

GREATER PITTSBURGH GTO GOAT GAZETTE---FEBRUARY, 2012 EDITION



Hello fellow club members! Here we are entering into a New Year and a new cruising season since our last Goat Gazette. I trust everyone had a wonderful Christmas holiday and a Happy New Year. I know one person who shall remain nameless (but I live with him...) anxiously awaits Groundhog Day every year because it means we are one more day closer to getting the GTO out of storage. I'm sure you all feel the same.

A fun time was had by those who came out to Freeway Lanes in Zelie for our bowling event and to UNOs in Cranberry for dinner.

Our February meeting was held on Thursday, February 16 with 20 members in attendance. Cheryl Kasper was the winner of the 50/50 drawing. Congrats Cheryl! It was our meeting for nominations for new officers. A request had been sent via email for nominations although none were received. Members in attendance at Thursday's meeting made a motion that the current officers continue for the 2012 year. The motion was seconded by Jim Mastroianni with the membership voting unanimously to approve. With the current officers being retained, voting will not take place next month as originally planned. Most of the meeting centered on the 2014 Nationals event. On Saturday, February 11, the steering committee as well as any members who wished to attend, met with GTOAA President, Tom Oxler and GTOAA Convention Coordinator, Steve Hedrick at the Monroeville Doubletree Hotel/Convention Center. There were several members who joined in and offered their questions and comments. The GTOAA officers were very impressed with both our club members and the facility and expressed their confidence that we could successfully pull off the 2014 event. Once again we ask that you please review the list of committees below and let us know ASAP which area you think you are willing to serve. Please keep in mind as you volunteer for a certain committee, that you realize that as time draws nearer, we will need to ask for your attendance at our monthly meetings and some special meetings that will need to be held in preparation for the event.

Committees:

Hotel—Carol Odrey/Chair
Registration/Promotion/Sponsors—Cheryl Kasper/Chair
Finance—Alan Fabritius/Chair
Activities—John Odrey/Chair
Car Show/Parking Lot—Ken Kasper/Chair
Swap Meet—Joe Barber/Chair
Drag Race/Road Rally—Bill Gilbert/Chair
Security—Chair TBD
Signage—Chair TBD
Floaters—Chair TBD

All committees will need people to work behind the scenes and people onsite. Please make sure to specify in which capacity you would like to serve. We realize that 2014 is 2+ years away; however, the planning must begin now! **If you have previously requested to serve in a certain capacity, there is no need to reply again...we have already plugged you into the committee you requested. A list will be distributed at a later date.**

*****Important request***** We would like to compile an e-mail address list of those who are interested in communication regarding the Nationals event. This list will be used for any and all communications regarding committee meetings, new developments, etc; I am asking that you confirm your request to be added to this email list by replying to this newsletter ASAP. I will be creating the mailing list but the communications will normally be sent by John Owoc, Chair of the Nationals event. Thank you in advance for your prompt reply. Please understand that only those who reply to this request will be included on the mailing list and receive communications regarding 2014 Nationals. ***

ON THE HORIZON--Mark your calendars!

THURSDAY, March 15---Next meeting at Kings in Wexford...come early and join us for dinner! Buy a ticket for a chance to win the 50/50 drawing. Each ticket only \$1.00!

SATURDAY, July 14---Gathering at French Creek Cruise-In...our club is organizing and in charge of the cruise. We will be organizing a fun run so that members can travel to the event in Union City, PA together. We did this last year and it was an awesome day out with the cars and friends. Mark your calendar now so you too can enjoy the day with us!

SATURDAY, July 21---GTOs at the Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix

SATURDAY, September 15---Club picnic at the Maple Grove in Whiteoak Park.

SATURDAY, December 1...club Christmas party at Carmodys in Wexford.

Mark your calendars now for the above events and please stay tuned as we add more events for the 2012 season!

HOUSEKEEPING

We currently have 51 members with 32 being members of the GTOAA. For many reasons it is beneficial to be a member of the National organization. But especially with the nationals event being planned in Pittsburgh it will be mandatory for anyone in the club planning to register their GTO to be a member of the GTOAA...so won't you please consider joining GTOAA along with your membership to the Greater Pittsburgh chapter? You can join online at www.gtoaa.org or notify me and I can send you an application. Either way, once you join, please notify me with your membership number and your expiration date.

CELEBRATION CORNER

January/February Birthdays---Happy Birthday Everyone!!!

*Lana Vansovich—January 3
Beth Busalacchi—January 5
Patricial Talenti—January 9
Bob Spongross—January 14
Joanne Caligiure—January 23
Al Talenti—January 25
John Mitchell—January 29
Mark Leptinsky—February 7
Cheryl Kasper—February 22
Ken Kasper—February 24
Pat Gallagher—February 26
Cindy Mastroianni—February 28*

January/February Anniversaries---Happy Anniversary Everyone!!!

*Tom and Mary King—January 15
John and Lana Vansovich—February 8*

******Please accept my sincerest apologies if I've forgotten anyone...but please let me know so I can change my records. ******

Stay tuned for more on the 2014 GTOAA Nationals. And please make sure to reply ASAP with whether you would like to be added to the email address list and your choice of area/areas that you would like to serve!

Bonnie Fabritius, Secretary
Greater Pittsburgh GTO Club