

# PONTIAC NIGHT



## at TUCSON DRAGWAY

Welcoming the opportunity to finally bring some brave members together for a local event, the Arizona Chapter POCI recently took advantage of a Tucson Dragway's Friday Night Test & Tune race to host a little Pontiac party of their own!

With daytime temperatures tickling the 110° mark earlier in the day, it's easy to understand why only seven members participated in the Friday evening, June 26th event.

Chris Steele (*in far lane*) and Dean Noun launch at Tucson Dragway's starting line.

**Friday, June 26, 2020**  
**Tucson, Arizona**

STARTING LINE PHOTO ABOVE by JIM KELSO  
TRACK PHOTOS by THOM SHERWOOD



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Chapter president Thom Sherwood, however, was relieved to see *anyone* arrive, being that most folks have opted to remain safely cloistered at home during the ongoing pandemic. Those who did participate proudly wore their face masks and made the best of the ultra-warm trackside conditions.

Arriving in full race mode that evening were Dean Noun ('68) and Chris Steele ('65), who, in particular, had somewhat of a grudge to settle between their GTOs. They were the only club members who actually lined-up at the quarter mile's starting light.

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	LEFT	.....	RIGHT
Car # ...	7734		1175
Class ...			
1dx/Rec...			
Qv/lin ...	12472		14036
DIAL ...			
R/T ...	.240		.402
60' ...	1.785		2.574
330 ...	5.126		6.530
1/8 ...	7.945		9.470
MPH ...	87.04		84.67
1000 ...	10.392		11.953
E.T. ...	12.472		14.036
MPH ...	108.40		108.67

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1968 GTO

DEAN NOUN



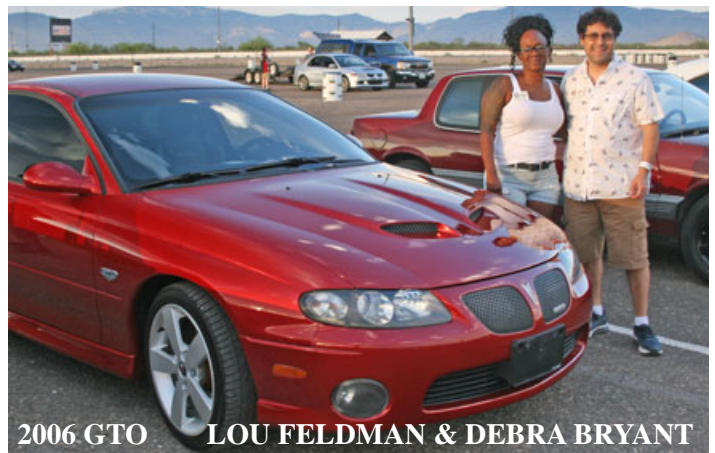
1965 GTO

CHRIS STEELE



1989 GRAND AM

CHRIS PRONNEKE



2006 GTO

LOU FELDMAN & DEBRA BRYANT



1966 CATALINA

DAVE & SUE GREEN



'55 SAFARI JACK JOHNSON & CATHY LANIGAN

Lining-up in the pit area for a Pontiac-exclusive car display were Dave & Sue Green in their '66 Catalina; Chris Pronneke with his '89 Grand Am; Lou Feldman and Debra Bryant with Lou's just-purchased '06 GTO (showing less than 5,000 miles on the odometer!); Jack Johnson and Cathy Lanigan in Jack's tilt-front 1955 Custom Safari, and Thom Sherwood with his blacked-out 1970 GTO.

After two rounds of head-to-head runs against Chris on the track, Dean had these words to share:

“We all had a great evening at the track Friday Night. Chris Steele and I were able to race our GTOs against each other twice, and track photographer Jim Kelso caught the last starting line launch on film. My wife describes my red '68 GTO looking as though it's “up on it's tippy toes.”

Even though the density altitude of the track was calculated to be 6,331 feet above sea level and the outdoor temperatures never dropped below 96 degrees, both of our cars performed without a hiccup, and everyone remained safe under the one of the most extreme conditions a racer can face.

Oh, by the way. I beat Chris every time, but who's counting? LOL!

I am planning to head up to Wild Horse Pass for their Friday Night “Run What ya Brung” race on Friday, August 21st. Maybe we can do the same thing there with the Desert Renegades and Cactus GTO folks, inviting all Pontiac fans to occupy a row within the pit area — even if you're not interested in racing! I hope to see you there with your Pontiac, too!”

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