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# Goats Cruisin' The 'Burgh

Newsletter of the Greater Pittsburgh GTO Club

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## Editor's Corner

We have been talking for some time about becoming a much more active, charitable club. A lot of things happened in 2014 to start to get us there. Of course, we hosted the 2014 GTOAA Nationals. We also gave a lot of money to charity from the proceeds of the convention. I think those two things definitely qualify as active and charitable!

We also worked to change some of the perceptions of the club. We WANT to get together. We WANT to enjoy our cars. We WANT to make new friends. We WANT to work for our communities. We WANT to support the GTOAA.

We need as many people to step up in 2015 as possible. There are now many opportunities to volunteer. Just give the club whatever time and talents that you can. Look at my personal situation as an example. I would have loved to run for one of the open officer positions. But, my schedule just doesn't permit me to commit to making every meeting. I also don't know what events I will be able to attend. So, being an officer doesn't make sense. The club needs officers that can commit to much more consistent attendance than I can offer. So, I found more "behind the scenes" things to do. I can manage the club website, Facebook page, Twitter account, and I can also edit the newsletter. I will attend meetings and events as my schedule permits. That is how I can help the group now. So, how can you help?

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! Let's work together to get together in 2015!

Mike

## Officer's Corner

Hello fellow GTO fans. I hope everyone had an enjoyable Thanksgiving. I know mine was very "food filling". It was a time of remembering all the things I was thankful for the past year, good health, family and friends. Thankful my GTO started 90% of the time, shooting for 95% next year. Thankful the national event was a success, a few bumps and bruises along the way but we survived. I'm thankful the incorporation issue is on the road to completion. Thankful the checkbook balances every month. If only I could get my personal checkbook to balance.

Now it is time to get ready for Christmas. First up is the Christmas party on December 6th. Looks like we may have 40 people in attendance. I'm sure Sam Depp, fellow club member and owner of Hickory Heights Golf Course, will see we get lots of good food to eat. Some of us are contemplating what to buy our GTO for Christmas, of course that's after we buy something for the wife, I think. My car is wishing for a rear main seal. I'm hoping Santa installs it. But that will probably fall under a New Year's resolution to quit procrastinating and do it myself.

I want to wish everyone a "MERRY CHRISTMAS" and a "HAPPY NEW YEAR"

Then if we all think spring it will be here before you know and we'll be out cruising again.

Alan  
Club Treasurer

## Meeting Minutes

Minutes for 11/11/14 meeting

16 members were in attendance

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

Cheryl read minutes from October 21st meeting. Motion to accept minutes by Ken Kasper and seconded by Brian George. Minutes were approved as read.

Cheryl read letter from Shriner's thanking our club for donation for Kruz-N-4-Kids event that was held August 24.

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

Alan Fabritius won \$8.50 on 50/50 raffle

Alan needs a copy of the bylaws to submit to CPA. The cost of the IRS filings was discussed as well as the cost of the CPA's time.

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

2016 picnic is available for some to chair if interested.

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 count by

November 25th. Send payment for reservations to Alan Fabritius at 136 Ridge Avenue, Beaver Falls 15010. Chris Sklenar will get cake.

2015 Christmas party committee chair is available for anyone interested.

Jim Mastroianni, Pete Muro and Brian George are starting to think about 2015 fun runs and cruises.

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

Nominations will be held in November and December with election of officers in December. Nominations received so far are Ron Sklenar and John Owoc for President, Ron Sklenar for Vice-President and Ken Kasper for Treasurer. Anyone interested in any office or wanting to nominate someone for an office, please submit to Cheryl.

Ten of our club members met at the Shriner facility regarding the Shriner's cruise. Motion was made by Doug Sappington and seconded by Denis Galterio to help with Shriner's cruise next August 16th. Rain date is August 23rd. Ken Kasper, Denis and Doug volunteered to be on this committee. Our club will help with parking, 50/50 drawing, food and promotions (passing out brochures).

Jim Longo discussed by-laws that were written by himself, Ken and Doug. Motion was passed to accept by-laws.

John mentioned write-up in Gateway newsletter that 2014 convention was "best organized" other than theirs in 2005.

John will ask Mike to put link for 2015 convention on our website.

Reminders:

If you haven't already sent in your dues for 2015, please do so by December 15th. Mail check made out to Greater Pittsburgh GTO Club for \$45 to Cheryl Kasper @ 1230 Craig Drive, North Huntingdon 15642. This will cover club dues of \$10 and GTOAA dues of \$35. Also, send Cheryl your roster updates if you haven't already done so. This should include your name and spouse's, address, phone #, GTOAA # and expiration date, your birthday and spouse's and wedding anniversary date (if applicable).

Send any ideas for club activities to Mike Louttit at [mlouttit@outlook.com](mailto:mlouttit@outlook.com).

Next meeting December 16th at Perkins Restaurant.

Motion to adjourn meeting by Jim Mastroianni, seconded by Bill Gilbert.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Kasper

## 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 12/15 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 12/15. 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 12/15/2014! 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!

## Car of the Month



## 2014 GTOAA Convention Donations

The following was posted on our club Facebook page as well as our website:

"With tremendous thanks to all of our sponsors, partners, and especially our guests, we are proud to announce that the 2014 GTO Association of America (GTOAA) Convention resulted in donations totaling \$14,833 to three organizations. \$7,000 was donated to Friends of the Pittsburgh Fisher House. \$7,633 was donated to the The Independence Fund (\$3,088 from the "Pass the Hat " at the Awards Dinner, \$2,500 from the Greater Pittsburgh GTO Club, \$1,545 from the Silent Auction, and \$500 from the GTOAA). \$200 was donated to the Pontiac Oakland Automobile Museum. The Greater Pittsburgh GTO club thanks everyone who supported and/or attended the 2014 convention! This was all because of you!"

Here is a picture of the check presentation to Friends of the Pittsburgh Fisher House:



While we were at Pittsburgh Fisher House, we talked to them about helping them in the future. We talked about possibly volunteering in the spring to help them with spring maintenance (planting/trimming, spreading mulch, etc.) Once we find an Activities Chairperson, this will be turned over to them to coordinate.

## Club Schedule

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

December 6, 2014

Christmas Party  
Hickory Heights Golf Course

December 16, 2014

General Membership Meeting  
Election of Officers  
Perkins Restaurant, Cranberry, PA  
6:00 PM Dinner/7:00 PM Meeting

January 20, 2015

General Membership Meeting  
Perkins Restaurant, Cranberry, PA  
6:00 PM Dinner/7:00 PM Meeting

February 17, 2015

General Membership Meeting  
Perkins Restaurant, Cranberry, PA  
6:00 PM Dinner/7:00 PM Meeting

March 17, 2015

General Membership Meeting  
Perkins Restaurant, Cranberry, PA  
6:00 PM Dinner/7:00 PM Meeting

April 21, 2015

General Membership Meeting  
Perkins Restaurant, Cranberry, PA

6:00 PM Dinner/7:00 PM Meeting

May 19, 2015

General Membership Meeting  
Perkins Restaurant, Cranberry, PA  
6:00 PM Dinner/7:00 PM Meeting

June 16, 2015

General Membership Meeting  
Perkins Restaurant, Cranberry, PA  
6:00 PM Dinner/7:00 PM Meeting

July 7-11, 2015

GTOAA Convention  
Columbus, IN

July 21, 2015

General Membership Meeting  
Perkins Restaurant, Cranberry, PA  
6:00 PM Dinner/7:00 PM Meeting

August 16, 2015

Shriner's Car Cruise  
Harmarville, PA

August 18, 2015

General Membership Meeting  
Perkins Restaurant, Cranberry, PA  
6:00 PM Dinner/7:00 PM Meeting

August 23, 2015

Shriner's Car Cruise Rain Date  
Harmarville, PA

September 13, 2015 Picnic

Maple Grove  
White Oak Park

September 15, 2015

General Membership Meeting  
Perkins Restaurant, Cranberry, PA  
6:00 PM Dinner/7:00 PM Meeting

October 20, 2015

General Membership Meeting  
Perkins Restaurant, Cranberry, PA  
6:00 PM Dinner/7:00 PM Meeting

November 17, 2015

General Membership Meeting  
Perkins Restaurant, Cranberry, PA  
6:00 PM Dinner/7:00 PM Meeting

December 15, 2015

General Membership Meeting  
Perkins Restaurant, Cranberry, PA  
6:00 PM Dinner/7:00 PM Meeting

## Classified Ads

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

Email John Owoc at [je70goat@verizon.net](mailto:je70goat@verizon.net).

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.



## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

### 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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## 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.

## 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. 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 12/15 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](mailto:secretary@greaterpghgto.com). This will help us keep you informed about the club. Thank you.

November 22, 2014



# The REVERB

With GTOAA Recruitment and Public Relations Coordinator *Vic Schreck*

**A** special announcement from the GTOAA Public Relations Department!

The GTOAA is pleased to announce the **Chapter Incentive Program**, also known as **CHIP**. This program is designed to reward chapters for retaining or achieving 100% chapter member status in the GTOAA, and reward one chapter annually for bringing in the most new GTOAA members.

In our efforts to grow the GTOAA, and make the GTOAA stronger, we want to help our chapters grow and become stronger with us. This is the goal of CHIP. As stated, this program is designed to reward a chapter that brings in the most new GTOAA members in a one-year period. A new member is defined as a first-time GTOAA member or a member who has been inactive from the GTOAA for a minimum of one year. The more members you bring into your chapter, the stronger your chapter will become.

We appreciate your dedication and support of our mission, and thank you for your efforts in supporting the GTOAA and promoting our vision.

## How Does CHIP Work?

CHIP is designed to aid a chapter in attaining the GTOAA's ultimate goal of 100% chapter membership in the

GTOAA, to help grow your chapter, to reward chapter officers whose chapter has attained the 100% GTOAA membership goal, and of course, to grow the GTOAA.

We have set a minimum goal of 10 new members per chapter in order for a chapter to qualify for incentives. The chapter that brings in the most new members for that year will be recognized as the winner and rewarded for its efforts. Though it is possible your chapter can attain 100% GTOAA membership status but not be the top chapter in gaining the most new GTOAA members, it is our hope the incentives will encourage your chapter to continue to promote your growth.

## What Are The Incentives?

The winning chapter will enjoy:

- Recognition for its efforts, presented with a special award at Chapter Night at the GTOAA annual convention.
- Four GTOAA annual convention tickets to dispense to the membership as the chapter sees fit. Each ticket includes:
  - 1) 50% off annual convention registration.
  - 2) 50% off the price of the convention awards banquet.
  - 3) One convention t-shirt.
- Reserved seating for the chapter in

a prominent location at the awards banquet.

For individuals taking advantage of our Refer a Friend Program: If they are in a chapter, their referral(s) will be included in the overall membership count in their chapter. So, not only can referring GTOAA members receive up to one year's free GTOAA membership, their chapter will also receive credit for their referral(s).

Each chapter will be responsible for keeping track of how many individuals it has accepted as members who join the GTOAA. The new members that have joined a chapter must be identified on the club roster submitted with the annual GTOAA Chapter Survey.

## Free Chapter Officer Dues For 100% GTOAA Chapters!

The four officers of our national chapters (president, vice president, secretary, treasurer) currently enjoy a 50% reduction in annual GTOAA membership dues. Effective with the 2015 Chapter Survey (to be emailed just prior to Thanksgiving), for those chapters that are at 100% or that have reached 100% GTOAA membership status, up to four chapter officers will now receive complimentary annual GTOAA membership, effective with their individual renewal date. Chapters must maintain their yearly 100%



GTOAA status in order for their officers to enjoy this benefit. If a chapter falls below its 100% GTOAA status, those four officers will revert to their 50% annual GTOAA dues. (Note: Chapters chartered since 2000 are still required to have 100% GTOAA membership.)

We believe this program will assist our chapters in increasing their membership percentage in the GTOAA, growing the chapter as well as helping us in our mission to grow the GTOAA.

Happy Motoring!

*Vic*

Vic Schreck  
GTOAA Public  
Relations  
Coordinator



## The GTOAA Introduces our: **REFER A FRIEND** program

Would you like to receive a **FREE** year's membership to the GTOAA?  
Here's all you do:

Refer a friend to join the GTOAA and receive a **FREE** 6 month extension to your existing GTOAA membership. Refer 2 friends receive a **FREE YEAR** extension to your existing GTOAA membership. That's it!!

Simply have your friend write your name on the Referred By line on the GTOAA electronic or downloadable application and submit.

With the holiday season approaching, a GTOAA membership would make an ideal gift!

Not a GTOAA member? Check us out: [www.gtoaa.org](http://www.gtoaa.org)

\*\* Free membership is limited to two referrals (1 year free membership per individual per year). Referred member, if renewing, must have been an inactive GTOAA member for a minimum of one year.

