

GREATER PITTSBURGH GTO GOAT GAZETTE----March 2011 Edition



March greetings everyone!

We had a great turnout at our dinner meeting on Thursday, March 17. A total of 19 members joined us for dinner and meeting at Kings in Wexford. Election of officers was held with those currently serving being retained for the 2011 year. Those officers are Joe Barber, President; John Owoc, Vice President; Alan Fabritius, Treasurer; and Bonnie Fabritius, Secretary. There are currently 54 paid members in the club. The roster was sent to the GTOAA and we continue to qualify as a chapter with more than 50% of our members also members of the National organization. Discussion was held regarding expressions of sympathy for club members and their spouses. Cards will be sent from the club membership and an email will be sent to the other members to notify them. Please make sure to let one of our officers know if you know of the passing of one of our members or their spouse. Joe Barber mentioned that there are spots still available for any members who wish to participate in the GTO Days at Kennywood over the Fourth of July weekend. If you are interested, and have not already done so, please contact Joe ASAP at 412-974-0772. Joe is also in search of convertibles that may be interested in driving their convertible in the parade at Kennywood during WTAE Days on Monday, July 25. You would need to be there before 6 p.m. Joe is inquiring about our club's participation in the summer car days at the USX Steel building. Several of us did this last year and it is a very nice day spent in the burgh with your car and friends. June 17 is Pontiac/Pontiac GTO night at the Starlite Cruise in Wexford. Mark your calendars now so we can have more GTOs than we have ever had! Tentative plans are being made for a Fun Run to the Ohiopyle/Laurel Cavern area. Joe is looking into dates and will make the arrangements...stay tuned! Member Doug Taylor, from Erie, PA spoke regarding an opportunity for the club to be the hosts at a cruise at a festival in Union City, PA on July 9. The festival is called The Gathering at French Creek. You can read more about it [here](#). The club discussed making the event into a Fun Run with our destination being Union City, PA which is about 20 miles south of Erie. We will give Doug an answer at the next meeting. We had three long distance members in attendance at the meeting, Doug Taylor and Debbie Kopnitsky from Erie and Dick Reardon from Cumberland, WVA. We really appreciate their efforts of traveling the distance to join us at our meetings. It was decided that we would give the people at Nationals until May 1 to give us a response regarding the club hosting the national

event in 2013. If we haven't heard back from them by May 1 it was voted to not pursue it any further at this time. Jim Mastroianni brought some info regarding the Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix. It will be held July 23 and 24 with many exciting events being held the week before as well. On spotlight this year are The Cars of Carroll Shelby with a possible appearance by Carroll Shelby himself. The Marque Car of the Year is the Porsche. Visit their [website](#) for more info. Copies of the most recent roster were distributed at the meeting. If you missed the meeting and would like to have one, please contact me via email and I will gladly place one in the mail to you or attach to an email.

On the horizon...stay tuned for more info on all of the following!!

April 21...Next meeting at Kings in Wexford. Come out and hear about the many events being discussed for the coming season!

May 19...May meeting at Kings in Wexford.

May 21...Bullwinkle Bash Oldies Dance/North Hills Moose Lodge #46. Featuring the Maguires. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Dinner buffet included at 7 p.m. Entertainment from 8 p.m. until midnight. \$20 per person and a cash bar. Contact Joe Barber at 724-869-1729 for tickets/information.

May 27...First Starlight Cruise of the season at Northway Christian Community Church on Route 19 in Wexford. If you have never been to this cruise, you must give it a try...I know you'll come back for more! Over 1,000 cars! Known as the largest weekly cruise in eastern United States. Food vendors galore and prizes! Check it out at <http://www.starlitecruise.com/>. For those of you on Facebook, you can stay informed about the cruise by following them on Facebook at http://www.facebook.com/wexfordstarlitecruise?v=app_4949752878. If you've never attended this cruise, you must plan to attend at least once this year.

June 11...Happy Days Car Cruise...Beaver Falls, PA. You will want to make sure to be early for this one!! Great showing of all kinds of beautiful vehicles.

June 17...Pontiac/Pontiac GTO night at Starlight Cruise. For a complete calendar of featured cars visit <http://www.starlitecruise.com/eventcalendar.shtml>

June 24-26...GM Carlisle. [Click here!](#)

June 26...Mt. Lebanon cruise. Contact member John Bacha at (412) 343-4445 or by email at bacha5@verizon.net

August 28...Cruise at Shriners Hospital/Erie, PA Taking place at Zem Zem Temple.

December 3...Club Christmas party at Carmody's in Wexford. Notice change in day...**NOW ON SATURDAY!!!**

*****Note***have a cruise or event you want to share with the club?? Read on...details to follow on a new communication tool for club members...**

On the Tech Side

Website Coordinator, Steve Busalacchi has been busy updating the website and promises to get some new pics posted also. He still needs pics of your car so he can feature a different car each month on our main page. Email your picture to Steve at bus15241@verizon.net. Don't forget our club page on Facebook!!! You must have a Facebook account in order to have access to the page. But you do NOT have to participate in other Facebook activities. The purpose of this page is for members to post events that might be near to them so other members who may be looking for something to do can check the listing. You can also post "For Sale" notices and "Looking for" notices on the page. Please do any posts on the page wall. So create your Facebook account now so you can check out our Facebook Page. This is also to help cut down on the emails sent to club members for special occasions such as an item for sale or needed and cruises you would like to advertise. Upon request, we will include these notes with each monthly newsletter (usually sent the week following a meeting) but if you need to get a message out to the group in between newsletters, please use the Facebook page. *****Note: while we will gladly include your info in the newsletter, we are not responsible for incorrect information and you must be willing to be the contact person for any questions or info.*****

Roster Changes

- ◆ Please change John Bacha's email address to bacha5@verizon.net

Celebration Corner

February Birthdays---Happy Birthday everyone!!

*Kara Clugston---February 3
Mark Leptinsky---February 7
Marianne Brown---February 8
Cheryl Kasper---February 22
Ken Kasper---February 24
Pat Gallagher---February 26
Cindy Mastroianni---February 28*

March Birthdays---Happy Birthday everyone!!

*Andy Musiolowski---March 2
Barry Brill---March 8
Cissy Spongross---March 16
Kathi Leptinsky---March 16
Penny Brill---March 16
Bill Gilbert---March 17
Wendy Bumbera---March 19
Debbie DeCoursey---March 26
Mary King---March 27
Chuck Nuzzo---March 27*

April Birthdays---Happy Birthday everyone!!

*Kirk McFarland---April 2
Todd Hoffman---April 9
Joe Barber---April 16
Cara Flinner---April 17
Eric Vicker---April 19
Tom Larson---April 23*

February Anniversaries---Happy Anniversary everyone!!

John and Lana Vansovich---February 8

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*Keith and Ellen Moore---March 7
John and Deb DeCoursey---March 17
Jim and Cindy Mastroianni---March 20*

April Anniversaries---Happy Anniversary everyone!!

John and Joanne Caligiure---April 8

*****note*** if any of the above birthday/anniversary info is incorrect, or I have inadvertently missed your special day, please let me know ASAP so I can correct my data.**

Hope to see all of you at our next meeting on April 21! Get the engines ready...summer's comin'!!

Till next time,

Bonnie Fabritius, Secretary
Greater Pittsburgh GTO Club