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## **GTO Association of Maine July 2004**

### **OPENING REMARKS**

Why do I take a vacation? It's too hectic getting ready and too much to catch up on when I return. Oh well, we're off to the POCI nationals in Joplin, MO about the time you receive this. From there I send Rose home from St Louis. I'll continue to Hartford, WI to see a 1923 Kissel that my grandfather restored in 1957. Next stop is London, OH to visit a customer. The GTOAA nationals will be next in Pontiac, MI. After a couple days there, I'll take 2 days to make it home. Once home I'll be preppin' for the OHTM truck show and then the following week is time to build the garage walls. About that time I'll be putting out another newsletter.

### **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Joan and I just got back from Mark's lobster bake. It was a great day plenty of lobsters, good food, and good fellowship. We had a good turnout. (7 cars).

As suggested we had a drawing for a GTO. shirt. Embarrassing I won (wasn't fixed I promise.) Thanks Mark for a great day. Our next event will be at our house on Little Ossippi Lake in Waterboro, Me. On Sunday August 22nd.

At 12 noon until.....

Come and enjoy the lake. We have paddleboat, sailboat, kayak and canoe. Please bring a life jacket if you have one. And oh yes your bathing suits. The club will supply paper goods, soft drinks, salad and desserts Just bring what you want to cook on the grill. Hope to see you all there.

Your President,  
BOB FARWELL

PS - Hope to have a good turnout. The meeting will be held rain or shine we have a screened in Car port. Yes, we will have a drawing If I win I promise I will not take it.

## NEXT EVENT

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Directions to house:

Rt.95 take Rt. 5 north stay on rt.5 to Waterboro. Go past Hannaford market about 1 mile after the market will be an intersection with a flashing yellow light. Past Lakeside Market next you will see public boat landing. After the 3rd green street sign will be West Shore Drive(4th street on right). Turn there take first right (Amy Lane) travel about 1/4 mile bear left on to Johnson Park Rd. Go straight down hill to our yard. We will put out GTO. signs from Rt. 5 all the way in.

President Bob promises a raffle for a GTOAM shirt for those in attendance.  
See you then!

## UPCOMING PONTIAC EVENTS

July 6<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup> - POCI Convention - contact Charlie Huntington 563-5824

July 14<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> - GTOAA International Meet - Pontiac, MI - contact Rick Beecherl 586-777-1583

## NEW MEMBERS

Application attached - start recruiting!

## GTOAA

Paul Johnson did a great job last year getting us back into the chapter listings by conducting a one man recruitment campaign. This year the new requirement is 33%. If all the member on my list are current then we're OK. You can help keep us there. If you're a member, **make sure I have your member #**, If you're not, consider (strongly) joining today. Dues are a mere \$30 send to:

GTO Association of America  
5829 Stroebel Rd  
Saginaw, MI 48609

## DUES

Dues are due - if your status is "2003" send \$10 (or pay now for 2 years and save the hassle). - Use Charlie's address above.

## "AUTO" BIOGRAPHYS"

Remember the "auto"biographys that we used to run? These were member's life story with a slant towards their automobile involvement. I enjoyed reading them. How about submitting yours today? Send it via e-mail or snail mail to Charlie.

## T SHIRTS/SWEAT SHIRTS

All under one roof again

Silk Screened:

Sweats - \$20

T Shirts \$10

Hats \$5

Embroidered Shirts and Hats!!!!!!!!!!!!

Shirts are \$25

Hats are \$15

Add \$3 per order for shipping.

Lots of colors in stock

Rose is the contact for these. 563-5824  
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## ENGINE DETAILING



Since I drive my GTO a lot - up to 8,000 miles/year - I need to periodically repaint and re-detail the engine. This is a good project especially if you want to gain some mechanic experience.

I begin by stripping everything from the block - intake, alternator, power steering, distributor, exhaust manifolds, pulleys, and all small brackets I can get easily off. Here's some details to make this part of the job a little easier:

1. Remove battery
2. Drain Antifreeze
3. Remove alternator and PS pump. Hoses can be left on the PS pump - just swing it over to the battery tray.
4. Remove intake
5. Remove distributor - note position of rotor and mark it so it can be reinstalled to the same position. Note that the distributor will turn as you pull it out, make sure to remember that position so you can start it the same way when reinstalling it so as to engage the shaft for the oil pump. If the distributor won't drop in it's because the pump shaft isn't lining up.

6. Remove the exhaust manifolds - on my 66 I was able to get the passenger out real easy. To get the driver's side I needed to pull the one bolt in the engine mount and use my engine hoist to tip the engine sideways. I didn't have to remove the starter of the clutch linkage to get this done.
7. Now to clean. Block the intake ports - I use the old manifold gaskets with the ports taped up. I leave the old sparkplugs in and have a big taped up washer to cover the distributor hole. Old valve covers (cleaned) are easier then masking. I used engine cleaner followed by enamel reducer to get the block clean. I used a wire brush in a drill to clean the rusty spots especially on top of the exhaust ports. When you visit the hardware store you might want to get several styles of these to fit in the different crevices that you'll encounter.



8. Mask off everything! Make sure to cover the sway bar, firewall, and everything below the exhaust manifolds.
9. I use self etching primer - maybe hi temp primer is better?

10. I paint the block with Plasticote #227.
11. Sandblast the exhaust manifolds and intake - Paint with exhaust manifold paint. Exhaust manifolds are ready to install. Bake intake in wife's oven (send her shopping first). Once intake is cool it can be painted engine color.
12. Other parts are detailed as necessary. I used Eastwood carb renew to color the carbs and cast gray on the bases. Part of this particular exercise was to install the roller style needle/ seat replacements in my trips My car needed a tune-up and was due for biannual antifreeze change so new plugs and antifreeze were installed. I also added a Pertronix Ignitor II as well.
13. Once together I knew something would leak. I wrong on this. Fortunately it turned out to be a needle/seat that wasn't tight enough so it was an easy fix. As you can see the engine looks 100% better!



Good luck with yours! - Charlie Huntington