



Hello fellow club members! A lot has happened since our last e-newsletter. Sadly, most of the GTOs have been tucked away for the winter and the days are getting much shorter! We had a great time on our fall fun run to Ohiopyle and Laurel Highlands. A big thank you to Joe Barber and Mark Kapellan for planning a great trip. (sorry you couldn't join us Mark!) We weren't quite sure if we would get blown off of the mountain or not as it was quite windy and VERY cold that day. We had 5 classic cars and about 20 participants so it was a nice turnout and a great day with friends. Lunch at the Summit Inn was quite impressive! You can view pictures [here](#).

Our October meeting was held on Thursday, October 20 with 12 members in attendance. John Mitchell was the winner of the free meal. Congrats, John!! Most of the meeting centered on the possibility of hosting the 2014 Nationals event. It was decided that the steering committee would meet with the Monroeville Doubletree Hotel/Convention Center on Saturday, November 5 to get a better feel for the layout of the campus, etc; after meeting with the sales rep, we are even more certain that this is something that we would like to tackle. Bonnie Fabritius sent an email on Sunday, November 6 to get an idea of what kind of commitment we can expect from the club. Stay tuned as we continue to investigate the possibility of hosting the event. In the meantime, please review the list of committees below and let us know ASAP which are you think you are willing to serve. We would ask that as you volunteer for a certain committee, that you realize that especially as time draws nearer, we will need to ask for your attendance at our monthly meetings and some special meetings that will need to be held in preparation for the event.

Committees:

Hotel
Registration
Finance
Promotion/Sponsors
Activities
Car Show
Swap Meet
Drag Race/Road Rally
Security
Parking lot

All committees will need chairs, people to work behind the scenes and people onsite. Please make sure to specify in which capacity you would like to serve. We realize that 2014 is 2+ years away; however, the planning must begin now! We are in the process of getting the GTOAA to

approve our facility choice, etc; and would like to let our members know at the November 17 meeting, just where we stand.

Our club would like to try to have some type of club get together each month throughout the year. Some of the ideas we have had are bowling/dinner; trip to Shanksville; Gateway Clipper dinner cruise; etc; but we need you, our fellow members to help plan or organize some things. For so long we have heard that “the club doesn’t do anything” ...well we are trying but without people pitching in or at the very least attending the events, we are limited in what we can do. Please consider joining us for one of the events or helping to plan an event for the month.

ON THE HORIZON--Mark your calendars!

THURSDAY, November 17---Next meeting at Kings in Wexford...come early and join us for dinner! Buy a ticket to win a chance to have your dinner paid for by the club (up to \$10)

SATURDAY, December 3...club Christmas party at Carmody's in Wexford. Please respond with payment by **Friday, November 25**. Checks should be made payable to Greater Pittsburgh GTO Club and mailed to Bonnie Fabritius, 136 Ridge Ave, Beaver Falls PA 15010.

SATURDAY, January 21...dinner/bowling night in Beaver County...stay tuned for details as Alan and Bonnie Fabritius are making plans for this event.

HOUSEKEEPING

It is time for dues to be renewed. As a reminder, we have changed our member year to January 1 – December 31. Why not pay your \$10 now and avoid the holiday rush. Still just \$10! Make checks payable to the Greater Pittsburgh GTO Club and mail to Alan Fabritius, 136 Ridge Avenue, Beaver Falls PA 15010. Payment now will keep your membership valid through December 31, 2012. Also the GTOAA is changing the requirements regarding how many of our members must be GTOAA members in order for us to remain a chapter. It will be going up to a 55% requirement. So won't you please consider joining GTOAA along with your membership to the Greater Pittsburgh chapter?

CELEBRATION CORNER

November Birthdays--Happy Birthday everyone!!

Phil Kushnar---November 10
Michael Umpleby---November 15
Gerry Kerna---November 19
Mary Larson---November 30

November Anniversaries—Happy Anniversary everyone!!

Chad and Mary Zeh---November 1
Frank and Noreen Thompson---November 1
Steve and Beth Busalacchi---November 8
Paul and Maur Reddy---November 20

John and Connie Bacha---November 20

******Please accept my sincerest apologies if I've forgotten anyone...but please let me know so I can change my records. ******

Stay tuned for more on the Christmas party as well as the 2014 GTOAA Nationals. And please make sure to reply ASAP with your choice of area/areas that you would like to serve!

A Happy and Blessed Thanksgiving to all!

Bonnie Fabritius, Secretary
Greater Pittsburgh GTO Club