

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



Hello fellow club members! As the days of summer are waning away, I realize that I have not done a newsletter since June...wow has the summer passed ever so quickly! But we still have lots of upcoming events before time to tuck the cars away for winter.

July's meeting was scheduled to be held at the Vintage Grand Prix on July 21. But there were a lot of people unable to make that so the meeting was postponed until August. That meeting was held on August 21 at Perkins in Cranberry with 22 members in attendance. GTO day at the USX Building in downtown Pittsburgh was held that morning with 6 GTOs and 1 Trans Am in attendance. President, Joe Barber announced that the contract for the 2014 National convention was signed on July 30, 2012. Now let the work begin! A vote was taken with all members in attendance to make a donation to the Shriners during the Kruz-n-4-Kids cruise on Sunday, August 26th. There were a few members traveling to the cruise in Erie. There are some issues with our LLC agreement and extensive discussion was held as to the next steps to correct the problems. The officers will continue to look into what needs to be done.

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.

It's also not too early to pay your 2013 dues for the Greater Pittsburgh GTO Club! All dues must be paid by December 31 in order to maintain your active membership status. Why not do it now before it slips your mind?? Checks can be sent to the attention of Alan Fabritius, 136 Ridge Avenue, Beaver Falls PA 15010 and made payable to the Greater Pittsburgh GTO Club. Dues are still only \$10. For those attending the picnic, you can pay your dues there as well.

As I mentioned previously, the contract for 2014 Nationals has been signed and we are now ready to complete our roster of committees and those who wish to serve in what capacity. It is not too late to choose which committee you think you are willing to serve on or which area you feel is the best fit for you. 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?? Not able to serve on an actual committee or can't commit to the event for the full time?? We still need your help! Just let us know what times you would be able to help during the event and we will plug your name into the roster.

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—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.**

Our meeting days have changed days and location. We are now meeting at **Perkins Restaurant on Route 19 in Cranberry Twp** on the 3rd **Tuesday** of the month. Our next meeting is **Tuesday, October 16**. *Those over 50 will receive a 20% discount on their meals!!*

ON THE HORIZON--Mark your calendars!

******SATURDAY, September 8**---4th Annual Lorain-Medina GTO Guys Cookout and Cruise. Please call Joe Barber ASAP if you are able to go so a meeting place/time can be arranged.

******SATURDAY, September 15**---Club picnic at the Maple Grove in Whiteoak Park. Let Cheryl Kasper know TODAY if you can make it. This is a beautiful park with lots of dedicated parking for GTOs. Hope you can join us!!

SATURDAY, October 13---Day trip to DuBois...more details to follow so stay tuned!

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!

Our Celebration Corner is currently under construction, so please forgive the lapse in making note of your special day. A very Happy Birthday and a Happy Anniversary to those who celebrated in August and coming up in September!

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