

Goats Cruisin' the 'Burgh

Newsletter of the Greater Pittsburgh GTO Car Club

February 2016

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Editor's Corner

Mike Louttit

A friend of mine at work has been converting his C9 Corvette into a serious track car. We talk often about cars and projects. We were just discussing the other day that the mild winter has allowed time to pass without much work on the cars. How do you do "winter projects" when it doesn't look like winter outside? We noted that spring is just around the corner and we will soon be getting the cars out again! So, what about those projects?

How are your winter projects coming? My winter project was to get my convertible top working again. It has been struggling the last few years and I knew it was only a matter of time. Well, the time is now.

Disassembly of my convertible top mechanism is done. After analysis of the system's pieces, it looks like everything is either shot or weak. Well, that figures. I held out on ordering parts hoping for some outrageous big sale. No luck. Again, that figures. So, with the calendar moving along, I bit the bullet and ordered the parts today. Another step done toward project completion!

My goal is a little different than most. My car will be up for sale when spring comes. I must have it ready to get the jump on all of the other convertibles that will come up for sale in the spring. So, this project must move forward! Who wants to buy a convertible when the top doesn't work?!?!?

Here I will make a plug for something that I have been saying our club needs to do for a long time. For this project, I asked a club member for help!!!! That club member was very happy to help! Isn't that something that our club should be doing??? I think that we should do this on a bigger scale. A few times a year we should get together at members' houses and work on projects! We would have fun, teach and learn, and solve problems.

Big or small, by yourself or with some friends, let's get those projects rolling! Spring is coming!

I hope that you enjoy the newsletter. If you have any comments or suggestions, please send them to newsletter@greaterpghgto.com.

Officer's Corner

By Cheryl Kasper

It's hard to believe it's the beginning of February already. Where does the time go?

I wanted to thank John and Karen Owoc for the invite to their house for a post-holiday get-together. As usual, a good time was had by everyone who attended.

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If anyone has any activity ideas for our club to participate in, please let one of the officers know and we can bring it up at the monthly meeting. Karen Owoc already has some activities planned for the next few months until we can get the cars on the road again.

Hopefully we will have a good turnout. Thanks Karen for taking this on. Also, Joe Barber has already contacted Kennywood for dates to take the cars in for Americana Days. Thanks Joe. We'll keep our fingers crossed for good weather.

Anyone wanting to volunteer for a committee, as a chairperson or to be on a committee, please let one of the officers know or if there is already a chairperson, give them a call. We appreciate all the help we can get whether it's for the picnic, Christmas party, etc.

As you know, we are always looking for new members. We still have business cards, so if anyone needs any, please let Ron Sklenar know and he will bring them to a meeting. We lost a few of our members this year because they sold their cars.

If you can make it to the February meeting, a group from the Shriner's will be attending to talk about helping them with the car show like we did last August. Hope to see you there.

Well since it's our off season, there's not much more I can add, but I did want to let everyone know that Shirley Osche fell on New Year's

day and broke her left leg bone Fibula. She will be in an air cast for 6 weeks. Our thoughts and prayers are with you, Shirley, for a speedy recovery.

Meeting Minutes

By Cheryl Kasper

Minutes from January 19, 2016 meeting held at Kings Restaurant, Harmarville

14 members were in attendance.

John welcomed everyone to meeting.



Club store is now open.

Cheryl read minutes from previous meeting on November 17. Motion to accept minutes by Gary Sklenar, seconded by Mike Louttit.

Ken read Treasurer's report. Motion to accept Treasurer's report by Gary Sklenar, seconded by Johnny O.

50/50 raffle won by Gary Sklenar - \$11.00

Vice-President, Ron Skenar introduced our new member:

Charles Zekany

2016 Family picnic is scheduled for September 10th at White Oak Park. Please let Cheryl know if you would like to help with this committee.

Anyone interested in the 2016 National Convention, information is on our website.

Shriner car show. Ken Kasper, Denis Galterio, Randy Reece, Eric Vicker and Johnny O. are on committee. Motor Corp Group will be attending our monthly meeting at King's in February.

Jim Mastroianni and Pete Muro will schedule car cruises in the east and Jim Longo will keep us up to date with cruises in the west.

Joe Barber has been in touch with Kennywood for Americana Days. We are allowed to take in 8 cars on Saturday, July 2nd and 5 cars on Monday, July 4th. There are 3 spots left for July 2nd and 2 spots left for July 4th. These spots will be filled by members first and if any spots are left, non-members can take cars. Please let Cheryl know if you are interested. Spots will be filled on a first-come, first to go basis. We can have a wait list in case Joe can get extra spots at a later date.

Look at our website for calendar of events.

New Business:

- Approved a down payment for Christmas party for 2016. Motion by Gary Sklenar, seconded by Mike Louttit. Motion passed.
- Golf outing was suggested for club activity. Also mentioned miniature golf.

We have 62 paid members as of January 19.

Possible to change Bylaws in March and September. Bylaw changes will be read at the February and August meetings.

Check your Spam or Junk mailbox if you are not receiving at least one email from the club every month. You will at least receive a newsletter every month.

If you would like to help with any of the committees, please contact any officer or the committee chairperson.

If anyone's address, phone number or e-mail address changes, please let Cheryl know so I can have your information changed in our data base and with the GTOAA so you don't miss any Legend magazines.

Next meeting, February 16 at King's Restaurant in Harmarville.

Motion to adjourn meeting by Mike Louttit, seconded by Gary Sklenar.

Member News

Birthdays

Linda Lang - February 4
Todd Brown - February 5
Mark Leptinsky - February 7
Marianne Brown - February 8
Stan O'Rourke - February 19
Cheryl Kasper - February 22
Ken Kasper - February 24
Pat Gallagher - February 26
Erin Shusteric - February 27
Cindy Mastroianni - February 28

Anniversaries

John and Lana Vansovich - February 8
Steve and Ann Morris - February 28

New Members

Charles Zekany
Faye Zekany

Car of the Month



Visit our club store at:

<http://stores.customautoapparel.net/greater-pittsburgh-gto-club-apparel>

There is also a link from our website.

We have polo shirts, denim shirts, sweatshirts, jackets,
hats, license plates, and more!

Club Schedule

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

SEASONAL WEEKLY CLUB CRUISES

EVERY FRIDAY NIGHT WEXFORD STARLIGHT CRUISE WEXFORD, PA

EVERY SATURDAY NIGHT NORWIN HILLS SHOPPING CENTER IRWIN, PA

February 16, 2016
General Membership Meeting
King's Restaurant (Harmarville)
5 Alpha Drive East, Pittsburgh, PA 15238
6:00 PM Dinner/7:00 PM Meeting

February 20, 2016
Dinner and a Show
Dinner: Abruzzi's Restaurant
9745 Route 30, Irwin, PA 15642
Show: Elvis Show
Lamp Theater
226 Main Street, Irwin, PA 15642
5:30 PM Dinner/7:30 PM Show

March 15, 2016
General Membership Meeting
King's Restaurant (Harmarville)
5 Alpha Drive East, Pittsburgh, PA 15238
6:00 PM Dinner/7:00 PM Meeting

April 19, 2016
General Membership Meeting
King's Restaurant (Harmarville)
5 Alpha Drive East, Pittsburgh, PA 15238
6:00 PM Dinner/7:00 PM Meeting

May 17, 2016
General Membership Meeting
King's Restaurant (Harmarville)
5 Alpha Drive East, Pittsburgh, PA 15238
6:00 PM Dinner/7:00 PM Meeting

June 21, 2016
General Membership Meeting
King's Restaurant (Harmarville)
5 Alpha Drive East, Pittsburgh, PA 15238
6:00 PM Dinner/7:00 PM Meeting

July 19, 2016

**This meeting will need to be rescheduled as it coincides with the GTOAA Nationals Alaskan Cruise **

General Membership Meeting
King's Restaurant (Harmarville)
5 Alpha Drive East, Pittsburgh, PA 15238
6:00 PM Dinner/7:00 PM Meeting

August 16, 2016

General Membership Meeting
King's Restaurant (Harmarville)
5 Alpha Drive East, Pittsburgh, PA 15238
6:00 PM Dinner/7:00 PM Meeting

September 10, 2016

Club Picnic
Maple Grove at White Oak Park
Please plan on joining us for a cruise to Norwin Hills Shopping Center after the picnic!
11:00 AM—5:00 PM

September 20, 2016

General Membership Meeting
King's Restaurant (Harmarville)
5 Alpha Drive East, Pittsburgh, PA 15238
6:00 PM Dinner/7:00 PM Meeting

October 18, 2016

General Membership Meeting
King's Restaurant (Harmarville)
5 Alpha Drive East, Pittsburgh, PA 15238
6:00 PM Dinner/7:00 PM Meeting

November 15, 2016

General Membership Meeting
King's Restaurant (Harmarville)
5 Alpha Drive East, Pittsburgh, PA 15238
6:00 PM Dinner/7:00 PM Meeting



Presents
the 37th
Annual



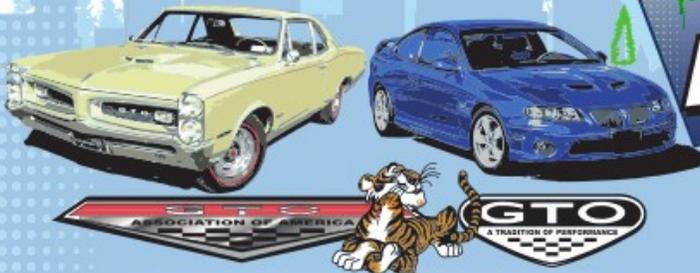
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Seattle, WA

CONCOURS SHOW
Covered Parking
POPULAR VOTE SHOW



SEATTLE
WASHINGTON
JULY 13-17 2016



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THE GREAT NORTHWEST
AND ENJOY A GATHERING OF
GREAT PONTIACS



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Hilton Bellevue Hotel
300 112th Ave SE
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Convention Chairperson:

Ted Knapp 425.681.9682

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT
WWW.NORTHWESTLEGENDS.COM



We are looking for club tech advisors and meeting speakers. Tech advisors can specialize in certain year(s) of GTOs or in some function related to our hobby (general mechanics, bodywork, etc.). If you are interested in becoming a tech advisor or a speaker at one of our meetings, please contact any of the officers listed on the front of this newsletter. Thank you.



FOR SALE: 1970 Hood – **REDUCED!** Excellent condition - \$300.
Email John Owoc at je70goat@verizon.net.

FOR SALE: Scale model GTOs and Firebirds (except 1967 models).
Email John Odrey at gtogreaterpgh@comcast.net.

FOR SALE: Rebuilt 4 barrel q jet carburetor for a 1973 GTO. Email John Odrey at gtogreaterpgh@comcast.net.

FOR SALE: 1964 GTO front bumper core, 1964 421 block to juice up your GTO. Email at drdiehl@comcast.net or text at 412-973-1229.

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.



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

GREATER PITTSBURGH GTO CAR CLUB

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

Member	_____		
	Last Name	First Name	Birth Date
Spouse	_____		
	Last Name	First Name	Birth Date Anniversary Date
Address	_____		
	Street	City	State Zip
Phone	_____		
	Home	Cell	
Email Address	_____		
GTO Year(s)/ Body Style(s)	_____		
GTOAA Number (see below)	_____		_____
	Membership Number		Exp. Date
Referred By	_____		
	Name		GTOAA Number (of referring person)
Signature	_____		Date _____

The Greater Pittsburgh GTO Car Club is a chapter of the GTO Association of America (GTOAA). All members of the Greater Pittsburgh GTO Car Club must be members of the GTOAA. We will collect dues for both organizations. Greater Pittsburgh GTO Car 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.

If you prefer to receive the Club Newsletter and other communications through U.S. mail rather than through email and the Club website, you may do so for an additional cost of \$10 per year to cover printing and postage expenses. Please indicate your preference by checking below:

_____ Annual dues and GTOAA membership, \$45

_____ Annual dues and GTOAA membership, U.S. mail communication, \$55

Please make your check payable to the Greater Pittsburgh GTO Car 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 or newsletter@greaterpghgto.com. Submissions are due by the 15th 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 Car Club. It is sent to all members via email and current and past newsletters are available on our web site for anyone to view. The term for all advertising is one year.

- \$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 Car Club Information

The Greater Pittsburgh GTO Car 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 Car 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 King's Restaurant located at 5 Alpha Dr E, Pittsburgh, PA 15238 (Harmarville). 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.

Address Change?

Has your address, phone, or email recently changed? Please notify Cheryl Kasper at secretary@greaterpghgto.com.

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

** 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.



October 2015



The REVERB

With GTOAA Recruitment and Public Relations Coordinator *Vic Schreck*

A word from your public relations team about the GTOAA's Refer A Friend program.

Back in October 2014, we began the Refer-A-Friend Program. This program gives a GTOAA member the opportunity to receive up to one year of *free* GTOAA membership. An individual who refers a friend to join the GTOAA will have an additional 6 months added to their existing membership. An individual who refers 2 new GTOAA members will have one year (12 months) added to their existing membership.

A "new" member is defined as an individual who has never been a GTOAA member, or whose GTOAA membership has lapsed and has not been renewed for at least one year. The

free GTOAA membership is limited to 2 referrals per calendar year, and one 12-month membership extension.

It has been one year since this program began, and I'd like to bring everyone up to speed how the Refer-A-Friend Program has fared. During the first year of our endeavor to aggressively recruit new GTOAA members, the GTOAA grew 12%. Of that 12% total new-member growth, the Refer-A-Friend Program is responsible for 19%, with the addition of 73 new GTOAA members through this program. I'd like to thank everyone who contributed to its success.

We are happy to announce we will be continuing the Refer-A-Friend Program and have added a few incentives. Those who previously referred the 2 maximum individuals during the

first year are again eligible. Also, the individual who refers the most new GTOAA members between October 1, 2015 and June 15, 2016 will receive a GTOAA jacket with their name embroidered on the front. Further, they will receive a one-year *free* membership, one complimentary ticket to the next GTOAA Nationals banquet they attend, and recognition in *The Legend* magazine. The winner of the jacket and incentives will be notified after this program concludes on June 15, 2016.

Happy Motoring,

Vic

Vic Schreck
GTOAA Public Relations Coordinator



REFER-A-FRIEND WIN THIS JACKET!

Your name here



We will be giving away a GTOAA jacket to an individual who has enrolled the most NEW GTOAA members from October 2015 to June 15, 2016. The winner will be announced at our convention in July 2016.

To WIN THIS JACKET here's all you do:

- Refer a friend to join the GTOAA, the referred member if renewing must have been an inactive GTOAA member for a minimum of one year
- Have your friend note your name on the GTOAA application. Your name **MUST** appear on the GTOAA new member application to receive credit.

The individual who refers the most friends up until June 15, 2016 will be declared the winner of:

1. A GTOAA Jacket personalized with your name embroidered
2. One year FREE GTOAA Membership
3. A complimentary dinner at the next GTOAA banquet you attend
4. Recognition in The Legend Magazine

Visit our website to enroll electronically or download an application.

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