

GREATER PITTSBURGH GTO GOAT GAZETTE---MAY 2013 EDITION



Hello fellow club members! Our GTO has come out of storage...how 'bout yours? Of course we need some nice sunny warm weekends to get them out on the highway. Doggone groundhog was lying to us!

Our April meeting was held on Tuesday April 16 at Perkins in Cranberry with 16 members in attendance. President Joe Barber opened the meeting.

Joe Barber reminded the club that our available dates for the Kennywood Days this year are Sunday, June 30 and Friday, July 5. There are still spots available for both days so let Joe Barber know ASAP if you would like to attend.

Plans are being made for a fun run to Shanksville, PA for a visit to the Flight 93 Memorial. This will be in the fall. Stay tuned for further details as plans unfold.

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.

2014 NATIONALS CHAT

John Odrey is going to send an email to those regional members of the GTOAA that are not current members of the local chapter. Bonnie will gather the pertinent information and send it to John so he can do the invitation.

We are still in need of a signage chair and a security chair. These are two very important areas to be covered so if you feel you are interested, please let one of the officers know as soon as possible.

Our club was given the opportunity to assist with the 2013 Co-Venture in Dayton, OH. Mike Louttit compiled the info on a chart that was posted on our club website and the info was forwarded onto the chairs for Dayton. This will give our team an idea of what to expect in 2014.

We have received our initial order of the t-shirts for 2014 Nationals! John Odrey will have them at the meeting on **Tuesday, May 21**. If you feel you are not going to be able to make the meeting, you can let John Odrey know by emailing greaterpghgto@comcast.net or John Owoc at je70goat@verizon.net with your size and they will reserve a shirt for you. The cost of the shirt is \$15 for club members and \$20 for the general public.

******Also a special request**...some of you may be aware that our club is in the process of becoming incorporated. This is a pretty involved process and we are in need of an accountant familiar with non profit and incorporation to assist with the tax issues that will arise, etc. Does anyone have any suggestions as to who may be able to serve in this capacity? If so, please let Alan Fabritius know ASAP by calling 724-480-6910 or email at alan69gto@gmail.com

Our chairs are in the process of compiling budgets for their area. These budgets will be passed along to Alan so that we can begin working up a sheet for all.

If you have not yet chosen an area that you would like to assist in, please do so soon. There are still many open areas and we need all the help we can get. We would like to have enough that the demand on our time and energy can be divided up. Please let one of the officers know ASAP if you are able to help. Even if you can't make it every day, we can work around your schedule.

Committees:

Hotel

Registration/Promotion/Sponsors

Finance

Activities

Car Show/Parking Lot

Swap Meet

Drag Race

Security

Signage

Floater

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.**

OTHER CLUB INFO

We have added a forum to our web site! Please sign up and join in the conversations! We have forums for technical advice but we also have a forum for car cruises and events! [Check it out!](#)

Yet again we are asking for your help...we now have 58 members...but yet only a handful of pictures for our website. We need more pictures of cars and activities with our cars so the club is highlighted in a complimentary way. Please send a high quality digital photograph of your car to MLouttit68GTO@gmail.com. If you have pictures but do not know how to get it to Mike or not sure if the picture is adequate, just contact Mike at the above email and he can help you out.

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, May 21**. *Those over 50 will receive a 20% discount on their meals!!*

CRUISES AND RIDES

Thursday, July 18, 2013 - Cars & Guitars -Acoustic Concert to Benefit PVGP---see the website forum for more info

Saturday and Sunday, July 20 & 21.....Pittsburgh Vintage Gran Prix---see the website forum for more info

Saturday, September 7...club picnic at White Oak Park...stay tuned!

Saturday, December 7....club Christmas Party at Carmodys Restaurant in Wexford.

****Stay tuned for further information on all of the above as well as more up and coming events for the summer. ****

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Greater Pittsburgh GTO Club