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Goats Cruisin' The 'Burgh

Newsletter of the Greater Pittsburgh GTO Club

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Editor's Corner

In this month's issue, John Owoc provides a recap on what has been a very busy year for our club. Obviously, the biggest thing was hosting the 2014 GTOAA Convention. But, a number of other important things have happened to our club as well. We have become a 100% GTOAA membership club and we are working to become a much more active club. Please read John's article in the Officer's Corner.

Also in this month's issue, I am repeating the information from last month about becoming a 100% GTOAA club in case some of you missed it. If you have any questions about this, please contact one of the club officers. Please note that dues must be submitted to Cheryl Kasper (for our club as well as the GTOAA) by 12/31/2014.

Please note a schedule change for this month. The monthly membership meeting has been changed from 11/18 to 11/11. The place and time are the same. With all of the changes in the club, please come be part of the discussion!

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

Where and how did this year (2014) go, and fly by so fast? As I put my thoughts together for this column, I quickly began to recall what our Club was busy doing this year.

We started the year in January with only 6 months to complete the plans and arrangements for the GTOAA Convention. The Steering Committee was meeting on a regular basis, and then meeting twice a month as we got closer to July. I know I speak for all that were involved with this event, the time just flew by for 6 months.

With a lot of help from our membership we were able to conduct that National Convention without any major problem, and, with great success. In fact it was said to many of us that this Convention was one of, if not the best convention that many of our guests attended. The compliments, and offers of Thanks to our Club, made all the work worthwhile.

This year's Family Picnic was held in September, and was attended by the most members ever. It was nice to see so many of our new members attend and all seemed to have a great time as usual.

Another event still yet to come this year is our annual Christmas party that will be held in December. Check out the Newsletter and watch your E Mails for more details about this event. We are anticipating another good time for all of you.

On the business side of things:

The club voted to require membership in the National GTOAA Organization for all of our present and future members beginning in January of 2015. Your local dues will NOT increase and will remain at \$10.00. We will however begin collecting the \$35.00 GTOAA yearly dues with your membership. All you will need to do is pay the \$45.00 total. Our Club Treasurer will then send 1 check off to the National organization and your GTOAA dues will be extended (If you are a present member) for an additional year regardless of when your GTOAA membership expires. Simply put, if your GTOAA membership expires in April of 2015, (presently) they will now extend to April of 2016, an additional year. New members that do not presently belong to the GTOAA will begin with membership in January 2015 and run until January of 2016. We hope that those that do NOT belong to the National organization will join with the rest of us and support the GTOAA. The efforts of the GTOAA to promote our "Hobby" go a very long way, in addition you will receive the monthly Legend Magazine subscription. Keep in mind that as a "Chapter" of the GTOAA our membership like all other Chapters, is required to maintain a certain % of membership to continue on as a chapter of the GTOAA, the requirements continue to increase. It will eventually reach a mandatory 100%. That is why our Club decided to do it now rather than later.

We were also able to "Welcome" our new Secretary Cheryl Kasper. Cheryl accepted the position and she is already doing a great job for us. She is working to complete a new roster of our membership. You should have seen a request for information from Cheryl, so please if you haven't responded please do so. The roster will be available soon to all our members.

I had asked at our October membership meeting for volunteers to "Head Up" several committees that I would like to begin. Those committees are 1) The Cruise

Committee / Fun Runs, East and West and 2) the Activities Committee, East and West. The thought is to have 2 groups working to offer suggestions to our members "West" and "East". We hope to minimize the complaint(s) of.... "it's too far to travel all that way". :) We can then offer cruise / show choices in both areas for our members to select, and certainly anyone can go to any cruise / show they choose. The Idea is to keep you informed and offer each of you choices. Brian George, and Jim Mastroinni will head up this effort, Brian (West) and Jimmy (East).

We still need 2 people to head up the Activities East and West. These people would offer choices for "Activities" mainly during the Fall and Winter months, i.e. Dinner out and perhaps Bowling, or a Gateway Clipper river boat ride and so on. Don't take this the wrong way but I think these positions are best left to the Female members or wives. So I'm still looking for 2 people to do this, 1 for the West, and 1 for the East. When I speak about West and East I'm suggesting that Rte. 8 be the dividing line between East and West.

Because of our Non For Profit Status, we are required to have By-Laws. 3 members, Jim Longo, Doug Sappington, and Ken Kasper, volunteered to do this task of forming the By-Laws, and they will bring their suggestions to the membership in the future.

Election of Officers will be held at our general membership meeting in January. Anyone that is interested in a club position should notify Cheryl or anyone of the other officers of the Club. We will be electing a President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer at the January meeting. Nominations will begin at the November meeting.

If I don't have the opportunity to see you before the Holidays, Best Wishes to each of you and your families.

Stay Well,
John Owoc

100% GTOAA Membership

At the September general membership meeting, a proposal was presented for our club to become a 100% GTOAA membership club. The proposal was unanimously passed. What this simply means is that, beginning January 1, 2015, every member of our club must also be a member of the GTOAA.

In the past, the club has been lenient with dues. Now, ALL dues MUST be paid by 12/31 of the previous year. An active membership roster will be submitted to the GTOAA in early January. Dues will be \$45 (\$10 for our club and \$35 for the GTOAA). Please pay with one check payable to the Greater Pittsburgh GTO Club and send it to our secretary, Cheryl Kasper. Cheryl's address is 1230 Craig Drive, North Huntingdon, PA, 15642. The club will forward your dues to the GTOAA. Please do not renew directly with the GTOAA. Please also make sure you send your dues to Cheryl. With the 100% GTOAA membership, Cheryl has records that need to be up to date and accurate. Cheryl will coordinate with our Treasurer, Alan Fabritius.

Please note that our club membership runs January to December. Your GTOAA membership however will simply be extended by one year. If your GTOAA membership expires in July of 2015, for example, it will be extended to July of 2016.

In summary, every November or December, please send one \$45 check payable to the Greater Pittsburgh GTO Club to Cheryl Kasper. That one check will pay your Greater Pittsburgh GTO Club dues AND GTOAA dues. Cheryl must have all dues by 12/31. You will no longer need to renew directly with the GTOAA.

2015 Dues

Greater Pittsburgh GTO Club dues for 2015 are now due and must be paid by 12/31/2014! If you have not paid your 2015 dues, please send a check for \$45 payable to Greater Pittsburgh GTO Club to Cheryl Kasper. Cheryl's address is 1230 Craig Drive, North Huntingdon, PA, 15642. Now that we are a 100% GTOAA club, the \$45 includes our \$10 dues and the GTOAA's \$35 dues. Thank you!

Meeting Minutes

Minutes for 10/21/14 meeting

21 members were in attendance.

Meeting was called to order by Vice-President John Owoc. John welcomed everyone to meeting.

Cheryl read minutes from September 16th meeting. Motion to accept minutes by Pete Muro, seconded by John Odrey. Minutes were approved as read.

Alan gave Treasurer's report. Treasurer's report was accepted as read.

Jim Longo won \$11.00 on 50/50 raffle.

2015 family picnic is scheduled for Sunday, September 13 at Maple Grove, White Oak Park.

2014 Christmas party is December 6 at Hickory Heights, Bridgeville. Cost per person is \$28.00 for buffet. Joe will send out information and directions. Joe needs to know count by November 25th. Send payment for reservations to Alan Fabritius at 136 Ridge Avenue, Beaver Falls 15010. Chris Sklenar will be getting cake.

Jim Mastroiani and Pete Muro volunteered to organize fun runs in the east and Brian George volunteered for the west. Any information on cruises should be e-mailed to Cheryl @ cherylbk@comcast.net.

We will have nominations in November and December with election of officers in January. Anyone interested in any office, please submit nominations to Cheryl.

We would like to find an activities chairperson. Anyone wanting to volunteer, please e-mail Cheryl.

John brought up about Vic Schreck having a membership drive. If you refer one friend, you get 6 months GTOAA dues free, 2 friends you get a full year free (limit 2 per year).

Alan is speaking to a CPA regarding filing taxes for the club.

Jim Longo, Doug Sappington and Ken Kasper volunteered to write bi-laws for the club.

John Owoc and Denis Galterio met with Shriner's at their facility in Harmarville. Our club is going to help with a car cruise August 16, 2015. Tony from the Shriner's wants some of our members to tour their facility. Denis is calling to organize this.

Brian George spoke about the Battery Saver. He can get them at dealer cost. Anyone interested can go to www.batterysaver.com to see information about it or call Brian at (412) 952-3846.

Cheryl will be sending out e-mail to members to update information for roster.

Reminder to send dues for 2015 to Cheryl by December 31st. Don't forget, in 2015 our club will be 100% membership in GTOAA. \$45.00 will pay for GTOAA and club dues. Checks should be made out to Greater Pgh GTO Club and mailed to Cheryl Kasper, 1230 Craig Drive, North Huntingdon 15642. Alan will mail one check to GTOAA for dues.

If you haven't already, please e-mail Mike at mlouttit@outlook.com regarding activities your family likes to do that could also become a club activity.

Next meeting is November 11th.

Motion to adjourn by John Odrey, seconded by Doug Sappington.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Kasper

Car of the Month



Club Schedule

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

November 11, 2014

6:00 PM (dinner) 7:00 PM (meeting)

General Membership Meeting

Perkin's Restaurant, Cranberry Township, PA

December 6, 2014

Christmas Party

Hickory Heights Golf Course

August 16, 2015

Shriner's Car Cruise

Harmarville, PA

September 13, 2015 Picnic

Maple Grove

White Oak Park

Classified Ads

FOR SALE: 1970 Hood – Excellent condition - \$400.

Email John Owoc at je70goat@verizon.net.

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.



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GREATER PITTSBURGH GTO CLUB

c/o Cheryl Kasper
1230 Craig Drive
North Huntingdon, PA 15642

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 Number (see below)	_____			
	Membership Number	Exp. Date		
Signature	_____			
	Date	_____		

The Greater Pittsburgh GTO Club is a chapter of the GTO Association of America (GTOAA). All members of the Greater Pittsburgh GTO Club must be members of the GTOAA. We will collect dues for both organizations. Greater Pittsburgh GTO Club dues are \$10 per calendar year. GTOAA dues are \$35 per year for US residents.

If you are not a GTOAA member, leave the GTOAA membership information above blank. You will receive a new membership from the GTOAA. If you are already a GTOAA member, please include your GTOAA membership information above. Your GTOAA membership will be extended by one year.

Please make your \$45 check payable to the Greater Pittsburgh GTO Club and mail your check and this application to the address above.

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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.

Advertising Information

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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. Beginning 1/1/2015, we are a 100% GTOAA membership club which means every member of our club must also be a member of the GTOAA.

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 \$45.00 per year and must be paid by 12/31 of the previous year. The \$45 includes the \$10 dues for our club and the \$35 dues for the GTOAA.

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Address Change?

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