

# Goats Cruisin' the 'Burgh

Newsletter of the Greater Pittsburgh GTO Car Club

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# Editor's Corner

Jim Longo

Here we are in the middle of winter, and if you're like me you're just waiting for the weather to improve. I noticed the other day that the hours of daylight are ever so slowly increasing. The January monthly meeting was canceled due to weather, which didn't look that bad, but when I left work I saw that it was a good decision. February will be the chance to check out the new meeting location, [Ladles Kitchen](#).



Those of us who have been to the [Club website](#) recently should have noticed that it looks very different now! Mike Louttit has implemented a major redesign of the site, and he has provided an update in this month's newsletter to tell us all about it. The site looks great and I'm thinking that it will surely achieve the objectives that Mike had in mind when he did it. Be sure to thank Mike when you see him, as that it had to be a lot of work.

Last month I threw out an idea for some new content where our members could weigh in on a question or topic by sending an email to the newsletter and we'd publish the responses. I was calling it "Your Say", but you didn't have anything to say! I'm going to take one more run at it and make it easier. I'll set up a link through the Google Group and send an email so that all you have to do is click the link, and you'll go to a page where you can see a question and type in your answer, however short or long you want it to be. Keep your eyes out for the email, and we'll see if we can get anything going that way.

Since we don't have a GTO story from the membership this month, I'm providing a link I came across from Mike Noun. Some of you may know Mike as an excellent source of [reproduction window stickers](#) (he produced mine, and did a great job) or from his other associations with the Pontiac hobby. Mike has a page where he summarizes [old Pontiac road tests](#) from vintage muscle car magazines, from when the cars were new. I don't know how old the page is; it seems old, but since it summarizes road tests from 40 – 50 years ago, it doesn't really matter when he wrote it. It's a very interesting summary from back in the day!

If you have any content, feedback, questions, disparaging remarks or anything else for the newsletter, feel free to send an email to [newsletter@greaterpghgto.com](mailto:newsletter@greaterpghgto.com). Enjoy this month's newsletter!

# Meeting Minutes

By Cheryl Kasper

The January 2018 Monthly Meeting was canceled due to inclement weather. The next scheduled monthly meeting is February 20, 2018. See the Club calendar.



# Officer's Corner

By Roger Kral

Hello everyone! The 2018 cruising season is 40 to 50 days away. However, it feels like a year away. It is around this time every year after the rush of Christmas and the New Year celebrations are over that I start to go stir crazy! I look outside at the snow, the ice or the extreme cold and wonder which relative thought that living in this arctic tundra was a great idea. Why didn't they settle somewhere warm where it is always sunny so I could drive my GTO.

The fact remains, they didn't move somewhere warm. Normally by now, I am going crazy to get in my car and drive as I am sure the rest of you are as well!

This constant struggle of wanting to drive my GTO and knowing I can't due to the weather gets me depressed. You turn on all the normal car channels like Velocity and Discover and all you see are the beautiful classic cars with people enjoying a sunny warm day drive with the windows or top down or them walking around at a local car cruise. It is the equivalent of watching golf on TV with all the green grass when you have snow on the ground.

I started thinking, "Is there such a thing as GTO seasonal depression caused by not being able to drive my GTO?" So I

checked the internet and found nothing. I couldn't believe it, nothing! I must be the only one.

So I thought to myself, what is the cure that can help me get through until cruise time again? The answer is move to a warmer climate where it is sunny, right? If you can't move to a warmer climate like I cannot, then here a few things you might try.

You can do many things such as getting your parts list together and get your parts ordered for this spring's car project, or back the car out and let it run so you can get your sound and smell fix, or wash the dust off on a warm day, or even just sit in it and listen to the radio or better yet go meet your support group that meets once a month at the GTO club meetings! But whatever you do, do not take the GTO out in this weather until it has at least rained enough to clean the roads off real good.

Remember, our club meets once a month for about an hour. For those of you who have not attended it is a great way to get the season kicked off and get to know your GTO family.

## Website Redesign

Mike Louttit

We have all heard someone start a sentence with the phrase “In the old days”. This phrase was followed by something that occurred earlier in their lifetime. The timeframe was usually decades. Well, when you are talking about technology, “in the old days” means years, not decades.

In the old days (there is that phrase), a website only needed to look good and function on a desktop monitor. Today, it needs to look good and function on desktop monitors, laptop screens, tablets, and phones. So, websites need to automatically adapt to screens from about 20+ inches down to about 5 inches. The content will move on the screen depending on the screen size. The primary objective of this redesign is to make our website function well on all devices but especially smaller ones. A secondary objective was to use new design elements to reduce the amount of text while presenting the same information.

The website is still at [www.greaterpghgto.com](http://www.greaterpghgto.com). Let’s go through the new site page by page.

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### Home Page

On the Home page, you will find sections telling visitors about our club, our affiliation with the GTOAA, our club activities, how to join, and how to contact us.

One example of using new design elements is the Club Activities section. Instead of using a paragraph, we use a new design element to break up our activities. This makes each stand out and adds some graphics to break up the text.

### Club Activities

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The club is involved in many activities throughout the year.



We love to get together at cruises and enjoy the cars, friends, music, and summer weather!



On a monthly basis, we get together at a restaurant for dinner and to discuss club business.



We have Fun Runs to destinations and attractions to enjoy our cars and spend time with our friends.



We enjoy a picnic at a local park every summer. It is a well attended, fun event for the whole family.



We have a very nice Christmas party every year as well as parties hosted by club members.



We realize how fortunate we are and we raise money for charity as a way of giving back to our communities.

## Blog Page

We have a Blog!! Why do we need a blog you ask? It is just simply another way to communicate. In the blog, we can post things that are going on in the club, announce when new content is available on the website, and so on.

Access the blog by selecting Blog from the menu. Blog entries are shown in reverse chronological order, so the most recent posts show first. For example, at the time of this writing the most recent post was about the January meeting.

To help you find posts that are of interest to you, there are three sections to the right on the Blog page. They are Archives, Recent Posts, and Categories.

Under Archives, you can select the month that you are interested in. The posts from that month will be displayed. We only have posts from January so that is the only month that currently displays. As we move into new months, this will change.

Under Recent Posts, you will find the titles of recent posts. Select a title to read the post.

Under Categories, select a category that you are interested in. Only posts in that category will be displayed. Current categories are Cruises/Shows, Meetings, Newsletter, and Website. Cruises/Shows and Newsletters do not show in the example since there are currently no posts for those categories.

JANUARY 15, 2018

### January 2018 Club Meeting

The January 2018 club meeting will be held Tuesday, January 16, 2018 at a new location. We are going to try Ladles. It is located at 516 Pittsburgh St, Springdale, PA 15144. Dinner is at 6:00 PM. The meeting starts at 7:00 PM. Tom Monzo tried Ladles and said the food was very good. Come give it a try!

<http://www.ladleskitchen.com/>

#### ARCHIVES

January 2018

#### RECENT POSTS

January 2018 Club Meeting

We Have a Blog!

Updated Website!

#### CATEGORIES

Meetings

Website

## Calendar Page

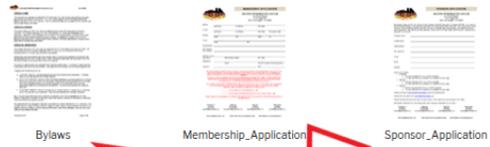
The Calendar page simply shows our club Google calendar. Keep checking the calendar for club events. Click on any event to see the details about that event (address, etc.)



## Documents Page

The Documents page is where you will find our Bylaws, Membership Application, Sponsor Application, and all the Newsletters. The Applications and Bylaws are shown first then the Newsletters. Click on any of the document images to see the actual document.

## Applications and Bylaws



## 2018 Newsletters



Click on these to see the actual document

## Pictures Page

The Pictures page shows our Member Cars, the Car of the Month, and our Event Albums. Click on any Album to see the pictures in the Album.



2017 GTOAA Convention

Images: 154

2017-11-21



2017 Club Picnic

Images: 18

2017-10-29

The Sponsors page shows our current sponsors. A direct link to the Club Store is also part of the Menu.

## Menu

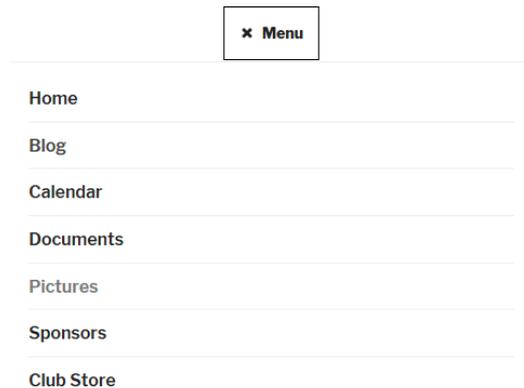
The menu is also responsive. If you are on a wider screen, the menu will show horizontally like a traditional menu.

[Home](#)   [Blog](#)   [Calendar](#)   [Documents](#)   [Pictures](#)   [Sponsors](#)   [Club Store](#)

However, on smaller screens, the menu automatically changes to an image with three lines (called a hamburger) with the word Menu beside it.

☰ **Menu**

Click on it and it will open a vertical menu.



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I hope that you enjoy the new website. I hope that all of you, and visitors wanting to know more about our club, find it informative and easy to use.

As with anything new, play around with it. You can't hurt anything. Send feedback to [webmaster@greaterpghgto.com](mailto:webmaster@greaterpghgto.com). Keep checking back to see the progress because I am still learning and working on the new site.

## Member News



Todd Brown - February 5  
Jack George - February 5  
Mark Leptinsky - February 7  
Marianne Brown - February 8  
Stan O'Rourke - February 19  
Cheryl Kasper - February 22  
Ken Kasper - February 24  
Pat Gallagher - February 26  
Erin Shusteric - February 27  
Cindy Mastroianni - February 28

John and Lana Vansovich - February 8  
Eric and Rhonda Vicker - February 25  
Steve and Ann Morris - February 28



### New Members

No new members this month

## Congratulations!

Joe Barber won second place for “Custom Convertible—Early” with his ‘67 GTO (Car of the Month) at the World of Wheels show at the Convention Center in Pittsburgh in January!

## 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

### February 20, 2018

General Membership Meeting

**Ladles Kitchen**

**516 Pittsburgh Street**

**Springdale PA 15144**

<http://ladleskitchen.com/>

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

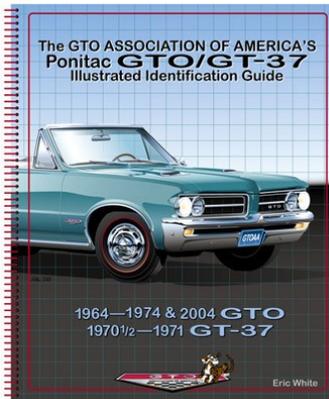
6:00 PM Dinner—7:00 PM Meeting

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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:gnx547@comcast.net)

Send any items for sale or wanted to [newsletter@greaterpghgto.com](mailto: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 15<sup>th</sup> 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](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 locations identified on the Club Schedule within the Club Newsletter. 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  
 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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Please send logo to [webmaster@greaterpghgto.com](mailto:webmaster@greaterpghgto.com) for the advertisement.

Please send any questions to [officers@greaterpghgto.com](mailto: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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