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Editor's Corner

Does that really say October on the previous page? This is the October issue? That can only mean one thing in our part of the country. It's time to think about putting the cars away for the winter. But we didn't have a summer! How can we think about winter when we didn't have a summer? Where were the hot, sunny days (OK so we don't get that many sunny days in Pittsburgh)? Where were the warm, clear nights?

That being said, I can look back on a great GTO summer. I became more involved in our club and I met some terrific people. I went to more cruises this year (in spite of the weather) than in any other year. Along with many of you, I put a lot of time into the 2014 convention planning. Yes, it's been a great GTO year.

Looking back at September, we had three events:

The first event was our annual picnic. Luckily, the weather cooperated and everyone had a terrific day. Thank you to everyone who helped with the event but especially Ken and Cheryl Kasper. Look for pictures later in this issue, on our website, and on Facebook. After the picnic, 6 GTOs took off for the Norwin Hills Shopping Center cruise. What a terrific end to a terrific day.

The second event was our monthly convention meeting. OK, it's a stretch to call that an event but what if I told you that we started at 8:00 in the morning and stopped at 4:00 in the afternoon? We did break for lunch so it wasn't a solid eight hours but it was a long meeting! But, it was very productive. Things are moving along. Read the Convention Corner in this newsletter for details about the meeting.

The third event was our club trip to the Flight 93 Memorial and Chapel. The weather was not great but a number of club members made the trip. We call these trips "Fun Runs". Obviously, the fun was the drive and spending time with club members. The destination is a solemn place. Look for pictures later in this issue, on our website, and on Facebook.

Keep driving the GTOs until the snow flies!

If you have any suggestions or comments about this newsletter, please send them to newsletter@greaterpghgto.com. Thanks for reading.

Mike Louttit

Officer's Corner

I must admit that while I have always been a car lover, I never really thought about classic cars. Even when Alan and I met and he had a '70 Lemans, it was just another car to me. But as time moved on and we discovered a mutual love of cars, classic cars and attending the car cruises, I was hooked. Of course, about once every other cruise, I changed the type of car that I thought I wanted parked in my garage. But it was always a GTO for Alan. I had dreams of a Camaro, a Firebird, and an Oldsmobile 442 just to name a few. At that time GTOs weren't plentiful at the cruises for some reason.

Unbeknownst to me, Alan had been scouring the internet for just the right car for him and yes, it was a GTO that he was looking for. The opportunity arose that we had the cash flow so he decided to act. When he placed the call to an owner in Sterling Heights, Michigan, never in my wildest dreams did I think we would soon be owners of a "1969 Matador Red GTO with hidden headlights"! Because for those of you who are not aware, Alan is not an impulse buyer. Arrangements were made for us to drive to Michigan to see the car. The owner was unable to be home when we first got there but gave his wife instructions to open the garage for Alan to see the car and he would be home soon. I waited in the car as what did I know about 1969 GTOs?? I was quick to realize that we were indeed going to be the proud next owners of this car! Never before had I seen a look like the one that crossed Alan's face as he walked into the garage. I knew he had found his pride and joy. There sat the most beautiful Matador Red 1969 GTO with hidden headlights...just what the anxious buyer had in mind. We took it for a ride and a deal was made. We drove back to Sterling Heights the next weekend and drove the "goat" home. Ran like a charm until we hit the toll booth at the Ohio/Pennsylvania line but that was quickly remedied and we made it home.

We have added many miles to the car as it has been driven to Louisville, Kentucky, Pontiac, Michigan at least twice, and back and forth to Norwalk for several years. It is just as near and dear to his heart as it was that day. It received a new paint job a couple of years ago and he completed a frame off restoration. And you see, the car has become just as near and dear to my heart. It didn't take me long to get "goat" fever right along with him. I did get to realize part of my dream and even with the shunning from our GTO friends; for a short time, I became the proud owner of a '71 Oldsmobile Cutlass. But I soon realized that it just wasn't the same as

cruising with my best friend in a 1969 Matador Red GTO with hidden headlights!

Bonnie Fabritius
Secretary

Convention Corner

Hello and Welcome to the Convention Corner.

I just wanted to pass on to all of you what has been "happening" since my last note to you.

Your Steering Committee has been working hard to resolve what we are calling Committee "Responsibilities / Tasks". These are, simply stated, what major items we will be confronted with. Each Committee has identified their specific "Tasks" and now will begin to work on each specific detail of the items defined.

Folks, it's a lot of work, so when you see a member of the Steering Committee, it would go a long way to offer up a "Thanks" for all the work they have been doing for our club.

Some of the items of interest that you might want to know are:

Our host hotel the Double Tree is nearing full capacity. By the time you read this it may very well be sold out of our block rooms.

We are working on some issues that have come up regarding the surface parking areas, on where we can park cars, and areas that need to be left open for "Other Hotel" Guests, and Handicap parking locations that are marked and cannot be used by us. These are some of the goofy items that surface.

During our Nationals meeting on Saturday, September 14th, we were able to set the activities schedule. Wednesday through Saturday have been scheduled, with Activities for our visiting guests to see the city attractions along with a bus trip to Shanksville to see the Flight 93 Site.

That is about it for now. If you have any questions or comments don't hesitate to get back to me.

Our next Nationals Meeting will be Saturday, October 12th. You are certainly all welcome to attend if you like. So until next month, enjoy the remaining nice weather we have left this year, enjoy the cars, and most

important enjoy the company and friendship of your fellow members.

John Owoc
Co-Chair GTOAA 2014 National Convention

Meeting Minutes

Due to the annual picnic, a short September member meeting was held at the picnic.

Joe Barber talked about several cruises in Ohio and Erie and asked for volunteers to go and talk about the convention and sell promotional shirts.

Pete Muro talked about our club trip to the Flight 93 Memorial on September 22.

John Owoc gave an update on the convention planning.

The meeting was intentionally short so we could all enjoy our time at the picnic.

The next club meeting is October 15 at Perkin's Restaurant in Cranberry. Dinner is at 6. The meeting starts at 7.

2014 Convention Information

We are working hard to provide up to date information to our club and our guests for the convention. The following are ways to find information about the convention:

- Attend our monthly club and convention meetings
- Visit our website www.greaterpghgto.com
- "Like" us on Facebook www.facebook.com/GreaterPghGTO
- "Follow" us on Twitter 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:

- Activities
 - Chairperson: John Odrey
- Car Show/Grounds
 - Chairperson: Ken Kasper
- Drag Race
 - Chairperson: Bill Gilbert
- Finance
 - Chairperson: Alan Fabritius
- Hotel
 - Chairperson: Carol Odrey
- Registration/Promotion/Sponsors
 - Chairperson: Cheryl Kasper
- Security
 - Chairperson: John Owoc
- Signage
 - Chairperson: Needed
- Swap Meet
 - Chairperson: Joe Barber
- Website/Social Media
 - Chairperson: Mike Louttit

Welcome Recent New Members

Ken and Jackie Patterson – 66 GTO

Dan and Cindy DeSanzo – 67 GTO Convertible

October Fun Run

Joe Barber is organizing a Fun Run to the 18th All Pontiac Reunion & GMC Truck Display at Bob Arnold Motors (formerly Arnold Pontiac). Here is the information from carruises.com:

18th All Pontiac Reunion & GMC Truck Display
Bob Arnold Motors
12 North Main Street
Houston, Pennsylvania 15342
10/13/2013
9 am to 3 pm
\$10 Entry Fee

Held in conjunction with Houston's Pumpkin Festival.

Dealer's Choice & Club Choice Trophies.

Portion of the proceeds go to the Washington City Mission.

Contact Joe Barber at 412-974-0772 if you are interested or for more information.

The A-Team

This article is being repeated from last month.

Recently, I was on Facebook and I was looking at our neighboring club, the Susquehanna Valley GTO Club. They have this group called the A-Team. When club members need help, they call in the A-Team. It is simple....members helping members. What a great concept for a club! Can we borrow that idea and implement it in our own club? I sure hope so. I hope that is the type of club that we are!

Think about it. Club members get together and have a great time. Experts will do the hard work but they will also teach, passing on their knowledge to others. Less knowledgeable people will do the easier work and be gophers (getting tools, cleaning up, etc.). But they will also be learning. Kick in some pizza and beer and you have the makings of an amazing day!

If you are interested in being a member of this team, please email newsletter@greaterpghgto.com.

Mike Louttit

Car of the Month

The October 2013 Car of the Month is the beautiful 2006 GTO owned by Rob and Lurleen Lohr. Rob and Lurleen provided the following answers to the Car of the Month Questionnaire:

Tell us about your car (year, model, drivetrain, options, etc.

2006 GTO Torrid red with red hot leather interior. 6.0 LS2 6spd car has both available options 18" wheels and the manual transmission. My car is 1 of 188 built in this configuration.

How long have you had the car?

I bought the car brand new in Nov of 2006 from Wheeler Pontiac Cadillac in Johnstown PA.

What is your favorite memory with the car?

One favorite memory thus far is beating my friend's new at the time 2007 Shelby Mustang at the track (PRP) and another would be coming up Pleasantville Mountain at speeds in excess of 120 mph. My wife's hand prints are still indented in the dash from that ride lol. The GTO never squealed a tire coming up through the twisting turns of that mountain road and still had plenty of power on tap.



Houston, Pennsylvania 15342

October 13, 2013

Club Cruise (South) – Caste Village

4:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Baptist Rd & Grove Rd Whitehall, PA 15236

October 15, 2013

Club Meeting

6:00 – 9:00 (dinner at 6, meeting starts at 7)

Perkin's Restaurant, Cranberry, PA

October 19, 2013

Club Cruise (East) – Norwin Hills Shopping Center

5:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Norwin Avenue, Irwin, PA 15642

October 20, 2013

Club Cruise (South) – Caste Village

4:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Baptist Rd & Grove Rd Whitehall, PA 15236

October 26, 2013

Club Cruise (East) – Norwin Hills Shopping Center

5:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Norwin Avenue, Irwin, PA 15642

October 27, 2013

Club Cruise (South) – Caste Village

4:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Baptist Rd & Grove Rd Whitehall, PA 15236

December 14, 2014

Christmas Party

Carmody's Restaurant in Wexford

Classified Ads

FOR SALE: 1970 Hood and Front Bumper – Excellent condition - \$400 each or both for \$700. Email John Owoc at je70goat@verizon.net.

WANTED: 1966 – 1967 GTO or LeMans convertible top switch. Call John Bacha at 412-343-4445.

Send any items for sale or wanted to 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 15th of the month to be included in the next issue.

Club Schedule

Cruise season is very close to the end. Some cruises still run until the snow starts to fly but most are done for the season. If you can find one, get another cruise in before we have to put the cars away for the winter! According to the internet, and as we all know you can believe anything that you read on the internet, the Norwin Hills Shopping Center Cruise runs through 11/24 (yes the end of November) or until it snows and the Caste Village Car Cruise runs through October.

October 5, 2013

Club Cruise (East) – Norwin Hills Shopping Center

5:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Norwin Avenue, Irwin, PA 15642

October 6, 2013

Club Cruise (South) – Caste Village

4:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Baptist Rd & Grove Rd Whitehall, PA 15236

October 12, 2013

2014 Convention Meeting

8:00 am - ??

DoubleTree Hotel, Monroeville, PA 15146

October 12, 2013

Club Cruise (East) – Norwin Hills Shopping Center

5:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Norwin Avenue, Irwin, PA 15642

October 13, 2013

Fun Run - 18th All Pontiac Reunion & GMC Truck Display

Bob Arnold Motors

12 North Main Street

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.

Photos From Recent Events

Club Annual Picnic (more pictures on the web site)





Flight 93 Memorial and Chapel (more pictures on Facebook and the web site)



To the boulder marking the crash site (restricted)

35TH ANNUAL GTO ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA CONVENTION

Pittsburgh, PA
July 1st - 5th, 2014

ALL
Pontiacs
Welcome!



Celebrating

50 years of the 1964 GTO
40 years of the 1974 GTO
and
10 years of the 2004 GTO!!

GTOAA
INTERNATIONAL MEET
July 1-5th 2014
PITTSBURGH, PA

Hosted by the Greater Pittsburgh GTO Club
Location: Monroeville Convention Center (12 miles east of Pittsburgh)
Host Hotel: DoubleTree by Hilton (next to the convention center)
See www.greaterpghgto.com for complete convention details
July 1st - July 5th, 2014



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MEMBER APPLICATION

ANNUAL DUES \$10

(Membership Year runs Jan. 1st – Dec. 31st)

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

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

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Forward



Driver and Vehicle Services Update

Bureau of Motor Vehicles – Research and Support Operations Section
P.O. Box 68031, Harrisburg, PA 17106-8031

This bulletin may be downloaded by visiting the Driver and Vehicle Services
website at www.dmv.state.pa.us

Tom Corbett, Governor

Barry J. Schoch, P.E., Secretary

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SPECIAL EDITION

Classic Registration Plates

PennDOT is proud to announce the issuance of the newly-designed Classic Registration Plates. The Classic Registration Plates were redesigned to allow them to be incorporated into PennDOT's "Family of Plates" color scheme.

The updated plate designs reflect the "Family of Plates" color scheme of blue, white and yellow. Pennsylvania is printed at the top of the plate, the words "PA Classic Vehicle" are printed on the left side and the words Classic Vehicle" are printed at the bottom of the plate for the classic vehicle registration plate and "Classic MC" is printed at the bottom for the classic motorcycle registration plate. The old-style classic registration plates with purple lettering on a white background are still valid and will remain in use.

Vehicle owners who have the old-style classic registration plate and wish to obtain the newly-designed plate may request a replacement plate featuring the updated design by completing Form MV-44, "Application for Duplicate Registration Card, Replacement of Registration Plate, Renewal Sticker or Weight Class Sticker of Transfer of Registration." In Section B, the reason block "other" would be checked and the explanation should indicate "new-style classic plate requested." Replacement fee of \$7.50 is required. Owners are not required to replace their old style plate with the new design.

**AGENTS ARE REQUIRED TO ENSURE ALL OF THEIR EMPLOYEES RECEIVE PENNDOT'S DRIVER
AND VEHICLE SERVICES UPDATE BULLETINS**

2014 GTOAA Convention Sponsors



Greater Pittsburgh GTO Club Sponsors

**Would you like to sponsor our club or the 2014 GTOAA Convention?
Your advertisement could be here!**

Contact Cheryl Kasper at cherylbk@comcast.net.

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 or newsletter@greaterpghgto.com. Submissions are due by the 15th 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.

\$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 1998 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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Address Change?

Has your address, phone, or email recently changed? Please notify Bonnie Fabritius, our club secretary, at secretary@greaterpghgto.com. This will help us keep you informed about the club. Thank you.