

Goats Cruisin' the 'Burgh

Newsletter of the Greater Pittsburgh GTO Car Club

March 2018

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Editor's Corner

Jim Longo

As the days get longer and the weather starts to warm, we start to anticipate getting our GTOs out of hibernation, spring will be here this month! Daylight Savings Time begins March 11th, so we will get that extra hour of evening light back!

Last month's Newsletter included an update on our new Club website. An unanticipated problem we've encountered involves our Club email lists, so for the foreseeable future, you will notice that emails will be coming through our private Google Group. If anyone needs help with anything relating to the Google Group, please let me or Mike Louttit know.



In February the Club had its first meeting at a new location, [Ladles Kitchen](#) in Springdale, just north of Harmarville. Ladles has good food and a lot of variety on the menu, and some Tuesday specials. Ladles also has a private meeting room so we're not competing with, or bothering, other people in the restaurant. It's funny that a number of our members, myself included, first thought that the name of the place was "Ladies" Kitchen when it was suggested as a new location.

Over at [carcruises.com](#), the cruise schedule is starting to take shape! The Norwin Hills cruise is listed as starting April 7th, and the Victory Car Cruise, which takes the place of the Wexford Starlite Cruise, kicks off May 25th. The Downtown Irwin Cruise isn't listed yet, but is assumed to be April 29th, which is the fourth Saturday of the month. In addition to these events, many of our members enjoy a variety of other gatherings over the course of the season; watch the Club schedule for details.

This month's Newsletter includes our first publication of responses to the "Question of the Month", which is intended to allow us to share some opinions and spur some conversations on topics of interest to "car people". We had thirteen submissions this month, and if more members participate, there's room; the more the merrier! If you have suggestions for questions, please send them along! This isn't meant to replace the My GTO Story segment, so if anyone wants to submit theirs, just let me know. For some additional car-related content, check out [V8 Radio's podcast on classic car refinishing](#), for your listening pleasure. You'll see that there are some other podcasts on the site, but I haven't checked those out yet.

If you have any content, feedback, questions or anything for the newsletter, feel free to send an email to newsletter@greaterpghgto.com.

Meeting Minutes

By Cheryl Kasper

In Cheryl Kasper's absence, Roger Kral agreed to record the minutes for the February meeting.

At 7:00 p.m., Tom Monzo called the meeting to order. Asked if anyone had any additions or deletions to the agenda.

On the question of new members, the Vice President had no names to add and the last number of members was 62.

The Secretary Report from previous meeting was read by John Owoc in Cheryl Kasper's absence. Motion to accept the minutes by Jim Mastroianni, seconded by Gary Skelnar.

John Owoc read the treasurer's report. Motion to accept by Jim Mastroianni, seconded by Steve Solomon. Jim Longo won 50/50 drawing - \$18.00. John discussed the current numbers and the previous year's numbers to indicate that we are in good shape. John noted that the bank account has now been moved over to himself and Tom Monzo.

Newsletter Report. Jim Longo advised the group that a new feature, the Question of the Month has received some response from the members. He advised next month's Officer's Corner will come from the new treasurer. Tom thanked Mike Louttit for the redesign of the Club website and mentioned that the website now has a number of new pictures. Since

Mike was not there, Jim discussed some of the website issues with email addresses. Jim advised, according to Mike, that there were some email problems with Go Daddy. He said we will need to use the Google Group list to send messages to the Club. The address is gpgto@googlegroups.com and it is necessary to use your email address that is associated with the Google Group since it's just for members of the Club; emails from addresses that aren't part of the Group will bounce.

Car cruises. April 28th is the first car cruise for Norwin Hills/Irwin car cruise. Kennywood will be on the 3rd and 4th of July this year. Limited spaces available. Cheryl will be able to provide us with more in the March meeting.

Old Business- Tom thanked all for the Christmas Party. He asked for who was coordinating next year's party. Cindy Reese and Faye Zekaney have volunteered to serve as the coordinators this year, and will be happy to have any help from anyone who would like to help. Cheryl Kasper has agreed to continue to coordinate the annual GTO Club picnic.

Tom brought up to the group the Shriner show and asked if everyone still wanted to do this. Tom opened it up to a vote and it was a unanimous decision to work the show again. With a proposed change from a fraternal event by the Shriners, meaning

Meeting Minutes

By Cheryl Kasper

that the event doesn't go through their national organization, the group wanted to know where the money was going to go that was brought in by the show. Tom will find out when he talks to them.

All voted yes to holding at least the next two GTO Club meetings at Ladles Kitchen. At this point it's only possible to book the private room two months out.

John Owoc thanked Jim for all his work with the newsletter and Cheryl for the minutes. John Owoc asked the group if they felt the club would like to donate to a charity in Bob Massie's name. Bob was

tragically killed in a one-car accident a few weeks ago. Bob was responsible for helping to resurrect the Norwin Hills/ Irwin car cruise last year after the organizers had decided to cancel it. The group unanimously agreed. The group decided to donate \$100 to the White Oak Safe Haven Animal Care Shelter that Bob Massie was involved with, in accordance with his family's wishes. In addition to the \$100, the club will advertise for the shelter on the club's website.

Gary Skelnar and Jim Mastorianni motioned to adjourn.

Officer's Corner

By John Owoc

Well here I am again writing another "Officer's Corner". When Tom Monzo took over the Presidency, I thought that I wouldn't have to do this again. Much to my surprise and "Thanks" to Gary Sklenar I was nominated to the position of Treasurer, which I accepted. By the way, It was a very close vote at our November meeting, but I squeaked by on a razor close vote count.

On a serious note, I want to "Thank" Ken Kasper for his many years of dedication and service to our club as Treasurer and all the other activities and events that he has

done for our club. I know I speak for all our members, so we "Thank You" Ken. Now on to the financial aspects of our club. Since Ken did such a great job, and kept excellent records, the transition was quite easy. I have examined the prior records that were kept and pleased to say we are in complete balance, and the club is financially strong. At our February membership meeting I presented a report detailing the club's past and present financial status. Should you at any time wish to review our bank accounts or have any questions regarding the clubs financial

Officer's Corner (continued)

By John Owoc

status, just ask. I'm willing to share any information you want. It's your club and you have the right to know that.

Now on to some Sad news that sort of turned into some Happy News.

As some of you know Bob Massie Jr. (of Massie Toyota) recently died in an vehicle accident. Bob was instrumental in keeping the Norwin Cruise alive that so many of us have come to enjoy each Saturday night. When the past group announced that they would no longer run the event, Bob stepped up with the money needed to continue the event.

I met Bob for the first time last year at Norwin and we spoke, he was truly nice guy. He told me he owned several Pontiacs and some others. In my joking way, I told him there were NO other cars, just Pontiac's we both laughed. I could tell he was a "Car Guy". He told me he was happy and pleased to continue this Saturday tradition. Bob paid the insurance that the property owners required so that the cruise could continue. We can only hope that the Massie tradition will continue on for many years to come.

Because of his dedication, our Greater Pittsburgh GTO Club was able to enjoy the friendship and fun we all had on Saturday nights.

Now the Happy News, Our Club decided at our February membership meeting, to make a donation to Bob Massie's favorite charity, The White Oak Animal Safe Haven, the membership voted to donate \$100.00 in Bob's memory. We also agreed to place an advertisement spot on our Website and Newsletter for the White Oak Animal Safe Haven. Keep an eye out for it, maybe it will be in this issue or the April edition.

Should you, or anyone you know, wish to adopt a pet, or make a donation, please consider this very good organization.

That's it for me this month, I'll be back in 3 months rather than 4 months (Thanks to Cheryl's special exemption").

She had a really good bargaining position when we were electing the Secretary position.

John Owoc, Treasurer

Member News



Andy Musiolowski - March 2

James Buskirk - March 6

Brian George - March 13

Chris Sklenar - March 13

Glenn Cannon - March 13

Kathi Leptinsky - March 16

Cissy Spongross - March 16

Bill Gilbert - March 17

Chuck Nuzzo - March 27

Steve Morris - March 30

Keith and Ellen Moore - March 7

Denis and JoAnn Galterio - March 15

Stan and Kay O'Rourke - March 17

Jim and Cindy Mastroianni - March 20



New Members

No new members this month



Question of the Month

By our members

This month's question: If you could own any year GTO, what would it be, and why?

- A '71 convertible 455 4-speed. I like the front end on the '71s, would like the big cubes of the 455, without the high compression issues with today's gas. – *Jim Longo*
- 1967, Because it was the First GTO I ever rode in. – *Anonymous*
- 1967, I just love the looks of them - *Steve*
- 66, because it was my 1st. - *Jim*
- 1965. It has great lines – *Pete Muro*
- Definitely 1970. It was the year that I fell in love with growing up and what got me hooked on GTOs. Still one of the coolest front ends I have ever seen. – *Mike Louttit*
- 69 Judge. Just like them. – *Anonymous*
- Easy for me, 1966 hardtop, Platinum Silver, black interior, or Nightwatch Blue with white interior, 4 speed, no vinyl top, custom wheel disc option on the silver one, rally ones on blue one. Brings tears to my eyes just thinking about it! – *Steve Solomon*
- 1966 GTO, because I have one. – *Anonymous*
- 1967 GTO, It was the first GTO I was given a ride in. - *Anonymous*
- 1969 Judge convertible. RAIV. Or RAV. Because of their rarity. – *Frank Thompson*
- I would go for a 69 Judge. The 69 has always been my favorite I like that body style. While I did have a 69 GTO and I really liked it when I told people I had one usually the first response was is it a Judge. I would say no it's just a GTO but that didn't bother me. But in my next life if the opportunity came up for a 69 Judge I would take it. But it would have to be an automatic. – *Alan Fabritius*
- I have a great love for Pontiacs and especially the GTO. Having owned a 1967 GTO for 48 awesome years, of course I like that year the best. But I do really like the 1965's with the 389 4 speed and trips. One of those could go into my garage as soon as possible. Being an old car guy, we sometimes look for comfort and convenience. Well I found that in a 2005 GTO that I purchased several years ago. This GTO has it all, 364 ci with 400 HP and an automatic transmission. What a rocket ship. You really need the traction control on to safely drive it. The other day I was playing golf and I heard a car winding it all out going on the long straightaway beside the 3rd hole. I forgot all about golf and waited for the car to come into view. It was really flying and sounded awesome and was a 2006 GTO. That told me how much I missed my cars, because I wanted to be on that road doing the same thing. So, that's my story and I only wish I had more garage space to hold more GTO's. – *Bill Gilbert*

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

- New Norwin Hills Car Cruise Saturday nights starting April 7th
- Victory Car Cruise, Cranberry Township, Friday nights starting May 25th

March 20, 2018

General Membership Meeting

Ladles Kitchen

516 Pittsburgh Street

Springdale PA 15144

6:00 PM Dinner—7:00 PM Meeting

April 17, 2018

General Membership Meeting

Ladles Kitchen

516 Pittsburgh Street

Springdale PA 15144

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

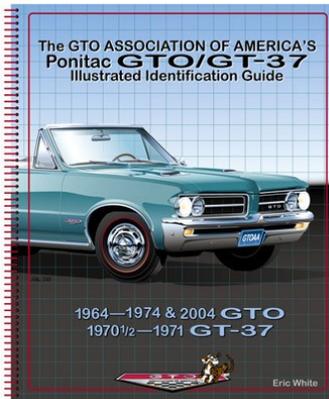
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Meetings and events will be added as they're identified.



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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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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. 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

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Spouse _____
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 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.

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_____ Annual dues and GTOAA membership, \$45

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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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