

# Trans Am Club of America

## Dayton Chapter, Inc.



Club website: [www.TACADCinc.com](http://www.TACADCinc.com)

Trans Am Nationals website: [www.tanationals.org](http://www.tanationals.org)



Host of the Trans Am Nationals since 1985

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### A word from the President...

It's finally time to dust off those rides and get out and enjoy some springtime weather. I hope everyone made it through winter without too many issues. We are still hurting from our loss of Steve Hamilton. If you were not able to attend his celebration of life service, it was well done and quite emotional for all of us. We will do our best to



honor him at this year's Nationals. The Club website has been recently updated and we are working on adding a "Wanted" section as well. Please let us know if there is anything you would like to add or change. This site is for you and the outside world to get a glimpse of what we are all about.

-Jerry

## Birthday's & Anniversaries



### May Birthdays -

05.23 Murphy Allen  
05.24 Judi Phillips  
05.25 Deborah Earl  
05.26 Bev Zellers  
05.28 Connie Friend  
05.30 David Chmielewski

### May Anniversaries -

05.17 Todd & Darcie Pucci  
05.19 Brad & Connie Friend  
05.22 Andrew & Deb Cabala  
05.23 Jeffrey & Chanda Mayer  
05.23 Chad & Cindy Sanders  
05.27 Marc & Susan Basye  
05.29 Jerry & Candy Holloway

### June Birthdays -

06.04 Thomas Chilcote  
06.05 Bob Smith  
06.08 Doug Trotter  
06.09 Rodney Sheffar  
06.09 Jane Thompson  
06.10 Greg Heimbrush

06.10 Troy Jackson  
06.12 Melissa Hickman  
06.13 Salah Natto  
06.13 Karen Ervin  
06.14 Cindy Sanders  
06.15 Vanessa Maloof  
06.22 George Leshar  
06.24 Ron Amburgey  
06.26 Julie Trotter  
06.26 Maria Parrish

### June Anniversaries -

06.08 Larry & Sue Hufford  
06.09 Michael & Vanessa Maloof  
06.16 Troy & Tracy Jackson  
06.17 Scott & Mandi Scheel  
06.18 Philip & Sherry Fillios  
Amanda & Ciara Minor  
06.20 Debby Manning & Thomas Thiem  
06.30 Frank & Amy Pannel

### July Birthdays -

07.03 Debra Buckson

07.04 Julie Shepherd  
07.16 Frank Pannel  
07.19 David Nezamis  
07.20 Belva Parrett  
07.21 Dale Henderson  
07.26 Michael Pennington  
07.27 Everett Jackson  
07.29 Doug Eastham  
07.31 Sharon Merritt

### July Anniversaries -

07.01 Henry (Bud) & Connie Stewart  
07.09 Rodney & Chellie Sheffar  
07.10 Wayne & Diana Wilder  
07.11 Erik & Tina Burton  
07.15 Vern & Stacie Cook  
07.16 George & Melanie Leshar  
07.21 Mark & Nancy Longman  
07.25 Bryan & Elaine Montgomery  
07.25 Kim & Jeff Bowling  
07.26 Jeff & Valerie Waite  
07.26 Jim & Melissa Hickman

\* Only members and spouses listed... we've run out of room for all the kids, sorry!

## Secretary's Report 5 / 4 / 2 0 2 5

Jerry presided over the meeting with 15 members attending. Cheryl said membership is at 101. Rosters are updated & available on the membership page of the Club website. Nat's registration is at 275, Tipp City registration is at 103 & Concours is at 10. Acrylic designs & quantity to order for auction was decided on. Items for registration packets have been ordered. Tumblers for sale with show logo have been ordered and will be silver in color. Trophy parts were selected, tubing will be dark red. There will be 3 memorial plaques this year (Sue Emmel, Joe Bay & Steve Hamilton). The decision was made to split the CC class (C-1, C-2 & C-3) because of the large numbers in that class. Security has been booked for the show. Van & driver have also been scheduled. Vendor areas are almost full. There are still spots available inside & a few on the hill that are only available after 5pm on Friday. TJ LaFave will be taking over Judging this year. He will have Jim & Laura Walesch as assistants.

Next meeting is July 13th.

- Cheryl for Bev



Bev Zellers  
Recording Secretary

### M e m b e r s h i p



Cheryl Minor  
Membership Coordinator

Membership is at 102. We cancelled 6 due to non-payment of dues and had one re-instated from four years ago...

Steven Jones - '78 Black T/A, Columbus, OH

### T r a n s A m N a t i o n a l s

Trophies are now on order. We decided on what acrylics and tumblers to order. We discussed buying a limited number of special 40th anniversary keychains to have made for sale in registration. I went ahead and purchased 200 that we will sell for \$6ea. Travis picked up two more mini hoods at the meeting to have wrapped. We decided on a quantity of only two for this year's auctions. The others will remain available for future years. We also agreed to split the "CC" class. It has been our largest class with an average of 26 cars. The new "C" classes will be C-1 (77-78), C-2 (79) and C-3 (80-81). This bumps us up to 32 show classes. We will be announcing sponsorship levels in the coming weeks to encourage sponsors to reach for the next step up. T.J. LaFave was announced as our new Judging lead.



Jerry Minor  
Nationals Chairperson

# Calendar of Events

## June - 2025

- 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th - Quaker Steak & Lube cruise-In's, Colerain & Milford
- 5th-7th - Pontiacs in Pigeon Forge
- 7th - RomWeber Marketplace, Batesville, IN (see pg. 4)
- 14th - Indy Firebird/GTO show, Carmel, IN (see pg. 6)  
Legacy Village, Xenia, OH (see pg.5)
- 28th - Somernites Cruise, Somerset, KY

## July - 2025

- 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th - Quaker Steak & Lube cruise-In's, Colerain & Milford
- 13th - Club meeting at DoubleTree, 2pm
- 26th - Somernites Cruise, Somerset, KY  
Antique & Classic Car Parade, Hamilton, OH
- 27th - Rollin' on the River, Saylor Park, OH

## August - 2025

- 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st - Quaker Steak & Lube cruise-In's, Colerain & Milford
- 10th - Nationals meeting, DoubleTree, 2pm
- 16th - Woodward Dream Cruise, Berkley, MI
- 22nd-24th - 40th Annual Trans Am Nationals!

Use your Show & Shine calendar to find tons of other car shows throughout the season!

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### Dues Owed

Burton	\$30	Harrelson	\$28	Sigler	\$24
Cabala	\$24	Helcher	\$24	Smith	\$18
Cordeiro	\$24	Hickman, David	\$48	Trotter	\$24
Cordle	\$12	Jackson	\$24	Warfel	\$24
Daley	\$24	Krimmer	\$24	Wessel	\$24
Eastham	\$14	Maley	\$24	Williford	\$36
Fentz	\$24	Menke	\$24	Wilson, Rob	\$32
Friend	\$10	Parrett	\$24		



Cars & Bikes For A Cause  
 Benefiting Safe Passage  
 2025 Free Registration Form

**When:** Saturday, June 7, 2025 9AM – 12 noon  
 Registration opens at 8 AM and closes at 9 AM  
**Address:** 7 S. Eastern Avenue - Downtown Batesville

Private paved, parking lot  
**Vehicle Registration**  
 Forms maybe emailed to:  
 merippe@nalu.net or dropped to  
 RomWeber Marketplace  
 7 S. Eastern Avenue  
 Batesville, IN

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (\_\_\_\_) - \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip code: \_\_\_\_\_

Exhibit Car or Bike \_\_\_\_\_ Make \_\_\_\_\_ Model \_\_\_\_\_

Info: Yr \_\_\_\_\_

**Car Club**

- Door prizes, Trophies, Live Music, and Great Food!
- Complimentary Water (while supplies last)
- First 50 entries will receive preferred parking.

Cars must be in place by 8:45 AM no exceptions.

**Contact:** Mary Ellen Rippe: cell 513-519-9936 or email [info@romwebermarketplace.com](mailto:info@romwebermarketplace.com)

**\*Lodging is available at The Sherman downtown Batesville 812-934-1000**

**\*or Best Western just off I-74 Batesville (812) 934-6262**

LEGACY VILLAGE ANNUAL  
**CRUISE-IN**  
FOR ALZHEIMER'S

**No Entry Fee**



**SATURDAY, JUNE 14TH 2025**

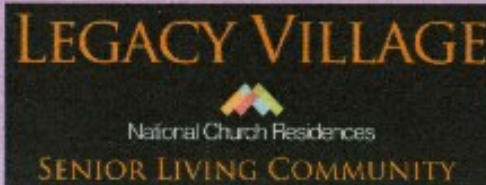
**11:00AM - 3:00PM**

*Live DJ, raffle and 50/50 drawing, food, and fun!*

**ALL CARS AND BIKES ARE WELCOME**

Donations and checks can be made payable to the Alzheimer's  
Association of Miami Valley

**For information contact Timi Neff 937-347-8309**



695 WYCLIFFE DR. XENIA, OH

Rain Date: September 13, 2025 11:00-3:00

# HUGE OPEN CAR SHOW

Sponsored by the American Legion Post #155,  
The Indy GTO Association and The Indy Firebird Club  
FREE Coffee and Donuts!

*Sponsored by Ted Durlacher*

All Years, Makes and Models!

All Cars, Trucks, and Motorcycles Welcome!

Muscle Cars, Antique Autos, Exotics, German Autos,  
Project Cars, Silent Auction!

## JUNE 14, 2025 (SAT.)

American Legion - Post #155

852 West Main Street

CARMEL, INDIANA 46032

\$15 Day of Show / Visitors FREE

Reg. is 9am - 11:30am / Awards at 2:00pm

INFO: Ted Durlacher, [Ted@TedSoldMe.com](mailto:Ted@TedSoldMe.com) or 317-694-8946

[www.facebook.com/IndyFirebirdClub](http://www.facebook.com/IndyFirebirdClub)

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[WWW.TEDSOLDME.COM](http://WWW.TEDSOLDME.COM)

## \$250 Award to Club with MOST Participation



## 2025 Auction Items Needed

We're closing in on another milestone with A Special Wish this year. If we raise another \$20,000 we will exceed total donations to over \$200,000 since partnering with them!

Please think about items that you can donate for our auctions that will push us over that goal. Bring them to the registration room on Thursday or Friday if at all possible, so we can get them cataloged and on the lists. Thank you!

Rain or Shine

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# 40th Annual TRANS AM NATIONALS August 22-24, 2025

Held at the DoubleTree by Hilton, Dayton/Fairborn, OH

ALL 1967-2002 FIREBIRD MODELS ARE WELCOME: SPRINT, H.O., ESPRIT, FORMULA, TRANS AM, S/E, GTA & FIREHAWKS



Photo taken by Duane Van Duser

Hosted by the Trans Am Club of America, Dayton Chapter, Inc.  
Show website: <http://www.tanationals.org>

- First 450 entrants receive Dash Plaque, Hat Pin, Koozie & Pen
- 495 Total entries in 2024
- Appearances & seminars by GM/Pontiac Designers, Engineers, Executives & Historians
- Vendors for Hats, Shirts, Car parts, Car care items and MORE!!!!
- Music, food & FUN!
- Work-in-Progress/Driver class
- Concours Classes 1967-2002
- Judging - Sat. & Sun.
- Mini-Nationals
- 50/50 Drawing, Silent & Live auctions

Proceeds go to A Special Wish Foundation, Inc.



**Pre-Entry Fee \$67.00 & \$69.00** (Includes T-Shirt & Hat Pin)\* ...MUST be postmarked by 7/31/2025  
**Weekend of Show \$67.00** (No T-Shirt) **Sunday Only \$45.00** (No Pre-Entry for Sunday Only entrants)  
\*\$67.00 Pre-Entry fee covers T-shirt sizes S to XL. For 2XL to 5XL shirts, Pre-Entry fee is \$69.00

### 2025 Trans Am Nationals Car Show Registration Form

Mail Check or Money Order payable to: Trans Am Club of America - Cheryl Minor, 8909 Tripoli Dr. Cincinnati, OH 45251  
or register online at <https://tanationals.org/registration>

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Vehicle Year: \_\_\_\_\_ Color: \_\_\_\_\_ Model: \_\_\_\_\_ Club Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

Car License #: \_\_\_\_\_ Trailer License #: \_\_\_\_\_ FREE T-shirt (check one) \$67 S  M  L  XL  \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Do Not Judge (optional for the 30 judged classes) check box for DNJ  \$69 2X  3X  4X  5X  \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Work In Progress/Driver Class (separate non-judged) check box for WIP

Extra Participant T-shirts \$20.00 each sizes: S \_\_\_ M \_\_\_ L \_\_\_ XL \_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\$22.00 each sizes: 2XL \_\_\_ 3XL \_\_\_ 4XL \_\_\_ 5XL \_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Enter total from Tipp City registration form: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Trans Am Club of America, Dayton Chapter, Inc., DoubleTree, State of Ohio and the City of Fairborn are not responsible for accidents or loss as a result of this car show and/or associated events & activities.

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE (required): \_\_\_\_\_

U.S. Currency Only, Please

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*OLD TIPPECANOE Presents:*  
*28th ANNUAL TRANS AM NATIONALS Cruise*



*photo provided by Scott Schwartz*

*Sat., August 23, 2025*

*Registration 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m., Fun Till 9:00 p.m.*

**Please do not show up before 4:00 pm**



Dash Plaques to first 325 Entries

\* Open to all 1967-2002 Firebird models: Sprint, H.O., Esprit, S/E, Formula, Firehawk, Trans Am, GTA

\* Trophies Awarded \* 50/50 Drawing \* Restaurants \* D.J.

Location: Downtown Tippecanoe (Tipp City), Ohio at 2nd & Main

**2025 Trans Am Nationals Tipp City Cruise**

Mail Check or Money Order payable to: Trans Am Club of America, Cheryl Minor 8909 Tripoli Dr., Cincinnati, OH 45251  
(Entry fee and Registration can be mailed with Nationals Registration or register online at <https://tanationals.org/registration>)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_  
Year: \_\_\_\_\_ Color: \_\_\_\_\_ Model: \_\_\_\_\_

Registration - \$10 (Place total here and on Nat's form): \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**For more information, call one of our co-sponsors:**

**Tippecanoe Historic Properties, Steve at 937-667-3696 or Trans Am Club, Cheryl Minor 513-202-1212**

State of Ohio, Tipp City, Old Tippecanoe Main Street Committee, Trans Am Club of America, Dayton Chapter, Inc. and the Trans Am Nationals Committee are not responsible for any damages or accidents as a result of this show or its activities.  
By registering your vehicle for this cruise you are agreeing to the above.



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## Editor's Comments

PLEASE, let me know if there are any misprints or omissions in this newsletter!

As always, if you have anything that you would like to be included in our newsletter or any comments, please send it to me. I'll get it in a future newsletter.

- Cheryl

