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# Installment #2 Kansas Car Show Diaries

The car show held on August 16 at Spirit AeroSystems allowed employees to display their prized vehicles. Despite being the smallest show I attended, the cars on display were impressive. (Again no Pontiacs) More on Page 5



# Road Trip

Club Meeting
February I
6:00 pm Amanto Pizza in
Kent.

Membership Renewal

#### THE 2025 HOLIDAY PARTY THE MUSEUM OF FLIGHT

Just like the Northwest GTO Legends, The Museum of flight has been around for decades and is part of NORTHWEST History.

After 41 years is an experience you will not forget. This year's party is planned to be at The Museum of Flight. The Museum has multiple galleries and exhibits spanning over 185,000 square feet. There is already tremendous interest in this event with 25+ commitments. With 114+ members in the club and looking for many more.

Please send your commitments to Bill Nelson - <u>brzerbill650@gmail.com</u>

# Tigers on the Columbia 2025 - Wenatchee Tigers on the Columbia 2025 - Wenatchee

The Club will be heading back to Wenatchee for the annual Tigers on the Columbia. In the newsletters leading up to the Tiger's there will be a bonus event spotlight. This issue features Sunday night at the Rail Station & Ale House.

The Rail Station & Ale House has a great wine list, a large selection of beer & cider on draught. The food is plentiful and something for everyone from Fresh Ground Burgers, Hand Tossed Pizzas to Salads and don't forget The OG Lobster Mac and cheese.

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#### The President's Pen



Hello Legends members,

I hope the New Year is off to a good start for all of you. We have a lot of fun events and car shows planned for the new year.

We're currently planning the Tigers on the Columbia show in Wenatchee for this year and we expect registration online to begin soon.

This year's show will feature a new event that is a Sunday morning cruise to Chelan for lunch and to visit a local car museum that will be open especially for us! I hope you all take advantage of this new activity!

I was also working on our holiday party for this December. You should have seen the email sent out asking if you are interested in attending this event.

This event is financially beyond what we usually do, but this is a onetime event that I see as payback to our loyal members for their years of service and dedication to the preservation of the Pontiac brand.

I would like to leave you by asking you all to say a prayer for one of our members, Gary Tischer, who is very ill in the hospital in Richland.

Gary is a member of our club that is missed and is an original owner of a 64 GTO and a Pontiac man all the way. You have our prayers for you and your family.

Thank you all for continuing your membership in the largest chapter of the GTOAA.

Bill Nelson President Northwest GTO Legends.









## 2025 Northwest GTO Legends - Sanctioned Events

#### May 23/24/25

7th Annual Tigers on the Columbia - Wenatchee, WA - Rocky Reach Dam Details - Hotel: <u>COAST Wenatchee Center Hotel</u>, <u>Awards Banquet</u>: <u>Wenatchee Convention Center Contact</u>: Ted Knapp 425.681.9682

#### June 29 8am-3pm

12th Annual NW American Muscle Car Show - Tacoma, WA - Griot's Garage Headquarters

Contact: Wally Santella 206.243.3390

#### August 16 - Saturday 8am-3pm

37th Annual Northwest Muscle Car Meet - Bothel, WA - Pop Keeney Stadium Contact: Ted Knapp 425.681.9682

## 2025 NW GTO Legends - Club Events

#### August 9

Barbeque By The Bay - Gig Harbor, Wa Contact: Ted Knapp 425.681.9682

#### **December TBD**

Club Holiday Party -Contact: Ted Knapp 425.681.9682

## Club Officers

#### PRESIDENT Bill Nelson

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Ted Knapp

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Ted Knapp

AT LARGE

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#### **Club Meetings**

Amante Pizza and Pasta—Kent 21020 84th Ave S, Kent, WA 98032 All Meetings at 6PM

| <del>January</del> | 4          | February   | 1               |
|--------------------|------------|------------|-----------------|
| March              | 1          | April      | 5               |
| May                | 3          | June       | 7               |
| July               | 12         | August     | 2               |
| September          | NO MEETING | October    | 4               |
| November           | 1          | December 6 | Holiday Banquet |





# Membership Renewal

Hello everyone!

This is membership renewal time for many of through our website. you.

Our membership management system sends an automated email on Saturday when your membership is 30 days away from expiring, and then as a courtesy reminder every Saturday after that until you have renewed.

You don't need to take action until you receive these emails. Just remember to look for them on Saturday. They will be from feed- and do it in one step back@northwestlegen ds.com or "Club Membership/Dues Renewal".

Please remember that you must renew your

GTOAA membership at the same time It's easy and quick.

You've probably received renewal notices from GTOAA in the form of an email, insert with your Legends magazine, or even a postcard!

I have received all of these. As your Membership Manager, I take care of updating the GTOAA with your membership renewal, so just ignore their notices through us.

You will actually save money doing it this way, since GTOAA charges an administrative fee of

NW GTO Legends and \$3.00 when you renew directly with them.

> So keep an eye out for that email. If you have any questions such as when your dues will expire, please don't hesitate to call, text or email me.

My contact info is 206-817-9883 or mo-

to trails@yahoo.com

Thanks! **Bob Stevenson** 























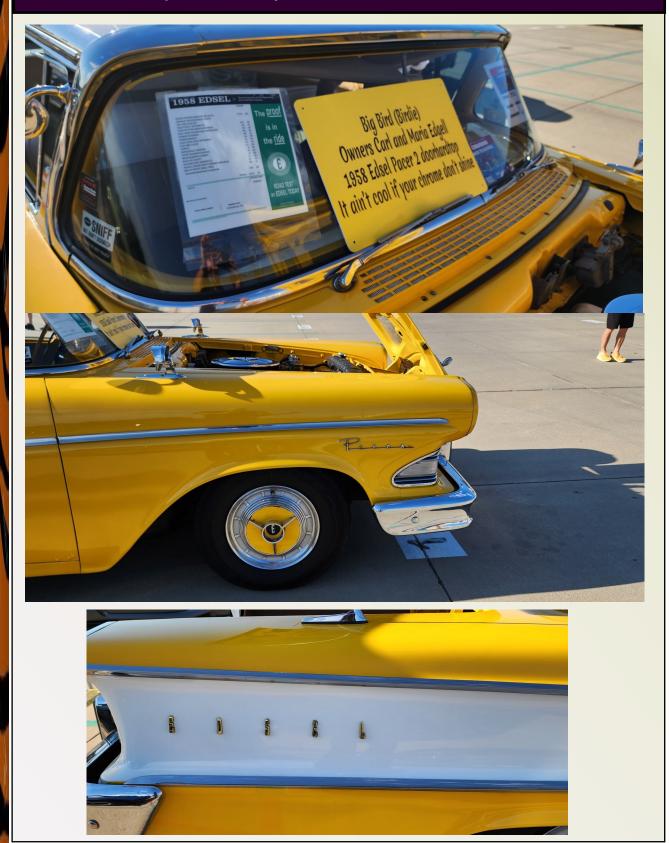




















































Attention all Pontiac owners! The GTOAA National Now is the time to be planning and deciding if you Convention is confirmed to be in Loveland, Colorado in 2026.

I'm organizing a caravan to the convention from the together and will be prepared for any unexpected Northwest. Start thinking about getting your car issues that arise during our trip there and back. ready to take to the annual meet! GTOAA needs to support their indoor concours and hotel needs.

So, with that in mind, let's all get together for a fantastic road trip to Colorado! If you haven't been to a national convention, you are missing out on an amazing 4-5 days of GTO and Pontiac fun.

The concours cars are amazing, you see all kinds of Pontiacs in the Popular Vote and Street Legends classes, and so much more! There are seminars and guest speakers, car cruises, a parking lot party and trips to interesting local areas.

A banquet and awards ceremony concludes the week.

It might seem early to be talking about a trip in 2026, but it really isn't 2025 is 1/12 over! will drive your car or trailer it.

We will have a strong contingent of cars traveling

I'm planning a somewhat leisurely drive with an overnight stop (or two!), so we aren't pushing it too hard. The distance to Loveland from the Puget Sound area is just over 1200 miles.

Hopefully we will join up with folks from Oregon and ldaho on the way, which will be a great addition to the trip.

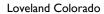
Please think about going and chat with me at our upcoming meetings,

You can also email me with ideas at moto trails@vahoo.com

Let's do this! **Bob Stevenson** 



Downtown Loveland









#### Who we are...

We are excited to bring GTO enthusiasts a club that caters to the total GTO experience. Whether you're into racing the Great One, showing off your prized Poncho, restoring a GeeTO to its former glory, or just enjoying the company of people that do – we've got just the ride for you. We also offer a fantastic newsletter, Legendary Lines, with color features, tech info, stories, and member cars.

We are an official chapter of the GTOAA (GTO Association of America), the 13th to be exact, and got things started way back in 1984-1985. It all started with 3 GTO nuts wanting to start a GTO fraternity in our part of the Northwest. Over the years, the club has evolved with many great people getting involved and contributing their time, effort, and personalities to make it the awesome experience that it is today. Our goal is simple, bring enjoyment to the hobby of owning, driving, and appreciating the greatest muscle car, the original, the Pontiac GTO. Our club has representation of EVERY year of the GTO!!!

Some of the activities that keep us busy throughout the year include hosting car shows that include the Three-day event Tigers on the Columbia (it's the best & only show of its kind in the Northwest) an annual Holiday Party, and our own Northwest Muscle car Meet which gathers the finest muscle cars in the region once a year.

Being a Chapter of the GTO Association of America, our membership fees include additional membership in the GTOAA National Club. The National prints a monthly magazine that is nothing short of fantastic. You wouldn't believe all the GTO owners around the world! They feature a car of the month, technical articles and a GREAT classified section that is free for advertisements by members.







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Contact Bob Stevenson at <a href="moto\_trails@yahoo.com">moto\_trails@yahoo.com</a> or 206-817-9883.



Centric Left Front disc brake caliper #14162050 This is brand new, never been used. I ordered two left side calipers for my 1973 GTO instead of one left and one right. From Rock Auto, cost was \$17.27 plus \$30 core charge. So, I paid \$47.27 for it plus shipping. Asking \$15 OBO. This will fit 1970-1976 Firebird, 1973-1976 Grand Prix and Lemans, 1973-1975 Grand Am, and 1975-1976 Grand Lemans and Ventura. Will also fit early to mid '70s Buick, Chevy, GMC and Oldsmobile cars. Check Rock Auto for all the compatible cars.

Contact Bob Stevenson at <a href="moto\_trails@yahoo.com">moto\_trails@yahoo.com</a> or 206-817-9883.



#### Club Members.

If you have a Pontiac with a classic 8-Track Cassette Player option and are interested, my neighbor has a great collection of songs that he is willing to give away. Let me know if you are interested and I will happy to hook you up.

Wally Santella (206 243-3390)







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### Car Shows - Cruises - Swap Meets

| 2/15-2/16 | EARLY BIRD SWAP MEET - Washington State Fair grounds - Puyallup, Washington                           |  |  |
|-----------|---|--|--|
| 3/15-3/16 | 43rd Annual Almost Spring Swap Meet & Car Show – Puyallup, Washington                                 |  |  |
| 5/2-5/3   | Classy Chassis Parade and Car Show — Washington State Apple Blossom Festival - East Wenatchee, WA     |  |  |
| 5/17      | White River HS Motorsports Club Car show - Buckley  |  |  |
| 5/17      | 13th Annual Harrington Car Show -Harrington, WA   |  |  |
| 5/24      | JBLM Gas Guzzlers Car Show @ Griots Garage - Tacoma   |  |  |
| 5/30-5/31 | Cruizin Chelan Car Show - Chelan, WA  |  |  |
| 6/7       | Arlington Car Show - downtown <b>Arlington</b> , Washington   |  |  |
| 6/15      | Gear Heads Father's Day Annual Car Show - Lynden  |  |  |
| 6/22      | Marysville Car Show - downtown Marysville , Washington  |  |  |
| 6/28      | Greenwood Car Show - Greenwood , Washington   |  |  |
| 7/6       | Return to Renton Benefit Car Show -Renton   |  |  |
| 7/20      | Kla Ha Ya Days - Snohomish, Washington  |  |  |
| 7/25-7/27 | Goodguys Car Show - Griots Garage Pacific Northwest Nationals - Puyallup, Washington                  |  |  |
| 8/17      | 38th Annual All Ford Show and Mustang Roundup - Kent  |  |  |
| 8/22-8/24 | Summer Fun Rod Run - Bellingham   |  |  |
| 9/5       | Wheelin' Walla Walla  |  |  |
| 9/6-9/7   | The Beach Barons Car Club's - 41st Annual Rod Run to the End of the World® car show - Ocean  Park, WA |  |  |
| 1         | Other Links   |  |  |
|           | PACIFIC NORTHWEST CAR SHOWS-CRUISE INS AND SWAP MEETS.  |  |  |
|           | Cruise Puyallup Classic Car And Parts Group   |  |  |
|           | Binford Field of Dreams   |  |  |
|           | Old Ride Events -Washington State   |  |  |