

Dedicated to the enjoyment, restoration, and preservation of the Pontiac GTO



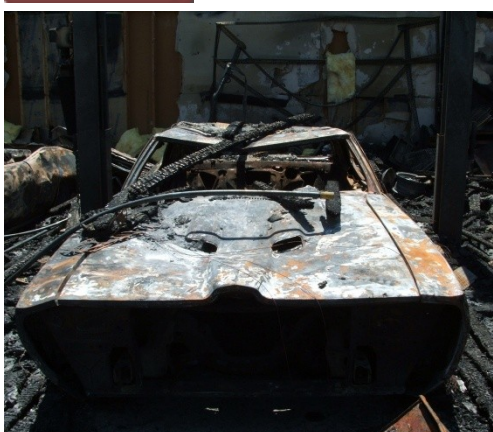
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### Message from the President

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We heard about a tragic loss this month from club member Mark Delano. Mark has spent the last 20+ years in the Valley restoring GTOs for club members and to fill his own garage. During the week of August 14, Mark had spent the night working in his shop. Apparently, after closing up the shop for the night, smoldering hot metal started a fire in the garage. Mark and wife Debbie awoke to see fire coming through the roof of the garage (neighbors had already called the fire department).



Because of all the flammables in the garage, they had to let the fire burn itself out, destroying everything inside.

Fortunately, no one was hurt. But Mark lost two of his own GTOs—a 1970 GTO Judge and a rarely optioned 455 H.O. hardtop, plus parts, tools, and his collectibles. The garage itself was destroyed. Club member Dave Campbell also lost a 1969 GTO Judge and a 1970 455 H.O. convertible in the fire.

Both guys had limited insurance on the cars; Mark is hoping to collect some money from the loss of the building, but it will not cover the cost for rebuilding the garage. Many of us in the club have known Mark for his honesty and great workmanship. He knows his Pontiacs and always goes the extra mile for his customers.

All four of my previous and current Pontiacs have benefited from his workmanship.

Now it's our turn to go the extra mile. At our Sept.8 meeting, we will have a fundraiser for the Delanos to help them recover their loss. Bring your cash and your checkbooks. Help a fellow GTO enthusiast get back on his feet. Mark plans on getting back into GTO restoration – slowly but surely. He needs our help now.



**Looking for Pontiac collectibles?** Dan Huskisson has a truck bed full (we're not kidding) of GTO and Pontiac miniatures --- everything from Hot Wheels to 1/24 scale Muscle Machines. Contact [Dan](#) for a list.



Go to our [photo gallery](#) at our website to see recent club activities:

- Adopt-A-Highway
- Bowling for Horsepower 1

Coming up: photos from the 2010 GTOAA Nationals!

We had a very successful second bowling event last month. Our 'Bowling for Horsepower 2' event with the Classic Chevelle Club drew seven club members and companions at Desert Hills Lanes in Phoenix. High game went to event organizer Dan Huskisson with a 198, followed by Carl Sikes with a 190. See the complete scores [here](#).

**Don't forget our next club meeting @ Sept. 8, starting at 7 pm at Denny's Restaurant (Highway 143 and University).**

Our Club Calendar Project coordinator Tony D'Angelo is getting a head start on our 2011 edition. If you have received an email asking for a photo of your car – or, if you have a great photo of your car --- please contact [Tony](#). We want to have these calendars ready for the holiday season.



August Calendar Car

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