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Editor's Corner

This month, I have a number of random things to talk about.

Greater Pittsburgh GTO Club dues for 2014 are now due! If you have not paid your 2014 dues, please send a check for \$10 payable to Greater Pittsburgh GTO Club to Alan & Bonnie Fabritius at 136 Ridge Avenue, Beaver Falls PA 15010. Thank you!

Now that we are entering winter, please note that meetings may be canceled due to inclement weather. We will communicate by email (another reason to make sure we have your latest email address) and the web site. If there is any question about a meeting, please call any officer. Their phone numbers are on the *About Us* page/*Contact Us* tab of our web site.

The 2014 convention meeting schedule has been released. The meetings are once per month until May when they start twice per month. The meeting dates are 1/18, 2/15, 3/15, 4/12, 5/10, 5/24, 6/14, and 6/28. The meetings will be held at the DoubleTree in Monroeville, the host hotel. Mark your calendars!

Since we are hosting the 2014 GTOAA National Convention next year, we will begin a GTOAA membership push in 2014. The GTOAA provides many benefits to our hobby, all of the chapters (including our club), and each club member. Now that Pontiac is gone, organizations like the GTOAA are needed more than ever to keep the Pontiac community together. The GTOAA provides all of its chapters with insurance coverage for events (this is a HUGE benefit to all chapters). The GTOAA also provides its monthly magazine *The Legend*, access to tech experts, discounts at many suppliers, and access to its national convention to all members. For these reasons and many more, if you are not a member, please consider joining the GTOAA today. **Please note, you must be a GTOAA member to attend the 2014 GTOAA Convention in Pittsburgh.**

Anita, Cameron, Maya, and I wish everyone a Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays, and a Happy New Year!

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

Hi All,

To our new members that have recently joined us "Welcome To Our Club".

This portion of the monthly Newsletter is reserved for the officers of our club and we each do this on a 4 month rotation, so that four of us can "Say Hi" and you can become familiar with us. This month, it's my turn again and I would like to pass on some thoughts and requests.

Being this is the December issue, it might be good to look back at the 2013 year and highlight some of the Club's accomplishments. Besides the normal "Cruises" that many of us attended, the Club was quite busy this past year. We had a group attend the 2013 GTOAA Co-Convention in Dayton Ohio. Unfortunately it was mostly work and observing how things are done. We did learn a lot for our convention. The evenings at the convention were the best. We all seemed to get together after dinner and just sit around and tell stories, laugh and enjoy the company of each other. You can always tell where the Greater Pittsburgh Club is. It seems we have the most fun, and the laughter can be heard all around. We did meet many of the GTOAA Staff in Dayton and received a lot of compliments about our club.

Our Club won the best Chapter Display that was setup at the convention. Thanks to Frank Thompson, Jimmy Mastroianni, Ken Kasper, and Joe Barber for bringing items and setting up the display, Thanks guys you made it happen.

We had a table setup inside to announce our 2014 event and to sell our Promotional T Shirts. Thanks to all that helped work the table. The wives did a great job! We even had a Gold Concours winner with Orvil and Shirley Osche's beautiful 65 GTO. Congratulations to Orvil and Shirley, that car is one sweet GTO.

This year also included a Fun Run to the Flight 93 crash site in Shanksville Pa. Although the weather did not cooperate, we still had a great time visiting the site and also having the opportunity to visit a "Chapel" located very near. Our club Member Tom Monzo made arrangements for our visit to the chapel and it was a wonderful thing to see. Tom volunteers at the Chapel and was able to provide us a most interesting visit. Thanks Tom! We will be back there next year. It's part

of an arranged trip for our convention. We concluded the day with a stop at the Oakhurst Tea Room for a dinner buffet.

The Club also held its annual family picnic at White Oak Park for food, fun, and friendship, as always. Thanks to Picnic Committee Chair Cheryl Kasper and also to Karen Owoc for arranging the day. Chef Ken (Soon to be seen on the Food Network) provided the expertise needed to prepare the food. Thanks, Ken.

We also made a late fall run to visit the Hickory Golf Course located near Bridgeville. Sam Depe showed us a good time and the club had a luncheon there also. Thanks, Sam.

Last and by all mean not least. The Club is planning its annual Christmas Party at Carmodys in Wexford. We have held the party there before, and our members seem to enjoy the special room reserved for us, along with a delicious buffet. I'm sure this year will not be any different. Thanks to Committee Chair Bonnie Fabritius and Gretchen Barber for arranging this for the club.

So what's in store for next year 2014? Well it's no secret that most of our attention, and focus, will be on the GTOAA National Convention in July. I would ask that you please consider helping us in some way, either now, or when we approach July. As the saying goes the more the merrier. We can't possibly have too much help. The more we have the easier it will be for all that kick in. Thanks in advance.

The Club will soon be electing the officer positions after the first of the year. All positions are open, however this year we will need to fill the Secretary position as Bonnie has chosen to resign at year end. We will need to fill her position temporarily until the general election of all officers is held. So please consider this position, for our club. It involves reading the meeting minutes, recording them, and making the meeting announcements. The position also requires that the membership roster be maintained and updated with the GTOAA once a year. I know that sometimes this election process can be difficult, so if you wish to nominate someone and prefer not to do it at the meeting, pass the name on to me, and I will place the nomination for you.

We also will be asking for members to either Chair or help on the various committees, Picnic, Fun Runs, Activities, and Christmas Party. Next year we will also need a person to Chair the Christmas Party. That person will need to make all the arrangements and secure a

location for our party. The existing venue Carmodys will be available, if the committee chooses to use that location.

In closing, on Behalf of Joe, Alan, Bonnie, and myself, we all would like to extend to you and your families a very Merry Christmas, and Best Wishes for a Happy and Healthy New Year.

Merry Christmas everybody,
John Owoc
V.P. Greater Pittsburgh GTO Car Club

Convention Corner

Welcome again to the "Convention Corner.

To our newer members this is a column where I can keep you informed about the efforts of the 2014 GTOAA Convention Steering Committee.

We have been meeting monthly at the Double Tree Hotel (Host Hotel) each month. This past November 16th meeting, we covered many area and issues. I would like to give you a brief summary of what is "Happening"

The standard issues, like the Treasurers report, New and Old business, were discussed.

Some items that may be of interest to you are, T Shirt Sales continue, and we still have Promotional T Shirts for sale. Contact Carol Odrey if you are in need of a shirt. One member suggested that they could make for a nice Christmas Stocking stuffer gift.

The registration software has been a difficult endeavor, with all the changes and modifications that needed to occur, but we have completed and finished the final version. Thank You Mike Louttit.

Photographers have been contacted and we will await proposals for those needs. Guest speakers are being contacted to conduct seminars at the convention. If you have a suggestion or idea, for a speaker, please contact Joe Barber.

The Bella Luna restaurant is our choice for the "Kick Off Cruise" which will be held on Wednesday July 1st. Ames Performance has agree to sponsor that event. Thank You Kevin @ AMES Performance!

We also interviewed a local security firm to handle our security needs during the convention. We were

presented with some additional thoughts and suggestions. We will await a revised proposal to reflect those suggested changes.

The security committee is in need of several Golf Carts for our convention. If anyone has a contact or a referral, please contact me with that formation at je70goat@verizon.net.

Arnie Beswick has agreed to attend our event and Drag Race at the Pittsburgh Drag Race Park in New Alexandria. Thank You Bill Gilbert for arranging that.

Beginning with the December Legend issue and every month thereafter, you will see an article about our Pittsburgh Convention. The articles allow us to promote the 2014 convention and inform all the GTOAA members why they should attend and what they can expect when they arrive. In future articles I will be introducing the members of our Steering Committee and they will have the opportunity to explain their committee's efforts. This is also a way to enable our guests to "Get to Know" the people who are working so hard to conduct this event. It also gives them the well-deserved recognition that they deserve. So in closing, when you see a member of your Steering Committee Thank them for all the work they are doing it will go a long way!

John Owoc
Co-Chairman 2014 GTOAA National Convention

Meeting Minutes

President, Joe Barber opened the meeting with 12 members in attendance. Joe welcomed one of our newest members, Ken Patterson to the club. Treasurer, Alan Fabritius gave the treasurer's report. Cheryl Kasper motioned to accept the Treasurer's report and Bill Gilbert seconded. The report was approved by all. Secretary, Bonnie Fabritius read the minutes from the October meeting. Bill Gilbert motioned to accept the minutes as read and Jim Mastroianni seconded. The minutes were approved by all. Cheryl Kasper announced the picnic will be held at the same location as last year's on the 1st Saturday in September. Bonnie Fabritius updated the club on the status of the Christmas party and urged members to spread the word. Bonnie will no longer be handling the Christmas party and a replacement will be needed. Bonnie will ask Mike Louttit to include it in the newsletter. John Odrey

is organizing a club get together for the Carnegie Science Center for the beginning of February. Jim Mastroianni mentioned a possible trip to an auto museum in Apollo. He will look into our club planning a visit. John Owoc mentioned that the club received a thank you from the Shanksville Chapel for our donation of \$100.00. Bill Gilbert mentioned that a former member had approached him about re-joining the club. Carol Odrey will check old rosters and find his contact information so he can be contacted. Alan Fabritius informed the group that our Non-profit status vs. LLC is still in process and he was waiting to hear back from the attorney handling the non profit issue. It was discussed as to whether we should proceed with general monthly membership meetings between now and nationals. The consensus was that it was best to continue. With the winter months, weather is always an issue so members will be urged to monitor their emails the day a meeting is schedule to make sure the meeting is still being held. Mike Louttit will be asked to include a note regarding this subject in the next newsletter. The club is trying to organize monthly activities to enjoy throughout the winter months. If you would like to plan or host an activity, please notify Joe Barber. Any ideas welcome! John Owoc recapped the November Nationals meeting, once again urging members to attend these meetings so they can stay informed. Bonnie Fabritius informed the group that she will be stepping down as Secretary, effective December 31. Mike Louttit will add a request to the newsletter urging those interested in the position to let the officers know. Bonnie is still willing to continue as a Membership Coordinator if the club is interested in that. It was also noted that it is time to renew your dues as our membership year ends December 31. If you would like to get a head start and pay your dues before the holiday rush starts, payment can be sent to Bonnie. Jim Mastroianni motioned to adjourn the meeting, with Pete Muro seconding it. There will be a brief meeting held at the Christmas party on December 14th. The next Nationals meeting will be held on January 18 at the Doubletree Hotel in Monroeville beginning at 8 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Bonnie Fabritius, Secretary

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

There were no new members this month.

Car of the Month

The December 2013 Car of the Month is the beautiful 1967 GTO owned by Stan and Kay O'Rourke. Stan and Kay provided the following answers to the Car of the Month Questionnaire:

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

It's a 1967 GTO, 428 cu.in., 4 spd, 3:55 posi. Cameo ivory with red interior, power steering, power disc brakes, wood steering wheel, rally gauges, AM-FM with rear speaker, console Vacuum gauge, rally II's with diamondback red lines.

How long have you had the car?

Purchased July of 1997 in Canton' Ohio...but that's a whole other chapter to the story.....

What have you done to it since you have owned it?

When we got it, it was amazingly complete and original. Solid-except for the usual soft spots—trunk floor, tail panel, etc. and was showing its age. We had our good friends John & Pam at Papes Collision install a N.O.S. tail panel, right front fender, straighten and smooth panels and Pam painted it original cameo ivory.

It had a low horse, tired 400 from a Catalina in it. It had the original intake and carb., exhaust manifolds. Even original alternator and regulator. Original trans and rear end. I came across a 360 hp 428 cu. In. and had it rebuilt with a mild cam, late model 7k3 heads to lower compression. It's very happy with 89-93 octane and is a sweet runner.

All bushings, springs, tie rods, and any wear items were replaced if needed. Power steering, and front disc brakes were installed. All stainless, chrome and glass is original. Seat covers from Legendary Interiors (there is a difference) were installed with new carpet. All this done over 4 to 5 years, as funds permitted. Most work was done myself except paint and interior.

What is your favorite memory with the car?

Favorite memory? We have so many, I couldn't possibly pick one---, from the waves, thumbs-up, stares and being approached at every stop for food or fuel. It brings so many memories back to so many people. I've heard so many times —“my brother, cousin, uncle, buddy, had a GTO and we had so much fun in that car.” They just light up, and that makes our day. We have

met so many great people at shows, cruise-in, Sunday drives and they share so many memories. That's what it is all about. Good times, good people and GTOs.

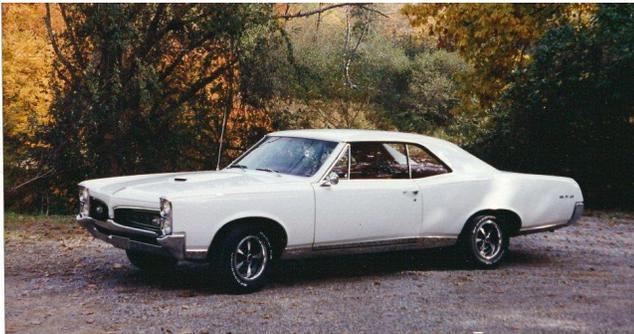
How often do you drive the car?

We put from 1000 – 3000 miles per year. When we got the GTO it had 78,000 original miles, now it has 117,000 miles. We drive to enjoy and enjoy to drive.

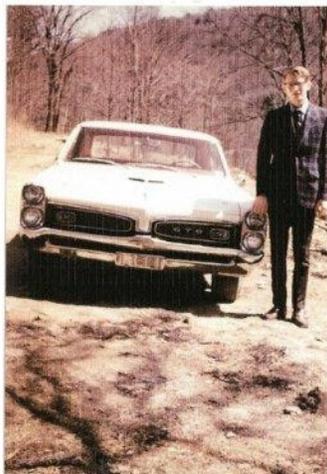
What else would you like the club to know about your car?

This GTO is an exact twin to my first GTO I bought in 1968. I was 19 years old. I have included a picture of the first in 1968 and also one taken in 2008 in the same place with the GTO we have now. But that's another whole story for another time. Every time I get behind the wheel it takes me to "back in the day". What a great feeling, everyone should have the opportunity to experience it. That's what it is all about.....Good times, good people, and our GTOs!

Here is a picture of Stan and Kay's car.



Here is the picture Stan and Kay talked about in their story.



Club Schedule

There is no convention or general membership meeting in December. A short meeting will be held at the Christmas Party.

December 14, 2013

Christmas Party

Carmody's Restaurant in Wexford

July 1 – 5, 2014

GTOAA Convention!!!

Monroeville Convention Center, Monroeville, PA

Christmas Party

Just a reminder that our annual Christmas party will be held at Carmody's in Wexford on **Saturday, December 14**. There will be a gift exchange. For those of you who wish to participate in the exchange, each man should bring a \$10 gift for men and each woman a \$10 gift for women.

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 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.

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*****

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.