

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



Hello fellow club members! It's here....the 2012 cruising season has begun and there are sightings of cars everywhere!

A special meeting was held on Monday, May 7 at Perkins in Cranberry, to discuss the club becoming incorporated. It was decided to go with a Limited Liability Corporation and the members voted to proceed. Ken Kasper has completed the application process and we are just waiting for our paperwork. The name of the club will be come Greater Pittsburgh GTO Club, LLC. The purpose of doing this is to protect the officers and the club should anyone decide to sue for whatever reason. As a result of the special meeting, it was decided to cancel the monthly meeting that was scheduled for May 17. Joe Barber mentioned that a representative from the West Penn Burn Unit called him to see if he could gather some members to take their cars to Camp Kon-O-Kwee in Zelienople for their 50s Theme Night. We would need to be there at 6 p.m. and drive the children from their cabins to the dining hall and then maybe park there for a while to display the cars. This is on Tuesday, June 5. If you are able to do this, please call Joe at 412-974-0772 ASAP. Also, don't forget the fun run to Snyder's Farm in New Springfield OH. This run is in conjunction with the local Cruisin Few club and is open to anyone who would like to go. Please visit [here](#) to see what you can look forward to seeing. We will leave Home Depot in Chippewa at 1 p.m. and travel as a group. Once again, please contact Joe Barber ASAP if you are interested in going. Run is rain or shine so feel free to bring your daily driver should the weather not cooperate. Stay tuned for further details. Our first "official" club event of the year is on Friday, June 15 for Pontiac/GTO night at the Wexford Starlite Cruise. While we are the featured car and will be parking in the feature rows, space is still limited so come early to get a good spot!

We will be displaying some member's cars over the Fourth of July holiday at Kennywood Park also. The dates for this are Saturday, June 30, Tuesday, July 3, and Thursday, July 5. There are still spots available for Tuesday, July 3. Check with Joe Barber for other availability. The spots were first-come/first-serve basis and were going fast but he may have a few left.

Please keep in mind the possibility of becoming a member of the GTOAA. There are many reasons why it is beneficial to you as well as to the club to be a member of the National Organization AND will be a requirement in order to register your GTO as a GTO when we host the 2014 event. If you are not a member, please consider joining now. You can join online or I have applications that I could send upon request.

We are getting closer to being ready to sign the event contract for 2014 Nationals. Just a few more details to iron out and the officers will proceed with signing. If you have not already done so, 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.

*****Please note***** Committee Chairs are being asked to begin thinking of a budget for their needs to carry through with their respective responsibilities for the event. You won't need to turn this in just yet but be thinking of the various items that you will need and the approximate budget to obtain them. They are also encouraged to begin attending our monthly meetings so that they are included in the discussions that are held regarding the different issues that might arise in the preparations for the event. As you can see below, we are still in search of a few chairs to handle a few of the committees...can you help??

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.**

We have decided to change the location **and day** of our meetings at least temporarily. We are now meeting at Perkins Restaurant on Route 19 in Cranberry Twp. Our next meeting is **Tuesday, June 12. Those over 50 will receive a 20% discount on their meals!!**

ON THE HORIZON--Mark your calendars!

TUESDAY, June 5---50s Theme Night at Camp Kon-O-Kwee in Zelienople. Please contact Joe Barber at 412-974-0772 if you can help out. This is to benefit the West Penn Burn Unit.

SATURDAY, June 9---Beaver Falls Car Cruise...this is a huge cruise. The entire main street is shut down with over 1,000 cars on display. Lots of DJs, food, and fun! Cruise lane too!! Spaces go fast!

SUNDAY, June 10---Fun Run to Snyder's Farm in East Palestine, OH. This run is in conjunction with the Cruisin' Few car club. This is one you won't want to miss...[look here for more info!](#) We will leave Home Depot in Chippewa at 1 p.m. and travel together. Call Joe Barber at 412-974-0772 if you would like to go. The trip is Rain or Shine so if it rains feel free to come in your daily driver.

FRIDAY, June 15---Pontiac/Pontiac GTO night at the Wexford Starlite Cruise! Come early for this one...you won't want to miss it!

SATURDAY, June 30/Tuesday, July 3/Thursday, July 5---Kennywood Days! Call Joe now if you are able to go. Some spots still available!

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! The cruise is from 12-5 p.m.

JULY 17-21---POCI Nationals in St. Charles, IL. [More info here.](#)

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

SUNDAY, August 26---Kruz-n-4-Kids Shriners Cruise in Erie, PA. Our club will be supporting this charitable cruise by providing a gift basket for the Chinese auction and all who are able to attend are asked to please save the date.

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!

CELEBRATION CORNER

May/June Birthdays---Happy Birthday Everyone!!!

Mike Louttit---May 14
Carol Odrey---May 17
Al Christian---June 1
Ellen Moore---June 6
Joseph Steiner---June 15
John Caligiure---June 18
John Vansovich---June 27
Gloria Pollock---June 24
Tom King---June 28

May/June Anniversaries---Happy Anniversary Everyone!!!

Bill and Patty Gilbert---May 6
Art and Gloria Pollock---May 22
John and Ruth Cherevka---May 31
Orvil and Shirley Osche---June 4
Tom and Mary Larson---June 15
Al and Diane Christian---June 21
Bill and Marie Minsinger---June 21
Mike and Marleah Umpleby---June 23
Al and Patricia Talenti---June 25

And a belated birthday to Anita Louttit on April 9! Sorry I missed you!

*****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 your choice of area/areas that you would like to serve!

Bonnie Fabritius, Secretary
Greater Pittsburgh GTO Club