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**Don't forget our meeting on Wednesday, Dec. 28  
Christmas Party and Pontiac Heaven photos!**

### Message from the President

Mark Neumann



Hey gang,

I hope everyone enjoyed themselves at our annual Cactus GTO Club Christmas Party on Dec. 17. We had a great turnout. Special thanks to **Lana and Tom Locke** for hosting the party this year in their Chandler home. We had a nice cul-de-sac to round up our Goats – thanks to all who brought them.

The food was great, as were the new giveaways! Board member **Thom Mohr** did a great job assembling the gifts. We also had a special guest speaker: **Gary Lindenmayer** of Daily Bread Auto Appraisals. Gary has been working with classic cars in the Valley for many years, and shared his thoughts on the classic car market and how our Goats are being valued.

Don't forget our meeting this Wednesday. We'll have some fun pictures from the Christmas party and Steve Barcak will give us a pictorial review of Pontiac Heaven Drags and More from last year, and update us on the 2012 event.

From the Board of Directors, we wish everyone a happy and safe holiday. See you Wednesday night!

**A Photo Gallery of the Annual Christmas Party is available on our website @ [www.cactusgto.com](http://www.cactusgto.com)!**

*(right) Santa's sleigh—this year, a '65 GTO—and his three Muscled reindeer. (below) Gary Lindenmayer talks at the party about the muscle car market.*





**It's Auction Time!** Club member Bob Paris is looking for some help to manage the annual Russo & Steele collector car auction, Jan. 18-23. Contact Bob at [bobzgto@aol.com](mailto:bobzgto@aol.com) if you can help.

## A Christmas Yule, GTO Style

(special thanks to former club member Jason Maklary for sending this along.  
Happy Holidays, Jason and Liz!)

*Tw'as the night before Christmas and all through the garage, here wasn't a trace of a Ford, or even a Dodge.  
The presents were wrapped and the lights were all lit, so I figured I'd mess with the GTO for a bit.  
So I popped the release and I lifted the hood. When a deep voice behind me said "Looks pretty good!"*

*Well as you can imagine, I turned pretty quick, and there, by the workbench, stood good ol' Saint Nick! We stood there a bit, not too sure what to say, then he said "don't suppose that you'd trade for my sleigh?"*



*I said "No way, Santa and started to grin, "But if you got the time we could go for a spin!" His round little mouth, all tied up like a bow, turned into a smile and he said, "Hell Yeah, let's go!!!" So as not to disturb all the neighbors' retreat, we pushed the GTO quietly into the street.*

*Then taking our places to drift down the hill, I turned on the key and I let the clutch spill. The sound that erupted took him by surprise but he liked it alot, by the look in his eyes.*

*With Hoosier's a crying and headers aglow, we screamed on out where the muscle cars go. And Santa's grin widened approaching his ears, with every shift up as I went through the gears. Then he yelled "can't recall when I felt so alive!!!" So I backed off the gass and said, "You wanna drive?"*

*Ol' Santa was stunned when I gave him the keys, when he walked past the headlights he shook at the knees!  
When that big V8 exploded with pure exhaust sound! Santa let out the clutch and the tires shook the ground!*

*Power shift into second, again into to third! I sat there just watching at loss for a word. Then I heard him exclaim as we blasted from sight, "Merry Christmas to all, it's a hell of a night!!!"*



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