

GREATER PITTSBURGH GTO GOAT GAZETTE---APRIL, 2012 EDITION



Hello fellow club members! WOW! We have been through summer and back to winter as I write this! Brrrrr!! I don't know about all of you, but our GTO comes out of storage this Saturday and we are hoping for the summer type weather to come back!

Our April meeting was held on Tuesday, April 17 at Perkins in Cranberry, with 13 members in attendance. Cheryl Kasper was the winner of the 50/50 drawing. Congrats Cheryl! The members discussed many different activities coming up this summer with our first "official" club event being the Pontiac/Pontiac GTO night at the Wexford Starlite Cruise on Friday, June 15. See the "On the Horizon" section for more details. Joe also announced that he has secured some spots for Kennywood over the 4th of July holiday. Spots are still available but on a limited basis and First Come-First Serve basis. The available dates are June 30, July 3 and July 5. If you are interested, please call Joe Barber at 412-974-0772 ASAP. Please keep in mind that a sign up sheet was passed at the meeting and some dates may no longer be available. The biggest part of the discussion was as to whether the club should invest in Directors and Officers insurance and whether we should become incorporated. These options are being investigated for added protection against lawsuits both now and especially at the 2014 Nationals. It was decided to table the insurance issue for right now and Ken Kasper is gathering more info on the incorporation and a decision will be made once we have all of the information. We are also proceeding with the final details of the contract for the hotel/convention center for nationals.

Please keep in mind the possibility of becoming a member of the GTOAA. There are many reasons why it is beneficial to you as well as to the club to be a member of the National Organization AND will be a requirement in order to register your GTO as a GTO when we host the 2014 event. If you are not a member, please consider joining now. You can join online or I have applications that I could send upon request.

Once the contract details are finalized, it will soon be time for the committees to begin holding meetings for the individual committees. If you have not already done so, please review the list of committees below and let us know ASAP which area you think you are willing to serve. Please keep in mind as you volunteer for a certain committee, that you realize that 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—Carol Odrey/Chair
Registration/Promotion/Sponsors—Cheryl Kasper/Chair
Finance—Alan Fabritius/Chair
Activities—John Odrey/Chair
Car Show/Parking Lot—Ken Kasper/Chair
Swap Meet—Joe Barber/Chair
Drag Race/Road Rally—Bill Gilbert/Chair
Security—Chair TBD
Signage—Chair TBD
Floaters—Chair TBD

All committees will need 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! **If you have previously requested to serve in a certain capacity, there is no need to reply again...we have already plugged you into the committee you requested. A list will be distributed at a later date.**

We have decided to change the location of our meetings at least temporarily. We are now meeting at Perkins Restaurant on Route 19 in Cranberry Twp. Our next meeting is Thursday, May 17.

ON THE HORIZON--Mark your calendars!

THURSDAY, May 17---Next meeting at **PERKINS IN CRANBERRY**...come early and join us for dinner! Buy a ticket for a chance to win the 50/50 drawing. Each ticket only \$1.00!

SUNDAY, June 10---Fun Run to Snyder's Farm in East Palestine, OH. This run is in conjunction with the Cruisin' Few car club. This is one you won't want to miss...[look here for more info!](#) We will meet in Chippewa at 1 p.m. and travel together. Call Joe Barber at 412-974-0772 if you would like to go. The trip is Rain or Shine so if it rains feel free to come in your daily driver.

FRIDAY, June 15---Pontiac/Pontiac GTO night at the Wexford Starlite Cruise! Come early for this one...you won't want to miss it!

SATURDAY, July 14---Gathering at French Creek Cruise-In...our club is organizing and in charge of the cruise. We will be organizing a fun run so that members can travel to the event in Union City, PA together. We did this last year and it was an awesome day out with the cars and friends. Mark your calendar now so you too can enjoy the day with us! The cruise is from 12-5 p.m.

JULY 17-21---POCI Nationals in St. Charles, IL. [More info here.](#)

SATURDAY, July 21---GTOs at the Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix

SUNDAY, August 26---Kruz-n-4-Kids Shriners Cruise in Erie, PA. Our club will be supporting this charitable cruise by providing a gift basket for the Chinese auction and all who are able to attend are asked to please save the date.

SATURDAY, September 15---Club picnic at the Maple Grove in Whiteoak Park.

SATURDAY, December 1...club Christmas party at Carmody's in Wexford.

Mark your calendars now for the above events and please stay tuned as we add more events for the 2012 season!

CELEBRATION CORNER

Apri/May Birthdays---Happy Birthday Everyone!!!

*Kirk McFarland---April 2
Don Willochell---April 13
Joe Barber---April 16
Eric Vicker---April 19
Tom Larson---April 23
Carol Odrey---May 17*

April/May Anniversaries---Happy Anniversary Everyone!!!

*John and Joanne Caligiure---April 8
Bill and Patty Gilbert---May 6
Art and Gloria Pollock---May 22
John and Ruth Cherevka---May 31*

***AND... a belated Happy Anniversary to John and Deb DeCoursey on March 17!!
Sorry I missed you!***

******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 2014 GTOAA Nationals. And please make sure to reply ASAP with your choice of area/areas that you would like to serve!

Bonnie Fabritius, Secretary
Greater Pittsburgh GTO Club