

Goats Cruisin' the 'Burgh

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Editor's Corner

Jim Longo

Happy New Year! 2017 was a good year for the Club; hopefully 2018 can be even better. 2017 was my first year as Newsletter Editor, not nearly as long as Mike Louttit served before me. The goal remains to provide content that our members look forward to reading every month. We also use the Newsletter as a means to conduct Club business, such as by distributing the monthly meeting minutes to our members and fulfilling our commitments to our Sponsors. I keep a checklist to ensure that everything's included or updated as needed, and it usually takes no more than a couple of hours per month to produce and distribute. Serving as Newsletter Editor also gave me the chance to learn a new computer program, Microsoft Publisher, which is used to design the Newsletter before it's saved as an Adobe PDF file and sent to our members.



What is really great, and what makes this job easier, is when I get content from our members to include! For example, Steve Morris responded to my invitation last month, submitting a photo of his '67 GTO as Car of the Month, so he gets to jump in front of the queue of "contender" pictures that I take from events like the weekly cruises and the Club Picnic to have his car as Car of the Month in this issue. I haven't been receiving any "**My GTO Story**" submissions, but if you send them, they'll appear in the order they're received.

I've heard a few people at recent meetings talking about various issues with their carburetors, and if you've been inclined to tinker, a perfect time could be while the car's sitting for the winter. I came across a good article from *Power and Performance News* on [Tuning the Quadrajet](#). I'm not messing with mine, I'm in the "if it ain't broke, don't fix it" on the carb. There's a list of other issues that I can address on my GTO first!

Tom Monzo's Officer's Corner this month gave me an idea for some new content, which for now we'll call "**Your Say**". Tom contemplates the question, "If I could own any other year GTO, what would it be?" so we'll start with that. As an example, my answer might be "I'd own a '71 with a 455 and a 4-speed, because I like the front end styling, the handling's better on the later models, and the compression's lower while the cubes are bigger". Send an email with your answer and an explanation to newsletter@greaterpghgto.com, whether that's one sentence or a paragraph, and we'll publish all of the responses, hopefully a fun way to get more member commentary in next month's Newsletter.

Meeting Minutes

By Cheryl Kasper

The December 2017 meeting was canceled by vote of the membership at the November 2017 meeting.



The next meeting is January 16th, see the Club schedule for details.

Officer's Corner

By Tom Monzo

I hope this column finds you in a warm place as we experience one of the coldest Januarys in recent Pittsburgh history. Sometimes I ask myself, "Why do I still live in Pittsburgh?" Maybe it's the sports teams that keep me here? It certainly isn't the weather!

As I reflect on this past year, which was my first year as the club president, I have many fond memories. My most recent proud moment came from reading the Legend magazine, which features an article about the Shriner's Car Show that our club assisted with. It was a perfect day for the car show, we had many volunteers, and we raised over \$4,000.00 for a charitable cause. It was a defining moment for our club.

At one point this year, I was very concerned about club participation and the thought that we wouldn't have the officers needed to lead the club. We were able to overcome these obstacles and we had a very successful Christmas party! Special thank you to all of those who attended events and helped to keep our club on the right course.

I started to think to myself recently, if I could own any other year GTO, which one would it be? That is a hard question to

answer. Pontiac Motor Division provided so much excitement and styling over the years that it would be a hard decision for any enthusiast to make. I found [this website](#) that provides information and pictures of GTO's.

Maybe a good article for our web site would be, "If I could own any other year GTO, it would be:" Please feel free to share a topic such as this, or any other that may come to mind.

My wife and I visited, "Ladles," in Springdale, which will be the site of our January club meeting. While Bob Evans worked well for us for a while, it was time for a change. Ladles restaurant has fantastic homemade soups and a private meeting room. I had the clam chowder. It was delicious! To get to Ladles, exit the PA Turnpike, but go in the opposite direction from Bob Evans. The restaurant is two miles from the Turnpike exit on the right side of the road; right past the tall smoke stacks in Springdale, PA.

I'm looking forward to my second year as GTO club president, along with the other elected officers. Please come to our club meetings and get involved. We have a great club!

Member News



Ron Gunn - January 1
Lana Vansovich - January 3
Beth Busalacchi - January 5
Pat Talenti - January 9
Bob Spongross - January 14
Judy Buskirk - January 18
Michelle Diehl - January 20
Al Talenti - January 25
John Mitchell - January 29

No Anniversaries this month



New Members

No new members this month

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

January 16, 2018

General Membership Meeting

Ladles Kitchen

516 Pittsburgh Street

Springdale PA 15144

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

6:00 PM Dinner—7:00 PM Meeting

April 17, 2018

General Membership Meeting

Location TBD

6:00 PM Dinner—7:00 PM Meeting

May 15, 2018

General Membership Meeting

Location TBD

6:00 PM Dinner—7:00 PM Meeting

June 19, 2018

General Membership Meeting

Location TBD

6:00 PM Dinner—7:00 PM Meeting

June 26-30, 2018

GTOAA National Convention

Valley Forge, PA

July 17, 2018

General Membership Meeting

Location TBD

6:00 PM Dinner—7:00 PM Meeting

August 21, 2018

General Membership Meeting

Location TBD

6:00 PM Dinner—7:00 PM Meeting

September 8, 2018

Club Picnic

Maple Grove

White Oak Park

11:00 a.m.—

September 18, 2018

General Membership Meeting

Location TBD

6:00 PM Dinner—7:00 PM Meeting

October 16, 2018

General Membership Meeting

Location TBD

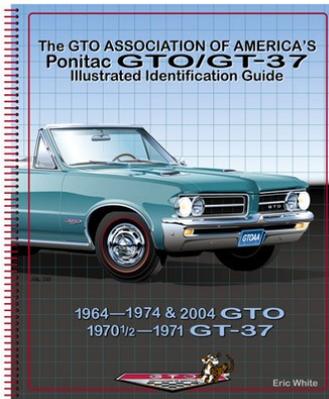
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Meetings and events will be added as they're identified.



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.

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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 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. 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
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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.

The Greater Pittsburgh GTO Club reserves the right to reject any application for any reason.

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