

Goats Cruisin' the 'Burgh

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Editor's Corner

By Jim Longo

The weekly Norwin Hills cruise has been underway since early April, along with some others in the area. They seem to be starting later in the North and West. May's the month where the number of car cruises starts to pick up. Some of the members at the April meeting had already gotten their GTOs on the road; others, myself included, had not. I have now, although I've only driven it around my neighborhood.



Twenty-four members replied to the Newsletter survey. Most members (71%) are reading on a Desktop computer, nearly everyone said they could read it without problems, and when there was a preference for the layout, most preferred pages formatted as one column. Overall it seems that the current layout works fine. Most members said that they click the blue underlined hyperlinks to read external content or go to external webpages "sometimes". Under feedback, there was a question about including the owner's name with the Car of the Month. It seems that we stopped that practice years ago, probably a privacy concern.

I've created a ["Sponsor Feedback" link](#) on the Classifieds page. As a Club we encourage our members to support and do business with our sponsors. Please use the link to provide feedback, whether positive or negative, if you patronize a sponsor so that when we ask them to renew, we'll know if they're getting business from us. Your feedback will be confidential.

For those who sometimes click the blue hyperlinks to external pages, I came across a [January 1967 Motor Trend test of two identically-equipped '67 GTOs](#), other than one having the dual-gate automatic and one having a four speed. Something to read if you're interested!

We have the 2019 GTOAA National Convention sponsored by [the Ohio Valley GTO Association](#), coming up in Lawrenceburg, Indiana, about a 5 hour drive from Pittsburgh, in late June. It sounds like an interesting location that we don't need a flight to attend!

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

Meeting minutes from the April 16, 2019 GPGTO meeting held at Ladles Restaurant in Springdale, PA. Tom Monzo called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. 12 members were in attendance. Currently we have 62 paid members.

Officers' Reports:

Cindy Reece read the March meeting minutes. A motion was made to accept the minutes by Ken Casper, seconded by Jimmy Mastroianni.

John Owoc read the Treasurer's Report. A motion to accept the report was made by Pete Muro , seconded by Ken Kasper.

Committee Reports:

Jim Longo reported there were 24 responses to the newsletter survey and most were positive. One suggestion was to include the owner's name of the Car of the Month.

Several went to the Norwin Car Cruise on April 5 and 12; approximately 100 cars attended.

The Irwin Car Cruise is Saturday, April 27 starting at 11:00. Jim Mastroianni talked to Gary Ed. Encouraged getting there early.

Victory Church Summer Car Cruises, Wexford, start May 24. Brian George will get the schedule of weekly featured cars.

There are still openings for Kennywood Days on June 30 and July 4. Not only do you get a carload in free that day – you also get 4 free tickets to use any time until the end of the season. Contact Cindy Reece to reserve your spot.

Carlisle is also April 27. Tom Monzo plans to attend.

The picnic is September 14 at White Oak Park, same pavilion.

The Christmas party is December 7. Entertainment has been booked.

Meeting Minutes (continued)

By Cindy Reece

The club store is open. GTO merchandise makes great gifts. Father's day is coming June 16! Contact Chris Sklenar at 412-678-8402.

Old Business:

Denny Deal called Tom Monzo about the GTOAA SLACK Forum. This is a means of exchanging ideas with other clubs. Tom Monzo and Roger Kral are the GPGTO contacts listed on the forum. Jim Longo's experience is that it is a good tool.

Jack George looked at Somma Pizza , 380 Rt. 909 (Hulton Rd), Verona, for a possible place for our meetings. There are no steps and there is a private dining area. It's a sports bar atmosphere with a large variety menu, not just pizza.

Another suggestion was Pugliano's on Rt. 286. After discussion all agreed to try Somma for the June meeting. May's meeting will be at Ladles as in the past. This will hopefully help the attendance for those who can't do the stairs at Ladles.

A restaurant guest overheard our discussion and suggested the Kinloch Firehall in Lower Burrell which has an open kitchen and large food variety. Discussion was that it would be nice during the summer months to meet somewhere with a bigger parking lot so you can take your cars. Needs further investigation.

Reminder that Ken Kasper will need help parking cars at the Shriner's Car Cruise on August 18. In addition he needs help on Saturday, August 17 to line the fields.

New Business:

Tom Monzo said the Bushy Run Winery, who donated a gift basket for the Christmas party as a door prize, is still interested in being a sponsor once they have their store open.

Joe Barber will talk to Max Motors, Springdale, and get dates for a June tour.

Pete Muro made the motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ken Casper.

Officer's Corner

By Tom Monzo

Greetings to all Greater Pittsburgh GTO Club members! The month of May is upon us and the thought of cruising the streets and car shows is now here. Some of us have already participated in local events such as Spring Carlisle, the Norwin Hills Cruise, and the Irwin Car Show.

Every year I miss the Irwin Car Show to attend Spring Carlisle with my friends. This is a tradition that dates back to 1987 when I went to Carlisle looking for my GTO. I found my car a week later in Delmont, PA. So much for finding it at Carlisle, however, that weekend was the beginning of a tradition that has lasted for over 30 years!

The Spring Carlisle show has evolved for my friends and I from finding parts to enjoying a weekend away and buying miscellaneous treasures. We began this year's show by visiting with Brian and Jack George at their battery charger sales tent. We were fortunate enough to seek cover with them during a downpour of rain on Friday afternoon. Special thanks to Brian and Jack for providing us with shelter!

Later that day, another downpour happened as the Big Smokie guy brought a tornado warning to my attention on his cell phone radar. My five friends and I ran for the car auction building. We



Officer's Corner (continued)

By Tom Monzo



didn't make it there. One of my friends hid in a Port a John. Thank heavens it wasn't a tornado and he met up with us later. We were all soaking wet, but I'm sure it's a story we will reminisce about for years to come.

On the second day in Carlisle, the weather was much better. It was a little windy, but there was no rain. My friend Frank went shopping for non-car related parts as he does every year. This year he found an old beverage crate with his name on it and an 8-

Track player and speakers! By the end of the day, the wagon was almost too heavy to drag around the fairgrounds.

We finished our visit on the second day by buying souvenirs and a hat for my son's teacher, Mr. Carlisle! Another year in the books. As I once said many years ago, "Some guys go fishing, some guys go hunting, and some guys go to Carlisle!"

Many more shows await the Greater Pittsburgh GTO Club this year. As events arise, please share them with the club and we hope to see you there!

Happy Motoring!

Tom Monzo, Jr.

GTO Club President

Member News



Cathie Cannon—May 2
Ron Tvrdovsky—May 2
Beverly George—May 12
Mike Louttit—May 14
Gerald Beal—May 24
Roger Kral—May 29

Bill and Patty Gilbert—May 6
Glenn and Cathie Cannon—May 11
William and Deanne Baker—May 26
Steve and Terri Solomon—May 30



New Members

No new members this month

Question of the Month

By our members

This month's question: Is your decision to change oil and filter in your GTO based on time, mileage, or both? How long will you go between oil changes if you've put very little mileage on your car?

- A New 1970 Super Bee, Orange with Black trim, Black Interior. - *Bob Spongross*
- I almost bought a 69 Mustang, Mach One a long time ago. I rode in it and we discussed the possibilities. The next day, the owner lit it on fire. That was the end of my Ford days - *Tom Monzo, Jr.*
- First gen Firebird 1967. I already had a '65 GTO - *Pete*
- 1970 Charger, I didn't want an automatic for the price. - *D'S 69 GTO*
- 1967 Corvette - *Fred Mansfield*
- 1964 GTO basket case missed by 10 minutes - *No Name*
- Before I bought my GTO in 1981 I was in Memphis TN and came across a '71 Olds 442 Convertible with a 455 and a/c for \$800. It had a cracked block and some minor front end damage so I didn't buy it. - *Jim Longo*
- A '68 Corvette - *Jim M.*
- I passed up a 1970-1/2 Camaro when I was in high school for \$3,500. I was a broke teenager at the time. - *Phil Shusteric.*
- '67 Pontiac Firebird - *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 **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

May 21 2019

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

June 18, 2019

General Membership Meeting
Somma Pizza
380 Route 909
Verona, PA 15147
6:00 PM Dinner—7:00 PM Meeting

June 25-29, 2019

GTOAA National Convention
Lawrenceburg, IN

June 30th & July 4th 2019

Kennywood Days
See Meeting Minutes for details

July 16, 2019

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

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.

August 20, 2019

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

September 14, 2019

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

December 7, 2019

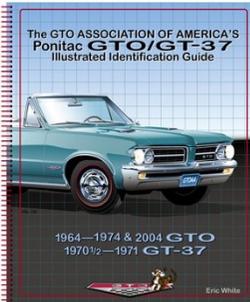
Club Christmas Party
Banquets Unlimited North Huntingdon
6:00 p.m.— ??

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



Classifieds

Wanted to Buy: Extra, unwanted or unused GTO or Pontiac parts, mechanical or body, that would be of interest to or usable by others reviving or restoring Pontiacs. Also looking for signs, banners, and other auto-related collectibles. Contact Joe Barber at 412-974-0772. **June**



For Sale: This original version of Eric White's Illustrated Identification Guide is now available **in very limited numbers**. Covers the years 1964 - 1974 and 2004 model years. More detailed information is available at <http://stores.customautoapparel.net/gtoaa-pontiac-gto-gt37-illustrated-identification-guide/> If interested contact Chris Sklenar at 412-678-8402 or gnx547@comcast.net. **June**

Provide feedback on your experiences with our Sponsors by [clicking here](#).



**Help
Wanted**

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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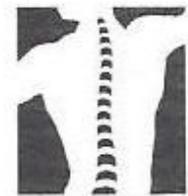
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Greater Pittsburgh GTO Car Club Information

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 December 15th 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.

Membership Information

Please see the Membership Application included in this newsletter.

Advertising Guidelines and Sponsor Information

Free member ads are for cars, parts or miscellaneous items. 50 word maximum per issue, photo optional (photos need to be 300-500 KB and are accepted via email only). Ads run for three months unless renewed. Business or commercial ads are not free and will be placed as Sponsor Ads; advertising rates and sizes are specified on the Sponsor Application included in this Newsletter. 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 ad be discontinued. The officers reserve the right to refuse any advertisement that does not conform to the guidelines, or to which the Editor has reasons not to publish. Acceptance of ads does not imply Club endorsement of any items, products, or services advertised.

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.



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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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.

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

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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
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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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