



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, February 7, 2012

At Patio Enclosure Inc. of Raleigh / Memorabilia Meeting
1030 Morrisville Parkway, Morrisville NC 27560

Grill 57 New Year's Day





President's Message (David Hinnant) first official message



Well, the new year is underway and the new administration has been sworn in. Many thanks to Steve Veatch for his years of service and Mike Montague for stepping up to take the VP slot. Thanks also to the returning officers and all of our members. Together we will continue to grow this great club. Look for

information about coming events in emails as well as on the [forum](#) and on [Facebook](#). It has been great to see the increasing participation at recent events. Let's keep it going!

By the time you read this, our car show committee will have met for the first time in preparation for this years Tarheel Tiger show tentatively scheduled for June 2nd at MacGregor Viliage. The fairgrounds show will also be here before we know it. We

will be discussing these as well as Jerry Hazi's show in Wendell at upcoming meetings. I Hope to see you all there.

Welcome to our newest member, Greg Christon and his 1979 Silver Aniversary Trans Am.

David



Editor's Note (Jerry Hazi)



Hey everyone,

At the Memorabilia Meeting on February 7 at Patio Enclosure Inc. of Raleigh we will be having a special guest speaker. Dean Tryson the Newsletter editor for the Futurliner #10. I understand he will be showing a movie on the Futurliner. Got to attend this one.

The GM **Futurliners** were a group of stylized buses designed in the 1940s by [Harley Earl](#) for [General Motors](#). They were used in GM's Parade of Progress, which traveled the United States exhibiting new cars and technology. The Futurliners were used from 1940 to 1941 and again from 1953 to 1956. A total of 12 were built, and 9 were still known to exist as of 2007.



ROSTER UPDATE

Updated e-mail addresses: Please e-mail new addresses to Sheila Ward WARD_922@bellsouth.net, Jerry Hazi jjvic@earthlink.net, David Hinnant dhinnant1@nc.rr.com. or Mike Montague blue4spdmike@att.net Thanks!
Printed copies of the THT Newsletter are available at the monthly meetings.



MINUTES



January, 2012 Meeting

We held our monthly club meeting at Auto Performance Center. 26 Members attended.



We would like to thank everyone who attended the January meeting

David Hinnant took over as new club President with his first official meeting with Steve watching comfortably in his chair. He did very well with his first official meeting.

Reminder about the Memorabilia Meeting at Patio Enclosure Inc. of Raleigh with a special guest coming. Don't forget to dig out some special items of interest to show and tell.

Get on the forum to give your opinion on new THT club shirts.

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, forum, 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 GMC

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Our sponsor:



Hendrick Buick GMC

90 Mackenan Drive Cary, NC 27511
Sales: (866) 388-9239 Service: (866) 666-3694

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
NPD National Parts Depot	www.npdlink.com (Charlotte)	(800)368-6451
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
Ames Performance Engineering	www.amesperf.com	(800)421-2637
Inline Tube Restoration parts.	www.inlinetube.com	(800)385-9452

CLASSIFIEDS

Send your ads to Jerry Hazi jjvic@earthlink.net. **Ads run for three months unless renewed.**

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CARS FOR SALE

David England sold his 1967 Pontiac Lemans.

Any cars that you know for sale, please e-mail me with the details and pictures.

PARTS/MISC FOR SALE and WANTED ITEMS

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. 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 blue4spd@mike.att.net

Wanted: Rear differential for 1978 Trans Am, 308 gear ratio with posi. Jerry Hazi jjvic@earthlink.net

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)

Wanted: Trunk Lid for 67 GTO, 67 Tempest, Lemans or Gto will work, 66 is different. Also, needed is metal heater box (inside of car) for a factory A/C equipped car. 66-67 A body (Chevelle, Cutlass, Skylark etc.) will work. Please contact Steve @ veatchs@bellsouth.net or Cary Kasdorf at ckasdorf@fmrealty.com

AUTO EVENT WEBSITES / FORUMS

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

*Verify **BEFORE** you make any 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>

Trans Am's forum, shows & events - www.transamcountry.com

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

Pontiac Bonneville – www.bonnevilleforum.com

Trans Am forum site – www.78ta.com

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

CAR SHOWS 2012 ✓ **Being Attended by THT Members:**

- February 9-12 North Carolina International Auto Expo., NC Fairgrounds
- ✓ March 9 -11 Carolina Collector Auto Fest, NC Fairgrounds
- March 15-17 Run to the Sun, Myrtle Beach. (Very Large Show).
- April 13-15 Z-Max, NHRA Four Wide Nationals, Charlotte
- ✓ April 19-22 Charlotte Auto Fair, Charlotte Motor Speedway
- ✓ May 5 Leith of Wendell Car Show, Wendell
- ✓ June 2 TarHeelTigers Car Show, location to be announced.
- ✓ June 22-23 Raleigh Classic Auction, Fairgrounds

CRUISE-INS (April through October) 2012

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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, Hosted by Cape Fear Classics, Smithfield BBQ, Fayetteville

Thursdays – DQ Grill & Chill. 5260 New Bern, Raleigh

Grill 57 3rd Saturday of the month. Next gathering is Sept. 17. 4202 Fayetteville Rd, Raleigh

1st Friday - N 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 15, 2011 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. Starting March 26,2011

2nd Sat. – Wakefield ATV, April-Oct. Wake Forest.

2nd Sat. (March – Oct) Tar River Cruizers, Wimpy’s Restaurant, Henderson

4th Sat. New Cruise, High Park Bar-Grill, in-side belt line, 625 W Whitaker Mill Rd., Raleigh, starting April 27

4th Saturdays – JR’s Discount Outlet Cruise-in, Burlington. March – Oct. 5 to 9pm.

TEST & TUNE DRAGSTRIPS

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 Boydton 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	charlottomotorspeedway.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

PICTURES FROM GRILL 57 JANUARY 1 2012





New Years Day in short sleeve shirts. Largest crowd I have ever seen. People were coming and going all day long.



1958 Pontiac Bonneville



The 1958 Bonneville was an exercise in excess

Jim Black - September 21, 2011 from Auto Enthusiast Magazine

It's hard to believe that the storied career of the Bonneville, spanning nearly half a century, ended in 2005 when the model was finally laid to rest.

Many question Pontiac's decision to kill it but declining sales was probably the culprit. For many of us, it was like losing an old friend: trustworthy, reliable, and always ... well, predictable.

In 1956, a rebirth was occurring at Pontiac when Semon "Bunkie" Knudsen took over as general manager prior to the release of the 1957 models. Seemingly overnight, Pontiac was catapulted from a "stodgy" old man's car company to a performance car company with his guidance and vision.

To celebrate the rebirth, the all-new 1957 Bonneville was created, but it was only offered as a convertible and with fuel injection. In fact, the entire lineup of Pontiacs that year had the best styling that GM offered for any of its marques, a fresh new design that reflected the change of times ... the jet age. When it was first introduced on Jan. 11, 1957, the Bonneville served to create a stir of excitement and be an image-changing car. At \$5,782, the limited production Bonneville sold 630 units, making it among the rarest and most desirable of classic Pontiacs.

In 1958, the Bonneville (Series 25 Super Deluxe) became its own car line and was now Pontiac's flagship. It was an all-new, one-year-only design, available in convertible and sport coupe. The styling continued to build on the jet-age theme. The Bonneville was now smaller and shared a 122-inch wheelbase with entry level Chieftains. It featured Bonneville front fender scripts in gold; Bonneville block lettering on the hood and ribbed rear deck; massive chromed front and rear bumpers; honeycomb grille; full-length rocket shaped spears on both sides with painted inserts; special chromed front fender chevrons; quad taillights that resembled jet exhausts; a roof edge rear vent on the sport coupe models; and (first for 1958) quad headlamps. Standard equipment included a deluxe steering wheel, chrome wheel discs, and a special interior with stardust carpeting and metallic threads. New options for 1958 included bucket seats, the Sportable radio that could be removed and played away from the car, and Ever-Level air suspension.

The engine lineup took the previous year's 347ci V-8 and bored it out increasing displacement to 370ci. The Bonneville's standard overhead valve V-8 (with synchromesh transmission) was now rated at 255hp at 4,500 rpm

and 8.6:1 compression topped with a Carter AFB four-barrel. All engines in this series featured a cast-iron block with five main bearings and hydraulic valve lifters. Next in line was the 370ci V-8 and 10.0:1 compression (standard with Hydra-Matic) that developed 285hp at 4,600 rpm and a Carter AFB four-barrel. Other optional engines included the 370ci tri-power V-8 with 10.5:1 compression, 300hp at 4,600 rpm, and a trio of Rochester two-barrel carbs, a \$94.00 option. Top of the line was the 370ci fuel-injected V-8 with 10.5:1 compression, 310hp at 4,800 rpm and Rochester fuel injection, a \$500 option.

Transmission choices included the three-speed synchromesh gearbox as standard with column-mounted gearshift or the optional four-speed StratoFlight Hydra-Matic transmission (a \$231.34 option). Rear axle ratios included Safe-T-Track differentials at 3.42:1 or 3.64:1 for synchromesh (3.90:1 or 4.10:1 could be dealer installed), and 3.08:1 or 3.23:1 for the Hydra-Matic equipped cars.

Even though 1958 was a recession year, the Bonneville still had a good production tally with 9,144 units for the coupe and another 3,096 for the convertible (12,240 total). A tri-powered Bonneville convertible was also chosen as the official pace car for the Indianapolis 500 race.

The stunning 1958 Bonneville sport coupe featured here is owned by Gus and Mary Frics of Omaha, Nebraska. It's not the first '58 Bonneville that they've both enjoyed. "I became a fan of the '58 Bonneville when I purchased my first one back in 1976," said Frics. "Ten years later, I had to sell my beloved classic to put a down payment on our new home. To this day, I regret selling it!"

Some 13 years later, Gus and Mary decided to find another one. Within a few months time, they saw an ad which ended the search. They purchased the beautifully restored '58 model from a gentleman in Texas.

Gus and Mary's Bonneville is painted Mallard Turquoise and is nicely equipped with power steering, power brakes, deluxe radio with rear seat speaker, dual exhaust with chrome tips, white sidewall tires, special wheel discs, two-tone paint, E-Z eye glass, electric clock, deluxe steering wheel, tissue holder, traffic light reflector, and fender skirts. The drivetrain includes the 370ci V-8 with 10.0:1 compression that makes 285hp at 4,600 rpm and 395 lbs-ft of torque at 2,800 rpm. It has the optional four-speed StratoFlight Hydra-Matic transmission with a 3.23:1 rear end and Safe-T-Track differential.

After a restoration, Gus decided to take this Bonneville to the next level. "I decided to make a show car out of her," he said. "I replaced most of the interior moldings, polished all the stainless trim, and had most of the chrome re-plated." He also detailed the undercarriage and engine bay and his efforts were soon rewarded with a growing collection of trophies and special awards. "We drive the car to all the shows and she's no trailer queen," he says. "I think the '58s were by far the flashiest and most flamboyant of the breed." Gus, we couldn't agree more!