin's Ceramic Tile / Pencil Drawing of Your Car
Patio Enclosures Inc of Raleigh
Pontiac Tri-Powers Rebuilt
Pre-Paid Legal Services, Inc.
Just Music! DJ Service
N.C. Auto Appraisal
Leith of Wendell Chrysler Dodge Jeep
Personal Security Storage Inc., 1101 Trinity Rd, Raleigh, NC
Hendrick Buick Pontiac GMC

Bobby Tomlinson (910) 893-8835
Steve & Sheila Ward (919) 772-5957
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Bill Karras (919) 467-2846
Gary Anderson (919) 848-1928
Butch Powell (910) 893-4450
Ross Merle (919) 621-9262
Brian Manning (919) 606-6720
Jerry Hazi (919) 366-7000
Cary Kasdorf (919)851-8585
Tommy Laakso (919)380-8267

SERVICES Etc. (Non-Members)

Butler Performance (Pontiac performance service & parts) www.butlerperformance.com (866)762-7527
Pontiac Historic Services (document your Pontiac) <http://www.phs-online.com> (586)781-5164
Colors On Parade (Paint Repair on Classic Vehicles) www.autopaintinaday.com (919)971-5158
Manual Transmission Sales & Service
Dennis Maroudas (606)237-6648
Pontiac GTO and Firebird T-shirts, etc. www.pontiacmall.com (800)558-2550
Fleszar Insurance Services Inc, Raleigh NC
Specialty Auto Insurance (919)787-7305
Frank's Pontiac Parts www.frankspontiacparts.com (760)361-3242
NPD National Parts Depot www.npdlink.com (Charlotte) (800)368-6451
Fuquay Storage, LLC (storage for boats, campers, jet skis & cars) (919)577-0237
Automotive Touch Up Paint www.paintscratch.com (800)225-2855
Pontiac Performance Years, Classic Pontiac Parts www.performanceyears.com (267)638-3500
Tayloe's Paintless Dent Repair (919)275-4292

CLASSIFIEDS

Send your ads to Jerry Hazi jjvic@earthlink.net.

Ads run for three months unless renewed.

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CARS FOR SALE

1967 Pontiac LeMans-david.englishinn@gmail.com Has P/S, P/drums, A/C, a 400 with factory exhaust and intake manifolds dated to 1974. Rallye II's and new tires. Car is very straight and clean. Paint could use some detailing but looks great 20/20. Interior is nice with just a couple small seam splits in the drivers bucket. Has a TH350 and center console correct for this transmission. Bucket seats, The car looks original to the casual observer but there are a few giveaways like the modern alternator that indicate the swap. The package tray was not cut for 6 x 9's, nor was the dash for a modern radio. I paid \$16K for it back in '9/07 and I'd like to get close to that. I have more pics for those that are interested. I will

consider reasonable partial trades. **Lowered asking price**
Wilson, NC.

11/01/2010



1979 SE Trans Am. Black with 81510 miles. PHS Documented 79 Y84, 403 SE car. As far as I know engine and transmission are original. Comes with GM T-Top bags, TH350 transmission, 3.08 or 3.23 rear axle, 4 wheel disc brakes, ws6 performance package, black hobnail custom interior, rear defroster, power windows and door locks, cruise control, body moldings, heavy duty battery, lamp group option, super 3cooling radiator and tilt wheel. Comes with two noses, original and a red one. It does not have all the A/C parts and will need exhaust. Call Brian Robbins at 757-660-3037 or E-mail, the78bandit@msn.com
Asking \$5000.00 11/01/2010

WANTED

61-66 Tri-power set-ups or carbs, any cond. Gary Anderson 919/848-1928, gto-tiger@nc.rr.com (ongoing)

Hood w/scoops & front fenders for a 71-72 GTO. Also looking for 70 Lemans body parts & options. Thanks!
Please contact Steve @ veatchs@bellsouth.net (ongoing)

PARTS/MISC FOR SALE

We'll transfer **any photo onto a coffee mug, mouse pad, car tag, T-shirt, name tag, or plaque.** We also have world famous tiger tails, ears, and key chains. Call 828/241-4947 or email tigermadness@charter.net, or visit <http://www.tigermadness.com/>. TarHeel Tigers member prices: 11oz mug \$10.00, 15oz mug \$12.00, mouse pad \$12.00 Rex Bumgarner, 4928 Northcrest St., Claremont, NC 28610

GTO apparel – Mad House High Performance Apparel: www.madhousemarketing.com, 1-262-389-7617
Custom art work or club logo. **Ultimate GTO Store**, www.ultimategto.com center for GTO merchandise.

For Sale: Complete pair of 1966 GTO front seats, black with manual adjust. Some small cracks, one hole on upper shoulder, \$500 for pair. Pair of 1966 LeMans/Tempest grills - \$60.00 for pair. 1967 GTO/LeMans/Tempest radiator support \$75.00 GM A-Bodies P-1060 frt. Shocks, still in GM boxes. \$20.00 per pair. Raleigh, NC. 919-841-0458 Can email photos of any item if needed. Tim Wagner
19gto66@gmail.com

Pontiac Parts for sale: Mostly 2nd Generation Firebird/Trans Am Parts. Mike Montague 919-518-1905
blue4spdmike@att.net

AUTO EVENTS WEBSITES

*PLEASE notify editor of any errors, changes, or additions. Show Flyers may be available on our web site. Verify **BEFORE** you make the trip.*

Hubcap Café: Area's car shows - <http://www.hubcapcafe.com/calendar/north-carolina.htm>

Car Show News & Classic Auto Events - <http://www.carshownews.com/national/NC.htm>

Carsolina – Car Shows and calendar of events - www.carsolina.com

Trans Am's web site with a forum, shows & events - www.transamcountry.com

2004-2006 GTO web site & forum – www.LS1GTO.com

Pontiac Bonneville – www.bonnevilleforum.com

Trans Am web site – www.78ta.com

North Carolina Events – www.olderide.com/events/northcarolina

CAR SHOWS 2011



Being Attended by THT Members:

- ✓ March 11-13 Carolina Collector Auto Fest Spring. Fairgrounds, Raleigh. www.carolinacollectorautofest.com
- March 17-19 23rd Annual Run to the Sun Show, Myrtle Beach, www.peedeestreetrodders.com
- April 1-2 Back to the Beach, Kure Beach www.suncoastcruisers.com
- ✓ April 7-10 Spring Meet, Charlotte AutoFair, www.charlottespeedway.com
- April 9-16 Bandit Run, ends at Braselton, Ga, Year One. www.motortopia.com
- ✓ April 14-17 NHRA Z-MAX 4-wide www.charlottespeedway.com
- ✓ May 7 Leith Classic Car Fest, Leith of Wendell, All American Car Show. www.leithwendell.com
- May 14 7th Annual Spring Fling, Henderson, NC Tar River Cruisers
- May 21 Made in America Car Show, Lake Wheeler, Piedmont Chevy Club www.piedmontccc.com
- ✓ **June 4 TarHeel Tigers Buick Olds Pontiac Cadillac GMC Show.** www.tarheeltigers.org
- June 24-26 Carlisle GM Nationals, Carlisle Fairgrounds, Pa. www.carsatcarlisle.com
- ✓ August 5-7 Ames Performance Pontiac Nationals in Norwalk, Ohio www.pontiacnationals.com
- ✓ August 19-21 Carolina Classics at the Capital, Downtown Raleigh www.classicsatthecapital.com
THT has a side street reserved. \$20.00 per vehicle for the weekend. Get you classic out!
- ✓ August 26-28 Trans Am Nationals, Dayton Ohio

CRUISE-INS (April through October)

PLEASE notify editor of any errors, changes, or additions.

Verify BEFORE you drive!!!

Thursdays – High Point NC – National Home Furnishings 6:30pm ‘til? 1628 Main Street, ½ mile north of Business 85 on Highway 311. Info: 336/882-8809.

Fridays – Greensboro NC – Sonic Drive-in 6:30pm ‘til? 3932 W. Market Street. (Mar 5 – Oct 29) Info: Doug Seawell 336/ 698-0597

Fridays – Hope Mills NC – Sonic Drive-In 7pm ‘til? Hope Mills Road. Exit 41 off I-95, go 6 miles toward Hope Mills. Info: Jim Smith, Cape Fear Classics 910/426-3314

Thursdays – DQ Grill & Chill. 5260 New Bern, Raleigh, 6:00pm

1st Friday, rain date 2nd Friday (April – October), Henderson NC, 6-9pm at Roses parking lot.

3rd Friday – (April –Sept) 4pm Creedmoor Cruise-In. Andy’s Hwy. 56 Food Lion parking lot

3rd Fridays – Fuquay-Varina Downtown Cruise-In. 5 to 9pm April to June. www.Fuquay-varinadowntown.com

1st Saturday – Char-Grill 4621 Atlantic Ave., Raleigh 4:00pm, Music & food.

2nd Sunday – Hooter’s of Burlington, Ext. 141 of I-85 12:00 to 5:00

4th Saturday – Sonic Cruise In, Zebulon, 4:00 on.

1st Sunday of the Month, May thru November, Southern Classic Cars. Wake Forest, Nc

2nd Saturday (March – Oct) 5-8:00pm, Tractor Supply parking lot, Henderson, Tar River Cruisers – 252-492-4855.

3rd Saturday – Grill 57 4202 Fayetteville Rd 919-779-5757. Garner NC

4th Saturday – Lillington 4-9 pm, DJ, Food. East Coast Wheels. 910-893-2484 or 4784.

4th Saturday – Johnny’s Barbeque NC 56 Hwy, Louisburg 4pm on.

4th Saturdays – JR’s Discount Outlet Cruise-in, Burlington, NC Eric Lane, Exit 143 from I-85 or 40 March – Oct. 5 to 9pm. Ronnie Ingle @ 336-675-543

TEST & TUNE DRAGSTRIPS

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| Coastal Plains Dragway | (IHRA ¼ Mile), 4744 Richlands Highway, Jacksonville, NC 28541 | 910-347-2200 | coastalplainsraceway.com |
| Dunn-Benson Dragstrip | (IHRA 1/8 Mile), 555 Dragstrip Road, Benson, NC 27504, | 919-894-1662 | dunnbensondragstrip.com |
| Farmington Dragway | (IHRA 1/8 Mile), 2992 Hwy. 801 North, Mocksville, NC 27028, | 336-399-6122 | farmingtondragway.net |
| Fayetteville Drag Strip | (IHRA ¼ mile), 4480 Doc Bennett Rd, Fayetteville, NC 28306 | 910-484-3677 | fayettevillemotorsportspark.com |
| Mooresville Dragway | (IHRA 1/8 Mile), 865 Wilkinson Road, Mooresville, NC 28115 | 704-663-4685 | mooresvilledragway.com |
| Piedmont Dragway | (IHRA 1/8 Mile), 6750 Holts Store Road, Julian, NC 27283 | 336-449-7411 | piedmontdragway.com |
| Rockingham Dragway | (IHRA ¼ Mile), 2153 US Hwy 1 North, Rockingham, NC 28379 | 910-582-3400 | rockinghamdragway.com |
| Roxboro Motorsports | (IHRA 1/8 Mile), 1452 Thomas Store Road, Timberlake, NC 27583 | 336-364-3724 | roxboromotorsports.com |
| Virginia Motorsports | (NHRA ¼ mile), 8018 Boynton Plank Road, Petersburg, VA 23803 | 804-862-3174 | virginiamotorsports.com |
| Zmax Dragway | (NHRA ¼ mile), 5555 Concord Pkwy. South, Concord, NC 28027 | 1-800-455-3267 | charlottemotorspeedway.com |

OLD MAGAZINES & BLUE JEANS

If you have **old jeans and/or auto magazines (magazines suitable for our troops to read)**, please bring them to the monthly meetings. Thanks youMike Schneider

CURRENT AUTOMOTIVE NEWS



2012 Chevrolet Camaro ZL1 – Click above for high-res image gallery

The 1969 Chevrolet Camaro ZL1 was a performance monster, featuring an all-aluminum engine displacing 427 cubic inches that was originally intended for racing. Just 69 units were built, and they are highly coveted by collectors today. Perhaps it shouldn't come as a surprise, then, that Chevrolet chose to resurrect this classic moniker for what it is calling the fastest and most technologically advanced Camaro ever built.

At this point, specifications are still preliminary, but Chevrolet is estimating that its supercharged and intercooled 6.2-liter LSA V8 engine will put out around 550 horsepower and 550 pound-feet of torque. Those ponies will be sent to the rear wheels via a six-speed manual transmission using a dual-disc clutch that's necessary to properly harness all those horses. There's also a dual-mode exhaust system that alters the sound level and character in response to engine rpm.

Chevrolet tells us that its goal was to build "a Camaro intended to reach optimal lap times on top road-racing circuits and excellent driving dynamics on the street." To that end, the 2012 Camaro ZL1 will be fitted with a new electric power steering system and Magnetic Ride Control that will offer both Tour and Sport modes. Brembo brakes measuring 14.6-inch (370 mm) in the front (with six-piston calipers) and 14.4-inch (365 mm) at the rear (with four-piston calipers) bring it all back down from speed.

Naturally, there's an updated body kit to differentiate the ZL1 from lesser machines. Most notable are the redesigned fascia that features a front splitter, vertical fog lamps and air intakes designed for brake cooling. There's also a new aluminum hood with a raised, satin black-finish carbon fiber insert that uses a unique air extractor that is said to increase downforce by directing oncoming air over the car. There's also a spoiler at the rear of the car and new 20-inch aluminum wheels fitted with specially developed Goodyear Supercar F2 tires.

Chevrolet promises to have the Camaro ZL1 on dealer lots in the beginning of 2012, and it will be available in any color offered on the Camaro.

MEMBER'S HINTS, TRICKS & STUFF

How to Install Front Brakes on a GM:

- 1
Turn the front lug nuts on your vehicle counterclockwise with the lug wrench until they're loose enough for hand removal. Do not take the lug nuts off at this time.
- 2
Position a wheel chock at the front and one at the back of the vehicle's left rear wheel. This will prevent the vehicle from rolling during the brake repair.
- 3
Lift the front end of the vehicle with the floor jack until you can place a jack stand under each of the front lift points, located directly behind the front wheel wells. Lower the vehicle carefully onto the jack stands with the floor jack.

- 4

Take the lug nuts off the vehicle's front wheels by hand. Remove the front wheels by hand to expose the front brakes.

- 5

Set a drain pan under the left-front brakes. Wash any visible brake dust off the brake rotors, brake caliper and hub using brake cleaner.

- 6

Remove both of the brake caliper bolts using your socket set. Pull the caliper out of the caliper bracket by hand and turn it over. Remove the old brake pads from inside the caliper by hand and then discard them.

- 7

Wash the dust, dirt and old grease out of the caliper with brake cleaner. Apply a solid layer of white lithium grease to the caliper slide pins.

- 8

Force the caliper pistons to retract using the caliper piston tool. Remove the tool from the caliper and insert the new AC Delco brake pads.

- 9

Lower the caliper into the caliper bracket by hand. Thread each of the caliper bolts in manually before tightening them with the socket set.

- 10

Move to the vehicle's right-front with the tools and supplies. Repeat steps five through nine to install AC Delco brake pads on that side.

- 11

Put the wheels and lug nuts back onto your vehicle by hand. Lower the vehicle off of your jack stands using the floor jack. Tighten the lug nuts with a torque wrench to the recommended torque spec which you can get from your vehicle's repair manual, the local dealer or a tire shop

Additional Pictures from our Memorabilia Meeting:



Jack Agayoff Collection of Thunderbirds:

