

Goats Cruisin' the 'Burgh

Newsletter of the Greater Pittsburgh GTO Car Club

March 2019

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Editor's Corner

By Jim Longo

March is the month where we can finally see the end of winter's tunnel, with the days getting longer, daylight savings time kicking in, and the temperatures slowly climbing. Before you know it, we'll be firing up the GTOs!



To help tide us over until then, we have an opportunity for a March club event! Club member Ron Libengood has offered us a tour of his facility, [Fort Pitt Classic Cars](#) in Sharpsburg. The plan is to meet on Saturday, March 16th at 10:30 a.m., where we will be able to view the classic cars he has for sale on consignment, and see the service facilities and the cars undergoing maintenance, upgrades, and special construction. We can tour the body shop to see body-off restoration in progress. The shop has a '69 Judge undergoing final assembly and may also have a '65 GTO undergoing body work, and a display of cars in storage for the winter. Fort Pitt Classic Cars Look for a "Fill out form" RSVP email coming to our members through the Google Group so we can give Ron an idea of how many of our members will show up.

In this month's newsletter you'll see through the Club Schedule and a flyer that the Eastern Westmoreland Career and Technology Center, where Club member Mike Wortman is an instructor, is hosting a car cruise on April 27th. That's also the day of the Downtown Irwin Cruise that some of our members like to attend, so there are a couple of options that day, and it's also the weekend of "Spring Carlisle".

You'll see in this month's Officer's Corner the call to make sure that GTOAA has a valid email address for you. GTOAA is sending a monthly "email blast" to all members, and if they don't have your address, you aren't getting it. GTOAA had a typo in my email address, so I'm not getting it either, but I was able to get it after the fact and forward it to our members through the Google Group. When I compared our members' Google Group emails to a list from GTOAA, about 25% of our members' email addresses were missing or incorrect.

As always, if you'd like to submit your own articles, pictures, or news to share with your fellow Club members, if you have an event to promote, something for sale, or anything else, you know the drill... send your content to newsletter@greaterpghgto.com.

Meeting Minutes

By Cindy Reece

Minutes for the February 19, 2019 GPGTO meeting held at Ladles Restaurant in Springdale, PA. Tom Monzo called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. 13 members and 1 guest were in attendance. Currently we have 61 paid members. Alan Fabritius' membership renewal was received this month.

Officers' Reports:

Cindy Reece read the January meeting minutes. A motion was made to accept the minutes by Cheryl Kasper and seconded by Ken Kasper.

John Owoc read the Treasurer's report. The tax exempt forms for the IRS were submitted on February 15. A motion to accept the report was made by Karen Owoc and seconded by Jimmy Mastroianni.

Committee Reports:

Jim Longo is tracking club sponsors and when renewals are due. Bucky's Automotive and Dr. Novak, Chiropractor, renewed their sponsorships for the year. He is mailing hard copies of the newsletter to those members who requested it. The website is up to date.

The Irwin car cruise is April 27. Jimmy will reserve the usual spot on Fifth and Main Street. Mike Wortman sent a flyer for a cruise at Eastern Westmoreland Career and Technology Center in April. Jim Longo will include the flyer in the newsletter.

The POCI Show in Gettysburg is July 16 thru 21st.

Joe Barber said it's getting tougher to get more spots for Kennywood cruise dates of June 30 and July 4. Currently the club is allotted 5 cars on June 30 and 8 cars on July 4. Four spaces are taken for July 4. Contact club secretary Cindy Reece to reserve your spot.

The Club Store is open. GTO merchandise makes great gifts. Contact Chris Sklenar at 412-678-8402.

Old Business:

Tom Monzo talked to Denny Deal, GTOAA Chapter Coordinator, on ways to create club interest. A SLACK Forum was started with the purpose for all elected club officers to chat with other officers to exchange ideas. Tom said it seems to have stalled, no recent activity, but will talk to Denny again. John Schwenn, GTOAA, will set up a web link for nationwide ideas to implement local interest.

Joe Barber suggested the possibility of setting up trustees or activity committees for planned events/cruises. The club officers don't always have the time to organize or attend special events. So additional volunteers are needed to plan and/or chair events. A suggestion was made to ask the GTOAA Forum how other clubs handle it. After

Meeting Minutes (continued)

By Cindy Reece

discussion Jimmy Mastroianni and Randy Reece offered to help when needed.

No suggestions for a new location for monthly meetings were received by the officers. We will continue to search. Tom Monzo and his wife explored several locations but none suited the club's needs. A private room is a must.

New Business:

Ken Kasper was contacted by the Shriners to see if the club is willing to help again with their car cruise on August 18. Last year our club helped the Shriners make over \$5200 – their best year ever. A unanimous vote was taken to help the Shriners. Ken will organize the event for the club. He will need help on Saturday August 17 to line the fields.

Jim Longo passed out the new verbiage for the by-laws additions regarding the newsletter editor and web master. The same will be in the March newsletter for all members to review and a vote to approve will be held at the March monthly meeting.

Fort Pitt Classic Cars, Sharpsburg, is a sponsor of the club and has offered to give members a tour. A Saturday is preferred. Jim Longo will get some dates. Joe Barber will contact Max Motor in Springdale, just a couple blocks from Ladles, to see if they offer tours.

The GTOAA National Convention is in Lawrenceburg, IN on June 25 to 29. The host hotel, DoubleTree, is sold out. But there are overflow hotels available. John Owoc reminded those who are original owners that if you are planning to register your car as such you need to do it right away.

GTOAA has entered into an agreement with Mecum Auctions that will provide incentives to GTOAA Chapters and members if attending an auction and representing their chapter. More details are in the GTOAA January newsletter.

Many email addresses are either incorrect or missing from the GTOAA newsletter distribution. John Owoc and Jim Longo are working with them to see what we can do to correct.

Bob Wessell brought a guest, Jeff Treddell, to the meeting. Jeff expressed interest in joining so Cindy will send him the membership form.

Jack George won \$26 in the 50/50 drawing. The March edition of Muscle Car Review was won by Jeff Treddel. Tom Monzo donated 2 boxes of Girl Scout cookies for raffle and they were won by Bob Wessel.

Jim Longo made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Ken Kasper.

Officer's Corner

By John Owoc

Hello Fellow Greater Pittsburgh GTO Club Members! I trust you heard that our Pennsylvania "Resident Rodent Phil" (A.K.A. R R P) has given the All Clear to begin awakening our GTOs and Pontiacs. Phil has NEVER been wrong. This year he declared an Early Spring and I don't think we will get many objections to that forecast.

This time of the year is always special for those of us in the eastern side of Pittsburgh. Our area anticipates the start of the cruising season with the kick off cruise in downtown Irwin. It's become a wonderful tradition that brings out hundreds of cars on that Saturday each year. This year is no exception. Fellow club member Jimmy Mastroianni, has once again volunteered to reserve parking spaces for our club members. If you're planning on attending I would suggest you give Jimmy a call or Email him so he can try to save you a place. I hope to see many club members this April in Irwin. Stay tuned for the date and times. Once we have that information I'm sure it will be passed on via Email or

you can always check our club website or calendar.

Now on to what I was elected to do for our club. As "Treasurer" plain and simple, the financial situation is fine, and we continue to pay the bills and can anticipate the club will continue on, financially sound, for quite a few years. Just as a side note, we are grateful for two new sponsors, B.Y. Automotive, and Fort Pitt Classic Cars. Both of these new sponsors have taken out full page ads, check out their ads in the Newsletter. "Thank You" to both for their support of our club. Please try to support them and suggest them to your family and friends. With the help of these generous sponsors, we are able to keep our yearly club dues very low without any increases since the Club's inception.

One last note and appeal from all the officers of your club. Jim Longo, our Newsletter Editor has sent each of you a Google Email recently regarding the new GTOAA Newsletter. This Newsletter (separate from the Legend Magazine)

Officer's Corner (continued)

By John Owoc

began in January 2019, and is published each month. January and February so far, March is due out very soon.

Vic Schreck, President of the GTOAA, began this as a means to keep all of the GTOAA members, present and former, up to date on what is happening nationally. This Newsletter is sent to all current and past GTOAA members, and you'll only receive it if the GTOAA has your CURRENT Email address. We have come to find recently that quite a few members are not receiving the GTOAA Newsletter.

Keep in mind our Greater Pittsburgh GTO Club probably has your correct Email but that doesn't mean the National Organization has your CORRECT Email. Our club uses our local data base to contact you and doesn't interact with the GTOAA data base. Jim and the club officers are hoping you are receiving our newsletters and E mails, however we have no idea if your information is correct with the GTOAA data base of well over 4,000 addresses.

If you haven't received the new GTOAA Newsletter, you need to contact Beth Butcher at membership@gtoaa.org or phone # 970-493-3932.

I have been told that some people, (no one in our club) list an intentional error or discrepancy in their address so as to not receive "Junk Mail", that is not the case here, (Junk Mail) in either organization. I can assure you that the GTOAA, and our club, never sells or distributes your Email to ANY organization. Our local Greater Pittsburgh GTO Club believes it's important that you receive ALL the benefits that we as a local club offer, along with the information and benefits of the National organization. Your club dues cover both, so why not take advantage?

Take Care, Hope to see many of you this upcoming cruising season, Until next time, All the Best,

John Owoc

Greater Pittsburgh GTO Club Treasurer

Member News



Andy Musiolowski -March 2
Brian George -March 13
Chris Sklenar—March 13
Glenn Cannon—March 13
Cissy Spongross—March 16
Bill Gilbert—March 17
Chuck Nuzzo—March 27
Steve Morris—March 30

Keith & Ellen Moore—March 7
Denis & JoAnn Galterio—March 15
Stan & Kay O'Rourke - March 17
Jim & Cindy Mastroianni—March 20
Bob & Jodie Paouncic—March 23



New Members

No new members this month

Question of the Month

By our members

This month's question: Have you ever had a problem with your GTO or other vintage car that you believe was caused by ethanol in gasoline, and what was it?

- Fuel pump quit working due to ethanol eating the diaphragm.—*Brian George*
- None that I know of. - *Ken Kasper*
- None yet. Lucky? - *Pete Muro*
- Thankfully I have not had any ethanol-related issues in my GTO or any of my small engines. The last few years I have been adding Stabil before winter storage, which seems to make them easier to start in the spring, and I run ethanol-free gas in my GTO at regular intervals. - *Jim Longo*
- I'm not exactly sure, I don't think yet, but what I do know, from speaking to engine builders and others, is that "Carburetors" don't like ethanol. I'm told it creates problems with gaskets and thus the results of that are internal seal issues. Probably need to keep a screwdriver, and fire extinguisher close just in case you notice a gas leak starting, before everything goes up in flames. - *John*
- No. I put ethanol treatment in. - *Jim*
- No. - *Bob Wessel*
- I've seen residue from ethanol gas on parts related to the fuel supply of engines. As of yet I haven't had a specific problem because of that. Keeping my fingers crossed. - *Randy Reece*
- Never had a problem. I drove the car for 18 years and never touched the carburetor other than changing the filter. - *Alan*
- No, not that I am aware of. I know a few guys that say they have though. I have had small engine problems in weed trimmers and hedge trimmers that I believe was associated with ethanol fuel. - *Phil Shusteric*

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

March 16, 2019

GTO Club-Sponsored Event

Tour of Fort Pitt Classic Cars
1865 Main Street
Sharpsburg PA 15215
10:30 AM—12:00 PM

March 19, 2019

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

April 16, 2019

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

April 27, 2019

Downtown Irwin Car Cruise
Irwin PA 15642
11:00 AM—4:00 PM

April 27, 2019

Eastern Westmoreland Career Center Cruise
4904 Route 982
Latrobe PA 15650
12:00 PM—3:00 PM

June 25-29, 2019

GTOAA National Convention
Lawrenceburg, IN

August 2-4, 2019

Ames Performance Pontiac Nationals
Summit Raceway Park
Norwalk, 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.

*1st Annual Eastern Westmoreland Career
And Technology Center's "Cruise In"*

*Presented by the Automotive
Programs*



April 27th, 2019

12:00pm – 3:00pm

Cars, Trucks, Bikes & More!

All Makes and Models Welcome!

While you're here, check out the Auto Tech and Collision and Refinishing programs.

Entry Fee for Event: Any Donations Appreciated

All donations go to the Automotive Programs activity funds to help pay for future student certifications, projects, field trips, etc.



Check out the event page on Facebook

4904 Route 982

Latrobe, PA 15650



Check out EWCTC on social media:





No items for Sale or Wanted this month. Guidelines for classified ads are at the bottom of the page.



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.

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. 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.

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 dis-



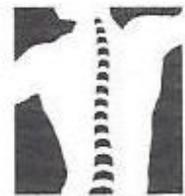
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Membership Information

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Greater Pittsburgh GTO Car Club Information

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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. 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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 - Your logo with link to your website on our website Sponsors page
- \$25/year
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 - Your logo with link to your website on our website Sponsors page

Please send logo to webmaster@greaterpghgto.com for the advertisement.

Please send any questions to officers@greaterpghgto.com

Please mail this application with check to the address above.

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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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