

# Goats Cruisin' the 'Burgh

Newsletter of the Greater Pittsburgh GTO Car Club

February 2019

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## Editor's Corner

By Jim Longo

Even though it's the middle of winter, there's still activity in the Greater Pittsburgh GTO Club. You'll see in the January meeting minutes that the Club's introducing an incentive program for our members to bring in new sponsors. We also have two new sponsors starting this month.



New sponsor [B.Y. Automotive](#), which works on my cars, is a family-run shop on Route 19 a mile north of Victory Church. The owner, Bill Yakin, is a car guy and racer from way back, and he knows the cars from the 60s and 70s up to the present very well. He has a '71 Monte Carlo SS 454 in his shop, keeps saying he'll get it back on the road, I'm waiting to see that happen!

[Fort Pitt Classic Cars](#) in Sharpsburg also signed on as a sponsor. Club member Ron Libengood founded the business, which offers a range of services including maintenance, storage, restoration and classic car consignment sales, in 2008. I'm pretty sure that Ron's a member whom I haven't met. Checking out Ron's shop could be in order!

Our sponsors may support the GTO Club because they're car enthusiasts, or they know someone from the Club, or they're hoping that the advertising will bring them some business. We should make our best efforts to patronize our sponsors, and if you do, be sure to let them know that you're in the GTO Club and you appreciate their sponsorship. Share your impressions and experiences with Club members and others. It will be easier to ask our sponsors to renew if we know that we're bring them business, and they'll be more likely to renew if they know it too.

Since it's February and we're hungry for some car content, check out this [article from bangshift.com](#) and the 25 minute video from the early 70s showing design and production at Fisher Body. It isn't a substitute for our own content, but it's that slow time of year. If you'd like to submit your own articles, pictures, or news, you know the drill by now... send your content to [newsletter@greaterpghgto.com](mailto:newsletter@greaterpghgto.com).

# Meeting Minutes

By Cindy Reece

Minutes for the January 15, 2019

GPGTO meeting held at Ladles Restaurant in Springdale, PA.

Tom called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm, 10 members were in attendance.

We have 60 paid members as of this meeting. Five previous members did not join. They are Alan Fabritius, Mark Leptinsky, Sasha Lencoski, David Diehl and James Buskirk.

Cindy Reece read the December meeting minutes from the Christmas Party on December 1st. A motion was made to accept the minutes by Pete Muro, seconded by Roger Kral.

The Club store is open. GTO merchandise makes great gifts for birthdays and don't forget Father's Day is coming! Contact Chris Sklenar at 412-678-8402.

John Owoc read the Treasurer's report. It was recommended by John to amend the by-laws to include that the club will pay the GTOAA annual membership dues for the Newsletter Editor and Web Master. The GTOAA allows for 4 officers to receive free annual memberships, which includes our President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. At the November meeting a motion was passed to have our club pay for the

Newsletter Editor and Web Master dues. Both had already paid for 2019 but the club will reimburse them. The officers, newsletter editor and web master will only pay their GPGTO dues to the club. Tom Monzo will consult with Jim Longo on proper wording to have the by-laws amended. A motion to accept the minutes and amend the by-laws by Pete Muro, seconded by Ken Kasper.

No newsletter report. Roger Kral will do the officers article for the February newsletter.

Tom Monzo received dates from Joe Barber for Kennywood cruise days. The club can send 5 cars for June 30 and 8 cars for July 4. We may be able to send more once Joe has a better count from other car clubs. More detail to come in future newsletters.

Tom Monzo reported that Bushy Run Winery will become a sponsor once their store is open.

New sponsorship levels were discussed. After much discussion, a motion was made to offer a cash incentive to anyone who brings in a new sponsor in 2019 at these levels:

## Meeting Minutes (continued)

By Cindy Reece

- \$25 sponsorship = \$5 reward
- \$50 sponsorship = \$10 reward
- \$100 sponsorship = \$35 reward

A motion to accept these sponsorship levels made by Roger Kral and seconded by Ken Kasper.

It was brought to our attention at the Christmas Party that the stairs at Ladles presents a problem for some and keeps them from attending the meetings.

We need to explore other locations for our monthly meetings, preferably in the Cheswick/Springdale area or off the Allegheny Valley exit of the turnpike. If anyone knows of a restaurant, preferably with a private room, please contact any of the officers.

There was discussion on other ways to increase monthly meeting attendance. These meetings are a great time to get to know the members better and promote friendship within the club. John Owoc suggested that Tom Monzo contact Denny Deal to get ideas on what other clubs do to have a more active membership. Suggested a Presidents' Forum to exchange ideas. Tom will follow up on these ideas.

John Owoc thanked Cheryl Kasper for her years of service as the club secretary and welcomed Cindy Reece as the secretary.

Tom Monzo won the 50/50 raffle of \$16. The meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

## Officer's Corner

By Roger Kral

By the time you read this officers corner, we will have less than two months until spring. I am so looking forward to getting my GTO out and going for a drive. I purchased my GTO over 16 years ago when my son was two years old. As I look back, I realize that this car has become a part of the family. I know that sounds crazy but it has taken on a life of its own.

At one point, both my kids went for rides in this GTO sitting in car seats. As they grew older, they would request I pick them up in the GTO from their friend's birthday parties and sports practices. This year my son will be graduating from Penn Trafford High School. He has asked me if he can take the GTO to the prom. My first natural instinctive answer was a NO. However, I realized that this car has been a part of his life and he wants it in his memories. So, I told him maybe you can take it to some of the early day events.

This is when it all started to sink in how fast time goes by. One day they are in car seats going to car cruises with you. The

next day you are driving them to baseball and football practices or softball practices or dance and then they are driving the GTO to the prom. All of sudden, they don't need you anymore because they have grown up.

It is at this point, you start to think what am I going to do with all this time? You start to focus on your favorite hobby, your GTO. You will now occupy your time by going to car cruises and club events with your friends. I am thankful with my busy schedule that I was somehow able to fit in time to make the monthly meetings because I have made great friends over the past 16 years being a member of this club. Most of them I see every third Tuesday of the month. We have dinner, talk about cars and hold our club meeting. It is a great time.

For those of you who have not come in awhile, try and find the time to have even one night of dinner and fun with your club friends. Give us ideas on how we can make your club better, and at the same time make new friends you can hang with at the cruises.

## Member News



Todd Brown—February 5  
John George—February 5  
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 & Lana Vansovich—February 8  
Eric & Rhonda Vicker—February 25  
Steve & Ann Morris —February 28



### New Members

No new members this month

## Question of the Month

By our members

**This month's question: Which tools, if any, do you bring when you take your GTO on a drive?**

- Over the years I have learned it is better to have a tool and not need it than not have a tool and need it. I carry gas filter, fuel pump, gas hose, timing lite, roil of wire or two of different sizes, of course duct tape, electrical tape, silicon gasket cement, hose clamps, different pieces of gas hose, heater hose, and wrenches, pliers, side cutters, wire strippers, screw drivers, some sockets and ratchet, hammer, jumper cables, and scissor jack. Various nuts and bolts, lug nuts, gloves and hand cleaner. Everything fits into a tool box that doesn't take up much room. As you may have guessed, I'm a retired mechanic! All this has "saved the day" for me and a lot of my friends many times. I never go without my tools! - *Stan O'Rourke*
- If you need to carry tools with you when take your GTO for a ride other then a spare tire and jack then you should get rid of it! Because any good solid well maintained GTO shouldn't need repairs while you are running it. If it does buy a truck and trailer or junk it! -*Ron Sklenar*
- Socket set in the trunk.- *Bob Spongross*
- None I keep up on my maintenance - *Robert Paouncic*
- A small tool box in the shape of a car, with ratchet, sockets, screw drivers, test light and an extra set of points and condenser. - *Orvil*
- I never drive too far so I usually don't bring tools. I am planning on going to Good Guys in Columbus, Ohio this July. I plan on bringing a floor jack and wheels and tires. Oh, and some friends too. Without them, I'd be in trouble! - *Tom Monzo, Jr.*
- Toolbox with miscellaneous sockets, pliers, wrenches, etc.; jumper cables, small compressor, flashlight, an empty coolant bottle, a funnel, stuff to deal with minor mishaps. Of course, the cell phone and AAA and Hagerty cards! In 38 years my GTO has never stranded me, but these are 50+

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year old cars, I don't assume that preventative maintenance will eliminate every issue that could come up. - *Jim Longo*

- For us old guys it would be a roll of toilet paper because whenever we are going 80 to 90 miles an hour in our GTO it scares the shit out of us. - *John Bacha*
- I bring PETE, he has tools. – *Jim Mastroianni*
- I have my father's small metal tool box (60 years old ) that I would carry into junkyards when we went parts hunting. It contains a variety of wrenches, screwdrivers, pliers, 3/8 socket set, elect. tape and some what if stuff. I don't always take it. More so on long trips. I always have a Leatherman multi-tool with me and some rags. Getting back to that tool box, I thought it would pull my arm off as we walked all over the local junkyards when I was about 7 years old. - *Randy Reece*

**If you have questions you'd like to see in future Newsletters, submit your suggestions for future "Questions of the Month" by [clicking here](#)**

## 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 “until the snow flies”
- **Victory Car Cruise**, Cranberry Township, 2019 season— Fridays 5:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m., May 24th—September 6th

### February 19, 2019

General Membership Meeting  
Ladles Kitchen  
516 Pittsburgh Street  
Springdale PA 15144  
6:00 PM Dinner—7:00 PM Meeting

### March 19, 2019

General Membership Meeting  
**Location TBD**  
6:00 PM Dinner—7:00 PM Meeting

### April 16, 2019

General Membership Meeting  
**Location TBD**  
6:00 PM Dinner—7:00 PM Meeting

### June 25-29, 2019

GTOAA National Convention  
Lawrenceburg, IN

### August 2-4, 2019

Ames Performance Pontiac Nationals  
Summit Raceway Park  
Nowalk, OH

### August 18, 2019

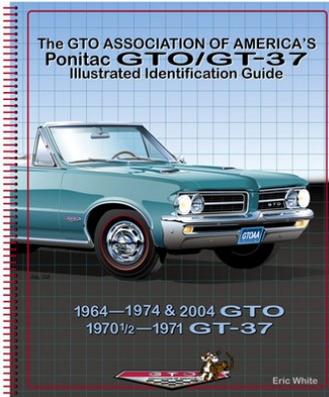
#### *GTO Club-Sponsored Event*

Syria Shrine Car Show  
Cheswick PA 15024  
8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

### September 14, 2019

GTO Club Picnic  
Maple Grove  
White Oak Park  
11:00 a.m.—?

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



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.



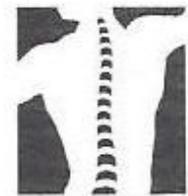
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## Sponsor Information

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## 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 the Club's secretary at [secretary@greaterpghgto.com](mailto:secretary@greaterpghgto.com). This will help us keep you informed about the club. Thank you.



# SPONSOR APPLICATION

## GREATER PITTSBURGH GTO CAR CLUB

c/o Cindy Reece  
71 Bonnie Drive  
North Huntingdon, PA 15642

The Greater Pittsburgh GTO Car Club is an official chapter of the GTO Association of America (GTOAA). Our club is for any enthusiast interested in the enjoyment, restoration, and preservation of the Pontiac GTO. We currently have over 60 members. Since hosting the national convention in 2014, our website visits, Facebook likes, and Twitter follows have grown significantly. We publish a monthly newsletter, *Goats Cruisin' the 'Burgh*, that is sent to all of our members and is available on our website.

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