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Newsletter of the Greater Pittsburgh GTO Club

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Editor's Corner

When the club started to think about applying to host a convention (what were you all thinking??), the issues were at the 10,000 foot level. What are the possible facilities that could hold a convention? What parts of the area should we concentrate on? What are the possibilities for a host hotel? What dates should we pick? And so on.

Once those decisions were made, it was time to go down a level. It was time to identify a steering committee, specific committees, and committee chairpersons.

Once those decisions were made, it was time to go down another level. Each committee chairperson identified responsibilities for their individual committees.

We kept "peeling the onion" going one level deeper each time. Well, we're down to the final few levels. This is where we need every club member and family that is able to step up.

Many of you have already responded to the volunteer preference appeal. We are using this information to place volunteers where they would most like to work in the time slots they prefer. Of course, everyone will not always get exactly what they want but we will do our best. Thank you in advance for your understanding if we need to make some adjustments.

If you have not yet responded to the volunteer preference appeal, please do it today. We need this information to identify where we are covered for volunteers and where there are gaps. Please go to:

<http://www.123contactform.com/form-534351/Convention-Volunteer>

If you have any questions on filling out the form, please call me at 412-215-9408 or send an email to mlouttit68gto@outlook.com. Thank you.

It has been a long road. It has been stressful. But the excitement is building. The convention is only two months away!

Now, a repeat of my appeal over the last few months.....

Since we are hosting the 2014 GTOAA National Convention this year, we are conducting a GTOAA membership push. 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.

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

Well the webmaster just informed me it was my turn for the officer's corner talk. I tried to convince him he was wrong but he wasn't buying it.

Here it is May already and time to get the car out of storage. It seems like I just put it away two years ago, is it just me or was that a long hard winter. What's your thoughts on that Bill (I was golfing in Florida all winter) Gilbert. I'm really jealous, wish I could be a snowbird, someday maybe.

We all do different things during the winter months. I usually store my car off site and never see it for six months. Others use the time to refurbish something, some just think about redoing something, that's me. I kept my GTO home this year intending to change a few things, didn't happen though. I spent a lot of time thinking about how many stink bugs found refuge in my car over the winter. I was a little apprehensive when Bonnie and I and the dog took the maiden voyage last week. Bonnie goes into panic mode when approached by a stink bug. Fortunately we saw none. I meant to check my air cleaner before we went but I forgot.

Some of our club members have been working very hard on the National Event coming up in July. I'm sure a lot of people throughout the country can't wait for it to get here. Some local members probably can't wait for it to be over. Either way it will be a very exciting event

when it all comes together. Personally I was hoping for a more exotic place for my summer vacation .But you can't go wrong being someplace where there are GTOs. I guess we have a couple of fun runs in the planning this summer. I always enjoy these and try to participate when I can. It's really neat to have a long string of GTOs going down the highway. I hope we can get longer strings this year; we need to encourage our newer members to join us. Let's make the May run to Oglebay our best one yet. Get them GTOs dusted off and ready to roll.

We currently have 78 members in the club. I would like to make a motion that all the members of the Greater Pittsburgh GTO Car Club attend the GTOAA Nationals in Monroeville, Pa on July 1 – 5, 2014. All those in favor say aye. Those opposed say Nay. The Ayes have it. See you there.

Your Club Treasurer,

Alan

Convention Corner

Welcome to the Convention Corner.

As I write this article, in only two months, the 2014 GTOAA National Convention will have concluded and be history. It's almost hard to believe that this entire process that began more than 3 years ago, will be upon us in about 50 days.

The Steering Committee continues to work hard on the final details, the work never seems to end. There is always some small, or in some case, large issue that pops up and needs addressed.

Many of you have responded to our request for Volunteer help, and we sincerely Thank You and appreciate your offer of time and help.

Those of you that have not yet responded, it's NOT too late to step up and help your fellow club members. The more help we have the less everyone else has to do. Won't you please consider giving us some of your time if you have not already signed up?

Those of you that have stepped up to help should expect a call or an E Mail from one of the Committee Chairpersons advising you what to expect and when and where you will be needed. Once again we Thank You and believe me, we can't do this without your help.

For those of you that still want to help and have been waiting to Volunteer, as I said above, it's NOT too late. Please click on the "Link" I have provided here, it will get you signed up.

<http://www.123contactform.com/form-534351/Convention-Volunteer>

As a brief update to what is "Happening" in regards to the convention. In addition to the events scheduled, we have a great list of guest speakers, some that have never been heard at a National Convention.

One in particular is Russ Gee, He was the engineer that was asked by John DeLorean, if he could put the 389ci motor into the "Lemans" (which he said YES) and the rest is history, The GTO was born! I understand Russ is a most interesting person to hear speak and has lots of inside stories.

On another note to those of you that are planning to participate in the Convention activities with, or without your car, please register ASAP. We need to know what, if any events, you are planning to attend. i.e. Awards Banquet, Parking Lot Party, Kick off Cruise etc.

The Steering Committee has also named the Independence Fund as a charity that we will make a donation to. This very special fund enables our returning veterans the ability to once again enjoy their mobility and also enjoy some of the activities they like to do with a special wheel chair. These wheel chairs are fitted with "Tracks" that enable our veterans to travel in areas where a "normal" wheel chair is not able to go, "Off Road" into parks, fishing at a lake, etc. This is a great charity that as a club, we have supported and we will also support with a portion of our convention proceeds.

Cheryl Kasper has also decided to use all the proceeds from her "Silent Auction" to be directed to the Independence Fund Charity. If any of you, personally, or if you have a business, and would like to donate items for this Silent Auction, Cheryl would be more than happy to accept your offering. Please consider this request to donate and offer something that can be used by any of our attending out of town guests. (National Gift Cards for Restaurants, Department Stores, Company T Shirts, Car maintenance Products, etc.)

Hope to see all of you soon, in some way or another. Should you have any questions or comments feel free to E Mail me. @ je70goat@verizon.net

John Owoc

Co-Chairman 2014 GTOAA National Convention

2014 Dues

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

Club Secretary

We are in need of a club secretary. Bonnie Fabritius has resigned as secretary but will continue to be the membership coordinator. We thank Bonnie for all of her service as secretary. If you are interested in being considered for secretary or you would like more information about the position, please contact any club officer.

Meeting Minutes

Bill Markowsky from West Seneca Club is having a charity cruise on Sunday, May 18th.

Vintage Grand Prix July 19 & 20th and the GTO is the feature car.

Friday, July 11 - the GTO is the feature car at the Wexford car cruise.

April 26, Irwin kick-off cruise. Pre-registration \$8.00, \$10.00 day of cruise.

Charity drive for Independence Fund - GTO Cactus Club of Arizona, Denny Deal contacted chapter about donating \$400 towards purchasing wheel chairs for disabled veterans. Vote approved to donate \$400 to Independence Fund. Alan will get information as to where to mail check.

Fun Run - Sunday, May 18th from Hickory Heights Golf Course to Oglebay - meet at 9:00.

Bud Baer show - Sunday, June 22.

Deb Decoursey won 50/50 -- \$15.00

24 members in attendance.

Cheryl Kasper

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: Joe Barber (banners) and Ken Kasper (signs)
- Swap Meet
 - Chairperson: Joe Barber
- Website/Social Media
 - Chairperson: Mike Louttit

Car of the Month

The May 2014 Car of the Month is the beautiful 1967 GTO owned by Steve and Beth Busalacchi.



Steve provided the following information.

1967 GTO Hardtop base 335 hp

Options:

deluxe wheel discs

two tone paint. Montreaux Blue with Cameo Ivory top

air conditioning

soft-ray windows

push button am radio

automatic transmission with hurst dual gate shifter

I purchased my GTO in 1995 from the previous owner who was out of Las Cruces NM. It was built in Fremont, CA and delivered to a dealer in Albuquerque, NM. The seller agreed to trailer it to Dallas (he had a brother there) and I flew down on a business trip to see the car (I have an uncle there). I drove it from Dallas, TX all the way back to Pittsburgh with relatively no problems. Maybe I was overly adventuresome back then. I did find out about the common Pontiac starter issues on a hot engine. For nearly 20 years now, the GTO has been a pleasure to own and drive. It has a 2:93 gear ratio so it can sail on the highway 70-80 mph plus without any worries! It is truly a fun car and brings great pleasure to our family.

Welcome Recent New Members

Randal and Cindy Reece

Club Schedule

Always check the calendar on our web site for the latest information about our schedule.

May 10, 2014 – 8:00 AM

Convention Meeting

DoubleTree Hotel, Monroeville, PA

May 18, 2014

Fun Run to Oglebay

May 20, 2014 – 6:00 PM (dinner) 7:00 PM (meeting)

General Membership Meeting

Perkin's Restaurant, Cranberry Township, PA

May 24, 2014 – 8:00 AM

Convention Meeting

DoubleTree Hotel, Monroeville, PA

June 14, 2014 – 8:00 AM

Convention Meeting

DoubleTree Hotel, Monroeville, PA

June 17, 2014 – 6:00 PM (dinner) 7:00 PM (meeting)

General Membership Meeting

Perkin's Restaurant, Cranberry Township, PA

June 22, 2014

Budd Baer Cruise

June 28, 2014 – 8:00 AM

Convention Meeting

DoubleTree Hotel, Monroeville, PA

July 1 – 5, 2014

GTOAA Convention!!!

Monroeville Convention Center, Monroeville, PA

July 11, 2014

Starlite Cruise in Wexford

GTO is the featured car!

July 15, 2014 – 6:00 PM (dinner) 7:00 PM (meeting)

General Membership Meeting

Perkin's Restaurant, Cranberry Township, PA

July 19 – 20, 2014

Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix

Schenley Park

August 19, 2014 – 6:00 PM (dinner) 7:00 PM (meeting)

General Membership Meeting

Perkin's Restaurant, Cranberry Township, PA

September 16, 2014 – 6:00 PM (dinner) 7:00 PM (meeting) ** may be replaced by picnic ***
General Membership Meeting
Perkin's Restaurant, Cranberry Township, PA

October 21, 2014 – 6:00 PM (dinner) 7:00 PM (meeting)
General Membership Meeting
Perkin's Restaurant, Cranberry Township, PA

November 18, 2014 – 6:00 PM (dinner) 7:00 PM (meeting)
General Membership Meeting
Perkin's Restaurant, Cranberry Township, PA

December 13, 2014 – Christmas Party
Hickory Heights Golf Course

Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix

While the Mini is the Marque of the Year at the Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix, the GTO has been selected as the 2014 Spotlight Car! Our club is the host club for the 2014 Spotlight. According to their website, the GTOs will be parked along Schenley Drive where the Mustangs usually park. We need to make a BIG showing at the event! There many events leading up to the actual race weekend. The Car Show weekend is July 19th and 20th. You must register to bring a car. Registration is good for both days. See the website for the Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix (www.pvgp.org) for event information.

It is a great weekend. Let's show Pittsburgh how many GTOs we have around the city!



New Convention Sponsor

We received a new convention sponsor in April. Thank you Gutter Helmet!!



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.

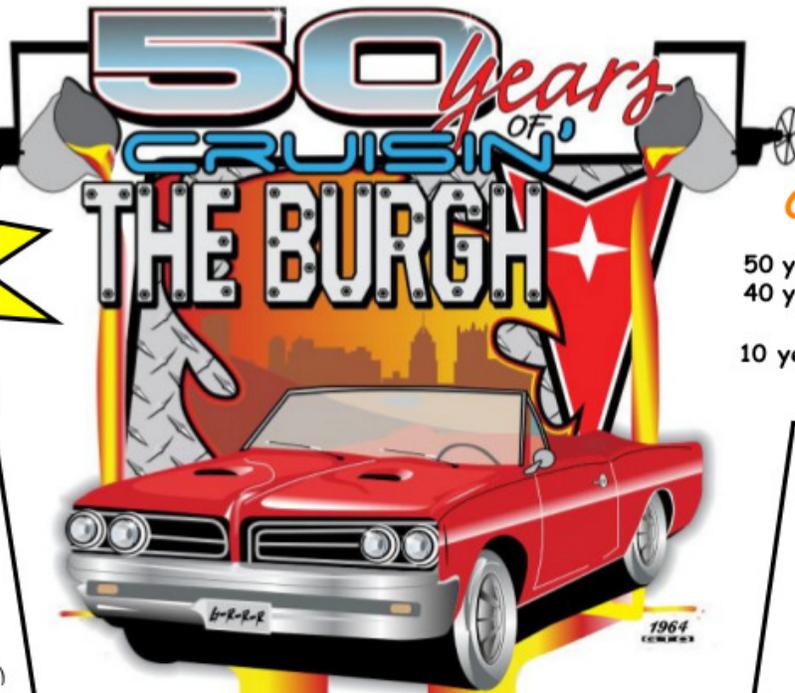
35TH ANNUAL GTO ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA CONVENTION

Pittsburgh, PA
July 1st - 5th, 2014



**ALL
Pontiacs
Welcome!**

- Activities:**
- Kickoff Cruise
 - Trips to Pittsburgh
 - Trip to Flight 93 Memorial
 - Drag Racing
 - Parking Lot Party
 - (with live band and fireworks!)
 - Seminars
 - Awards Dinner
 - and more!



Celebrating

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

- Seminars by:**
- Jim Wangers
 - Russ Gee
 - Milt Schornack
 - Don Keefe
 - Dennis Kirban
 - Jim Mattison
 - Tim Dye
 - Judge Frank Fregiato
 - and more!

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



Concours and Popular Vote for GTOs.
Popular Vote for non-GTO Pontiacs.



Only owners entering GTOs need to be
GTOAA members.



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)



Jim Wangers
Co-Chairman of the GTOAA

See www.greaterpghgto.com for complete convention details
and registration information



Contact Convention Co-Chairperson John Owoc 412-373-0325 or
Car Show Chairperson Ken Kasper 724-515-7629 with questions.



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

GREATER PITTSBURGH GTO CLUB

c/o Bonnie Fabritius
Membership Coordinator
136 Ridge Avenue
Beaver Falls, PA 15010

Name _____
Last First

Spouse's Name _____
Last First

Address _____
Street City State Zip

Phone _____
Home Cell

Email Address _____

GTO Year(s)/
Body Style(s) _____

GTOAA Member _____ Yes _____ No _____
Membership Number Exp. Date

Signature _____ Date _____

NOTES: *Dues are \$10 per calendar year (January through December)
Mail dues and completed application to address above or give to membership coordinator or any club officer
Dues **MUST** be paid by 12/31 to be included in the annual roster and receive club information
Contact our membership coordinator with any questions:*

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Would you like to sponsor our club or the 2014 GTOAA Convention?

Your advertisement could be here!

Contact Cheryl Kasper at cherylbk@comcast.net.

Buick, Olds, Pontiac, Cadillac, GMC Truck Show



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SUNDAY, JUNE 22, 2014

2014 Show Classes

- | | |
|----------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|
| (A) 1900 - 1959 All
BOPC | (G) 1970 - 1979 Compact
& Intermediate
BOPC |
| (B) 1960 - 1969 All
BOPC | (H) 1980 - 1990 All
BOPC |
| (C) 1964 - 1974 GTO,
G.S. & 442 | (I) 1991-2014 All
BOPC |
| (D) 1967 - 1981 Firebird
& Trans Am | (J) All Modified |
| (E) 1982 - 2002 Firebird
& Trans Am | (K) GMC Stock -
Non-Stock
& Commercial |
| (F) 1970 - 1979 Full Size
BOPC | |

Place: **BUDD BAER AUTO**
71 Murtland Avenue
Washington, PA
(Map and application on back)

Registration: 9 a.m. to NOON
Judging begins at 11:30 a.m.

Fee: \$10.00 Pre-Registration
\$ 12.00 Day of the Show

FOOD AND BEVERAGE AVAILABLE
DOOR PRIZES PRESENTED

3 Trophies Per Class

"Dealer's Choice" given by Budd Baer Pontiac

Dash Plaques to first 60 cars

Any class may be combined or split-up
[Number of entrants will determine]



FOR MORE INFORMATION ~ CONTACT:

Walter "Pete" Rust, 2729 Summit St.,
Bethel Park, Pa. 15102 412-833-1441
AFTER 5 p.m. OR Ron Gunn, 142 Jackson
Road, New Salem, PA 15438 724-245-6111

RAIN OR SHINE

REGISTRATION FORM

NAME _____
ADDRESS _____
PHONE # _____
YEAR & MODEL _____

Pre-registration - \$10.00
Day of the Show - \$12.00

Please make check payable to: *Western Pa. Chapter P.O.C.I.*

Send to: Gary & Barb Gordan, 4507 West 7th Avenue,
Beaver Falls, PA 15010-2013

INSURANCE RELEASE FORM

PLEASE READ AND SIGN

I will not hold the Western Pa. Chapter of the Pontiac-Oakland Club International, Inc. OR Budd Baer Auto, 71 Murtland Ave., Washington, PA responsible for loss or injury at this event [Buick, Olds, Pontiac, Cadillac, GMC Truck Show - Sunday, June 22, 2014]

SIGNED: _____

LICENSE PLATE #: _____

REGISTRATION IS 9 AM TO NOON ~~~ JUDGING BEGINS AT 11:30 A.M.

FROM I70 EAST [New Stanton]: Follow I70 East to Washington - get off at Exit 7A/19A. Continue to Rt. 19 South through 3 traffic lights [this route turns into Murtland Avenue]. The dealership is on the right side, just past the State Police Barricks.

FROM I70 WEST [Wheeling]: Follow I70 West to Washington - get off at Exit 7A/19A. Continue on Rt. 19 South through 3 traffic lights [this route turns into Murtland Avenue]. The dealership is on the right side, just past the State Police Barricks.

FROM I79 Waynesburg: Take I70 West to Washington - get off at Exit 7A/19A. Continue on Rt. 19 South through 3 traffic lights [this route turns into Murtland Avenue]. The dealership is on the right side, just past the State Police Barricks.

FROM I79 Pittsburgh & North: Take I70 East to Washington - get off at Exit 7A/19A. Continue on Rt. 19 South through 3 traffic lights [this route turns into Murtland Avenue]. The dealership is on the right side, just past the State Police Barricks.

For additional information, please call 724-222-0700.

Buick, Olds, Pontiac, Cadillac, GMC Truck Show
SUNDAY, JUNE 22, 2014

Sponsored by: Budd Baer Auto, Washington, PA
Presented By: Western Pennsylvania Chapter of P. O. C. I.

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.

The term for all advertising is one year.

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.