

# Goats Cruisin' the 'Burgh

Newsletter of the Greater Pittsburgh GTO Car Club

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## Editor's Corner

Jim Longo

Merry Christmas to all! Will some of our members find GTO-related gifts from Santa under the Christmas tree in a couple of weeks? Hopefully the GTOs are tucked away for the winter, or set up for whatever work you may intend to do over the next four months. Spring will be here before you know it!



You'll see in the November meeting minutes that the Club successfully elected officers for 2018; thanks to the folks who stepped up to fill the roles. With Christmas and the Club Christmas Party in December, the monthly meeting for December has been canceled, so the next meeting will be January 16th, weather permitting, location to be announced. We're going to send an email with a link to a survey to the members of the Club to see if there's a preference for a different day or time or location for the monthly meetings.

At the November meeting, the attendees also supported a recommendation to provide advertising in our newsletter and on our website for [\*Poncho Perfection magazine\*](#), which is available as an electronic magazine or in print. Not only does *Poncho Perfection* provide some door prizes for the Christmas Party, it's the only freestanding magazine still in existence that's dedicated to the Pontiac hobby. I haven't checked it out but it gets good reviews from Pontiac enthusiasts at sites like the [PY Online Forums](#). *Poncho Perfection* offers a 30 day "test drive" so that could provide some good reading while we're not driving our cars.

As always, we have room for your GTO Story in the Club Newsletter. I think that our members would be as interested in reading about our fellow members' cars. I don't doubt that our members can tell stories, including some tall tales, so it shouldn't be that much of a stretch to write them. Looking back over the old newsletters, there have been some good ones, but most of our members haven't told theirs. Ideas? How about how you came to own your car, why you bought it, what you've done to it, what you want to do to it, where you've taken it, and so on. I can probably come up with some external link every month, but I'd also like to read stories about our members' cars!

On a related subject, if you have any good photos of your car that you'd like to provide for the car of the month, please send them in. I have been using photos from different events, and there's enough out there, but if you send in a photo, it will jump to the top of the list. The newsletter's supposed to be about our Club, and content you supply goes a long way toward making it ours! If you have anything that you'd like to submit, please Send an email to [newsletter@greaterpghgto.com](mailto:newsletter@greaterpghgto.com).

# Meeting Minutes

By Cheryl Kasper

Minutes for November 14, 2017 meeting held at Bob Evans Restaurant, Harmarville.

Tom called the meeting to order. 17 members were in attendance. We have 67 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. GTO merchandise makes great gifts for birthdays and holidays. Contact Chris Sklenar for anything you want to order.

Cheryl read minutes from previous meeting on October 17, 2017. Motion to accept minutes by Roger Kral, seconded by Bill Gilbert.

Ken read treasurer's report. Motion to accept minutes by Jim Longo, seconded by Roger Kral.

Gary Sklenar won 50/50 raffle - \$10.00

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. John said hotels are selling out for the nationals. You may want to book now if you are planning to attend.

The date for the 2018 family picnic is September 8 at Maple Grove in White Oak

Park. Cheryl will still be chairperson for the picnic. Mark your calendar.

Christmas party - Chris Sklenar, chairperson - December 2nd at Banquets Unlimited, North Huntingdon. Dan Kunyak, an illusionist, will be the entertainment. We have 36 members so far, attending the Christmas party.

We will need a new chairperson for the 2018 Christmas party. Chris will help this new person with whatever they need.

For those of you that haven't already done so, you can start paying dues for 2018. **Dues need paid by December 15th, 2017.** You can check your Legend Magazine (next to your name) to see when your GTOAA dues run through. If your GTOAA dues run to January, 2019, you would only need to pay the local club dues of \$10.00. If your dues run out anytime during 2018, you will need to pay \$45.00 for the GTOAA dues and local club dues. If you want your newsletter to be mailed to you, please add \$10.00 to either of the above amounts. Checks should be made out to Greater Pittsburgh GTO Club and mailed c/o 1230 Craig Drive, North Huntingdon 15642.

Tom has written an article about the Shriner's cruise that was held on August 20th for the Legend Magazine. It will appear in the January issue.

# Meeting Minutes

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We received a letter from the Shriner's stating next year's car cruise will be held as a charity event instead of a fraternal event.

Jim Longo is going to do a survey about maybe changing the location and day of the week of our monthly meetings to see if this will increase our attendance.

Tom is going to look into a new location for our monthly meetings.

John Owoc made a motion and Ken seconded it to make Don Keefe - Poncho Perfections a club sponsor because of all he has contributed to the Christmas party.

Nominations were made for officers for the 2018 year. Tom Monzo was nominated for President and accepted the nomination. Roger Kral was nominated for Vice-President and accepted the nomination. John Owoc was nominated for Treasurer and accepted the nomination. Cheryl Kasper was nominated for Secretary and accepted the nomination. Voting was unanimous to accept all officers.

Next meeting will be January 16 - location to be determined.

Motion to adjourn made by Pete Muro, seconded by Gary Sklenar. Meeting adjourned.

## Officer's Corner

By Cheryl Kasper

I want to thank Chris Sklenar for being our chairperson again this year for the Christmas party. Chris has always done a terrific job in the past and I know this year's party will be a success. Thank Chris when you see her at the Christmas party. Hope to see you there.

Thank you to everyone who has made this year a success whether it was as an officer, volunteering for the Shriner's cruise or just

attending a monthly meeting. We have a great time when we get together whether it's at the family picnic or the Christmas party. Don't forget we need a chairperson for next year's Christmas party. I hope someone will step up and volunteer for this position.

I just want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a healthy and happy new year.

# Member News



John and Pam Carenbauer - December 1  
Todd & Marianne Brown - December 31

Bonnie Fabritius - December 1

Jim Longo - December 2

Ann Morris - December 7

Randy Reece - December 9

Shirley Osche - December 18

Debbie Longo - December 22

Gary Godfrey - December 23

Marleah Umpleby - December 29

Connie Bacha - December 30



## New Members

## No new members this month

# Merry Christmas

And a

## **Healthy and Happy New Year!**

## 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**

2018 Cruise Season To Be Determined

### **REMINDER!**

#### **December 2, 2017**

Club Christmas Party

Banquets Unlimited

North Huntingdon, PA

#### **December 19, 2017—CANCELED**

General Membership Meeting

Bob Evans Restaurant Harmarville

6:00 PM Dinner—7:00 PM Meeting

#### **January 16, 2018**

General Membership Meeting

Location TBD

6:00 PM Dinner—7:00 PM Meeting

#### **February 20, 2018**

General Membership Meeting

Location TBD

6:00 PM Dinner—7:00 PM Meeting

#### **March 20, 2018**

General Membership Meeting

Location TBD

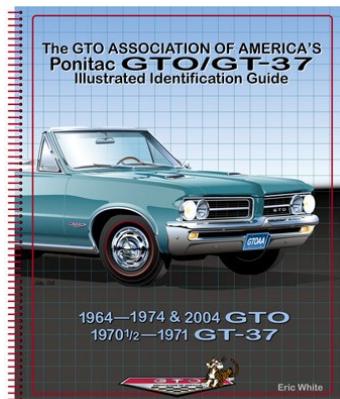
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Meetings and events will be added as they're identified.



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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](mailto:gnx547@comcast.net)

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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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If you have pictures of a recent event (cruise, fun run, etc.) and you would like to share them, please describe the event and send the pictures to [webmaster@greaterpghgto.com](mailto:webmaster@greaterpghgto.com) or [newsletter@greaterpghgto.com](mailto:newsletter@greaterpghgto.com). Submissions are due by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month to be included in the next issue.

## **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 Bob Evans Restaurant located at 1 Mariner Ct, 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](mailto: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  
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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.**

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