



Happy Fall Y'all!

As hard as it is to believe another cruising season is drawing to a close as I type! With the price of gas and the rainy spring/early summer we had, we didn't get the full benefit of the summer. Kind of feel cheated! But we do still have a couple of fun events coming up and hope that you will join us for some time with GTO friends!

Our annual picnic was held on Saturday, September 17. The crystal clear blue skies contributed to a good turnout of GTOs and their proud owners. A big thank you to Cheryl Kasper and Karen Owoc for a great job on the planning and organization. The picnic was held at the Maple Grove in White Oak Park. We would like to thank all who attended the picnic! We had an awesome time visiting and enjoying the cars. Those who missed it really missed out on a nice time! Thanks also to Frank Thompson for bringing his GTO Club photo album. Everyone enjoyed looking through the album. If anyone has any pics from events in past years with the club and would like to donate them, contact Frank. Thanks Frank for your efforts in putting the album together and sharing it with us! Members voted to hold the picnic there in 2012 also.

A brief meeting was held during the picnic. The meeting was led by Vice President, John Owoc in President Joe Barber's absence.

Our next club event is a fun run to Ohio Pyle, Laurel Caverns, and the Laurel Mountain area on Saturday, October 15. We will enjoy lunch at the historic Summit Inn. Please stay tuned for details from Joe Barber as he and Mark Kapellan are planning the event.

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; trip to Oglebay to see the lights; 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, October 20---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 Carmodys in Wexford. Reservation forms coming soon!

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

GTOAA NEWS

There are some changes coming with the National organization and future Nationals events. I've attached a document that was sent announcing these changes. 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.

And it will soon be 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.

CELEBRATION CORNER

September/October Birthdays--Happy Birthday everyone!!

Alan Fabritius---September 5
Michael Bumbera---September 8
Michele Muro---September 15
Donna Kushnar---September 15
Diane Christian---September 17
Karen Owoc---September 17
Maria Minsinger---September 18
Sandra Libengood---September 28
Linda Sappington---October 2
John Bacha---October 4
Steve Busalacchi---October 7
Keith Moore---October 7
Gretchen Barber---October 16
Cindy McFarland---October 17
Orvil Osche---October 20
Art Pollock---October 22
Bill Minsinger---October 24
Maur Reddy---October 24
Pete Muro---October 30

September/October Anniversaries—Happy Anniversary everyone!!

John and Carol Odrey---September 6
Mark and Kathi Leptinsky---September 9
Ken and Cheryl Kasper---September 28
John and Karen Owoc---October 7
Phil and Donna Kushnar---October 13
Ron and Sandra Libengood---October 13
Bob and Cissy Spongross---October 31

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

Stay tuned for the many upcoming events, especially the October 15 Fun Run to the Laurel Mountains! Hope to see you there!!

Bonnie Fabritius, Secretary
Greater Pittsburgh GTO Club