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## **GTO Association of Maine April 2002**

### **OPENING REMARKS**

This newsletter makes five years that I've been writing it - this time around! Last time was only for two years in 1986 and 1987. Now it's time for me to step aside once again. Rose and I are in the process of buying another house and time will be at a premium. The new place has a barn that rivals West Gardiner for parts and car storage but a new shop will have to be built. Anyway I can still help with the newsletter in terms of the want ads and roster but we need to have someone pull it all together.

### **ANNUAL MEETING**

Sunday May 5 at Fast Eddies in Winthrop. Many of you know the place due to the popular Wednesday evening cruise in. It's easy to find - right on Rt 202 just west of town. Figure on noon time for chow. Get there a little early for the parking lot banter..

### **THE GTO RETURNS**

From a news link on Yahoo:

[http://biz.yahoo.com/rf/020327/n27136686\\_1.html](http://biz.yahoo.com/rf/020327/n27136686_1.html)

GM to bring back the Pontiac GTO muscle car  
DETROIT, March 27 (Reuters) - General Motors Corp.said on Wednesday that it will launch a V8-powered Pontiac GTO sports car late next year, resurrecting a name from the ``muscle car" era of the 1960s.

``It will deliver the kind of performance that made the original GTO legendary," GM Vice Chairman Bob Lutz told reporters at the New York auto show.

The GTO will be based on the Holden Monaro, a 5.7 liter V8 with a six-speed manual transmission made by GM's Australian division Holden, but with a new

front end to make it look like a Pontiac.

Here's what the GTOAM members had to say (names withheld to protect the innocent).

*"Most important..... It is a **REAR WHEEL DRIVE!!!!!!!!!!**"*

*"Great news, too bad it's not being made in the USA....."*

*"Charlie, they can write GTO all over it. It don't make it a GTO. You and I have a GTO, the rest, just wanta be's."*

*"Great news!! Can't wait to see it !! I wonder if it will be anything like the GTO they had on display as a concept car at some of the recent car shows?? Thanx for the "heads up"!!"*

### **FROM OUR MEMBERS**

From Randy Butler in February

*Good morning Charlie & Rose. Just to bring you up to date on my goat. By the end of this week I should hopefully, fingers crossed, have the exhaust on starting to put in the interior and the top is supposed to arrive! We fired her up last week. This ain't your mamma's Honda. The guy that put the paint on had his boy there 10,12, years old? He was holding his hands and coat over his ears! We ran it about 20, seconds or so right off the exhaust manifold. I was wondering if you got the e-mail pictures I tried to send you. I'm still trying to figure this computer stuff out. Hope to meet you guys soon. Speed Chanel is doing the all GM nationals at Carlise.  
Randy B*

*Forgot to mention Scott Tiemann mentioned my painting chrome question in this months mag!*

From Paul Johnson in February

*Here's the latest with what's going on with me and my GTO!*

*Got the Car Painted the week after the 2001 Fall Cruise. Pretty happy! It came out nice.*

*Started working on the Interior this winter. Basically New everything except Dash Pad.*

*People said that I could re-upholster the seats myself, so I gave it a go! I started with the Back Seats first. They were a "Piece of Cake"! Nothing to it.....just takes a little bit of time.*

*Now, I've started on the front buckets.....Different Story! These are hard!!! Takes much more Time.*

*I've repainted the Rally II's and the front grill Inserts. The car should be all ready for our Annual Meeting and Summer Cruising.*

*PJ*

From Fred Worcester last week:

*Weather wise it's been a good winter but it seems long. I drove the street rod up until just before Christmas so it really hasn't been that long. Won't be too long and i'll have it out and going again. Got a couple of contacts in Ohio and picked up a couple of things for the GTO. Prices were good but i haven't received the stuff yet but he sounded like a straight shooter. So you can drop my ad of looking for the Marker Lights. Saw a foot note in Ames about their Repro front valence panels being a good fit and the last batch of GM ones having the parking light brackets welded in wrong. Yep sure enough mine is one of them.*

*Just have to cut them and reposition them. Ya just never know. I noticed the guy over to Dexter had his parking lights sticking out past the valence panel, and now i know why. No wonder there are so many NOS ones for sale. Man you never know. I don't know when i'll get ours on the road now. My back is a lot better now but i'm still doing Therapy. I did bring it out of the storage garage and have it out here hoping to get me motivated.*

*We are heading to Florida during April School Vacation. Leave the 12th and get back the 21st. Had to get a slip from my Dr to get passed security with the artificial knee. Crazy now!!! I would love to go check the guy out in Miami that i bought the trunk lid from. But it's probably best i don't.*

### **NEW MEMBERS**

Paul & Jeanette Black from Corinna with a 67 hardtop. Welcome!

### **T SHIRTS/SWEAT SHIRTS**

Joanna has a big new stock!!!!

Sweats - \$20

Shirts \$10

Hats \$5

Add \$3 shipping per order

Send \$\$ to Joanna's address above

### **DUES**

Technically they're due at the annual meeting but what the hey, nothing's going on this time of year, good time to send them in. If your name on the roster has a 2002 or greater after it you're already paid.

\$10 – send it to Joanna

### **AUTO TRIVIA**

From Paul Johnson:

See if you can "Define" these automobile monikers:

Example: Chevy SS = Super Sport

Pontiac GTO =  
Oldsmobile 442 =  
Dodge Dart GTS =  
Buick GS =  
Challenger (and others) SE =  
MGB GT-6 =  
Buick Regal (and others) LE =  
Datsun 240Z =  
Dodge Omni 024 =  
Ford Taurus/Mustang SVO =  
Mustang SVT =  
Mustang (and others) GT =  
Mustang GTA =  
Pontiac Bonneville SSEi =  
Plymouth Cuda AAR =  
Triumph TR-6 =  
Ford Thunderbird SC =  
Pontiac STE =  
Dodge Omni GLH =  
Camaro RS =  
Toyota Celica ST =  
Pontiac Fiero 2m6 =  
Mercur XR4Ti =  
Mercedes 450SD =  
Mercedes 300CD =  
Mercedes 450SLC =  
Cadillac STS =

### **GTOAA**

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

GTO Association of America  
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### **CLOSING REMARKS**

OK here comes the season. Buckle up!  
Hang on! GTO!



Randy Butler's 65



68 Factory Photo



70 Factory Photo

