

Goats Cruisin' the 'Burgh

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Editor's Corner

Jim Longo

The “series finale” of the Wexford Starlite Car Cruise took place on September 1st. For those who’ve been attending for years, it might be considered “the end of an era” considering that as I’ve heard, the cruise dates back to the days of a drive-in at the site. My last time attending was Pontiac Night on August 18th, when our Club had about a dozen GTOs there. Feature row was filled with Pontiacs, nice to see so many cars get there.



For those of us north and west, there are a few Friday cruises in September at Victory Family Church in Cranberry, and Victory will be holding the cruises every Friday night all summer in 2018. That isn't a “move” or “merger” or “transfer” of the Starlite cruise, as the DJ was adamant about at Pontiac night. I haven't heard whether Victory Church will use a feature night approach like Wexford did, but it will be interesting to see if the Wexford crowd will journey 8 miles further north to attend. For our members to the east, the Saturday night Norwin cruise is listed at carcruises.com until October 7th, but maybe it goes longer. Norwin used to be listed as lasting “until the snow flies” but you'd have to be a real diehard to attend at that point.

The Club picnic is on September 9th, always one of the Club's better-attended events with our members bringing their GTOs if weather permits. The [Greater Ohio GTO Club](#) has an All-Pontiac show in Akron on September 17th. Here's hoping for nice weather for both!

I've been trying out “Torco Accelerator” as an octane booster in my car, which has the original engine with the compression spec at 10.75: 1. The Torco seems to work. I started out adding a half bottle to a full tank of 93 octane and still had some pinging, so I added the other half, and it seems to be quiet and has better power, but it's not like I'm constantly flooring it. I didn't try adding the Torco in small increments, even though it isn't cheap at around \$23 per 32 ounce bottle. I'm still running the stock points-based distributor, which has never been recurved or modified, so I've been reading up on timing and whether there's anything to explore besides setting back the initial timing. Since we don't have a “My GTO Story” this month, here's a link to [a good article on ignition timing](#) from *Power & Performance News*.

As always, if you'd like to submit a “My GTO Story”, a classified ad, announcement or other content for the newsletter, please send an email to newsletter@greaterpghgto.com. I hope you enjoy the Newsletter!

Officer's Corner

By Tom Monzo

Ramble On

Leaves are falling all around,
It's time I was on my way.
Thanks to you I'm much obliged,
For such a pleasant stay.
But now it's time for me to go,
The autumn moon lights my way.
For now I smell the rain,
And with it pain,
And it's headed my way.

I looked out into my backyard over the weekend and noticed the leaves on one of my trees were starting to turn colors for the fall season. Summer is almost over and the song, "Ramble On," came to mind. My goal every summer is to drive my GTO more. I was fairly successful this year, even though my car had to have the transmission and rear end rebuilt. The original estimate was \$300.00, but the deeper that we got into the project, the price quickly grew and a zero was added to the end of the estimate. I am very satisfied with the result and my GTO has more power now than it ever had before. I'm not sure if that's due to the transmission rebuild, the rear end rebuild, or a combination of both. Either way, I may soon challenge our vice president to a show down in the streets! GR-RRR! ('65 vs. '69)

Some of the events that I attended this summer were the Kennywood Fourth of July car cruise, the Shriner's Car Show, and the Norwin Hills car cruise. I have to say that Kennywood was my favorite event. It's nice to know that the coolest rides in the park

that day were our club's GTO's! Who needs the Thunderbolt when you arrive in a GTO? The ride out of the park was the most enjoyable part. The people in the park were treated to a rare display of muscle cars as we drove towards the exit.

The Shriner's Car Show was a tremendous success with over 150 cars on display. Thank you to everyone who volunteered their time and attended the event. I had the pleasure of meeting Emily Mellish, her sisters, parents, and grandparents. Emily has various physical issues, one of which includes scoliosis, however, she is one of the happiest little girls that I ever met. Emily and her two sisters enjoyed a photo opportunity in my GTO and this will be featured in an upcoming issue of the Legend magazine.

Last but not least, the Norwin Hills Car Cruise is a constant source of entertainment in our area. It rained a lot this summer, but I'm sure many of our club members enjoyed the Norwin Hills car cruises and some of the other events that I missed such as Pontiac night in Wexford, PA.

I'll see most of you soon at our annual GTO Club Picnic. Thank you in advance to all of the club members who volunteer their time and efforts every year to this fun event!

In the mean time, I guess I'll keep on rambling, I'm gonna, yeah, yeah, sing my song...

Meeting Minutes

By Cheryl Kasper

Minutes for August 15, 2017 meeting held at Bob Evans Restaurant, Harmarville. Tom called the meeting to order.

7 members were in attendance. We have 65 paid members as of this meeting.

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 July 18, 2017. Did not take a motion to accept minutes because of lack of quorum. Ken read treasurer's report. Did not take a motion to accept minutes because of lack of quorum.

No 50/50 at meeting.

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 was an e-mail sent asking how many would be attending and if you would be bringing something like an appetizer or dessert.

Jim needs new GTO stories for the newsletter.

2018 GTOAA National Convention is in Valley Forge, June 26 - June 30. Many more details to follow.

Local Cruises:

Norwin Hills Shopping Center - Saturday nights

Wexford Starlite Car Cruise, North Way Christian Community Church - Friday nights. August 18th is Pontiac night at this cruise. Cars from the east are meeting at DeNuzio's in Monroeville to caravan to Wexford.

Mark your calendars to attend the 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. Dan Kunyak, 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.

Tom is going to look into maybe having a car cruise tied in with a community day as a

Meeting Minutes

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fund raiser. More information will follow if we are going to do this.

Two proposed changes to the Club Bylaws were submitted, to be discussed in August and voted on during the September meeting.

The first is a proposed change to Article VII, Governing Body and Elections. Change the language **from:** *The position of PRESIDENT shall serve a one year term with a term limit maximum of three consecutive terms. A one year break in service from the position of President, including service in a different Officer's position, will reset the duration of service for the term limit. In the event that an incumbent President reaches the term limit, the President's term can be extended by majority vote of the membership during the nomination process each year only if no other member is willing to accept nomination for the office of President.*

To: *All officers shall serve a one year term with a term limit maximum of two consecutive terms. A one year break in service, including service in a different officer's position, will reset the duration of service for the term limit. An incumbent Officer's term can be extended by majority vote of the membership during the nomination process each year only if no other member is willing to accept nomination for the office.*

The effect of the above change is to extend two year term limits to all Officer positions.

The second is a proposed change to Article IV, Dues. To Paragraph two, second sentence, modify as underlined: New General members, ***with the exception of those who were previous members***, who join...

Next meeting, Tuesday, September 19th at Bob Evans, Harmarville. Hope to see you there.

Member News



John Carenbauer - September 3
Alan Fabritius - September 5
Phil Shusteric - September 7
Cindy Reece - September 11
Michele Muro - September 15
Shari Carr - September 15
Karen Owoc - September 17
Ron Sklenar - September 17
Diane Christian - September 17
William Baker - September 22
Deanne Baker - September 24
Sandra Libengood - September 28

Mike and Anita Louttit - September 3
Mark and Kathi Leptinski - September 9
Chuck and Faye Zekany - September 9
Dick and Cheryl Reardon - September 12
Ken and Cheryl Kasper - September 28



New Members

Sasha Lencoski, 1967 GTO Hardtop
Robert Milko, 1969 Judge Coupe

HAPPY LABOR DAY
BE SAFE AND
SEE YOU AT THE PICNIC!

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

Wexford Starlite Cruise is over...
Cruises Friday nights
Victory Family Church
Route 19 by YMCA and Butler Auto Auction
Cranberry Township PA
September 8th, 15th, 29th.

Every Saturday Night

Norwin Hills Shopping Center
Irwin PA
Through October 7th

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

November 21, 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

December 19, 2017

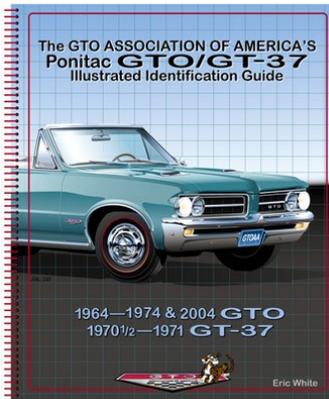
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Meetings and events will be added as they're identified.



FOR SALE: 1970 Hood – **REDUCED!** Excellent condition - \$200.
Email John Owoc at je70goat@verizon.net.

FOR SALE: 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.



THE GREATER OHIO GTO CLUB *Presents the*

All Pontiac Show



Sunday,
September 17, 2017
10:00-12:00 Registration
12:00 - 3:00 Judging
Trophies at 4:00 pm



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The Greater Ohio GTO Club



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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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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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