

# Tiger Tales

Monthly Newsletter of the

## Tar Heel Tigers

Raleigh chapter of the GTO Association of America since 1994

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September 1999

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Greg Roller's 78 and 99 Trans Ams

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Tar Heel Tigers GTOs  
c/o Chris Hastings, Secretary  
1030 Ivy Lane  
Raleigh, NC 27609

## CHAPTER INFORMATION

The **Tar Heel Tigers** are dedicated to the enjoyment and preservation of Pontiacs, the GTO in particular. Ownership of a GTO is not required to join, but enthusiasm for Pontiacs is a must! We are a non-profit club, founded in 1994 as the **Raleigh, NC chapter of the GTO Association of America (GTOAA)**. In addition to monthly meetings, we hold tech sessions, caravan to shows, exchange info and ideas, and foster friendships. Yearly dues provide for club activities, a club library, and include a subscription to this monthly newsletter with free classified ads. **To join**, send your name, address, phone number, GTOAA membership number, and a description & picture (if possible) of your Pontiac(s) along with a \$15 check to our Treasurer.

## NATIONAL CLUB INFORMATION

**GTO Association of America membership** is **OPTIONAL**, but highly encouraged. Yearly dues include a subscription to the Golden Quill Award winning national magazine **The Legend**, with 50 words of free classified ad space per issue. **To join**, send a \$30.00 check to:

GTOAA 5869 Stroebel Rd. Saginaw, MI 48609 or call **1-800-GTO-1964**  
Be sure to tell them you're a member of the Tar Heel Tigers chapter!

## REGULAR MEETING TIME & PLACE

Regular meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month, from 6:30 to 8:30 pm, at Central Raleigh Auto Sales in Raleigh, NC. Take Exit 11 off the Raleigh beltline (I-440), then go south on Capital Blvd. At the second light, take a left onto Hodges St. The corner building (formerly a Hardee's, now white with a blue roof) is it!

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## CORRESPONDENCE

**Mail Applications and Dues** (\$15 per year) to the Treasurer. **Send Newsletter items** such as articles, ads, classifieds, suggestions, requests, etc. to the Newsletter Editor by the 20th of the month. **Send member information updates**, such as address & phone# changes, newly acquired cars, GTOAA membership numbers, etc., to the Secretary. Send **Web Page** info to the Webpage Editor.

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## CARS FOR SALE as of 8/31/99

Area code 919 unless noted	Please notify editor of sales or changes	* members
77 TA, AT, runs good, needs restoring \$1200	336/983-2248 Tobaccoville	4/25
77 TA, black/black 66k miles	336/859-4906 Denton	4/25
77 TA, ~12k prof. rebt 400, 6x heads, 21k Aamco rebt TH350, Qjet rebt Jan99, NEW: brakes, bearings, shocks, idler + tie rods, tuneup, ignition module, fuel pump, windshield, etc., All receipts, Interior poor, ugly green Body good, Bumper off but included, \$1500 Greg or Melissa 535-0883	grgta@mindspring.com	5/25
76 Grand Prix Gold Anniv., 400, all power, t-tops, leather, great fixer upper \$300	336/275-6911 bef. 2pm Greensboro	4/25
76 TA 400 4spd, orange/black, very fast, excellent condition.	336/945-5400	4/25
76 Formula, factory 455 4sp., red/red, factory mags, daily driver, very clean	\$3500 (336) 629-6308 Asheboro	4/25
75 Firebird Formula 455, new in/out, \$4500	562-3324 Wake Forest	4/25
75 Grand Ville Broughman Conv, Blue/White, 455 V8, full options, 132k, exc. cond., \$7850/bo	336/288-7512 Greensboro	4/25
73 Luxury LeMans, blue/white, rebt 400 rebt 2bbl (80k engine, 146k car parked '96), AT console, new battery, RallyII, runs good, rad leaks \$1000/bo	662-7411	4/30
72 Catalina, 400 V8, 72k miles, AC, \$2500/bo	704/932-8391 Kannapolis	4/25
72 LeMans conv., red/white/white 39K? mile original, Endura nose option, 350V8, AT on column, buckets, PS, PDB, AC, 98% rust free exc. hood/perfect spare hood, paint fair. Lost job, must sell \$5000	Danny 252/524-0417 Grifton NC	2/3
72 Lemans Sport conv, red GTO clone, 400ci, exc. drive train, repaired left rear damage, broken AC, PS \$2500 (803) 222-6832 bef. 3pm	Clover, SC	4/25
72 Lemans Sport, red/white, Flowmaster exhaust, Hooker headers, Edelbrock intake/carb \$2500	757/588-4623 Norfolk, VA	4/25
71 GTO, 428 TH400, buckets, console, new tires, RallyIIs, parts to complete restoration \$2000/bo	828/693-3577 Hendersonville	4/25
71 GT37 400 4spd, runs, solid body, extra parts, \$2500; \$1100 w/o engine/ trans		
71 GTO, complete, original, wrecked, \$900,	387-0247	4/25
71 LeMans Sport, AT, AC, PS, DB, RallyII, new tires, needs finishing, includes 72 LeMans for parts, \$2000	704/764-9530, 292-9165, Monroe	4/25
70 Pontiac Hearse, Black, 455 4bbl, TH400, Rallys, includes purple curtains, taxi light, & cool siren, runs great, Seen at 97 Nationals, Taxi lights extra! \$2000		
67 Grand Prix complete but rough, posi, 8lugs, tilt, buckets+headrests \$1300		
66 LeMans 2dr, 326 AT, orig. Green/Black, buckets, Rally Iis, runs great	\$1800	
66 GTO conv, Tripower 4spd, Mostly restored - hard stuff done,	\$12500	
64 Grand Prix Black/White, orig. AT, buckets, no engine or trans	\$1000	
62 Grand Prix, decent body - no engine, PW, buckets+console, \$2500 with trailer		
*Tyler Mitchell, Madison NC, 336/427-3586, 8241 fax		7/30
70 LeMans Lt. Blue/Blue, rebt 350 <10k, 4bbl, TH350 trans rebt 10/ 98, rebt front end polygraphite bushings/gas shocks, GTO hood/rear springs, very little rust, needs seat upholstery \$1950	757/ 363-7126 Virginia Beach VA	2/23
70 TA RA III 400 (WS) with < 500 miles, M22 4spd, white/blue, 3:90, cold AC, PHS docs, original, #match, extra nice, \$16k/bo	598-0007	4/25

STILL MORE CARS FOR SALE as of 8/31/99	
Area code 919 unless noted	Please notify editor of sales or changes * <b>members</b>
<b>69 Firebird</b> , 350, stainless exhaust, many parts, \$2200 910/464-5029 Seagrove <b>4/25</b>	
<b>69 Firebird</b> , 468, 1050 Broswell Pro worked heads+intake, Custom roller cam, stud gridles, step headers, MSD, \$5900/trade 336/951-2298 Reidsville <b>4/25</b>	
<b>69 Firebird Conv</b> , new 350, std trans, Edelbrock carburetor/manifold/cam, new tires/wheels, ready for final resto, 108k mi \$7950 336/841-6504 High Point NC <b>4/25</b>	
<b>69 Firebird Conv</b> , 400 rebt May 98, Blue/white power top 6-98 /white int, Tilt wood wheel, scooped hood, new top weather stripping, Cragar S/S, hi-rise intake, Holley 650, Not #matching, Good cond, 75k miles. \$9000/bo 380-7867 Cary <b>4/25</b>	
<b>69 Firebird Conv</b> , blue/new black top, 350, AT, PS,PB, new paint + interior, vg condition, \$10500/bo 828/327-6165 Hildebran <b>4/25</b>	
<b>69 LeMans</b> 4dr, 2bbl 350V8, 3spd AT, \$600 Dan 779-2113, 872-6402w <b>6/1</b>	
<b>69 RAIII Judge</b> , #match, orig. 3spd/now fresh TH400/incl rebuilt M21, hideaways, new PDB/master/lines, rebt suspension frt+rear, rebt 4.11 posi, PHS documentation, 7k mile engine (292 Crane, Holley 750,steel crank), complete but partially <b>9/2</b> disassembled, minor rust, incl fender patches, many new parts \$6200 John* 859-5225	
<b>69 GTO</b> , needs complete resto, AT,PS,PB, some rust, NC car last tagged 1990, asking \$2000 Janet 662-5376 <b>6-1</b>	
<b>68 GTO</b> , YS 400, His/hers, AM/FM, rough body, w/ rust-free 68 LeMans parts car, \$1700 336/767-0763 <b>4/25</b>	
<b>68 GTO</b> , YS400 w/200 miles, orig. 2bbl - now 4bbl, RamAirIV cam, DualGate TH400, much more, pictures & details available, asking \$13,777.77 Joel 704/867-8972 (Gastonia) <a href="mailto:gto70@juno.com">gto70@juno.com</a> <b>8/11</b>	
<b>68 Firebird</b> , yellow/black, AT, new Vortec Chevy 350, 650 Holly, am/fm, new frontend/wheels/tires, too much to list, \$12500/trade 704/983-1799 Albemarle <b>4/25</b>	
<b>68 Firebird</b> 400 AT,PS, new tires/seatcovers/carpet, extra 350 motor, solid car, needs paint \$2750/bo 336/746-5847 Lexington <b>4/25</b>	
<b>68 Grand Prix</b> , 400 v8 350hp, AC, stored 20 years, restorable #5-#4 car, complete except bumper, tinted glass, \$400, Phil Jeffries 772-6949 <b>5/28</b>	
<b>67 GTO</b> Dual-gate, metallic red/white,#match show car \$11,500 910/673-7320 <b>1/1</b>	
<b>67 Grand Prix conv (2)</b> \$500 Phil 467-5751 <b>6/1</b>	
<b>67 Grand Prix (2)</b> both complete, one better. white/black & red/white. Both motors turn, one runs. Trade for Challenger or \$3,000 467-5751	
<b>67 Firebird</b> , 400ci, 350 AT, 355 gear, black interior, frame off restore \$7000 firm 703-430-0843 Sterling, VA <b>4/25</b>	
<b>65 GTO conv</b> , blue/blue, AT, buckets, tach, gauges, rebuilt engine, many new parts, exc body & frame, needs restoring, \$8900 828/294-1127 <b>4/25</b>	
<b>65 GTO</b> , good body+title, no engine, no trans \$3000 704/792-9751 Concord <b>4/25</b>	
<b>65 GTO</b> 389-4 bbl, AT, burgandy, straight, needs restoration, #match, build sheet, \$3500 336/784-7722 Kernersville <b>4/25</b>	
<b>65 LeMans</b> , 428, Edelbrock, 750 Holley, Headers, Muncie 4spd, 1800 mi on engine, Cragar SS, New carpet, good int.,, have all AC parts Ricky 336/685-5073 <b>6/1</b>	
<b>62 Grand Prix</b>	
<b>60 Catalina</b>	Burley Powers <a href="mailto:jpowers@citynet.net">jpowers@citynet.net</a> <b>7/6</b>

CLUB INFO		Chris Hastings
Send car <b>show</b> flyers/info to me. Write a paragraph about shows you attend.		
Avoid irritation for you & callers by keeping your <b>classifieds</b> up to date.		
Send your business info to me for the <b>member's services</b> section.		
Send <b>photos</b> of and <b>stories</b> about <b>your car</b> to me -- I'll get it in the newsletter, Van will put it on our website, and Bob will add it to the scrapbook.		
<b>Club shirts</b> are light gray, golf style shirts embroidered with our tiger head logo over the club name. Order yours, \$35ea from the Treasurer (min. re-order 5).		
Send your <b>email addresses</b> to me at <a href="mailto:gto_68@bellsouth.net">gto_68@bellsouth.net</a> .		
Report your <b>GTOAA membership #</b> to me.		
TREASURER'S REPORT		Will Simms
7/27/99 Balance		\$1905.29
Credits - renewals (2x\$15), new members (5x\$15)		-\$216.00
Debits - Newsletters (\$200), Postcards (\$16)		\$165.00
Balance 8/25/99		\$1854.29
MEMBERSHIP STATUS (Check mailing label each issue)		
<b>Due in September</b>	Ralph Hayes, Dave Melle, Chris Mullen,	
<b>Expired in August</b>	Steve Helton, James Rhew	
<b>Expired in July</b>	na	
NEW MEMBERS & RENEWALS		
We had <b>2 renewals</b> and <b>4 new members</b> in August. We now have <b>87 active</b> members. <b>Welcome back</b> Mike Alford and David Hurd for another year! Welcome to new members Roy Billings, Tim Budnik, Charles Clayton, and David McCarrison.		
You already know <b>Roy!</b> He's the father of a current member, Daniel Billings, with the Emerald 71 LeMans. Dad is also a member of the 55-57 Chevy club. <b>Tim</b> is a salesman from Cary with a 66 GTO convertible. <b>Charles</b> hails from Durham and owns a 61 Catalina 4-speed -- Bob Schultz must have told him some good things about the Tigers, 'cause he signed up for two years! <b>David</b> is a fleet manager from Apex who enjoys fly-fishing, and sold Pontiacs from 1964 until 1979. Ready to turn green? He owns a 64 GTO convertible AND a 70 GTO convertible!		
WHAT NEXT???		
14-JUL-99 (Los Angeles-AP) -- Cruising could soon become more colorful. Hoping for a bigger piece of the custom-car market, BFGoodrich has unveiled a new line of high-performance tires. They feature red, blue or yellow stripes in the tread.		
The Scorcher tires leave colored streaks on the pavement when the cars peel out. They target teens and young adults who modify cars and pickups. The color strips won't wear out because they're as deep as the rest of the tread.		
RADIATOR VOLTAGE?		Gerald Brock (GTO Mailing List)
Set a voltmeter on the 5+ VDC scale. Clip the negative probe to engine ground, and dip the positive probe into the radiator coolant. A reading above 0.75 indicates that antifreeze additives are breaking down. At readings above 1.5 volts, you will start to see some chemical erosion on the aluminum parts, leading to problems such as seized front cover bolts. Just when you thought you had heard it all!		

**PARTS FOR SALE as of 8/31/99**NC Area code 919 unless noted Please notify editor of sales or changes \* **members****YEAR ONE** gives Tarheel Tigers discounts: 5% orders < \$99, %10 orders > \$100**NOS SHEET METAL:**

70-72 GTO 1/4 panels \$1800 pair

70 Front Valence Panels \$260

69 GTO fenders \$1750 pair

67 GTO Tail Panel \$975

65 GTO non AC radiator support \$700

**NEW TRI-POWER PARTS:** Fuel line & Fittings Kit \$35, linkage kits \$50,  
Air cleaner sets \$100 complete**RAM AIR REPO PARTS & KITS**, discounted for club members! Call**USED SHEETMETAL PARTS:** 72 LeMans Front Clip \$550

71-72 LeMans hood \$125

71 Grand Prix front clip \$525, right door \$50, more! Call!

70-73 Firebird front clip \$700

70-72 GTO decklid, real nice \$200

69 GTO decklid, nice \$250

69 LeMans post doors \$350 pair

67 GTO AC radiator support \$260

66 GTO post doors, real nice, \$375 pair

66 Catalina front clip \$500

65-67 GTO hoods, \$160-\$450

65 GTO AC fan shroud \$160

**USED PARTS:** 77 TA center front spoiler, nice \$80

71 GTO intake &amp; original carb \$130

70 GTO grills \$100 pair

69-72 bucket seats \$200 pair

68 GTO fan shroud + top plate \$140, console+dual-gate+cable \$200

aircleaner \$125, bucket seats \$200 pair

67 GTO 4bbl Intake \$115

66-67 GTO vinyl top molding \$80 set

66 GTO bucket seats \$220 pair, Tripower bare intake \$225

66 LeMans grills \$40 pair

65 GTO Tripower Intake \$225, bucket seats \$225 pair, AT console \$125

64-67 GTO AC parts, heater box, ductwork, etc. cheap

64-66 GTO steering column \$100

64-65 GTO vinyl top molding, nice used \$175 pair, restored \$250 pair

Posi rear 3.23 4 pinion fits 67-72 \$550

Heads #: 042, 4X, 6X, 13, 15, 46, 48, 66, 76, 77

**PARTING CARS:** 72 Grand Prix

(2) 71 Grand Prix - one a Hurst!

69 GTO convertible

&amp; TOO MANY MORE TO LIST!

(4) 66 GTO post cars

(2) 65 LeMans

(3) 62 Bonneviles

\*Tyler Mitchell, Madison NC, 336/427-3586, 8241 fax 7/31

**MORE PARTS FOR SALE as of 8/31/99**NC Area code 919 unless noted Please notify editor of sales or changes \* **members**long shaft (pre69) **TH400** fresh re-build, \$125 (less than the parts)**76 Formula 400**, less engine, straight panels, Formula hood \$750Fresh **455** punched to 463, roller cam and rockers, fully blueprinted & balanced, dyno'd at 529 H.P. -- we can talk about this engine. \$3,500-- just built and strong! Fresh **400**, +30 punched w/525-305 cam, balanced internally, YS heads (72 cc) 3 way valve job w/special springs, half/half ported and matched, priced specially for who buys according to how we finish out the build. Scott\* 460-4424 8/28(4) 14"x7" **Rally II rims**. Excellent cond. Blasted & painted. No rings or caps.\$100.

93-97 Trans-Am/Firebird hood (stock). Mint cond. (red) \$175 Doug\* 233-8738 8/27

(4) Polyglas **tires**, offer Dave\* 968-4873 10/6**BW Super T-10** 4spd rebilt \$1200, **67 GTO Tail lens** \$125pr Bobby\*848-0049 2/1569-70 **Upper RamAir pan**, complete \$350, Wilbur Lewis\* 851-6506 8/2868-69 Endura **bumper brackets** \$100 pair Gary\* 848-1928 2-2465-67 LeMans **hood** perfect condition \$75 will not ship.**65 Tri-Power** setup. Restored, detailed, and complete less air cleaners, ready to bolt on. Custom jet sizes at your request. \$100064-65 convertible **rear seat bottom** \$150Pair of 66-67 Bucket **seats**, need covers, \$100, Greg Muth, 897-0528 Coates 8/30**67 GTO** for parts - lots of good chrome etc.**67 LeMans** hardtop for parts [jpowers@citynet.net](mailto:jpowers@citynet.net) 7/665 GTO AT **console+shifter**, Show quality, Shiftworks 3spd conversion kit \$275

David\* 233-3546 8-7

64 LeMans **4spd console**, has rotary switch/dual indicator lights forward of shifter, fair to poor, but could be inserted and used for 66, \$50 Chris\* 876-3874 9/3**MEMBER'S SERVICES****Area code 919 unless noted Please notify editor of changes/additions***American Muscle Cars/Classics* - buy, sell, trade Newell Smith 934-5084

Anderson Creek Auto Sales &amp; Salvage Bobby Tomlinson 910/893-8835

Auto body repair Johnny McGee 910/293-3955

*Auto Shape* auto body repair Henry Van Pala 821-5170*Central Raleigh Auto Sales*, used car sales Henry Van Pala 743-3330*Classic Interior Repair & Windshields* Dan Tracy 363-5362

Contracting &amp; Construction Tim Swain 542-1286

General Contracting Chris Mullen 552-3836

*John Tracy's Paintless Dent Removal* John Tracy 859-5225*Patio Enclosures* Bill Karras 467-2846

Perry's Auto GM Muscle parts, NOS, repo, used Perry Kaiser LI,NY 516/689-9247

Pressure Washing Larry Barbour 552-5861

Tires, all brands, cost+10% to Tigers Joe Ashworth 552-4626

Tri-powers rebuilt Gary Anderson 848-1928

Ty's Towing &amp; Pontiac/Chevy Salvage Tyler Mitchell 336/427-3586

Vinyl siding subcontractor Jeri Lobur 857-6919

NON-MEMBERS SERVICES	
4 speed, shifter sales & service	<i>Danny's Transmissions</i> 910/621-4327
Auto Appraisals	Andy Pinters, Morrisville NC
Chrome plating	<i>Wayne's Tri- City Plating</i> 800/251-7536
Chromed mylar int. restoration	<i>Larry Lively</i> IL 618/785-2242
Dash Bezel, Plastic Re-chroming	<i>American Plastic &amp; Chrome</i> 734/721-1967
Dash Bezel Restoration	<i>Darrel Roach</i> TX 817/431-0001
Dashpad, Vinyl Restoration	<i>Just Dashes</i> 800/247-3274
Exhaust Pipe Reproductions	<i>Gardner Exhaust Systems</i> 914/876-8117
Gauge repair/restoration	<i>R&amp;C Tach Shop</i> IN 812/284-2555
Insurance for Classic Cars	<i>Classic Car Services</i> , Wendell NC 366-CARS
rgoodwin@jpass.net	www.freelyellow.com/members2/classicar/
Powder Coating	<i>Top-Coat Inc.</i> 787-0302
Pot Metal Restoration	<i>Pot Metal Restorations</i> Tallahassee FL
Radio FM/CD conversions	<i>The Radio Man</i> TX 214/321-8440
Steering Columns Rebuilt	<i>Simpson's Garage</i> Unionville SC 704/283-2434
Hi Performance Suspension Kits	<i>HO Racing</i> , CA 1/800 http://www.inc.com/users/HORACING-ps.html
Trim Restoration, Stainless & Al.	<i>The Finishing Touch</i> IL 800/403-4545
Tubing - Brake, Fuel, Stainless	<i>Fine Lines</i> OH www.finelinesinc.com, 800/ss-tubes
Wood Grain Dash Kits	<i>The Wood Dashery</i> PA 570/823-8983

WANTED as of 8/31/99	
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69 Firebird RAIV (round port) exhaust manifolds. Steve* 910/394-6734 <a href="mailto:torquewild@aol.com">torquewild@aol.com</a>	5/22
69-72 A-body disk brake assembly, quick ratio PS box, Bill* 787-7605	12/1
69 GTO non-AC dash vents/ducts, (1) 14x7 RallyII rim Richard* 910/892-1310	3/5
69 GTO fenders & radiator support, or front clip. 68-70 GTO Hood, no kinks!	
68 GTO drivers fender, NOS Hideaway Ign. switch, black NOS dashpad, glovebox lock, blower switch. Chris Hastings* 876-3874	
64 GTO AFB carb, air cleaner base OR complete tripower gto_68@bellsouth.net	
Alum. 4bbl intake, 86up V8 200R4-low miles OR good core	7/31
66-67 GTO front bumper, show quality, Frank Gray* 910/799-0561	9/28
66 GTO driver's fender. Bobby Tomlinson* 848-0049 or 274-9387	1/5
65 Tempest Custom Wagon Terry* 859-0772	12/1
64 Tempest Right fender Bill* 787-7605	12/1
70 GTO both tail light lens, (4) wheel well moldings (SS),decklid Jeff Harper*	8/27
64-66 rebuildable Tripower outer carbs Aurora slot cars/sets	
Promo 45rpm records. Want to buy <i>The Judge</i> by Paul Revere & the Raiders, or will trade <i>SS396/Corvaire Baby</i> same band. Gary* 848-1928 gto_tiger@pagesz.net	7/31

**WIDETRACK ANNIVERSARY Brent (GTO Mailing List)**

According to a calendar in the August issue of Ward's Auto World, September 1st was the "Introduction of the 1959 Pontiac with 4.5 to 4.9 inch wider tread: "wide track" chassis." Happy Birthday to Us!

<b>EVENTS:</b> Details in club notebook. NC & Area code 919 unless noted.
<b>Thursdays</b> High Point, Let's Talk Cars Weekly Cruise, 336-882-6101
<b>Thursdays 5-10pm</b> Dunn-Benson Dragstrip 1/8mi Test & Tune 894-1662
<b>Fridays</b> Hope Mills NC, Sonic Drive-In/ <i>Cape Fear Classics</i> Club Cruise-in 910/868-6312 exit #41 I95, then 6 miles toward Hope Mills.
<b>Fridays</b> Apr 5 - Sept 5 Wake County Speedway races 779-2171 or 772-2944
<b>Fridays</b> Rockingham Dragway Test&Tune, 1/4 mile
<b>Saturdays</b> Asheboro, <i>Something Different</i> Cafe cruise-in, 64W past Zoo turn-off
<b>1st Thursdays</b> Greensboro, Performance Pontiacs of the Carolinas monthly mtg (GTOAA chapter), Shoney's on Hwy 68 (Airport Exit). Info: Rocky (910)454-4367
<b>1st Saturdays</b> Raleigh Apr-Oct, Char Grill cruise-in, Atlantic Ave. store 954-9556
<b>1st Saturdays</b> Dunn, Cape Fear Classics cruise, rain date 2nd Sat. 910/868-6312
<b>2nd Sundays</b> Piedmont POCI chapter monthly meeting. Info: Larry (910)475-3023
<b>3rd Saturdays</b> Mar-Sept Garner, Grill 57 Cruise-in, (Hwy401@ Walmart) 779-5757
<b>4th Saturdays</b> Cary, Cruise in at Vincent's Pizza, Kildare Farm Rd.
<b>Sept 9-11</b> New Bern, AACA Southeastern Nationals, Sponsored by First Capital Chapter AACA, pre-reg only, info: Marshall VanWinkle, 252-637-2319 www.aaca.org
<b>Sept 11</b> Pageland SC Drag Strip, <b>2<sup>nd</sup> 1999 Carolina Pontiac Club Challenge</b> . Gate opens 1pm, practice 4pm, eliminations 7pm. \$10 admission (car + driver + 1 passenger) HELMETS REQUIRED, Tell Gate person you're in Pontiac Challenge for special rate and pit parking. Ken 704/289-5862
<b>Sept 11</b> Goldsboro, Paramount Open Show 919/731-7203
<b>Sept 11</b> Greensboro, Open Car & Truck 336/294-4453
<b>Sept 11</b> N. Myrtle Beach SC, Blast from Past 843/2293-7637
<b>Sept 11</b> Westfield NC, RJR Tobaccoville Show 336/351-4185
<b>Sept 11</b> Spencer NC, Military & Fire Trucks, Transportation Museum 336/657-8083
<b>Sept 16-19</b> Charlotte, Lowes Motor Speedway, <b>Fall AutoFair</b> . Special tribute to GTOs and Anniversary Trans Ams in Pavilion Tent, <i>Carolina Classic Pontiac Club</i> display at Pit Row Sat. & Sun. Gary spaces BBO7-8 www.charlottespeedway.com
<b>Sept 18</b> Clayton, Clayton's Classic Show 919-553-8344
<b>Sept 24-26</b> Rockingham NC, IHRA Drag Race, www.ihra.com
<b>Sept 25</b> Sanford, AACA SanLee Chapter www.aaca.org
<b>Sept 25</b> Level Cross NC, Hospice Benefit Open Show 336/685-9964
<b>Sept 25</b> Burlington, Antique & Hot Rod 336/222-1843
<b>Sept 25</b> Wilson, Cruzin 99, 252/237-2225
<b>Sept 25</b> Sanford, AACA - SanLee www.aaca.org
<b>Oct 2</b> Wendell, 4 <sup>th</sup> Annual Bright Leaf Arts Festival Car/Truck Show 919/266-0274
<b>Oct 2</b> High Point, Show of Wheels, 336/883-7925
<b>Oct 3</b> Carolina Fall Classic Farmington Dragway 336-766-1707
<b>Oct 8-9</b> Myrtle Beach SC, SE Regional POCI meet <b>POW WOW at the Beach</b> , show, swap, go-cart races, poker run, etc. Host hotel: <i>Compass Cove</i> (old <i>Swamp Fox Resort</i> ), 2311 S. Ocean Blvd., resv 800/228-9894. \$20 incl Tshirt Info: Ronnie 803/328-8870
<b>Oct 17</b> Farmington Dragway, All GM car show & drag race 336-766-1707
<b>Nov 13</b> Ware Shoals SC, <b>3<sup>rd</sup> 1999 Carolina Pontiac Club Challenge</b> , more info later.

**FROM THE PRES...****by Gary Anderson**

It looks like we're back on track with our monthly newsletters. You would think that I would have all these words of wisdom saved up; all I can say is I am glad that we don't do weekly meetings!

Last month's meeting was great. We had our biggest turnout ever, with over thirty members. I guess we all had a lot of pent up frustrations that we took out on the go-cart track. How many times did you wish that you could drive like that on the belt line? Actually, I have heard that some of you do drive like that on the belt line. I always wanted to give the slow guy in front of me a push when he wouldn't get out of my way. It sure is easy to spin out the guy in front of you. Sorry about that, Marcus! Maybe Earnhardt didn't mean to spin out Labonte at Bristol; yeah, that's it, it was an accident! It's probably a good thing that the club didn't go to the 1/4 mile track in Concord last year and race the trucks. If everyone drives like they did at Putt-Putt they wouldn't have any trucks for the next group. We'll have to schedule a rematch for the spring.

Three of us made it up to the POCI (Pontiac Oakland Club International) show in Richmond. It was about a 360-mile round trip. I think Bob Schultz will comment on it later in the newsletter. This was the first trip for my car since I finished it, and it performed perfectly. My only complaint was that the Firestone Wide Ovals wandered all over the road, all the way up and back. I was constantly fighting the wheel. Both Dee and Bob had radials on their cars. This is the second car that I've had the Wide Ovals on; I drove my last car down to Atlanta for the Nationals two years ago. It's amazing how much tire technology has improved with radials!

There are two other all Pontiac shows left this fall. The next one is the Palmetto chapter's annual show in Myrtle Beach. This is scheduled for Saturday October 9th. Attendees cruise down on Friday afternoon and have dinner together Friday night. The Palmetto chapter reserved a block of 50 waterfront suites at the Compass Cove Inn (formerly the Swamp Fox Resort). The phone # for reservations is 800-228-9894. I would like to get a count on how many plan to go at our September meeting. We can set up a departure time that is convenient, but I expect that it will be about 3:00 so the drive can be in the daylight. They have a Poker run scheduled for Saturday afternoon, then dinner, and then off to the go-cart races to prove which club has what it takes. This is a fun show and the water is still warm enough for swimming. Most people cruise back Sunday morning, depending on their plans.

The second show is the show put on by the Tidewater club in Norfolk. I have not been to this one, but a few of the members have attended. I don't think it is a show with events scheduled over the weekend, people usually drive up and back the same day. We will discuss it at the meeting if some of you plan to go up. The meeting is back at the car lot for this month, and we have a lot of different events to talk about, so I hope to see you there.

**CHARLOTTE AUTO FAIR SWAP MEET****by Gary Anderson**

The annual fall swap meet is scheduled for September 16<sup>th</sup>- 19<sup>th</sup>. If you plan on going, either take 64 to 49 and come in the back way, or get off 85 at highway 29 about 10 miles before the Speedway exit, and take it to the speedway. They are opening a new mall, (the biggest in the Carolinas) at the intersection of the new Speedway Blvd exit on I-85. The grand opening is scheduled to coincide with the Autofair. They are expecting 100,000 people in Mall traffic in addition to the swap meet traffic. My spaces are BBO-7 & 8; these are the first partial row in the orange field, directly across from the main tent.

**"THE" BENEFIT OF CLUB MEMBERSHIP****by Bob Schultz**

If you are an active member of any car club, then this is like preaching to the choir. If you are an active, involved member just remind yourself from time to time why you are a member of your car club and all the benefits derived from the club. Yes, you receive the newsletters with all the good information contained within, you get to attend the meetings where you probably learn a lot, you get to attend various other club functions like road trips/shows and conventions. But the most important parts of the club are the individual members that become your friends. The individual people/friends are the ones that make the newsletters, meetings, other club functions happen and worth while. And most of all, these friends will help you in any way possible. Who else but a fellow club member would come over to your house at 10:00 PM on their wedding anniversary to help get your car running?

It's a true story! After the trip to the POCI Pontiac Show in Richmond recently, I arrived home to find my drive blocked with other cars. I couldn't get to the garage. So, I parked at the end of the drive near the street. After going in the house to a rousing welcome from my family, eating a few scrapes of pizza left from their dinner and kicking the dog a bit, I returned to the driveway to move the cars around in order to get my Catalina into the garage. Surprise, Surprise after a 360 mile trip of excellent performance, she wouldn't start.

To make a long story short, being the automotive genius that I am, after trouble shooting for almost two hours with no great success, I began to panic. The car was simply too close to the mailbox by the street that the teenagers had recently been using as a target for rocks, sticks, bottles, etc. Even if the car survived the night of terror by the mailbox, I sure didn't want my wife to be unable to get out with her car the next morning. Boy, was I in a fix! So, I began calling club members much more knowledgeable than myself for advice. I received several good ideas, but still no luck. I had earlier called another member that I won't mention his name (but he's our club president), who was not at home. He called me back later and after hearing of my predicament insisted that he come over and help figure out the problem.

Yes, it was indeed the Prez's wedding anniversary, but he had to come help me! The phone was just not good enough. At 10:00 PM he came over. An hour and thirty minutes later we had the Catalina back in the garage, away from that mailbox. I phoned him the next day to thank him once again. At that time he was still living in his house, so maybe everything will work out on his home front. Who else, but a club member? What better benefit could possibly be received than being friends with outstanding people such as this?

**LOCAL PAINT SHOP RECOMMENDATION****by Dave Melle**

I just got my 65 Tempest back from being painted and wanted to give the members some info on what I had done.

I had Dan Swan of *Classic Restorations* do it. He put two rear quarters on, did some minor bodywork, and painted it. It turned out great! I would suggest that anyone who needs this type of work done to give him a call.

Being from Pittsburgh and not knowing many people, it was really hard to find someone to do the car. I called at least 20 different places and this was the most reasonable price around. If anyone wants to check it out to see Dan's work, just give me a call @ 562-8650. I know it's hard sometimes to make a decision like this one when you're spending a ton of money on a car. I hope this helps!

**POCI RICHMOND SHOW****by Bob Schultz**

On Sunday, August 22<sup>nd</sup> at 8:00 AM the Tar Heel Tigers caravanned to the POCI All Pontiac Show in Richmond, Va. President Gary, Dee Sherrow and Bob Schultz all were ready! This would be President Gary's first road trip with his brand new '65 ragtop Goat. The '65 looked great in the parking lot, which is more than could be said about the Prez. Bob's big highway cruiser '63 Catalina appeared in good shape for its longest road trip since moving to NC from Montana. Dee's Bird looked wonderful as always. There was some brief conversation about Dee's six cylinder being able to keep up, but he assured us there would not be a problem!

Gary and Dee suggested that the Catalina lead the way, with its real "wide track" it would certainly keep the bugs off the two following. So the "Cat", the "Goat", and the "Bird" hit US1 through the thick fog. It was a good cool day for a cruise, and soon the fog lifted. At the first pit stop we argued the accuracy of the Catalina's speedometer; were we really moving along at 65 or 85? The most excitement we encountered were two bridges being repaired. When the sign said, "right lane closed ahead", it really should have said "right lane and a half". Obviously the DOT didn't anticipate real "wide tracks" speeding across those bridges on only ¾ of a lane. Gary said it was especially exciting with his red line bias plys wandering around.

The Tigers roared onto the Capital Pontiac show field about 10:30 AM, 180 miles and several gallons of 93 octane later. Registration was set up well and went smoothly. We found our assigned parking spaces and began the usual car cleanup. Of course, Dee and Gary didn't have to do anything as far as clean up, since the Catalina smashed all the bugs in south central Virginia before they got there.

There were 55 Pontiac entries of all shapes, sizes and conditions. We thought John Tracy was there already, because there was an Orbit Orange '70 there that looked just like John's. There was a one owner '72 Catalina there that took First Place in class at a past National POCI show. He has repainted/detailed the engine compartment three times in the last seven years! Unfortunately for our Prez, the '64-'67 GTO class was as usual the largest and the best by far. A lot of nice comments were heard about the unique color and the detail Gary's car. Dee's ride was once again a definite crowd pleaser.

We talked to a lot of nice people at the show. Gary spoke with the president of the sponsoring club and they were appreciative of the Tigers coming to support them.

Judging was by the participants, not a judging team of "experts". The down side of this type of judging is that participants are probably not as knowledgeable on the finer details of very top quality cars (as exhibited below relating to Gary's second place).

The Tar Heel Tigers did pretty well. I won a nice funnel as a door prize to get us started. Dee won the longest mileage award. Then the '63 Catalina took a Third Place trophy. President Gary was "awarded" a Second Place trophy (Baa HumBug!). Dee's Bird won a First Place trophy. We had to help Dee carry all his trophies to the car.

After the show was over, we said our goodbyes and headed out to look for a refill of the 93 octane for the cruise home. While the Goat and the Cat were sucking an Amoco dry, that six cylinder Bird was simply pecking a little across the street at the Exxon.

We encountered much more traffic going home, but only one ¾ lane bridge, so we figure it all worked out evenly. We received the normal thumbs up, waves and smiles from people on the highway. The only thing that could have made the day any better would have been to have more Tigers enjoying the trip. So, don't miss the next road trip!

**RESTORING BLACKENED BOLTS****by Mel (GTO Mailing list)**

Gonna let you all in a well kept secret of mine about how to make blackened bolts, washers and screws look like new.....

Go to a local gunsmith or K-mart. Get yourself a gun "bluing" pack, the product that is used for "bluing" your hand guns and rifles. It also comes in the build-it-yourself kits of old antique ball and cap guns.

First, use a wire brush on a high power drill, and clean the hell out of the fastener. If it is coated in grease, you can make a quickie parts cleaner with a 5-gallon bucket, wire parts cleaning toothbrush and about an inch of gasoline. The main principle is to get the bolt "completely" clean of all oil, paint and original coating. This fastener should look like as shiny as a brand new nickel!

Mix your bluing solution up and have it ready when you finish the cleaning. Remember, bare metal begins rusting as soon as it is exposed to air so the faster you get it in the bluing material the better.

Now here's where you are going to have to test and tune.... The longer the bare metal fastener is in the solution, the darker it is going to get. Hence the longer it's in the more covering you will get; the more covering you get, the longer it will resist rusting. You can time the period the parts are in the solution to get an even color on all bolts.

Like with all metal coatings...bluing is "NOT" a permanent deal. These treated bolts will still rust over time if not kept out of water or cleaned regularly with a mild oiling. All disclaimers apply (especially for those of us who have a tendency to redo their car parts sitting in our lazy boy watching TV). This bluing stuff can stain the crap out of anything it contacts.

**TIGER EMAIL ADDRESSES****by Secretary Chris Hastings**

I try to relay useful information to members using email. This includes reminders for meetings and events, parts & cars for sale, etc. If you wish to begin or cease receiving club emails, or if you're listed below but haven't been getting yours, then email a note to me at [gto\\_68@bellsouth.net](mailto:gto_68@bellsouth.net). Do not call or send snail (postal) mail -- those methods breed mistakes.

Following is the list of members that I have email addresses for: Bill Karras, Brian Handlon, Chris Hearn, Chris Hopf, Darrell Gigac, David Hurd, David Leder, David Melle, Dee Sherrow, Don Dockhorn, Doug Rutter, Doug Snyder, Gary Anderson, Greg Roller, Jack Agayoff, Jeff Harper, Jeff Randall, Jim Sattie, John Tracy, Joseph Cipollini, Kevin Jones, Neil Morin, Patrick Gallagher, Paul Handlon, Rex Bumgarner, Stephen Sattie, Scott Shafer, Sean Fokes, Steve Helton, Steve Banko, Steven Tomlinson, Tim Swain, Todd Briggs, Tom Lopresti, Van Clifton, Wilbur Lewis, Will Simms, William Baker.

The email addresses I was given for the following members DO NOT WORK --please email me your corrected address: James Rhew, Shawn Fields, Ted Craig, Tom Hawkins, Tyler Mitchell.

**SERPENTINE BELTS FOR PONTIACS?****by Norm Muelleman (F-Body list)**

Well, I've been wondering where all the trick pulleys, etc. for Pontiacs are...seems no one has them! So, I send an email to March Performance, and asked about when they are going to have serpentine belt conversions/brackets for Pontiacs. I actually got a reply! They stated that the complete package was due out by autumn! Yipee!!!

**CLUB DISCOUNT AT YEAR ONE**

by Chris Hastings

Many of you have had difficulty obtaining Year One's discount offered to club members. After many months, and thanks to the efforts of Tigers Jeff Randall and especially Scott Shafer, it appears that the problem has been corrected. Prompted by member complaints, the new advertising director at Year One contacted me wanting to understand and correct the problem. A complete transcript of emails is available for those interested. Below is his last correspondence.

Subject: Year One Response Re: Tarheel Tigers GTO Club Discount At Year One

Author: Bill Stone <bills@yearone.com> at Internet

August 24, 1999

Chris:

I appreciate you responding and sending me the August revision of the roster. The roster has been entered into our system and every member on the roster is now active and eligible for the Year One Car Club Discount.

For a tally, 52 members of your club were already in our system, an additional 22 were already active customers in our system, and 11 members were added who were not in our system. In reviewing our files, the last roster update we have on record is April of 1997 (**editor's NOTE:** an earlier email from Bill Stone stated "*The last roster we received was dated 12/31/98. It is in what appears to be 6-pt. type, is a very bad fax, and the majority of it is illegible*")

By doing my impersonation of Sherlock Holmes, I have identified at least part of the problem we have been having with updating your rosters -- the person you were sending the rosters to left Year One in early February. Although his E-mail box is still active, there is no E-mail in it. The E-mailed rosters seem to have dropped into a black hole.

However, now that you have my name as contact and my E-mail address, I feel that we are back on track. I will make sure that your roster updates are entered into our system in a timely manner as they are received.

Regarding the Year One Car Club Discount Policy, I have worked with the sales department to ensure that every sales associate knows to provide a car club discount to any customer who calls and requests the discount. The sales floor is aware of this procedure and the sales supervisors are aware of this policy. I have been assured that we are not currently having any difficulties with any car clubs and that everyone who calls is getting the discount.

Therefore, NO member of your club should ever be refused a car club discount for any reason. If they are refused a discount, after speaking with the sales associate and the sales supervisor, then they should contact me directly.

I am dismayed to hear that some of your club members have been treated rudely. No customer of Year One, whether they are a member of your car club or not, should ever be treated rudely. If you hear of an instance of this happening from this day forward, please ask the injured party to call Year One, ask to speak with a sales floor supervisor, and relate exactly what happened. Rude behavior to any customer under any circumstance is inappropriate and will not be tolerated in our company.

Obviously, I cannot undo what has been done, but I can make sure that anything inappropriate that happens from this point forward is addressed immediately.

In closing, let me reiterate the following:

1. Any Tarheel Tiger GTO club member who calls Year One and asks for a car club discount should receive the car club discount. There should not be a problem. It should happen the first time they call and every time they call.

2. No Tarheel Tiger GTO club member, nor any other Year One customer, should ever be treated rudely and such treatment will not be tolerated.

It is my intent to put an end to the difficulties that members of your car club have experienced in the past. Should any of the Tarheel Tiger GTO club members encounter any difficulties with either the Year One Car Club Discount Program or with the way they are treated, they should immediately ask to speak to a sales supervisor. The sales supervisor will address the situation immediately and whatever problem they have encountered will go away!

Again, thank you for the opportunity to address these areas of concern and to re-establish the relationship with your club on the level where it belongs. Year One is committed to making sure that it goes better this time. Please continue to forward me your club rosters as they are updated and do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or need any further information.

Sincerely, Bill Stone, Year One Advertising Director,

[Bills@Yearone.com](mailto:Bills@Yearone.com), (800) 950-9503 phone, (770) 621-8397 fax

**INSURANCE BAIT & SWITCH**

by Greg Roller

I have just recently purchased a new 1999 Trans Am. I ran into a problem with my insurance provider. Before purchasing my new TA, I called my insurance provider to find out what impact it would have on my rates. They quoted me a difference of about \$350 every six months. When the bill came, the difference was close to a grand! I thought that this might just have been a mistake on their part. But, when talking with a friend of mine that has the same insurance, he said they quoted him a price that was less than half of what he was later billed for his 1996 Trans Am!

There had been no recent change in driving record or any other factor to cause the difference. My advise is, if you're going to purchase a new vehicle, get a quote from another insurance company to compare with what your current one is telling you. Oh, by the way, my insurance provider is Farm Bureau. (**Editor's note:** I've had Farm Bureau for years on my house and cars, including my 68 GTO convertible. I originally chose them because they offered the CHEAPEST rate for an 86 Mustang GT. They are excellent at covering claims, no questions asked! Maybe it's the agent that's the problem)

**HELPING WAYWARD YOUTH**

Tim Claremont (GTO Mailing List)

Our car club members have a local show in the summer. In the weeks before the show, pictures of our cars will be given to the BB/BS coordinator. Kids with an interest in cars will pick one that they like from the pictures. The owner of the car will pick the kid up in the morning in that car, and take them back home to wash and prep the car for the show. They will then take the kid to the car show.

I know that this plan is not going to put a dent in the "problem", but it sure would have sounded like fun to me when I was a "wayward" youth. Who knows, you just might make a friend in the process!

**PASSING SMOG TESTS**

John Hugentober (GTO Mailing List)

I haven't had any problem with the sniffer test since I've been using "Guarantee To Pass" in a can (~\$5.95). The '88 T-bird with 140K miles passed on fast pass (super low numbers) after using this stuff.