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Editor's Corner

By Jim Longo

Winter came in fast this year, stopping any thoughts of last minute drives for many of us. Since it was relatively warm on November 6th, after work I got my GTO ready for winter hibernation. I thought that it might be too early, that I might miss a chance to drive it, but two days later it snowed lightly and the Township salted the roads heavily, and that was that. It will be another winter where I could get some work done on it, the question will be whether I actually do.



As you'll see in the monthly meeting minutes, 2020 Club Officers have been elected. Thanks to our members who came forward to fill the roles. Change can be good; new ideas, approaches, and activities should be welcome, and everyone should share the goal of making the Club the best that it can be. We also owe our thanks to our outgoing Officers, Tom, Roger and John, for their efforts and service to the Club, they worked for the same goal.

The Club Christmas Party is Saturday, December 7th; see the Club Schedule. Thanks to Faye Zekany and Cindy Reece for the effort they've put into planning it.

Club and GTOAA dues are payable in December; Cindy Reece recently sent an email to our members about that. Coordinating the renewals and getting dues to GTOAA is a significant effort, so if you're not renewing your Club membership, let Cindy know with a telephone call or email if you can.

We need to approach several of our Club's sponsors about renewing their sponsorships over the next few months. If you've used them and you want to provide feedback, please send an email to one of the Officers or to me, or fill out the feedback form by clicking the link on the Classifieds page of this Newsletter.

Merry Christmas/Happy Holidays to all, hopefully you are able to enjoy the company of family and friends over the next month. As always, I welcome any ideas or contributions that you'd like to make to the Newsletter, it will be better with your suggestions and content than it can be without them! Feel free to contact me directly or use the Newsletter address, newsletter@greaterpghgto.com

Meeting Minutes

By Cindy Reece

Meeting minutes from the November 19, 2019 GPGTO meeting at Ladles, Springdale PA. Tom Monzo called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. 12 members were in attendance. No new members since last month, so we currently have 63 members.

Officers' Reports:

The meeting minutes from the October 15 meeting were read by Cindy Reece. One correction to the Update note at the end of the minutes should read that voting will be held by ballot only if there is more than one nomination for a position. A motion to accept was made by Cheryl Kasper, seconded by Ken Kasper.

John Owoc read the Treasurer's Report. A motion to accept the report was made by Steve Morris, seconded by Roger Kral.

Nominations of Officers:

Tom Monzo reviewed the by-laws regarding election of new officers for next year. The following additional nominations for officers for 2020 were made followed by approval.

- **President:** Randy Reece was nominated at the October meeting. No other nominations, therefore Randy was approved.
- **Vice President:** Gary Sklenar and Joe Barber were nominated and both accepted the nomination. A ballot vote was conducted, with Joe getting the majority vote. Joe Barber was approved as Vice President.
- **Treasurer:** Jimmy Mastroianni and Cheryl Kasper were nominated and both accepted the nomination. A ballot vote was conducted with Jimmy getting the majority vote. Jimmy Mastroianni was approved as Treasurer.
- **Secretary:** Cindy Reece was nominated at the October meeting. No other nominations were received, therefore Cindy Reece was approved.

Committee Reports:

Jim Longo reported that the Mather Group has been removed as a sponsor from the newsletter.

Meeting Minutes (continued)

By Cindy Reece

The pictures of the Car of the Month in the newsletters will continue to be repeats unless someone submits new pictures. There was discussion as to why the owner's name is not published with the picture. Jim explained that he doesn't have owners' names for most of his pictures.

Old Business:

Cindy reported the Christmas party reservations are coming in slowly. If you haven't sent yours in yet – please do so now. The club is obligated to Banquets Unlimited for 30 reservations. As of the date of this meeting we are short of that number.

Tom Monzo reported that 3 members and their families attended the Flight 93 Memorial and Chapel and had lunch at the Coal Miner's diner.

No other places suggested for our monthly meeting. The January meeting will be at Ladles in Springdale.

New Business:

No fundraisers or sponsors to report.

Joe Barber will inquire about Kennywood days for 2020. Once ticket distribution opens, the days fill up fast. It was suggested to try to get tickets for one weekend day and one week day. This always falls around the July 4 holiday.

Cindy Reece reminded everyone to get their membership dues sent to her soon. Make your check out to GPGTO. Further instructions are in the November newsletter.

The regular December meeting will be held at the Christmas party on December 7, not on December 17.

Motion to adjourn was made by Jim Mastroianni, seconded by Steve Morris.

Officer's Corner

By Cindy Reece

Wow! How these months fly by! It feels like I just finished writing about the Convention in June and here it is the end of November already! A lot can happen in a few short months. The weather finally cooperated to allow more cruising. There was the Kennywood days when many braved the heat but had a great time enjoying the park and showing off their cars. The Pontiac night at the Victory car cruise in Wexford had the biggest representation of GPGTO members. We helped the Shriners' with their car cruise fundraiser. We had a great pizza party one Saturday night at Norwin Hills. Cheryl planned another great picnic in September; which also was a hot month made perfect for more cruising. Several went on a fall foliage cruise to Flight 93 Memorial and the Chapel. We had election of officers at the November meeting. And the Christmas party is fast approaching. Another year is coming to an end.

OK guys – this next paragraph is for your better half. Be sure she reads this!

I've been thinking about ways to make the club better for 2020. One thing comes to mind is to get the women more involved. And I don't mean listening or even trying to learn as the guys talk about restoration projects, engines, tires, paint colors, etc. Let's talk "women talk" and get to know each other better. I'd like to plan some events for us – things we might like to do that our other half has no interest in doing. We could go see a "chick flick", luncheon at a tea house, relax at a winery, shopping outlets, etc. I'm open for suggestions. Make sure you watch the newsletter in the coming months for the first event. If you have any ideas please send them to me. I'm looking forward to getting to know you!

There will not be a December meeting. We will conduct a little business at the Christmas party on December 7 but we'll mostly have a great time enjoying great food, friendship and holiday entertainment. A great way to finish out the year!

One last order of business for this year. Please be sure to send your 2020 membership dues to me; do not send your check directly to GTOAA. Check your membership expiration date on your *Legend* magazine. If it expires in 2020 – then you owe \$35 for GTOAA and \$10 for GPGTO. If it expires after 2020 then you just owe \$10 for GPGTO membership. Send the total in one check made out to GPGTO to me before December 9!

As the year comes to a close – Randy and I wish you all

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Member News

Bonnie Fabritius - December 1

Jim Longo - December 2

Ann Morris - December 7

Randy Reece - December 9

Shirley Osche - December 18

Debbie Longo - December 22

Connie Bacha - December 30



John & Pam Carenbauer - December 1



New Members

No new members this month

Question of the Month

By our members

This month's question: If you could make a "modern" upgrade to your GTO or other classic car without hurting its value, what would it be, and why?

- Fix my ac - *Pete*
- Disc brakes on front....what a difference. - *Stan O*
- Upgrade seats in my '68 Convertible to allow for headrest support and shoulder belts for better safety factor. - *John Carenbauer*
- Fuel injection tri power - *Jim*
- I've just about done them all to my car. But a big power adder, I can get in enough trouble with what a have. - *Kirk McFarland*
- Disk brakes and a dual master cylinder. The old drum brakes don't have the stopping power of disc brakes and a single master cylinder isn't safe. - *Tom Monzo*
- All led lighting for brighter lighting. - *Rob Milko*
- Power drivers side seat. The angle of OE Strato Buckets feel very primitive compared to the cars of today. - *Steve Solomon*
- An overdrive transmission would be nice to lower the RPMs on the highway. A front disc conversion is said to be very worthwhile and everyone sees the benefit of doing it, like installing a dual master cylinder on a pre-'67 car. - *Jim Longo*
- Suspension. It makes an old car ride much nicer. - *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



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Club Schedule

Always check the [calendar on our web site](#) for the latest information about our schedule.

SEASONAL WEEKLY CLUB CRUISES

December 7, 2019

Club Christmas Party
Banquets Unlimited
544 Caruthers Lane
Irwin PA 15642
6:00 p.m.— ??

January 21, 2020

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

February 18, 2020

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

March 17, 2020

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

April 21, 2020

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.



Classifieds

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 Blairsville 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](#).



**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.

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.



CHRISTMAS PARTY
2019 Greater Pittsburgh GTO Club

Saturday, December 7, 2019
Banquets Unlimited, 544 Caruthers Lane, Irwin, PA 15642
\$30 per person

6:00 p.m. Hors d'Oeuvres; 7:00 p.m. Dinner

*Please respond no later than Wednesday, November 27, 2019 to
Faye Zekany. If questions, call 412 760-4719.*

Menu

Hors d'Oeuvres

Cocktail Meatballs
Stuffed Mushrooms
Mini Egg Rolls w/Hot Mustard Dip
Spinach Dip w/Bread Rounds

Entrees

Chicken Piccata
Stuffed Pork Loin
Glazed Carrots
Garlic Mashed Potatoes
Cavatelli

Dessert: Cupcakes, Cookies & Brownies
Beverage: Coffee, Tea, Soda. Cash bar will be available.

Entertainment

Detention - Acoustic Duo in the Christmas spirit!

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Name: _____
Telephone: _____
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RSVP: Please mail this portion and your check (payable to Greater Pittsburgh GTO Club)
to Faye Zekany, 6A Denny Estates, Pittsburgh, PA 15238
Prior to Wednesday, November 27th
(Reservations aren't confirmed until your check is received.)





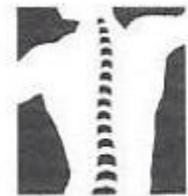
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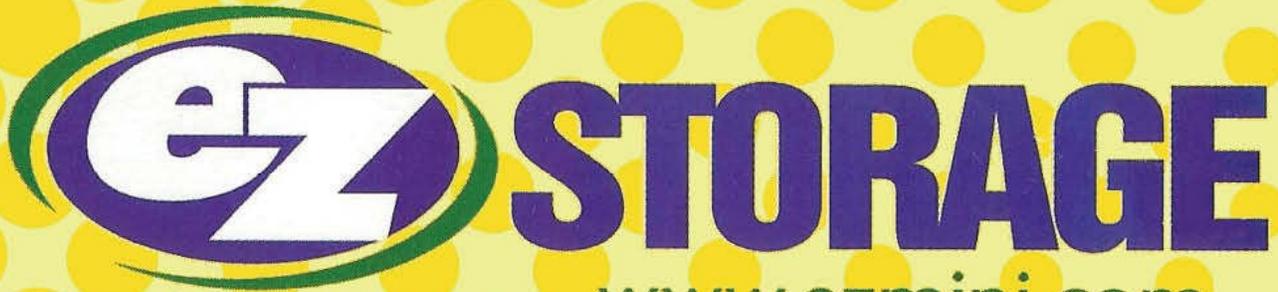


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Greater Pittsburgh GTO Car Club Information

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

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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.



SPONSOR APPLICATION

GREATER PITTSBURGH GTO CAR CLUB

c/o Cindy Reece
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North Huntingdon, PA 15642

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Please send any questions to officers@greaterpghgto.com

Please mail this application with check to the address above.

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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

_____ Annual dues and GTOAA membership, U.S. mail communication, \$55

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