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OPENING REMARKS

Seems like I just wrote a newsletter - I did. Too much news to wait any longer. Spring is finally here and my cars came out last weekend. Sure feels good to drive something with power. My trusty rusty Toyota 4x4 wagon was the perfect car for this snowy winter. My Pontiacs are perfect for enjoying the good weather (finally!!!)

ANNUAL MEETING

It's set up and ready to roll!! Sunday May 6 1:00. Thanks to Kevin Wilson's most excellent suggestion we'll do it at Ernie's Drive In in Brunswick. That means that Kevin has to attend!! This is a great spot to get together. We met there with the Knucklebusters last year and they treated us real fine.

Ernie's is on the road between Brunswick and Cook's Corner. If you come up Maine St. in Brunswick swing left at the top of the hill around the back of the church. Head towards Cook's Corner and Ernie's is on the right. If you're coming from the North, get off at Cook's corner and head to Brunswick. Ernie's is on the left.

E-MAILS TO THE EDITOR

From Doug Sidelinger.

I asked Doug to confirm his GTOAA number (#2). His response:

"My GTOAA # is 2. This is not a miss print. I responded to a small ad in the back of Hot Rod Magazine in the early 1980's. I sent my dues in, and am a charter member. The earliest newsletter was called " The Gas Can". I still have most of the early newsletters. Doug"

From Royden Lewis

"My car is moving along. The sheet metal work on the body is now finished. There was QUITE a bit more rot and damage than previously thought. But it is hard to tell until it is stripped down to metal. Anyway it is now solid inside and out.

I received the front grills the other day that I had sent to Nu-chrome. They had come out great. After looking at what was out there for sale, I decided to rebuild what I had. We are just waiting on a few ordered parts for the engine to

complete it. I will have specs on it once we have tested the engine. Horse power, compression, etc.

I believe the light is at the end of the tunnel now. Instead of ripping out and rebuilding, we are on the bolting back up, new paint stage.

I'll talk to you later.

Royden"

From Lori Bridges

"Hello and thank you for the newsletter and welcome into the club! This is Lori writing, the car lover/car owner in the household. John, while he can appreciate a nice car, he does not share my passion for them.

I have friends who live in Arizona (one couple was born and raised here in Maine) that belong to the GTO club out there. Two years ago I went to Arizona and from there we went to the Western Regionals in California. I met Jim Wangers at the Awards dinner. What a down to earth man, a wonderful speaker...just a really nice person! I detailed a '72 Lemans for my friend and it took 2nd place. Last year we all went to Prescott Arizona for the POCI Western Regionals. Again, I detailed my friends '72 Lemans which once again took

second. The weather was cold and rainy, and of all things it snowed in Prescott the evening before the show. Guess who got blamed for that! Everyone thinks that I brought the foul weather with me from Maine!

I am anxiously awaiting spring.....the actual warm weather, not just the supposed date on the calendar. There are several shows going on in Az. this coming month. I may just venture out

there. My friends out there tease me and tell me that my car is in jail (storage) and wants out. It can't possibly be soon enough for me!

I'm happy to be part of the GTO club here and thank you for welcoming those of us who own a Lemans. I told John that now I have to get a GTO to keep my Lemans (Lucy) company. :)

I look forward to meeting you. I love your web site, it's great! Thanks again for the Welcome!

Lori Bridges"

From Bill Albair

"By the way, Fred's Jewel looks a lot like one of my 67's. The hardtop should be out of the body shop with new pain in another week. The block is off to the hot tank guy and the new cam is on its way here. I hope to have time to put the motor back together by the end of this month and get the power train and body united again. I suspect the interior will take a little longer. I am a bit behind in my schedule for a couple of reasons...." (Aren't we all Bill - I have more then a couple of reasons - I think Rose calls them excuses CH)

NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to Doug Sidelinger (GTOAA #2) from Detroit with a 66 GTO, 67 Firebird, and a 68 Tempest.

T SHIRTS/SWEAT SHIRTS

Sweats - \$20

Shirts \$10

Hats \$5

Add \$3 shipping per order

Send \$\$ to Joanna's address above

GTOAA

Are you a member? If you aren't, consider (strongly) joining today. Dues are a mere \$30 send to:

GTO Association of America
5829 Stroebel Rd
Saginaw, MI 48609

DUES

Hey I didn't bug you for them in the last newsletter! Time to pay up for the 2001 season. If you haven't already sent them in please do it right now while you're thinking of it. Send to Joanna's address please!!!

PONTIAC BOOK

I just got the new book 75 Years of Pontiac, The Official History. It's written by John Gunnell editor of Old Cars Weekly. John is a longtime Pontiac man and it shows. The pictures in the book are excellent. The book lists for \$29.95 from Krause Publications 1-800-258-0929. I got some deal that I found on the net. It cost me \$23.95 including shipping. Try Amazon maybe. It's well worth the full price if you do get it!

ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA

As always we'll elect officers. If anyone is interested in pitching in you can let me know in advance or speak up at the meeting.

We really need a little more help to keep this thing going. One thing I'd like to do is to set the event dates well in advance so we can give them proper publicity. Volunteers to set up events are greatly appreciated. We generally do

the Pool Party, Fall Cruise, and one other event.

Other help that would be most useful would be a newsletter editor. Short of taking over just writing one article or "auto"biography would help more then you realize. This issue was great because of the e-mails that I was able to paste in. If not then you suffer the full force of my voice alone.

GTOAA/ POCI NATIONALS

Red Wing, MN
GTOAA July 13-July 17
POCI July 18-July 21
Call me if you think you can make it!!

CLOSING

OK another night in front of the computer is coming to a close. We managed to keep power on through the first thunderstorm of the year (hit save now before you jinx it...). I've got the MAAC calendar updated and printed. Now we'll update the parts page and edit it for the newsletter. Just a little work to flip it all out to the web.

Just a little while until I hit the sack, I'll be dreaming of Ainslie's, Bonny Eagle, Minnesota, and the Annual Meeting. The season is here and it's all in front of us right now. Happy Cruising and see you on May 6!!!!!!