

Greater Pittsburgh GTO Goat Gazette—July 2010 issue



Hi all,

Another great meeting was held Wednesday, July 21 at Kings/Wexford. We had 15 members present. Reports were read from several of the new groups within the club with many exciting events on tap for the upcoming months.

We can't stress enough that one of the goals of our new officers is to have the GTO club be YOUR club. We want to hear from you how we can make your membership more valuable. What would you like to see happen? Do you have any ideas for special events that we as a club can become involved in? Drop one of us an email and let us know today what we can do to make the club meetings and events THE place to be. Any ideas for special meetings? Do you know of someone who would be willing to come and share something with those in attendance? Notify an officer today if you know someone. We have heard numerous people comment that nothing happens at the meetings...this is YOUR chance to help make something happen! We want to hear your ideas!

Please keep club membership in mind when attending cruises and events. Go online now and print out several applications and put them in any GTOs you may run across. I've also attached one to this message for your convenience. At still only \$10 it is a bargain!!

Out and About

August 6-8...Ames Performance Engineering Tri Power Pontiac Nationals at Summit Racing Motorsports Complex (fondly remembered as Norwalk Raceway)

August 15...GTO club, POCI, and Oldsmobile Fun Run to Conneaut and Pymatuning. Watch your email and the Facebook page for further details!

*******REGISTRATION FORMS ARE DUE BY AUGUST 7!!! HAVE YOU MAILED YOURS YET??*******

August 21...Woodward Avenue Dream Cruise/Pontiac, MI...this is a club event this year so all are encouraged to go! I promise you won't regret it. We will be staying at the Woodward Tigers GTO Club host hotel and rooms are available at the special rate of \$99.00 when you use the code GTOGTOA. Click here for info on the hotel and the phone is (248) 253-9800. Make sure to mention the code. Some of you may remember when Nationals was held there several years ago. **PLEASE NOTE*******while this is a club event, you are responsible for making ALL arrangements including hotel reservations, pre-registering for the car show on Sunday, lunch on Saturday, etc; you need to take care of sending your registration/payment in for all events. I have attached a flyer with all necessary information, including a schedule of events, registration form, and parking reservation form. There is also a contact number/email for any questions. Watch for further details regarding travel up as a group, etc; [Click here](#) for further details on the weekend events.

September 11...Club picnic at Alameda Park in Butler. This is a gorgeous park! We will be in the Pines Shelter at the top of the hill. Lots of paved parking and privacy. Watch for further details! Our picnic coordinator, Deb DeCoursey is planning a great event this year! [Click here](#) for more info on the park!

December 3...Club Christmas party at Carmody's in Wexford. More information and commitment form to come later.

Notehave a cruise or event you want to share with the club?? Read on...details to follow on a new communication tool for club members...

What's New?

A lot of our members have faded from our rosters so phone chains were formed at our meeting and we will be placing calls and sending emails to those members who we have lost. If you know anyone who used to be a member and no longer is, please invite them to join us!

On the Tech Side

Website Coordinator, Steve Busalacchi has been adding a Car of the Month to the website by featuring a different member's car on the front page each week. Those of you who have pictures can forward them to Steve at bus15241@verizon.net. We need pictures! Be next in line to have your car featured! July's car is John Caligiuri's 1971 GTO.

Also thanks to Steve; we are now on Facebook!!! You must have a Facebook account in order to have access to the page. But you do NOT have to participate in other Facebook activities. The purpose of this page is for members to post events that might be near to them so other members who may be looking for something to do can check the listing. You can also post "For Sale" notices and "Looking for" notices on the page. Please do any posts on the page wall. So create your Facebook account now so you can check out our Facebook Page. This is also to help cut down on the emails sent to club members for special occasions such as an item for sale or needed

and cruises you would like to advertise. Make sure to check out the "Events tab" on the page for any upcoming events and a place for you to RSVP if you can attend. We really want to make this a valuable tool but we need YOU to join to make that happen.

Member Bulletin Board

August 22nd...Shriner's Motor Corps judged car show. Held at the Pittsburgh Shrine Center in Cheswick, PA. For details contact Gary Coulter at grcoulter729@gmail.com
(Submitted by Gary Coulter)

This area is your area...if you have any cruises, items for sale or wanted, etc; let me know and we can include them in next month's newsletter.

Bits n Pieces

The club is in the process of obtaining a supplier for members to order club apparel. Join us at next month's meeting for a presentation by Doreen Nelson who will be showing items that can be ordered with our club logo.

The membership year has changed to January 1-December 31, with payment being due by December 31 for 2010. Dues will remain at \$10.00. Don't forget to join the GTOAA also as we need to maintain a certain percentage of our membership who are also GTOAA members in order to be recognized as a chapter of the National organization. You can request a membership application by notifying any of the current club officers or online at <http://www.gtoaa.org/>.

Steve Busalacchi took 2nd place People's Choice Award at the Erie All Pontiac Show on July 17. Steve, Pat Gallagher and Kirk McFarland attended this show. Congratulations, Steve!!!

Celebration Corner

July Birthdays---Happy Birthday everyone!!

Frank Thompson---July 3

Scott Werner---July 7

Mary Zeh---July 9

Patty Gilbert---July 11

John Owoc---July 14

Doug Sappington---July 14

Jim Mastroianni---July 23

July Anniversaries---Happy Anniversary everyone!!

Joe and Gretchen Barber---July 11

Pete and Michele Muro---July 13

Gary and Carole Coulter---July 17

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 18 at King's/Wexford. Come early (6ish) and join us for dinner. Meeting starts at 7 p.m.

Kindly,

Bonnie Fabritius, Secretary
Greater Pittsburgh GTO Club