

Goats Cruisin' the 'Burgh

Newsletter of the Greater Pittsburgh GTO Car Club

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Editor's Corner

Mike Louttit

I am writing this on Sunday, the day before Memorial Day 2016. While good people can, in a respectful way, debate our use of the military, we must all pause and remember those who died in our armed forces.



In this issue, please find a wonderful article from Poncho Perfection on the state of our hobby. The article was written by Tony Webster, Secretary and Newsletter Editor of the North Coast Chapter of POCl. It was reprinted with permission.

Also in this issue please see the article by Jim Longo about volunteering for the Wexford Starlite Cruise.

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

Well the weather is finally getting warmer, now if the rain would just stop, we could start going to car cruises.

There are many club cruises planned for this year. Jim Mastroianni, Tom Monzo, Tom Lang and John Bacha have all made plans for cruises. We also have the Wexford cruise in August. There is always the Saturday night Norwin car cruise if the weather is good. More information on these are included in this newsletter. Hopefully we can have a good showing at all these cruises. Mike Louttit is going to set up a computer program that you can let others know if you are going to be attending a cruise.

We have a few new members who have joined our club this year. I hope they will also be able to join us for a good time at many of these cruises. As many of you know, when Ken and I joined this club many years ago, I could care less about the cars. Thirteen years later, I'll walk through looking at the cars (sometimes), but I like the friendships we have made over the years. You learn about the people in the club and their families. Our members become like an extended family to you. If you join us, you'll see that.

I'd like to see more members get involved in the club. Coming to meetings, becoming an officer or being a member on the board are all ways of doing this. If there is a cruise planned (like to the

Quecreek mine) and we have inclement weather that you don't want to bring your GTO, still try to attend, just bring your everyday driver. Please mark your calendars for the picnic and the Christmas party so you can attend both of these functions. Karen Owoc will have some events planned after the weather isn't good for cruising. We had a lot of fun last year even without the GTOs.

The officers want you to bring your ideas to the meetings. We want you to feel comfortable being able to speak at the meetings. If you are not comfortable speaking in front of a group, please feel you can come to one of the officers, either by a phone call or email, if not in person. Everyone is entitled to their opinion. We know we are all opinionated. There are times we can do something about your ideas and others we can't. During the meetings for the Nationals, there were many times when voices were raised, but the job got done. Hopefully, everyone can get along and forget about their differences.

I hope you joined this club to enjoy your GTO with other people who have the same interest as you. You may learn more about **your** car. We have a lot of good people who know a lot about GTOs. Just ask around.

Hope to see you a lot this year. Have a safe summer and happy cruising!!

Meeting Minutes

By Cheryl Kasper

Minutes for May 17, 2016 meeting held at King's Restaurant, Harmarville.

20 members were in attendance

John welcomed everyone to meeting. John explained how membership #'s were picked by computer program for attendance drawing.

Club store is now open

2016 rosters were passed out to members attending. Please let Cheryl know if any information on the rosters is incorrect so it can be changed.

Cheryl read minutes from previous meeting on April 19th. Motion to accept minutes by Mike Louttit, seconded by Eric Vicker.

Ken read Treasurer's report. Motion to accept Treasurer's report by Gary Sklenar, seconded by Pete Muro.

Eric Vicker won 50/50 - \$18.50

Vice-President, Ron Sklenar announced we have two new members, Bob Good of North Huntingdon and Craig Carr of Harrison City.

2016 family picnic is scheduled for September 10th at White Oak Park.

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

Jim Mastroianni is to get more information on car cruise at Buffalo Wild Wings in West Mifflin for Sunday, June 12. Jimmy is also going to look to see if we can get a section roped off at Norwin Hills for another club cruise. More information to follow.

Jim said there were 10 members who attended the Downtown Irwin car cruise on April 30th. This is where we picked up our two new members.

Shriner's car cruise is Sunday August, 21st. More information to follow.

Pontiac night at Wexford is Friday, August 19.

Kennywood for Americana Days. We are allowed 8

cars on Saturday, July 2nd and 5 cars on Monday, July 4th. There is 1 spot left for each day. These spots will be filled by members first and if any spots remain, non-members can take cars. Please let Cheryl know if you are interested. We can have a wait list in case Joe can get extra spots at a later date.

Tom Monzo has scheduled a car cruise for October 8th to Quecreek Mine in Somerset. We will stop somewhere for dinner also, but those arrangements will be made at a later date. There is a \$6.00 donation per person. Reservations will need to be made 30 days in advance.

Tom Lang is checking on a cruise to Rolling Springs (around Altoona) for Saturday, July 30th to view a Mustang collection. More information to follow.

Mike is going to put together a program to let members know about car cruises. Members can sign up to let other members know they are attending cruises.

Officers are looking for ideas to draw members to meetings.

Jim Longo - nothing new for bylaws. Any ideas for changes need to be emailed to Jim by August and would be voted on in September. After that, next time to change any bylaw would be February and voted on in March.

USX Tower Car Cruise - John Bacha, Chairperson - information/date to follow.

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

Club member activities (non-car):

East - Karen Owoc, Chairperson - Nothing until after cruising season

West - Chairperson, open. Let John Owoc know if you are interested.

Christmas party - Chris Sklenar, Chairperson - Saturday, December 10, Banquets Unlimited, Wilmerding. Let Chris know if you are interested in being on this committee. More information to follow.

We have 66 paid members as of May 17th.

Please let John Owoc know if you have the club tent and banner. We will need these for the Wexford car cruise in August since trees have been cut down at the church and there is no shade. If tents need cleaned before the cruise, this will need to be done. Please let John know if your tent needs cleaned. There was mention at the meeting to have a tent/booth set up at the Wexford church cruise to have

information about our club and maybe be able to sign up new members.

If anyone has a book to rebuild a 400 Engine, Chuck Nuzzo would like to borrow it.

Rolling attendance jackpot drawing was won by Pete Muro, #110. His prize was \$118.50.

Congratulations, Pete.

Motion to cancel July 19th membership meeting because of GTOAA Nationals made by Gary Sklenar, seconded by Jim Mastroianni. Motion passed.

Next meeting June 21st.

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY - JUNE 19

Treasurer Ken Kasper (right) presents Pete Muro (left) with the \$118.50 he won in the rolling attendance jackpot drawing. You might be next! You have to be present to win!



Member News

*Happy
Birthday!*

Al Christian - June 1
Traci Kral - June 1
Cecelia Godfrey - June 6
John Vansovich - June 7
Ellen Moore - June 7
Dick Reardon - June 9
Pat Gunn - June 28
Cheryl Mongo - June 29

Orvil and Shirley Osche - June 4
Al and Diane Christian - June 21
Mike and Marleah Umpleby - June 23
Al and Pat Talenti - June 25

*Happy
Anniversary!*

Welcome!

No new members this month

Wexford Starlite Car Cruise Looking for Volunteers

By Jim Longo

Many of us have attended the Wexford Starlite Car Cruise (the Wexford Church Cruise) over the years. It's a huge event held every Friday night from Memorial Day to Labor Day weekend, a great opportunity to see some of the most interesting classic, custom, and collector cars in our area. It's also great that the Starlite Cruise sometimes uses "feature marque" themes, which have always included Pontiac night, a chance for us to bring our GTOs together in feature row, along with a lot of other great Pontiacs.

The Starlite Cruise is organized and managed by volunteers from the Church, and without their dedication and efforts, it could not exist. I recently learned that the Starlite Cruise could use some volunteer help. One of my work colleagues, a member of the Greater Pittsburgh Mustang Club, attended the "Kickoff" meeting for the cruise season. The Greater Pittsburgh Mustang Club, along with the PACE Camaro Club and the Allegheny Rockets Olds Club, are the only local clubs that formally offer help. My colleague offered to reach out to other local car clubs to see if they could get some members to volunteer, so I offered to reach out to our members to see if we are willing to help.

The volunteering would be committing some members and spouses/significant others (hopefully at least 5-10) to help on ONE Friday night this season on behalf of the Greater Pittsburgh GTO Club. To be

clear, it would NOT be on Pontiac night when we want to attend with our cars. We'd pick a weekend that doesn't interfere with other events, like the GTOAA or Norwalk. Our presence would help alleviate some of the volunteers' workload. The tasks are to help at the entrance, assist with parking cars on the way in and moving cars on the way out, plus helping to pack up the garbage cans at night, so it works well even if someone can only come at the beginning or if someone can only get there late. Each person should figure on helping for about a two hour period throughout the night. The organizers coordinate where they need the help when we arrive by checking in at the main tent and they usually provide free meal passes for what that's worth!

I have reached out to a contact who organizes volunteers for the cruise to see if there are any dates where they're looking for volunteer help and where our members don't have conflicting events. If you're willing to volunteer, please fill in the details of your availability at this link, which you can either click or copy and paste into your web browser:

<http://goo.gl/forms/Bx2SB9JDGyM8MHbg2>

When I have dates I'll reach back out to those who have offered to volunteer, then let the folks from the cruise know which date will get the most volunteers. Thanks for considering this worthwhile effort!



The State of the Car Hobby and Where it Should Go

By Tony Webster, Secretary and Newsletter Editor of the North Coast Chapter of POCI

There has been a lot of debate in the recent years about the state of the car hobby, not just in the Pontiac realm but across the board with almost every car club in America. There are those that say our hobby as we know it is dying, traditional car clubs are a relic of a bygone era and that it has become something that only snotty "old people" engage in. This is of course not my opinion but what many people in a much younger generation think of us when I talk to them.

Before I write more about this situation, let me give you some background on myself. I am 38 years old and grew up around the car hobby. I am also a very late Gen Xer. My generation was the last one to grow up without smartphones, went outside and played instead of playing video

games nonstop, and we had a love and admiration for classic cars. Most of my generation not only grew up this way but we also have embraced the new technology of today.

My dad worked at the parts department for the now defunct Integrity Chevrolet in Parma Heights, Ohio, which was also called Bill Doraty Chevrolet and Rodenfeld Chevrolet before that. He worked there for 40 years. I was brought up around Indy Car racing, and my dad was a really big Oldsmobile fanatic. We owned quite a few of them despite the fact he could get a dealer discount and buy a Chevy for a much cheaper price. I became a Pontiac fan as a kid in the '80s watching *Knight Rider*; and bought my first Pontiac May 18th of 2000. It is a 2000 Firebird Formula.

I was at a car show last year and saw a group of kids with some newer cars. They were driving Pontiacs. Five of these cars were GTOs, four of which were newer cars from 2004-2006 and one kid has just finished restoring a 1969 Goat. I told them about our

chapter and about POCI. They didn't seem that interested, however they did talk to me in depth about their cars.

So I asked them a simple question: "Why aren't you guys interested in a car club?" The answer I received was "Clubs like that don't like young guys like us with newer cars." Over this past summer this is the answer I received from quite a few people- almost verbatim. This is the perception that has developed and it's something we seriously need to change otherwise the traditions we have will be lost. That's not speculation, that is a fact.

So now what is the cause of the problem? Why has the car hobby taken a backseat to so many more things these days? Certainly there are plenty of cable channels, YouTube channels and many other outlets that feature so many different cars and car hobbyists. There are lots of young people who are into their cars. However things are so much different in the modern world these days as compared to 20 or 25 years ago.

There are way too many distractions! First off, think back to 30 years ago. Cable TV had just become a big thing, there were no smartphones, the Internet didn't exist and video games were in their infancy. Kids went outside and played more than they do now and there is just so much more out there for people to be distracted by. These days you have video games, online gaming, smartphones, tablets, the Internet, 100+ cable channels to watch, high-definition TVs, cars with computers running them, social media and probably about 1,000 media outlets. Things like this

cause traditions to take a backseat or get overlooked since we have so much coming at us these days.

Mobile devices and smartphones have really changed how we look at things and how people live these days. I watched two people standing next to each other at an airport recently with their cellphones. Neither one of them said one word to each other, however they had a full-blown conversation via text message. I found this a bit odd but their whole reasoning was that they were reading an article online and it was easier to send text messages to each other and have a conversation that way than it was to talk to each other. They wanted to absorb everything instantly at the same time, both the texts and the article. Everything moves so much faster, life moves faster and nobody has patience anymore. Everything is delivered to people via their smartphones and most kids these days seek out YouTube videos instead of actual people to teach them how to do things. Welcome to the generation we call the "Millennials."

Think about this, a device that fits into the palm of your hand has 30 times the computing power than the computer the Apollo 11 astronauts had. It receives information instantly, you can play games on it, there are apps for editing photos, you can start your car with your phone, read news online, go on Twitter, Facebook, YouTube, Google, play video games, send emails, watch your TV and much more. Just this device alone is a huge distraction.

Next, we also need to think about the fact most younger people have a

much different way of thinking than we do. Every generation does things differently. This new generation of people has never grown up in a world where there aren't any of these devices and distractions. Their attention is spread a lot thinner.

So we need to think about how we can solve this problem. Quite a few car clubs are losing members and the average age of the entire membership is rising. This is a dire situation and needs to not only be addressed more aggressively but needs to be continually addressed.

I will say this. It can be saved and there is definitely a lot of hope out there. So you may be thinking to yourself, "*What can we do about this problem?*"

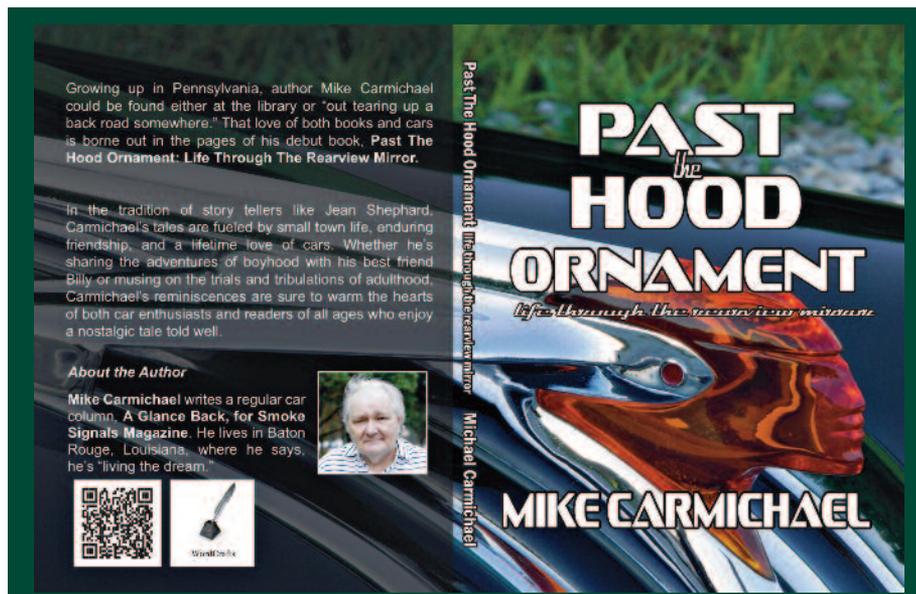
The answer is simple. We need to change the way we do things. A man I worked for once told me, "If you don't change the way you do business when you need to, you won't be in business." He was totally right on this. We need to embrace new ideas, be more open minded, eliminate the politics and embrace modern technology then mix all of that in with the traditions we all hold dear.

Be More Open Minded: I always loved the fact that our chapter (The North Coast Pontiac Chapter) has an amazing group of people who accept everyone equally. We truly have a great car club and a great group of people. We also have a lot of open-minded people. Nobody in our club talks down to someone because they own a certain car from a certain year they may not be into.

Nobody looks down on someone

whether they own a GTO or a Sunfire. Everyone in our chapter is accepted with open arms regardless of who you are, what your status is or what you own. We all have a preference of the cars we like. You have people who only prefer cars from the '50s and '60s, you have people that only like cars from 1979 and back and then you get the people like myself or Kerry Klotzman who embrace cars from all eras. Kerry owns cars from 1929 through the 2000s. Not everyone is as open minded as our chapter though. I have seen some blatant disrespect towards prospective car-club members with newer cars at shows and events. I have not only seen this in the Pontiac car-club realm but with other car clubs and some cars shows in general. The bottom line is you may have your preference but to be so closed minded that you will talk down to someone, not accept them because of the model and year of the car they own or say their car isn't a "real Pontiac" or a "real Ford" for example is absolutely ridiculous. You accomplish nothing except to alienate future members and destroy the future of your club.

I had a guy come over to my Firebird Formula, which is now 16 years old, and tell me "It's not a real Pontiac, just a clone of a Camaro from that year." Sure my car shares quite a few parts with the Camaro such as the chassis, powertrain and suspension but I also pointed out several differences between the two cars. I also pointed out that my car has a Pontiac logo on it and was produced by General Motors so therefore it is a REAL Pontiac.



Growing up in Pennsylvania, author Mike Carmichael could be found either at the library or "out tearing up a back road somewhere." That love of both books and cars is borne out in the pages of his debut book, *Past The Hood Ornament: Life Through The Rearview Mirror*.

In the tradition of story tellers like Jean Shephard, Carmichael's tales are fueled by small town life, enduring friendship, and a lifetime love of cars. Whether he's sharing the adventures of boyhood with his best friend Billy or musing on the trials and tribulations of adulthood, Carmichael's reminiscences are sure to warm the hearts of both car enthusiasts and readers of all ages who enjoy a nostalgic tale told well.

About the Author

Mike Carmichael writes a regular car column, *A Glance Back*, for *Smoke Signals Magazine*. He lives in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, where he says, he's "living the dream."



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Traditionally the Firebird and Camaros have always shared components and it was like that from the '60s all the way through the 2002.

Eliminate the Politics: Instability and inner turmoil are two of the worst things you can have in any organization. Nobody wants to be part of something with a lot of infighting or drama. What I mean is, eliminate the "good 'ole boy system" and the petty bickering and infighting that seems to happen in a lot of clubs. I have seen car clubs both locally and nationally literally destroy any progress they made to expand and get stronger and

then regress as a club all because of politics. Just because you want your "friend" or relative in a position of prominence doesn't mean that he/she is suited for that role and it doesn't mean it will benefit your club. It just means you decided to put yourself and your friend ahead of the greater good of your car club. This can result in major infighting or the entire club itself disbanding altogether. That is something we want to prevent, right?

We have all seen this political scenario before in many aspects of our lives. People get rid of a guy who is doing a great job for you in favor of

your "friend" who is nowhere near as capable or qualified as the person they ended up getting rid of. Then in order to justify the decision and try to hide the fact a bad decision was made they try to make that person look bad or say a lot of negative things about them. I have many friends in quite a few organizations and anytime something like this happens they go on a downward spiral as far as membership goes.

The truth is, things like this backfire on you in the end. Not only do you weaken the unity within your organization but to prospective and current members it's a big turn off. They see you as unstable especially if there is a drop in the quality of your output. On top of that, you also weaken the quality of your organization by putting less capable people at the helm of important positions within your organization. People should put aside their differences and egos and get along for the sake of your organization. This isn't a competition, it's all about keeping with the tradition of whatever brand your car club represents.

Embrace Modern Technology and Be Open to New Ideas:

Remember as kids most of us didn't know what the Internet was. It simply didn't exist on the massive scale that it does now. Everyone is connected and you can reach anyone in seconds anywhere in the world. Living without the Internet these days is unheard of. It has become an essential part of life.

Embracing the Internet will help connect to a younger crowd of people who have grown up with this technology and who have a new way

of thinking we may not be used to. I work with many younger people and I hire them. So it's a bit easier for me to relate to many of them. You will find we have a lot more in common with all of them than you may think.

Expand Your Online Presence: Last year I went and decided to start from the ground up and completely redesign our chapter's web site. This was a goal of mine from the start of my membership in this club. I wanted to make a modern-looking web site that was easy to load and easy to navigate. Now I am revamping all of the content this month and next month I'll make things a lot more interactive. You should also update your websites on a regular basis to make sure people who visit have a reason to keep visiting them.

I'll give you an idea of how well our online presence has helped our chapter get its name out there. We had 12 times the amount of people visiting our site once it was redesigned. Around this time I also became a tech advisor for '93-'02 Firebird and Trans Ams for POCI and created an online resource for people who own '98-'02 Firebirds and Trans Ams. The response was amazing and I still receive no less than 20 emails a week from POCI members and non-members asking me for advice.

I am shocked at the amount of car clubs who have very outdated or mediocre websites. With all of the money we spend on shows, parts, get-togethers, picnics, newsletters and what-not, you could easily pay someone to design a great website (if you don't have a member who can

make one.)

Embrace Social Media: To enhance your online presence, social media is one of the easiest and most-essential ways to promote your clubs. Facebook, Youtube and Twitter are essential pieces of the puzzle to help your club stand out in a crowd. Too many car clubs either don't embrace these media outlets or they don't care to learn how to use these sites.

Just like your web site, it is also essential that you update your social-media networks frequently. They don't take much time to update and take a lot LESS time to update than your website. Facebook is probably the most important social-media outlet. It is used by the most people and anyone who uses it can use it for free. I maintain three different pages on Facebook and have done quite a bit of marketing using a Facebook page. They are easy to manage, easy to update and Facebook makes it easy to interact with people from your computer, phone or tablet.

Interaction with people and driving traffic is the key. The more you update your Facebook page, the more traffic you generate and the more awareness gets generated about your club. The less you update it the less traffic you generate. It's that simple. We always have things going on. Many car guys go to conventions, car shows and other events year round. There are meetings, events and there are all sorts of things you can cover on social media. Facebook is the best and easiest way to get yourself out there in the social media world.

YouTube is probably the one media outlet many clubs haven't quite em-

braced. This is something I will be doing this year. I recently bought a decently high-end video recorder for a decent price. I will be bringing this camcorder with me to cover some of the people and articles that I will be featuring in this newsletter. I will also feature member vehicles, not only on video but in articles published in this newsletter.

Video is something that really hits home with people and makes a much bigger impact than a website, Facebook or Twitter page. Video is such a powerful visual for people that the effect lasts much longer and has a huge impact. It does require more time and work if you want to make it happen but the end definitely will justify the means and it will definitely be time well spent in making it happen. YouTube is owned by Google and has the capability to reach as many people as Facebook does

Twitter is probably the site that, in my opinion, is the most difficult to maintain simply because to keep a following you have to update it almost every day, sometimes 3 times a day. It takes the least amount of work as far as updates go but in my opinion has the least amount of impact unless you update it constantly.

We need to give younger people an incentive to want to join us. After all, if they are going to be donating their time, paying dues and participating in events, the best thing to do is explain your club's mission, make it easy to see why they should join and, of course, always make it fun for everyone! After all, this is our hobby and we all do this for the love of the brand we represent regardless of



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whether it's Pontiac, Chevy, Oldsmobile, Plymouth, AMC, Ford or any other.

I look at why I am a member of our chapter and of POCI. I am in POCI because there are so many great resources found in this club for Pontiac owners. You have tech advisors, classifieds, articles to read, an interactive club website, an online forum and club-sponsored events. There is also the social interaction with members at various shows. I also love being able to help people as a tech advisor. I view it as time well spent helping out a fellow car guy and volunteering to help people is another reason I am a member. Being a member of North Coast Pontiac Chapter is a great thing, too. I am around amazing people, we have great events and the knowledge

I have gained over the last few years is absolutely second to none. I gained this through actual people and it was totally worth it. If we show a younger generation everything I am talking about, the incentives to join a car club and keep it going will be clear.

All in all, the future can be bright for all of us. I wrote this article from the perspective of a younger generation. There are plenty of car-crazy people out there not in a club. As a car guy we need to try to get them to buy into what we do.

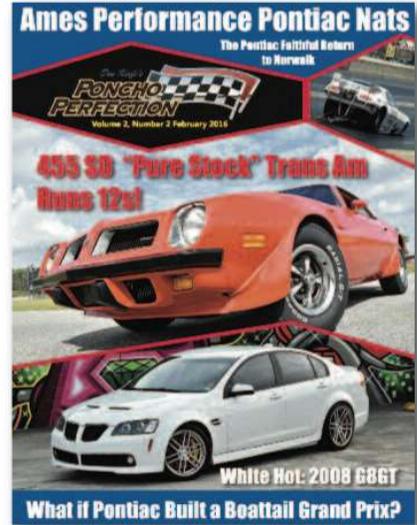
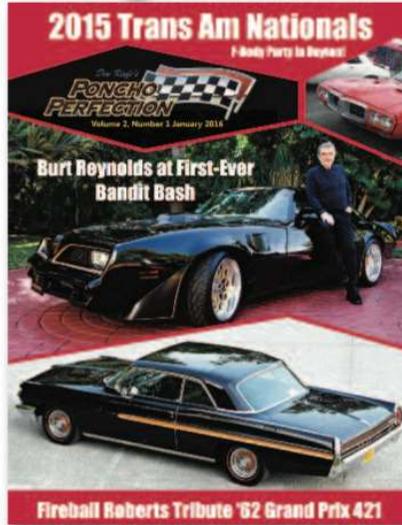
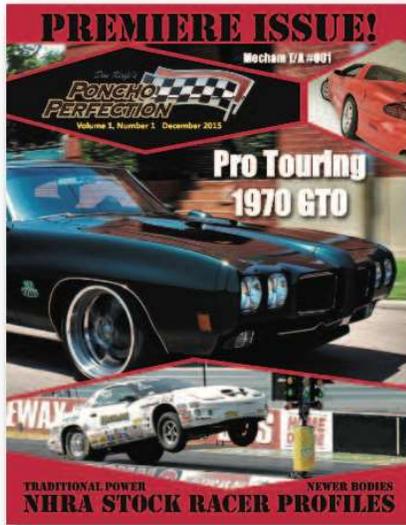
Again we are all in this together. The two biggest things holding us back are unity and being open minded to new ideas.

In order to keep a strong car-club culture you really need to be unified and have your aces in their places.

There really needs to be a sense of camaraderie. Otherwise the future could look very bleak for many traditional car clubs and organizations as we know it and I would hate to see that happen. I love being around this hobby and every car-club organization really stands not only for the American tradition and hobby of the automobile but for the awesome brands everybody represents. For me I am proud to represent the Pontiac dart. It's a symbol of this American tradition, it's a symbol of who we are as people and it really stands for excitement. Also, to keep it going there is an old saying out there: "Take a kid to a car show." It can start with us as parents, grandparents, cousins, aunts and uncles passing down the traditions to our kids and relatives. **PP**



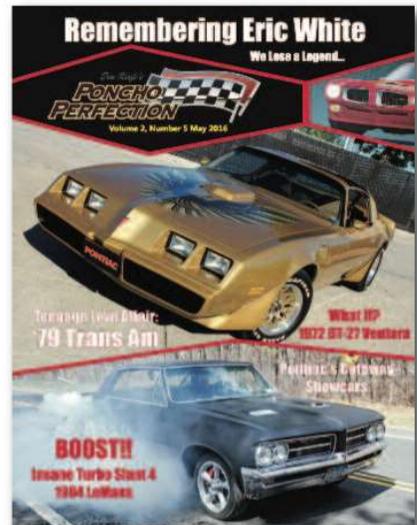
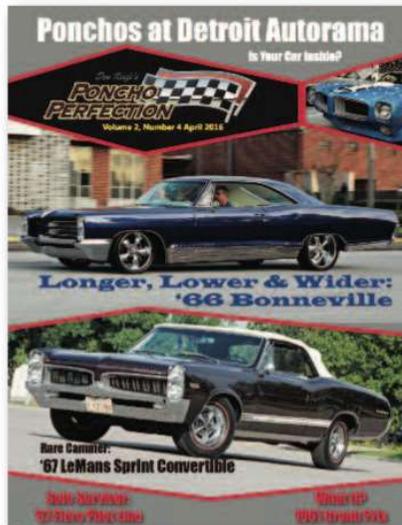
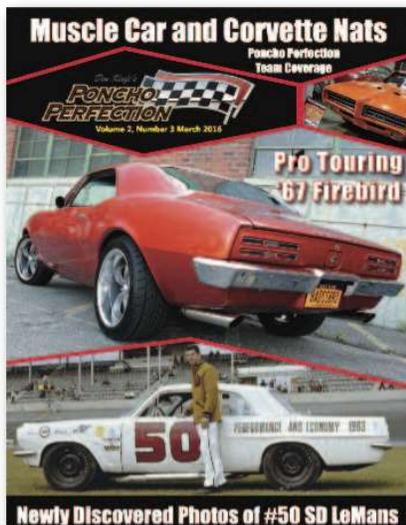
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EVERY SATURDAY NIGHT NORWIN HILLS SHOPPING CENTER IRWIN, PA

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 2, 2016 and July 4, 2016
Kennywood

July 19, 2016
General Membership Meeting
** Canceled because of the
** GTOAA International Convention

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

August 19, 2016
Pontiac Night at the Wexford Starlite Cruise
12121 Perry Highway
Wexford, PA 15090

August 16, 2016
USX Tower Car Cruise
600 Grant Street
Pittsburgh, PA 15219
10:00 AM—2:00 PM
Arrive between 9:15 AM and 10:00 AM
Enter at corner of Grant and Sixth

August 21, 2016
Shriner's Car Show
Syria Shrine
1877 Shriners Way
Cheswick, PA 15024

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 8, 2016
Fall Foliage Cruise
Quecreek Mine
Meet at Bob Evan's in Irwin, PA at 9:00 AM
<http://www.quecreekrescue.org/>

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

December 10, 2016
Christmas Party
Banquets Unlimited
Wilmerding, PA

December 20, 2016
General Membership Meeting
King's Restaurant (Harmarville)
5 Alpha Drive East, Pittsburgh, PA 15238
6:00 PM Dinner/7:00 PM Meeting



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 - \$250.
Email John Owoc at je70goat@verizon.net.

FOR SALE: Set of 3 Tube exhaust headers for a Pontiac 400/455.
Good condition - \$50.00. 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.