

Goats Cruisin' the 'Burgh

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Editor's Corner

Jim Longo

Happy Fourth of July! We're into the heart of the cruise season now, so hopefully you've had the chance to get out to some local cruises, with or without your cars. We just returned from the GTOAA 2017 National Convention in Springfield, Illinois, almost 600 miles from Pittsburgh. We got to see some beautiful GTOs, meet some new people, and tour some of the local sites and take in some of the history by visiting Abraham Lincoln's Springfield home and the Lincoln museum, among other attractions. The weather was hot but mostly sunny, with rain only on Friday night after the Popular Vote show was over and the Indoor Parking Lot Party was underway – it was fortunate that it was an INDOOR party, very well attended with a very good band. The GTOAA will surely be publishing the Convention results and photos in upcoming issues of the Legend, a lot of photos are already online, and more photos and videos are likely to be posted by the GTOAA, the Chapters, and individuals in the near future, so you'll have a chance to hone your search engine skills!



In this month's Newsletter you'll find an article from Ken Kasper about the local Shriners organization and the Shriner Car Cruise, which our Club sponsors, helps promote, and helps staff. Please consider Ken's call for participation for a very worthy cause!

You'll also see under Member News that a couple of our members and their cars were included in a video on the Norwin Hills Car Cruise. We have a new sponsor, [AZ Transmissions](#), which recently repaired Tom Monzo's GTO, as described with their advertisement on page 12.

We don't have a **My GTO Story** this month, so I'm providing a link to a site that should be interesting and useful to our members – [datatagdecoder.com](#). It includes a useful utility to decode Pontiac and other GM cowl tags, along with some other interesting articles around the authenticity of classic vehicles. Click the link to visit the site. Hopefully some of our members are secretly composing their GTO stories for inclusion in future issues. More than 2/3rds of our members haven't been featured, and I know that our members are not bashful. I can find plenty of links to interesting content from the Interweb. But original content from our members must be better, right? Don't hesitate because you think that your story isn't interesting enough, or that you can't polish it enough for our members to enjoy. As Newsletter Editor, I will work with you if you want my help on anything you would like to submit. It's a Car Club, let's share some content on our cars!

If you'd like to submit a "My GTO Story", a classified ad, announcement or other content, please send an email to newsletter@greaterpghgto.com. I hope to see you at an upcoming Club event!

Officer's Corner

By Ken Kasper

That four months comes around pretty quick and it's time for my officer's corner. Not my favorite part of this job, but I guess it has to be done.

What I want to talk about are the Shriner's. Shriner's Hospitals for Children is a network of 22 non-profit medical facilities across North America. The three closest to our area are Erie, Philadelphia and Cincinnati. All children are eligible for care and receive all services in a family-centered environment; regardless of patient's ability to pay. No child is turned away.

Depending on the child's need, the hospital in Erie does orthopedics. The Philadelphia hospital handles orthopedics and spinal cord and the Cincinnati hospital does burn victims and cleft lip and palate.

The local Shriner's have three vans they use to transport the children and their families to the hospital they need to go to at no charge. They also put the families up if they need overnight accommodations for one night or longer.

If the child needs care at a hospital not in a driving distance, or is unable to travel by van, they will fly the child and family to the hospital at a cost of up to \$10,000.00 or more. All at no cost to the family.

One objective of our club was to do some charitable work. We did that when we held the convention. The only one we have now is the Shriner's Hospital. We've been helping them out now for three years. We will need help on Saturday, August 19th getting the show field lined. On Sunday, August 20th, we will need help parking cars and however else we can help. I have flyers to hand out. I'll have the flyers at the July 25th meeting. Please pick some up and hand them out at the next cruise you attend.

I ask all our members to help in any way they can. Please try to attend the car show. It's for a great cause, TO HELP THE KIDS!!!

For those who have attended this cruise in the past, you were probably mailed a registration form. Early registration is only \$8.00 and \$10.00 the day of the show. You can also print out a form if you go to the web site (www.syriamotorcorps.org) and click on the car show tab.

Please, let's come together as a club and support this worthy cause.

Thank you.

Meeting Minutes

By Cheryl Kasper

Minutes for June 20, 2017 meeting held at Bob Evans Restaurant, Harmarville.

Tom called the meeting to order.

18 members were in attendance and guest Jack & Chris Yost from West Virginia.

We have 65 paid members as of this meeting.

New members - James and Judy Buskirk
Greensburg PA 15601
1966 GTO Hardtop

Club store is now open. The club store helps fund our club treasury. Our club gets a percentage on anything sold. Contact Chris Sklenar for anything you want to order.

Cheryl read minutes from previous meeting on May16, 2017. Motion to accept minutes by Chuck Zekany, seconded by Pete Muro.

Ken read treasurer's report. Motion to accept by Gary Sklenar, seconded by Roger Kral.

Steve Solomon won 50/50 drawing - \$13.00.

2017 family picnic is scheduled for September 9th. Picnic will be catered again by the same person as last year. If anyone wants to bring desserts or snacks, please do so, but I ask that you e-mail me to let me know

what you will be bringing so we won't have too many of the same thing. There will be an e-mail later asking how many will be attending.

Jim needs new GTO stories for the newsletter.

On Thursday, June 15, the Shriner's had a picnic that five members attended. The Shriner's made a contribution of \$200.00 to the Shriner's Children's Hospital in Erie in the Greater Pittsburgh GTO Club's name as a thank you for helping with the Shriner's car cruise. We will be receiving a plaque from the Shriner's.

We will be keeping the meetings at Bob Evans in Harmarville.

Local Cruises:

Norwin Hills Shopping Center - Saturday nights

Wexford Starlite Car Cruise, North Way Christian Community Church - Friday nights

Quecreek Mine Rescue Foundation 15th Anniversary Celebration - Saturday, July 29, 2017. There will be a car show, museum tours, fireworks, food vendors, children's activities and music. Free admission.

Jim Mastroianni made a motion and seconded by Steve Solomon to make a \$100.00 donation to the Quecreek Mine

Meeting Minutes

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Rescue Foundation. Motion passed. Ken will mail a check.

Kennywood dates for Americana Days. We can take two cars in on Saturday, July 1, four cars on Sunday, July 2 and six cars on Tuesday, July 4th.

At the present time, we still have one space for July 1, July 2 is filled and one space for July 4th. Call or e-mail Cheryl if you are interested in any of these days. Members will have first choice and if any spaces are left over, non-members can sign up to take their cars in to the park.

Mark your calendars to attend Shriner's cruise on Sunday, August 20th. Will need your help to mark off parking spaces on Saturday, August 19th and to park cars the day of the cruise. Let Tom Monzo know if you can help. Will be getting flyers to pass out regarding cruise. Ken will have flyers. If you're going to any cruises and can pass out flyers, see Ken.

Christmas party - Chris Sklenar, chairperson - December 2nd at Banquets Unlimited, North Huntingdon. Don Kuniak, an illusionist, will be the entertainment. More details to follow.

Tom mentioned that the GTO Legend is requesting information on charitable events/cruises. We can let them know any cruises we hold or help with during the year.

Motion to adjourn by Pete Muro, seconded by Roger Kral.

Next meeting, Tuesday, July 18th at Bob Evans, Harmarville. Hope to see you there.

Member News



Frank Thompson - July 3
Dave Diehl - July 3
Denis Galterio - July 7
Steve Solomon - July 8
Patty Gilbert - July 11
John Owoc - July 14
Doug Sappington - July 14
Cheryl George - - July 14
Bonnie Mansfield - July 18
Tom Lang - July 18
Jim Mastroianni - July 23
Kay O'Rourke - July 26

Jeff and Lea Spreng - July 3
Joe and Gretchen Barber - July 11
Ed and Peg Sellers - July 13
Pete and Michele Muro - July 13
Tom and Cheryl Monzo - July 25
Fred and Bonnie Mansfield - July 31



New Members

No new members this month

Other News

Club members **Jim Mastroianni** and **Pete Muro** were interviewed about their GTOs at the Norwin Car Cruise in a video by Steel City News, a website focused on positive local news and events. Watch the video on YouTube by clicking [here](#).

Car of the Month



Click the link to 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 Starlite Car Cruise
Wexford PA

Every Saturday Night

Norwin Hills Shopping Center
Irwin PA

July 18, 2017

General Membership Meeting
Bob Evans Restaurant Harmarville
6:00 PM Dinner—7:00 PM Meeting

July 29, 2017

Club-sponsored Event

Quecreek Mine Rescue Foundation
Cruise-in Car Show
Christ Casebear Lutheran Church
10877 Somerset Pike
Somerset PA 15501

August 4, 5, 6 2017

Pontiac Nationals
Summit Raceway Park
Norwalk, OH

August 15, 2017

General Membership Meeting
Bob Evans Restaurant Harmarville
6:00 PM Dinner—7:00 PM Meeting

August 18, 2017

Pontiac Night
Wexford Starlite Car Cruise
12121 Perry Highway
Wexford PA

August 20, 2017 (rain or shine)

Club-sponsored Event—Volunteers Needed!

Shriner Car Show
Syria Shrine Center
1877 Shriners Way
Cheswick, PA 15024
9:30 a.m.—4:30 p.m.

September 9, 2017

Club Picnic
Maple Grove
White Oak Park
11:00 - ?

September 19, 2017

General Membership Meeting
Bob Evans Restaurant Harmarville
6:00 PM Dinner—7:00 PM Meeting

October 17, 2017

General Membership Meeting
Bob Evans Restaurant Harmarville
6:00 PM Dinner—7:00 PM Meeting

December 2, 2017

Club Christmas Party
Banquets Unlimited
North Huntingdon, PA

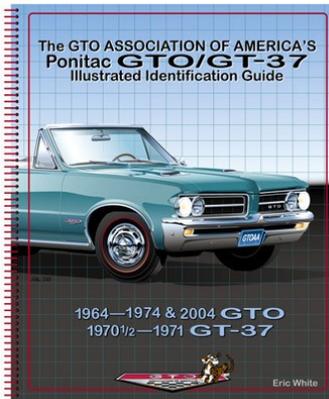
Meetings and events will be added as they're identified.



FOR SALE: 1970 Hood – **REDUCED!** Excellent condition - \$200.
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: 2016 Greater Pittsburgh GTO Club Ceramic Mugs, limited number available. Cannot be shipped. \$4.00 each. If interested contact Chris Sklenar at 412-678-8402 or gnx547@comcast.net



This original version of Eric White's Illustrated Identification Guide is now available **in very limited numbers**. If you are in the process of restoring a GTO or looking to purchase a GTO this book is a must have for identification purposes. It is a one stop shop for everything GTO. This book has 118 pages of information. This book is used by the GTOAA in support of its annual judged concours event. Includes production numbers, weights & measures, assembly line codes, sales codes, casting numbers, drive train, decoding info for VIN. & Fisher Body data tag. Also included are options and accessories numbers descriptions and prices, tune-up specs, and more. Covers the years 1964 - 1974 and 2004 model years. If interested contact Chris Sklenar at 412-678-8402 or gnx547@comcast.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. Once included in the Newsletter, it's the member's responsibility to provide notice of any desired modification or request that the advertisement be discontinued.



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.



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AZ Transmissions

Club member Tom Monzo notes that AZ Transmissions rebuilt the tranny and rear end in his GTO. Throughout the two week process, Tim made sure that he understood everything that they were repairing, kept in touch throughout the repair and asked Tom to come to the shop several times to see the damaged parts and to review the costs of the repair. Tom was very pleased with their service and highly recommend AZ Transmissions for your classic car and daily driver repairs.



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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.

Membership Information

Please see the Membership Application included in this newsletter.

Sponsor Information

Please see the Sponsor Application included in this newsletter.

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. This will help us keep you informed about the club. Thank you.



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 _____

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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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- \$25/year
 - Quarter page advertisement in our monthly newsletter
 - Your logo with link to your website on our website Sponsors page

Please send logo to webmaster@greaterpghgto.com for the advertisement.

Please send any questions to officers@greaterpghgto.com.

Please send this application with check to Cheryl Kasper 1230 Craig Drive North Huntingdon, PA 15642.

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