



# LAND OF ENCHANTMENT GTO'S

## THE TIGERS' ROAR

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### March Web Feature - Fred Rose's 1971 GTO

The member car featured on the website for march is Fred Rose's 1971 Starlight Black GTO Hardtop. Fred is the 4th owner of this 1971 GTO. It is a non-matching numbers car, But does have a 1971 Coded YE 455ci. HO engine of which only 1,231 were made. The specs on the engine are 325 gross(crank) horsepower @ 4800 RPM/ Net (wheel) horsepower of 310. Torque is 480lb/ft at 3600 RPM. Compression ratio is 8.4:1 with M-20 4-speed Manual Transmission and 3:55-ratio rear end.

Per the PHS sheet the car was equipped from the factory (Fremont CA. 4/20/71) with variable power steering, power front disc brakes, body side molding, four-speed transmission, tinted windows, body-color dual mirrors, and AM radio with rear speakers. It originally had air conditioning.

Either the first or second owner added Pontiac upgrades to the car which included a hood tach, formula steering wheel, front and rear stabilizer bars, rear wing, and 15x7 Honeycomb wheels which are all approved GTO options. A NOS AM/FM 4 speaker cassette stereo was added.

### Spring is Upon Us!

Its time to get out the bucket, rags, soap, and wax and

get ready for the coming car show season. Get the GTO out for a shakedown drive, change the oil, and top off the washer fluid. For those members with bigger projects, get some of the club members together for a "thrash day" on your baby -- many hands make light work! March should bring some great weather and hopefully we can all take advantage of it and get ready for a summer of serious hardware!

### GTO to Go Racing in 2005

LAS VEGAS – Pontiac will expand its motorsports program in 2005 when the Pontiac GTO takes on European, Asian and American rivals in the Grand American Rolex Sports Car Series. GM announced today that Pontiac will debut two production-based GTO race cars in the Grand American Series in midseason of 2005.

"We've found the right type of racing venue to demonstrate the performance capabilities of the Pontiac GTO," said Doug Duchardt, GM Racing director. "Pontiac has already achieved success in the Daytona Prototype class of the Grand American Rolex Sports Car Series, and next year will expand its involvement to the GT division with a pair of Pontiac GTOs."

Pontiac will become the first manufacturer to produce cars to meet the new GT regulations in 2005. The GTO race cars will have production-based LS2 small-block V-8 engines and retain the stock body design. They will incorporate safety features developed by GM Racing in the Corvette C5-R and Cadillac CTS-V racing programs. Teams and drivers will be announced at a future date.

"We plan to develop a race-winning package for Pontiac and then to offer GTO race cars for sale to independent teams," said GM Racing road racing group manager Harry Turner. "We see great potential for the GT class in the Grand American Series. GM Racing will be an active participant in that growth by providing highly developed yet affordable vehicles. We will also provide



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comprehensive technical support for Pontiac teams.”

The Grand American Rolex Sports Car Series will showcase the Pontiac GTO's potent capabilities. In production trim, the new-generation GTO offers a sophisticated blend of performance, handling, comfort and value. On the race track, the use of production-based powertrains and body panels will provide opportunities to demonstrate the GTO's virtues against an international field of competitors that includes Ferrari, Porsche and BMW.

“The GTOs on race tracks will strongly resemble the GTOs in Pontiac showrooms,” said Turner. “The production body panels – hood, doors, roof, rear deck lid, and front and rear fascias – will be precisely duplicated in lightweight composite materials. Front and rear fender flares will accommodate wide racing tires, and a series-specified rear wing will add both aerodynamic balance and race car charisma.”

The new 6.0-liter (364 ci) LS2 engine that powers the production 2005 GTO provides a strong foundation for the racing version. In stock trim, the LS2 produces 400 horsepower; with only minor modifications developed by GM Powertrain, the LS2 easily achieves the 450-horsepower maximum output specified by Grand American regulations. Open exhaust headers, a free-flowing induction system, a competition camshaft and a road racing dry-sump oiling system are the only changes from stock. The LS2 engine is heir to the rich racing heritage of GM's small-block V-8; the most successful production-based engine in motorsports.

In addition to the GTO road racing program announced today, Pontiac will continue its Pro Stock program in the NHRA Powerade Drag Racing Series in 2005.

“These programs closely align with one of GM's strategies of racing vehicles that have clear relationships with their production counterparts,” said Duchardt. “It is important for both marketing and engineering reasons to have strong links between the products that we race and the products that we sell to our customers. These programs provide opportunities to improve both GM's production and racing vehicles through the two-way exchange of technology, personnel and processes.”

### Pontiac GTO Grand American GT Specifications

**Engine:** 6.0-liter LS2 small-block V-8

**Horsepower:** 450 @ 6400 rpm

Torque: 410 lb-ft @ 5200 rpm

**Maximum RPM:** 6800

**Chassis:** Purpose-built tube frame

**Wheelbase:** 109.8 inches

**Track:** 61.5 inches front; 60.4 inches rear

**Curb weight:** 2,700 lbs.

**Suspension:** Independent unequal A-arm front and rear

**Brakes:** Four piston AP calipers with 12.9-inch vented steel rotors

**Wheels:** 18 x 11.5 inches front and rear

**Steering:** Power-assisted rack and pinion

**Tires:** 295-660R18 front; 295-675R18 rear

**Transmission:** Xtrac 370GT 5-speed sequential trans-axle



### Events for March

In addition to the events already scheduled for March, the club has talked about holding Spring Cleaning days where the members can get together and help each other with any projects each other might have. Also discussed in previous meetings were impromptu cruises and breakfast drive-ins. Certainly these things will be discussed at the March meeting, but it's also important to keep up with club events via email. I personally would like to see everyone go out to the WMHS show -- maybe it would give a boost like when we did the Los Lunas show last year.



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March 3, 2005 - LOE GTO's Chapter Meeting - *MCD, LLC. Workshop*

March 12, 2005 - Los Lunas Cruise - *Los Lunas to Bosque Farms*

March 12, 2005 - West Mesa High School Car Show - *9:00AM @ WMHS Campus*

March 18-20, 2005 - Rt 66. Dragway Indoor Bike Show - *Old Home Base in Rio Rancho*

### Quick Notes

Member Fred Rose got his confirmation for the Rio Rancho Park in the Park show. Despite a very positive response from last year's show at the Sports Complex, the show has been moved back to Haynes park across from Intel. This means it will be very crowded and everyone should try to get their applications in as early as possible.

### Notes from the Vice President

This month I am going to talk about the Old Route 66 Car Show. It is June 24th & 25th and seems to be coming along nicely. I talked to Pitre Pontiac and got them to sponsor the show. They wanted to be the sole dealer sponsor so they donated more money to secure this. Bruce Shaffer of the Oldrt66 car club has sent out the show flyer to all the GTO clubs and is starting to get responses back from members in Calif., Kansas & Texas. The Sheraton Old Town hotel wanted to charge \$108 per night but, Bruce got them down to \$89. They are giving away 2 large hand carved wood car trophies, one of which will be for best GTO and will be of a GTO. For more information you can go to [www.oldrt66.com](http://www.oldrt66.com)  
-- Don Fitch

### From the Desk of the Secretary

Our chapter website has moved to its new domain - [www.loegtos.com](http://www.loegtos.com)! The hemmings address is still functional and redirects to the new URL. As part of the move we now have a number of new capabilities -- the most notable is that we have 1000 email addresses available for our members. All of the officers have [@loegtos.com](mailto:@loegtos.com) addresses that forward to them, as does

the webmaster. If you want a forward setup for yourself or just want another separate email address, please let me know and I can set you up. We pay nothing additional for these addresses, so we might as well use them. I am also in the process of setting up a simple guestbook database, and soon a full blown discussion forum will be available. The classifieds have also been moved out of the protected area again, so we can now get some real traffic.

The Chapter survey went out on schedule and once again we should be a gold award chapter. Good Job guys!

-- Chris Knight