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NEWSLETTER

GTO Association of Maine October 2008

LAST EVENT SPARKLE IN A CHILD'S EYE CAR SHOW AND TOY RUN



GTOAM members' car were in the front row of the Sparkle in a Child's Eye Car Show on 9/7/08

Bob and Joan Farwell again put on the SPARKLE IN A CHILD'S EYE CAR SHOW AND TOY RUN at the Lakeside Market in Waterboro on Sunday Sept 7th from 2 to 6 pm. This is a GTOAM sponsored event. Bob and Joan do a great job organizing this event, getting all of the great door prizes and arranging good weather (something that has been hard to do this summer). If you missed this one, you missed a

wonderful time for a wonderful cause on a bright sunny Sunday afternoon.

The only entrance fee was a request for toys. The toy table was overflowing with donated toys. The Lakeside Market is a great place for this show as it has a nice grassy area out back that has both sun and shade. Inside the store there is a great selection of beverages, subs, pizza, sandwiches and other eats. At the end of the show, all the toys were loaded in Bob's van to be distributed to local children at Christmas.

Mark this event on you calendar next summer and let's see if we can top the number of GTOAM cars that came this year. Thanks again to Bob and Joan for a job well done.



Mustang Row at the Lakeside Market on 9/7/08

AUGUST COOKOUT AND HORSE RIDES

Cookout and Horse Rides- Steve and Anita Hovanesian at their Horse Farm in Livermore

The weather turned out to be more co-operative then promised as we headed out to Livermore for GTOAM's 2nd cookout of the season. When we arrived at Steve and Anita's we were greeted with herds (or schools) of horses, fish, and goats (or even better a variety of much of the Pontiac species)._ My favorite part of these event is getting to know the club members better. I already know a lot about the Hovanesians from reading many past articles in various publications about their Pontiac adventures. What I learned was their history of prize winning animals including lots of fish. The meat from the local buther shop was as much of a treat as advertised. Threatening skies canceled the trick riding demonstration I had planned but the accomodiations and company more then made up for that. As always, if you didn't attend you missed a great event. Thanks Steve and Anita!



The GTOs assemble in front of the fish pond



GTOAM - always ready for chow

NEXT EVENT FALL FOLIAGE CRUISE October 19th, 2008

Our next event will be a drive to and a tour of Bryant's Stove Works Museum in Thorndike. VP Mike King is organizing this year's event. Thanks Mike!

Julie and I have been to Bryant's Stove Works and can tell you that it is a great time. We went there to get parts to our old Glenwood "C" Cook Stove (Model 208). We got this stove out of Julie's grandmother's kitchen in 1987. Yes, it was still in her grandmother's kitchen.

This place is great! I'm sure most of you have been to an old auto savage yard with a field full of old cars for you to scavenge parts. This is the same, but with a field full of old cast iron stoves. But there is a huge building (museum) with a large display of restored antique wood stoves, nickelodeon and other antique music playing devices and antique dolls. While we were there, they fired up many of the music makers and the whole place felt like a carnival. It will certainly bring a smile to your face as you admire these amazing machines.

If you have attended any of the big parades in Maine you may have seen the Bryant's Stove Works parade float. It is a giant music box (One man band) in the form of a trailer that is pulled behind a vehicle. Quite a site!

Mark this date on your calendar as the last GTO ride of the year. I hope that you can make it. I know that you won't be disappointed when you visit this magical place tucked in the tiny township of Thorndike.

Here are the specifics:

Fall Cruise to Bryant Stove Museum in Thorndike, Maine-October 19th, 2008

Option 1: Early Birds meet at Hi Hat Restaurant on 201 in Farmingdale (where we have our annual spring meet) at 9 AM for breakfast.

Option 2: Non-early birds meet at O'Connor GMC/Pontiac Dealership at 187 Riverside Drive in Augusta at 10:30 AM and leave at 10:45 AM.

More information at
<http://www.fabuloustravel.com/usa/bryant/bryant.html> or "Key Word" search on Bryant Stove Works.

If you have questions, call Mike King at 724-3574 or cell phone #207-485-7248.

Presidential Decree

Here is my 1st Presidential Decree for GTOAM:

The Vice President of the GTOAM, elected during the Annual Meeting in April, will now have the duty of organizing the Fall Foliage Tour for that year. Thanks, VP Mike for planning this one.
Prez PJ

MORE NEWS FROM THE NATIONAL GTOAA CONVENTION

Mike King also went to the GTOAA National Convention in Sarasota Springs, New York. Mike's trip consisted of leaving for the convention on Tuesday and returning on Friday. Here is his very interesting article:

Mike King's GTO Trip

I left West Gardiner on 7/15/2008 about 8 AM and arrived at my friend Scott Quirion's home in Clifton Park, New York at around 2:30 PM. The next day I headed to the Saratoga Hotel to register for the 29th Annual GTOAA International Meet. While I was waiting around to register, I saw a very large car hauler with 10 or 12 GTOs on it - a 64,65,66 etc. Next I checked in with Ames Performance Engineering to return some unused GTO parts. Then I had an official show picture of the GTO taken, took some pictures and soaked in the atmosphere.

The next day was my favorite. Scott and I traveled to Lebanon Valley Dragway. They had four classes, two for GTO's and two for all other Pontiacs. Scott owns an 85 Pontiac Grand Am that he races in NHRA Stock class. It has a 3.0 liter V/6 liter. Don't laugh. He dialed in at 14.1 seconds and my GTO's best was 15.6. Scott was also runner up in his class.

(See September issue of The Legend, page 8.) His opponent was driving a Grand Prix with 455 cubic inches. Both cars broke out.

My race-not so good. Question: What does three deuces, 4 speed, 389, street tires, and a hot track equal? Answer: I lose. Car broke tires loose so I feathered the gas pedal and on the third try it hooked up enough to move. I lost by .008 of a second.

They also have a race called BEAT THE TIGER in which they pick a racer to run the GEE T O TIGER. Scott beat up the Tiger-winning by over 2/10s of a second, which is a lot in drag racing terms.

The next day the forecast was for 93 degrees and high humidity, so I packed my bags and headed for Maine. I came home through the Vermont mountains, which made for a scenic trip.

REQUESTS FOR TRIVIA QUESTIONS AND OTHER FEATURE ARTICLES

Remember, this is your newsletter. We welcome any input. C'mon, there must be something that you could share.

NEW MEMBERS

Guy Sylvain from Saco signed up at the Sparkle in a Child's Eye Car Show. That's his '69 Judge in the picture.

DUES

Are you up-to-date?

Please, if you haven't paid your 2008 dues yet send your check of \$10.00 (or \$20.00) for two years. If you are unsure if your membership is current, just check the GTOAM roster at the end of this newsletter to see if you have "2008" under "Status". Remember this is our only source of income other than the sale of tee shirts and hats. In saying that lets try to gain new members. Remember we accept any and all Pontiacs not only GTOs. And we welcome any and all new members that have an interest in Pontiacs. You don't even have to own a car to join.

GTOAM
IS A MEMBER OF
GTOAA

Many thanks to Charlie Huntington who worked hard with our National Association to continue to recognize us as an official chapter of GTOAA. Every year this is a challenge and we encourage you to join GTOAA. We are a Charter Member of the National Organization.

UPCOMING EVENTS

OCTOBER 19th: Fall Foliage Cruise to Bryant's Stove Works in Thorndike
See details in this newsletter.

OTHER EVENTS

Check out the MAAC calendar at the end of this newsletter for other events in our area.

T SHIRTS/SWEAT SHIRTS

Silk Screened:

Sweats are \$20

T Shirts are \$10

Hats are \$5

Embroidered Shirts and Hats!!!!!!

Shirts are \$25

Hats are \$15

Add \$3 per order for shipping.

Lots of colors in stock

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