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## Editor's Message

Before I get into this month's message, let me first thank Bonnie Fabritius for all of her years writing the newsletter. She put a lot of time and effort into it and I know that the club benefitted from her efforts. Thank you Bonnie for a job well done. Bonnie will continue as our membership coordinator and will also record the minutes from our meetings.

I am writing this just days after returning from the 2013 convention in Dayton. It was my first convention and the only word that comes to mind is "amazing". We were there primarily to work. We had to set up and have people at the 2014 convention table. We had to set up the chapter display. We had to shadow people there to learn from them. We had to volunteer. We helped with registration, parking, tech inspection, vote tabulation, and other areas. We all learned a lot. We also took time to enjoy the convention. We ate together as much as we could and we spent the evenings outside at the hotel. Oh, and yes, there were hundreds of GTOs!! Except for one wicked storm, it was a wonderful convention.

There are so many exciting things going on in the club right now it is hard to know where to start. Let's start with the obvious. There is less than one year until the 2014 convention in Monroeville! It's our year! It's going to take all of us, in many different roles, to make this happen. Many of us have been involved for some time now. For those of you that haven't, now is your time! We will be expanding our committees so we know how many people we have in many positions (parking, registration, vote tabulations, etc.). There is a lot of work to do. I know that we are up to the challenge. Let's show the rest of the country what we can do! Thank you in advance for all of your hard work!

While the convention is obviously taking up most of our time, we are also starting other changes. You are holding one right now. We are working to expand and enhance the newsletter. We want to include officer messages, stories from members, pictures, classifieds, and much more! This is the first of the new issues. We will continue to add more and more content. Your help is needed. If you want to tell your fellow club members anything from a complete story about your car to a short announcement about a significant event in your life, send your submission to [newsletter@greaterpghgto.com](mailto:newsletter@greaterpghgto.com). Submissions need to

be received by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month to be included in the following month's issue.

We are also working to get the club members together more often. Our first idea was regional cruises. See the article later in this issue.

We won't kid ourselves. This will be a busy year. There is a lot of work to do to make this convention a success. But, remember, this club is full of wonderful people. If we all remember why we are doing this and who we are doing it with (and for), we will come out of this an even stronger club.

If you have any suggestions or comments about this newsletter, please send them to [newsletter@greaterpghgto.com](mailto:newsletter@greaterpghgto.com). Thanks for reading.

Mike Louttit

## Officer's Message

Hello everyone. For those of you that don't know me, I am John Owoc, the Vice President of your GTO Club.

On behalf of Joe, Bonnie, Alan, and myself I would like to be one of the first to "Welcome You" to our "New" Newsletter *Goats Cruisin' the 'Burgh*.

As you read through this edition you may see some names and topics that are new to you. You will see a section from our Newsletter Editor, Mike Louttit, which by the way is our I.T. guy, and Webmaster for our website.

There will be sections that cover topics such as Club Cruises of the Month, a section for Meet and Greet our new members, The Minutes of our past general membership meeting, Upcoming events, a section for your use to place For Sale or Items Wanted, Photos from past events, along with a few other topics that will develop in time.

To accomplish this type of format, we encourage each of you to "Chime In" if you like, with suggestions and ideas. We truly want to hear from you. Keep in mind this Newsletter is to keep you informed and for your reading pleasure.

In regards to the "Car of the Month", Mike will have the computer perform a random selection. We will need a picture of your car, so please send one in if you haven't already. We will also request that you tell us about

your car by providing as much or as little information as you like. Why not take that opportunity to tell everyone about your car? You might tell us something like, when and where you found it, special features like "It's an Original Tri Power Car" or it has a Ram Air 3 Engine, etc. The more you tell us the better the article will be, and will be enjoyed by our members.

Just a Simple FYI.

If you haven't been to our Website lately, check it out. It's [www.greaterpghgto.com](http://www.greaterpghgto.com) and while you're there take a look at the "Forum" section. It is a new feature where our members can post information, and also get "Caught Up" on what is "Happening".

You'll need to register to post on the Forum, but don't let that discourage you, it's a simple process, and you will be ready to go.

We ask you to register to discourage Spammers and unsolicited ads. You can always "Read Only" on the forum if you like.

So until next month, enjoy the Newsletter, enjoy the beautiful weather, enjoy the cars, and most important come on out and enjoy the company and friendship of our club members.

John Owoc

## 'Burgh Bites

Congratulations to Orvil and Shirley Osche for winning Concours Gold at the 2013 GTOAA Convention in Dayton for their beautiful 1965 GTO!



Our club won best chapter display at the 2013 GTOAA Convention in Dayton! Thanks to Joe Barber, Jim Mastroianni, Frank Thompson, and Bonnie Fabritius for

supplying items for the display. I apologize if I missed anyone.



If you have an announcement that you would like included in 'Burgh Bites, please sent it to [newsletter@greaterpghgto.com](mailto:newsletter@greaterpghgto.com).

## 2014 Convention Information

Stay up-to-date about our convention activities:

- Attend our monthly meeting
- Visit our website [www.greaterpghgto.com](http://www.greaterpghgto.com)
- "Like" us on Facebook [www.facebook.com/GreaterPghGTO](http://www.facebook.com/GreaterPghGTO)
- "Follow" us on Twitter [www.twitter.com/GreaterPghGTO](http://www.twitter.com/GreaterPghGTO)
- Join the 2014 GTOAA Convention Facebook Group. Search for "2014 GTOAA Convention" in Facebook and request to join the group.

Your help is still needed for the 2014 Convention. If you have not yet volunteered to help on a committee and you would like to, please contact any club officer. They can discuss with you where our needs are greatest and try to match that up with your interests. The committees are:

- Hotel
- Registration/Promotion/Sponsors
- Finance
- Activities
- Car Show/Parking Lot
- Swap Meet
- Drag Race
- Security (need chairperson)
- Signage (need chairperson)
- Floaters

## Welcome Recent New Members

Welcome to the following people who recently joined our group:

Tom Monzo  
Jack and Lori Surmick  
Mark Fleming and Amy Pickard  
Mark and Nancy DiVicenzo  
Sam Depe

We are looking forward to getting to know you!

## Club Cruises

With all of the cruises in our area, sometimes our club gets spread out. One or two GTOs will go to one cruise, one or two GTOs will go to another cruise, and so on. To promote relationships in the club, show off our cars to the maximum number of people, and advertise our club, we would like to suggest that each region of the city (north, south, east, and west) choose the biggest cruise in their area and work to make that cruise a big meeting spot for our club. Hopefully this will result in a number of GTOs at each of the biggest cruises every single week. We have asked members to nominate cruises. In the north, members have selected the Wexford Starlite Cruise on Friday night. In the east, members have selected the Norwin Hills Shopping Center cruise on Saturday night. In the south, members have selected the Caste Village Cruise on Sunday night. We are still working on a cruise for the west or maybe the members from the west can attend one of the other regional cruises. Try to make the cruise in your area each week. Our GTOs always attract attention. More GTOs together is ALWAYS better!

## Car of the Month

The August Car of the Month is the beautiful 1971 GTO belonging to John and Joanne Caligiure!

John provided the following answers to the Car of the Month Questionnaire:

- 1. Tell us about your car (year, model, drivetrain, options, etc.)**  
1971 hardtop coupe, 4 speed, tilt steering wheel and remote driver's mirror.
- 2. How long have you had the car?**  
Since 1988

- 3. What have you done to it since you have owned it?**

When I bought it , it was a fake Judge which my friend changed it back to the original GTO with the original color Castellan Bronze exterior and with Sienna Brown interior

- 4. What is your favorite memory with the car?**

When I first saw the car it reminded me of my first car, a 1969 Pontiac GTO Judge (real one). If I only had it now!!!!

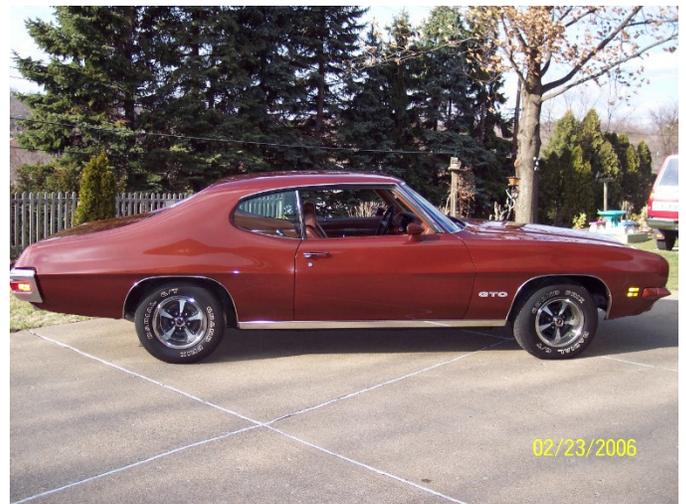
- 5. How often do you drive the car?**

I have been letting my second son drive it.

- 6. What else would you like the club to know about your car?**

In 1971 the color combination was the only time they offered it and in all my travels including the Columbus GTOAA Nationals a few years ago I have yet to see my color combo!

Thank you John. What a beautiful 1971 GTO!



## Meeting Minutes

Because of the 2013 Convention and the Vintage Grand Prix in July, the July monthly meeting was canceled.

## Upcoming Events

Saturday, September 7 – club picnic at White Oak Park

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

One trip that is being considered is a drive to Shanksville, PA in the fall to visit the Flight 93 Memorial.

## Club Schedule

### Friday, August 2

5:30pm

#### Club Cruise - Wexford Starlite Cruise

When Fri, August 2, 5:30pm – 9:30pm

Where North Way Christian Community 12121 Perry Highway Wexford, PA 15090

Description This is our club cruise north of Pittsburgh!  
See you there!

### Saturday, August 3

5:30pm

#### Club Cruise - Norwin Hills Shopping Center

When Sat, August 3, 5:30pm – 9:30pm

Where Norwin Avenue, Irwin, PA 15642

Description This is our club cruise east of Pittsburgh!  
See you there!

### Sunday, August 4

4:00pm

#### Club Cruise - Caste Village Cruise

When Sun, August 4, 4pm – 8pm

Where Baptist Rd & Grove Rd Whitehall, PA 15236

Description This is our club cruise south of Pittsburgh!  
See you there!

### Friday, August 9

5:30pm

#### Club Cruise - Wexford Starlite Cruise

When Fri, August 9, 5:30pm – 9:30pm

Where North Way Christian Community 12121 Perry Highway Wexford, PA 15090

Description This is our club cruise north of Pittsburgh!  
See you there!

### Saturday, August 10

5:30pm

#### Club Cruise - Norwin Hills Shopping Center

When Sat, August 10, 5:30pm – 9:30pm

Where Norwin Avenue, Irwin, PA 15642

Description This is our club cruise east of Pittsburgh!  
See you there!

### Sunday, August 11

4:00pm

#### Club Cruise - Caste Village Cruise

When Sun, August 11, 4pm – 8pm

Where Baptist Rd & Grove Rd Whitehall, PA 15236

Description This is our club cruise south of Pittsburgh!  
See you there!

### Friday, August 16

5:30pm

#### Club Cruise - Wexford Starlite Cruise

When Fri, August 16, 5:30pm – 9:30pm

Where North Way Christian Community 12121 Perry Highway Wexford, PA 15090

Description This is our club cruise north of Pittsburgh!  
See you there!

### Saturday, August 17

5:30pm

#### Club Cruise - Norwin Hills Shopping Center

When Sat, August 17, 5:30pm – 9:30pm

Where Norwin Avenue, Irwin, PA 15642

Description This is our club cruise east of Pittsburgh!  
See you there!

### Sunday, August 18

4:00pm

#### Club Cruise - Caste Village Cruise

When Sun, August 18, 4pm – 8pm

Where Baptist Rd & Grove Rd Whitehall, PA 15236

Description This is our club cruise south of Pittsburgh!  
See you there!

### Tuesday, August 20

**6:00pm**

**Pre-meeting Dinner - Perkin's Restaurant**

**When** Tue, August 20, 6pm – 7pm

**Where** 20013 Rt 19, Cranberry Township, PA 16066

**7:00pm**

**Club Meeting - Perkin's Restaurant**

**When** Tue, August 20, 7pm – 9pm

**Where** 20013 Rt 19, Cranberry Township, PA 16066

**Friday, August 23**

**5:30pm**

**Club Cruise - Wexford Starlite Cruise**

**When** Fri, August 23, 5:30pm – 9:30pm

**Where** North Way Christian Community 12121 Perry Highway Wexford, PA 15090

**Description** This is our club cruise north of Pittsburgh! See you there!

**Saturday, August 24**

**5:30pm**

**Club Cruise - Norwin Hills Shopping Center**

**When** Sat, August 24, 5:30pm – 9:30pm

**Where** Norwin Avenue, Irwin, PA 15642

**Description** This is our club cruise east of Pittsburgh! See you there!

**Sunday, August 25**

**4:00pm**

**Club Cruise - Caste Village Cruise**

**When** Sun, August 25, 4pm – 8pm

**Where** Baptist Rd & Grove Rd Whitehall, PA 15236

**Description** This is our club cruise south of Pittsburgh! See you there!

**Friday, August 30**

**5:30pm**

**Club Cruise - Wexford Starlite Cruise**

**When** Fri, August 30, 5:30pm – 9:30pm

**Where** North Way Christian Community 12121 Perry Highway Wexford, PA 15090

**Description** This is our club cruise north of Pittsburgh! See you there!

**Saturday, August 31**

**5:30pm**

**Club Cruise - Norwin Hills Shopping Center**

**When** Sat, August 31, 5:30pm – 9:30pm

**Where** Norwin Avenue, Irwin, PA 15642

**Description** This is our club cruise east of Pittsburgh! See you there!

## For Sale/Wanted

Send any items for sale or wanted to [newsletter@greaterpghgto.com](mailto:newsletter@greaterpghgto.com). Advertisements are free for club members but please limit the advertisements to GTO related items. The officers reserve the right to refuse any advertisement for any reason. Submissions are due by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month to be included in the next issue.

## Club Items for Sale

This section will show all of the club items that we have for sale. This section will be completed in an upcoming issue.

## Pictures Wanted

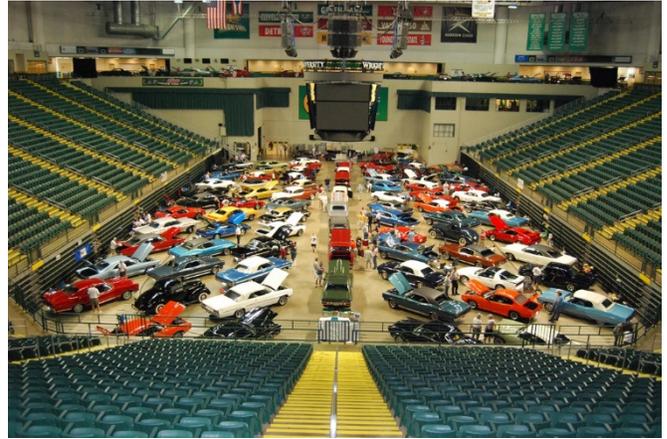
We have an area on our web site for members' cars. We would like to get pictures of all of our cars so visitors to our site can enjoy them. If you have not yet submitted a picture, please send a high quality digital photograph along with your name and spouse's name to [mlouttit68gto@gmail.com](mailto:mlouttit68gto@gmail.com) or [webmaster@greaterpghgto.com](mailto:webmaster@greaterpghgto.com). Thank you!

# Photos From Recent Events

Kennywood Park – June 30, 2013



2013 GTOAA Convention - July 9-13, 2013





**GTOAA**  
INTERNATIONAL MEET  
*July 1-5<sup>th</sup> 2014*  
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## MEMBER APPLICATION

### ANNUAL DUES \$10

(Membership Year runs Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> – Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>)

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First

Spouse's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Anniversary Date \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Year and Model(s) of Car(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Your Birthday \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse's Birthday \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

GTOAA Member \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No Membership # \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_

How did you hear about us? \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE: Mail dues and completed application form to above address or give to any of the club officers**

[www.greaterpghgto.com](http://www.greaterpghgto.com)

**\*\*\*NOTE: Dues MUST be paid by 12/31 to be included in the annual roster and receive club information\*\*\***

Would you like to sponsor our club?  
Your advertisement could be here!

Contact Cheryl Kasper at [cherylbk@comcast.net](mailto:cherylbk@comcast.net).

We will have a form available in the next issue.

See below for rate information.

## Website/Newsletter Content Needed

If you have pictures of a recent event (cruise, fun run, etc.) and you would like to share them, please describe the event and send the pictures to [webmaster@greaterpghgto.com](mailto:webmaster@greaterpghgto.com) or [newsletter@greaterpghgto.com](mailto:newsletter@greaterpghgto.com).

Submissions are due by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month to be included in the next issue.

If your car is selected for Car of the Month, we will ask you for some information about your car to include with the pictures. We would like to know when and where you bought the car, what you have done to it, where you like to go in it, and anything else you would like to tell us. If your car is selected for Car of the Month, we will contact you. Get your thoughts ready!

## Advertising Information

*Goats Cruisin' The 'Burgh* is a monthly newsletter for the Greater Pittsburgh GTO Club. It is sent to all members via email and current and past newsletters are available on our web site for anyone to view.

Advertising Rates (one year term)

\$100 – Full page advertisement in our newsletter, your logo on our website main page, and a link to your website from the logo.

\$50 – ½ page advertisement in our newsletter, your logo on our website main page, and a link to your website from the logo.

\$25 – Business card advertisement in our newsletter, your logo on our website main page, and a link to your website from the logo.

Advertising Guidelines

Classified ads up to 50 words are free to members; add 10 cents per word for any ad over 50 words. Payment is due upon submission. Members need to update ads at 3 month intervals or ads will be dropped. Classified ads up to 50 words for non-members are \$5.00 per issue.

## Greater Pittsburgh GTO Club

### Information

The Greater Pittsburgh GTO Club was formed in 2003 and is an official chapter of the GTO Association of

America. The club welcomes any GTO enthusiast interested in the enjoyment, restoration, and preservation of the Pontiac GTO. Ownership of a GTO is not required.

Along with our beloved GTOs (old and new), our club members and their families love to get together at the various club functions and events held throughout the year. Typical events include cruises, shows, picnics, parties, and more. The excitement that the GTO brings is a wonderful experience and is only further enhanced by being a member of the Greater Pittsburgh GTO Club.

We communicate through this newsletter, *Goats Cruisin' The 'Burgh*, our website, Facebook, and Twitter.

Club meetings are the third Tuesday of every month at Perkin's Restaurant in Cranberry, PA. Dinner starts at 6:00 and the meeting starts at 7:00.

Membership dues are \$10.00 per year on a calendar year basis.

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