

Goats Cruisin' the 'Burgh

Newsletter of the Greater Pittsburgh GTO Car Club

October 2019

The Greater Pittsburgh GTO
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of the GTO Association of
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Editor's Corner

By Jim Longo

September provided some pretty nice weather, hopefully our members had the chance to spend some time in their cars.

The Club Picnic was held in December, with 24 members attending. The weather was questionable but there were still a half dozen GTOs and other Pontiacs in the parking area. Thanks to Cheryl Kasper (and to Ken) for the efforts to plan and coordinate the picnic over the last several years.



I read in the September Legend that the 35 GTOAA chapters have 1,550 members; that's an average of 44 members per Club. With our membership in the low 60s, that makes the Greater Pittsburgh chapter larger than average. Those are what we'd call the "General Members", in our case the member in each household who belongs to the GTOAA. As we all know, our Club would not function, and is much better with the participation and support of our spouses or others that we call our "Associate Members".

At the Club's next monthly meeting, October 15th at Ladles Kitchen, we are due to nominate Officers for 2020. Nominations can also be made at the November meeting, with election of officers in November. If you are interested in serving as an Officer, either because you have the time, or you're interested in leading and influencing the direction of the Club, call or email Tom Monzo or Cindy Reece so that your name is included in the nominations. The duties of the Officers and the selection process are in the Bylaws, available on the Club website, greaterpghgto.com under Documents.

This month I'll share a human interest story and video from Hagerty Classic Insurance. This story, "Why I Drive", features a young(er) woman and her 1967 GTO. It's interesting not only to see the video and read the story, but also to read the comments that others make in reply. Hopefully you enjoy it! If you'd like to read it, click this underlined link, [Why I Drive](#).

If you have any content to share, something for sale, an event to promote, or you need help with email settings, feel free to contact me or use the Newsletter address, newsletter@greaterpghgto.com

Meeting Minutes

By Cheryl Kasper for Cindy Reece

Meeting minutes from the September 14, 2019 GPGTO meeting held during the picnic at White Oak Park. Tom Monzo called the meeting to order at 1:15 pm. 24 members were in attendance. No new members since last month, so we currently have 63 members.

Officers' Reports:

There were no minutes from the August meeting to read in Cindy's absence. John Owoc read the Treasurer's Report. A motion to accept the report was made by Ken Kasper, seconded by Orvil Osche.

Committee Reports:

Jim said there's nothing new for the newsletter. Tom Monzo is to check on Mather Group to see if they want to renew their sponsorship for another year.

Jim Mastroianni said all our club members are welcome to attend the Oldsmobile Car Club cruise on September 22 at Seven Springs.

Arnold Motors car cruise is on October 13. There will be a flyer in the newsletter.

We will have a Flight 93 car cruise on Saturday, October 19. We will meet at Eat N Park or Bob Evans in North Huntingdon. More details to follow.

John Bacha asked if everyone knew about car cruises.com.

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

Old Business:

No new suggestions for a place to have meetings other than Ladles in Springdale.

There's still concern that members aren't getting emails sent by other members through the Google Group, but it seems like everyone's getting the Newsletter. Keep in mind that you can only send email TO the Google Group from the same email address you use to receive group emails. Your email system may also

Meeting Minutes (continued)

By Cheryl Kasper for Cindy Reece

inconsistently block or direct group emails to your “junk” or “spam” folders. The best option is to whitelist the Google Group; these instructions from Constant Contact cover a wide variety of email systems and security programs.

The Christmas party is December 7 at Banquets Unlimited in Irwin. Mark your calendar. More information to follow. Faye asked if the club would give \$500 to purchase door prizes for the party instead of asking for donations. There were not enough officers at meeting to make a motion and take a vote. Tom Monzo will contact the officers prior to the October meeting so a vote can take place if officers agree.

John Owoc asked about his motion last month to donate \$2,000 to the Shriner's. John said the convention in 2014 was to showcase Pittsburgh and also to make donations to charities. While we did make some donations after the convention, we still have money in the treasury that we could make additional ones. Cindy Mastroianni suggested instead of making one large donation, make smaller donations to more charities. The motion was tabled since there were not enough officers to vote. Tom will contact officers prior to the October meeting so a vote can take place if officers agree.

New Business:

Nominations for new officers will take place in October. Anyone interested in an office, please let Tom, Cindy or any of the officers know.

Motion to adjourn was made by Jim Mastroianni, seconded by Pete Muro.

UPDATE: Officers by email voted not to endorse the motion to donate \$2,000 to the Shriners. Additional discussion of making charitable donations will be on the agenda for the October 2019 Club Meeting.

Officer's Corner

By Roger Kral

Greetings to all my GTO Club members! As we come to the end of our cruising season, we have been blessed with some great weather allowing us more opportunities to enjoy cruising our cars before we have to put them into hibernation for the winter. As I reflect on the year, I have had more opportunities to get my car out this year and attend more shows because of some nicer weather.

I have met a lot of really nice car enthusiasts who share the same love for their cars as I do! I have run into many GTO Club members who I have not seen at our meetings and it was really nice to put a face to the name. Our club meetings have seen an increase in attendance as well this year, which is great to see! We have had some returning members join us at these meetings and provide great input to help make the club better. However, I would like to meet and see more of you at the monthly meetings.

We had our first pizza cruise this year and it was a great get together for all who attended. We continued providing our help as a club with the Shriners Car Cruise and another well run show. We had the club picnic which was another great success. The Christmas party is coming up in December and it is always a great evening of fun and good food for everyone.

As a club, we are always looking for ways to improve on our cruising experiences. We have had several ideas pitched in our meetings and we are continuing to look to see how we can implement them going forward. We are always looking for better ways to improve on the club experiences. So, if you have any ideas you would like to see as far as cruises, shows etc., please let us know by emailing us or better yet coming to a meeting.

My hope for the rest of this year is to get to meet more of you at either the club meetings or even the Christmas party. GTO club members, this club is your club, so please come to the meetings and help us make it more fun for everyone. Hope to see you soon!

Member News



Fred Mansfield - October 1
John Bacha - October 4
Pam Carenbauer - October 7
Steve Busalacchi - October 7
Keith Moore - October 7
Gary Sklenar - October 8
Amanda Booher - October 14

Gretchen Barber - October 16
Cindy McFarland - October 17
Orvil Oshe - October 21
Ed Sellers - October 24
Deneen Marsolo - October 28
Pete Muro - October 30

John & Karen Owoc - October 7
Ron and Pat Gunn - October 7
Ron and Sandra Libengood - October 13
Brian and Beverly George - October 30
Bob and Cissy Spongross - October 31



New Members

No new members this month

Question of the Month

By our members

This month's question: What's the fastest car, however you'd define "fast", that you've ever owned?

- "66 GTO Convertible tri power. When I would chomp it down boy it would throw you back in your seat. Sweet hearing the tri power open up - *Rob Milko*
- I didn't own this car, but my friend had a 1970 Mercury Cyclone Spoiler with a 429 Super Cobra Jet, 4 speed, and the drag pack option. It was the fastest car I was ever in. I should have bought it, but it's probably a good thing that I didn't! - *Tom Monzo, Jr.*
- 1970 GTO, Verdoro Green, bought it in 1971. - *Bob Spongross*
- Our 2002 Pontiac Firehawk. - *Glenn Cannon*
- 1965 GTO - *Pete*
- '56 300SL Gullwing - *John Carenbauer*
- Seems the older we get...the faster our cars were... *Stan O*
- My 69 GTO - *Alan*
- 66 GTO 455 4 speed 390 gear. Asked Bonnie for a ride she won't go. Took Pat Gallagher for a power ride, he rode back with Alan and Bonnie. A few others went for one ride! - *Joe Barber*
- 67 GTO - *Ken*
- My current GTO – *Jim M.*
- My '65 GTO - *Randy Reece*
- 1969 GTO Ram Air III - *J. Frank Thompson*

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 April 6th “until the snow flies”

October 13, 2019

Arnold Pontiac Reunion
Bob Arnold Motors
12 North Main Street
Houston PA 15342
9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.

October 15, 2019

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

October 19, 2019

Fall Run to Flight 93 Memorial
Depart 9:00 a.m. from Irwin Eat N' Park
Meet for Breakfast 8:00 a.m. if interested

November 19, 2019

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

December 7, 2019

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

December 17, 2019

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

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



For Sale: 1996 Pontiac Firebird Trans Am WS6. Automatic. 15,5xx miles. All original, all stock, never modified. Metallic green. Excellent condition inside and out. Great "survivor" collector car! All accessories operate as they should. Nicely equipped! Have original window sticker. Asking \$16,000, negotiable. Located in Blairstown PA. 703-408-5302. Mike Wortman **December**



For Sale: 1965 GTO Trunk Lid (original paint) and Rear Bumper (original chrome). Contact Joe Barber at 412-974-0772. **December**

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



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.

Free member classified ads are for cars, parts or miscellaneous items. 50 word maximum per issue, photo optional. Business or commercial ads are not free and will be placed as Sponsor Ads. See Club Information page for details.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2019

24th ALL PONTIAC REUNION

& GMC TRUCK DISPLAY

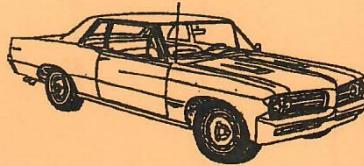


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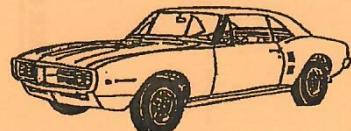
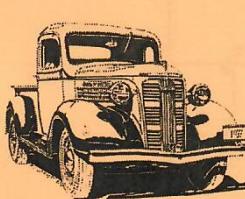


2 Trophies
Dealer's Choice
& Club Choice

Show Time: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Registration closes at 12:30 p.m.

Because of festival - please arrive BEFORE NOON.



\$10.00 per car ~
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First 60 PRE-REGISTERED

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Participation Gift • Door Prize*

**NOTE: Vehicle &
Driver MUST be present
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FOR MORE INFORMATION -
CONTACT:

- **Walter "Pete" Rust**, 2729 Summit Street,
Bethel Park, PA 15102 (412) 833-1441
AFTER 5 p.m.
- **Gary Gordan**, 4507 West 7th Ave., Beaver
Falls, PA 15010 (724) 630-1191
AFTER 5 p.m.

NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ALLOWED!

REGISTRATION FORM

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ADDRESS _____

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YEAR & MODEL _____

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Deadline - Wednesday, October 9, 2019

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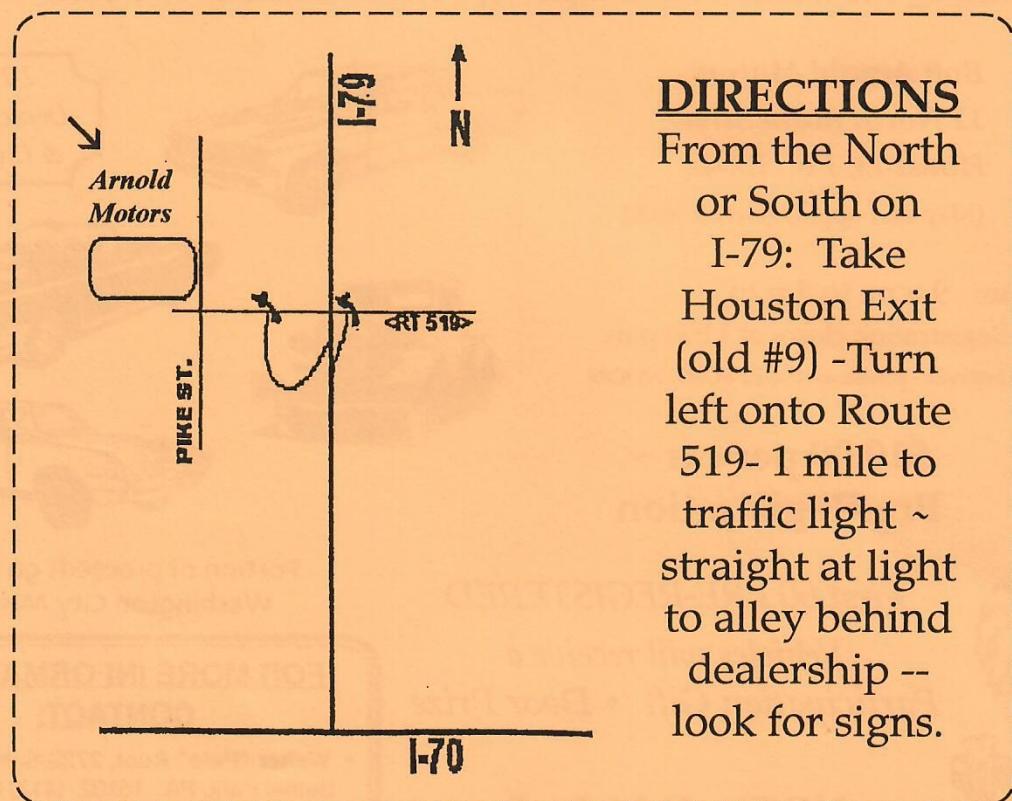
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PLEASE READ AND SIGN

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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

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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 or newsletter@greaterpghgto.com. Submissions are due by the 15th of the month to be included in the next issue.



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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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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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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.

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Annual dues and GTOAA membership, \$45

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