

GREATER PITTSBURGH GTO GOAT GAZETTE---APRIL 2013 EDITION



Hello fellow club members! Well here we are...made it through another long hard winter. As I write, the tulips are beginning to open their budding heads, the daffodils are blooming and the temps are warming to spring-like ranges. It won't be long until we are out shining up the Goats and getting ready for its maiden voyage of the season.

Our first meeting for 2013 was held on Tuesday, March 19 at Perkins in Cranberry with 21 members in attendance. It was the election of officers but a motion was made and unanimously voted on to keep the same officers in place. For those of you who may be new to the club, those officers are President, Joe Barber; Vice President, John Owoc; Secretary, Bonnie Fabritius; and Treasurer, Alan Fabritius. Carol Odrey was the winner of the 50/50 drawing.

Joe Barber announced that our available dates for the Kennywood Days this year are Sunday, June 30 and Friday, July 5. There are still spots available for both days so let Joe Barber know ASAP if you would like to attend.

Plans are being made for a fun run to Shanksville, PA for a visit to the Flight 93 Memorial. This will be in the fall. Stay tuned for further details as plans unfold.

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.

2014 NATIONALS CHAT

It was decided to send an email to those regional members of the GTOAA that are not current members of the local chapter. Bonnie will gather the pertinent information and send the invitation.

We are still in need of a signage chair and a security chair. These are two very important areas to be covered so if you feel you are interested, please let one of the officers know as soon as possible.

Our club has also been given the opportunity to assist with the 2013 Co-Vention in Dayton, OH. To keep the names organized, Web Master, Mike Louttit has created a form on the club website. You are asked to please consider volunteering some time to the Dayton guys. They are offering our club help also for 2014. To access the form just go to <http://www.greaterpghgto.com/> and complete the required information. **** Please note**** Even if you already filled out the form at our March meeting, please do so again online so we have all of the information in one location.

Our chairs are in the process of compiling budgets for their area. These budgets will be passed along to Alan so that we can begin working up a sheet for all.

If you have not yet chosen an area that you would like to assist in, please do so soon. There are still many open areas and we need all the help we can get. We would like to have enough that the demand on our time and energy can be divided up. Please let one of the officers know ASAP if you are able to help. Even if you can't make it every day, we can work around your schedule.

Committees:

Hotel
Registration/Promotion/Sponsors
Finance
Activities
Car Show/Parking Lot
Swap Meet
Drag Race
Security
Signage
Floaters

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.**

OTHER CLUB INFO

We have added a forum to our web site! Please sign up and join in the conversations! We have forums for technical advice but we also have a forum for car cruises and events! [Check it out!](#)

Yet again we are asking for your help...we now have 58 members...but yet only a handful of pictures for our website. We need more pictures of cars and activities with our cars so the club is highlighted in a complimentary way. Please send a high quality digital photograph of your car to MLouttit68GTO@gmail.com. If you have pictures but do not know how to get it to Mike or not sure if the picture is adequate, just contact Mike at the above email and he can help you out.

Our meeting days have changed days and location. We are now meeting at **Perkins Restaurant on Route 19 in Cranberry Twp** on the 3rd **Tuesday** of the month. Our next meeting is **Tuesday, April 16**. *Those over 50 will receive a 20% discount on their meals!!*

CRUISES AND RIDES

Saturday, April 6...first Norwin Hills cruise of the year. This is a weekly cruise.

Saturday, April 20...St. John Specialty Care in Mars, PA. A young man by the name of Brandon Hayward has taken this on as his Senior project. Music, food, and drinks will be available. If interested, please call Joe Barber at 412-869-1729 ASAP.

Sunday, May 5, 2013...Penn Trafford Area Recreation Commission---see the website forum for more info

Friday, May 10...4 p.m. Cranberry Relay for Life Cruise at the Cranberry Marriott on Route 228.

Thursday, July 18, 2013 - Cars & Guitars -Acoustic Concert to Benefit PVGP---see the website forum for more info

Saturday and Sunday, July 20 & 21.....Pittsburgh Vintage Gran Prix---see the website forum for more info

Saturday, September 7...club picnic at White Oak Park...stay tuned!

Saturday, December 7...club Christmas Party at Carmody's Restaurant in Wexford.

****Stay tuned for further information on all of the above as well as more up and coming events for the summer. ****

Bonnie Fabritius, Secretary
Greater Pittsburgh GTO Club