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NEWSLETTER

GTO Association of Maine June 2009

President's Message

Well the summer is upon us. It's cruising time. Although the day/night temperatures sometimes make it feel more like fall. Get out and enjoy those cars.

We had a nice turnout at our Annual Meeting. At the meeting, we set the 2009 GTOAM schedule. Check it out in the following pages of this newsletter. We hope that you can make at least one of our summer/fall events. If not, I'm sure you'll run into other members at the various car cruises/shows throughout the state.

Our next event is a cruise over the Penobscot Narrows Bridge on Saturday 7/18/09. Look for more info in this newsletter.

Also at our Annual Meeting we elected the 09 officers (see upper right corner of this page) and discussed Lifetime Membership to GTOAM. There is a survey on the Lifetime Membership. Let me know what you think.

That's all for now. Enjoy those rare Pontiacs and I hope to see you on the road in 09.

Pres. PJ

LAST EVENT **GTOAM ANNUAL MEETING** **May 24th, 2009**

We held our Annual Meeting at the Owl's Head Transportation Museum on Sunday May

24th. The weather was "iffy" but we were able to keep the convertible tops down until about 1:30pm. The Owl's Head Museum staff was ready for us and admitted us to the museum / spring car show for free. They even had a special area reserved for us. We had a gazebo all to ourselves where we displayed our GTOAM banner. We were able to surround the gazebo with 5 beautiful GTOs. The static displays of the museum were very impressive. The many cars that attended the Spring Car Show and the airplane activity on the ground and in the air made for a very entertaining day.



Gazebo at Owl's Head Transportation Museum
sporting the GTOAM Banner

The gazebo was a great place to hold our extensive (not!) business meeting. We elected the officers for the coming year. We set the schedule

for our 09 events. ...and as we do at every Annual Meeting we selected 2 free memberships to our National Organization, GTOAA (one from the people in attendance and one from the entire GTOAM roster). Rose Huntington and Don Winchell were the winners. Congrats! ...and as we do at every GTOAM event we conducted a raffle of the people in attendance for one of the many clothing items in our GTOAM store. Guess who was selected as the winner: yours truly! No it wasn't rigged! It just must have been my lucky day because the Museum was also selling tickets for their raffle. On Wednesday after the show I received an envelope that informed me that I had won a certificate good for a free Biplane ride. Pretty cool. Julie says there is NO Way she is getting in that thing. So...anybody out there want to join me? Give me a call.



3 convertibles (2 '70s and a '66) at
Cody's Barbeque in Rockport

Check out more pictures on our website. Many thanks to Charlie for getting them on the website that night.

GTOAM 2009 EVENTS

- July 18th Cruise to Penobscot Narrows Bridge
Bucksport
- August 9th Cookout at Charlie & Rose's House
Newcastle
- TBD Sparkle in a Childs Eye Car Show
Waterboro
- Fall Foliage Cruise
TBD



Fred and Susan's '70 next to Mark Dissell's '67.
Charlie and Rose's '66 in the background

The only other lucky one at the show was our VP Mike King. Because when it was time to go, his 64 Goat didn't want to leave. There was plenty of juice to the starter but no starter rotation. Mike's GTO is an automatic so there was no option to roll-start it. Charlie went off on a rescue mission to procure a hammer from his friends at the museum. After Mike provided a few friendly raps of the hammer while I had the key in the start position, the starter began rotating and the ole girl fired right up. Mike and Vicki were on their way.

The rest of us cruised up to Cody's Roadhouse in Rockport for a wonderful meal of barbeque. After our meals, the rain had stopped and the sun came out just in time for a few more pictures and then our individual rides home

NEXT EVENT: CRUISE TO PENOBSCOT NARROWS BRIDGE 18 JULY 2009



The spectacular Penobscot Narrows Bridge

This bridge is an engineering marvel and beautiful thing to behold. It was completed in Dec 2006. It sits in contrast to Fort Knox, which was built in the mid 1800s. There is an Observatory (top of the left hand tower) that is 420 feet above the bridge providing breath-taking views of the Fort and surrounding area.

This should be a great experience. We hope you can make it.

For more information visit:

www.penobscotnarrowsbridge.com

If you are planning to join us, please contact Paul Johnson either by email or phone (see GTOAM Roster) so that we can get a head count for lunch.

Here are the details:

What: Tour of Fort Knox and the Penobscot Narrows Bridge

When: Saturday July 18th 2009

Where: Bucksport, Maine

Lunch: Angler's Restaurant in Searsport.

Details:

If traveling from the North:

9am Meet for Breakfast at Governor's Restaurant, Stillwater Ave, Old Town.

10:30 Leave Governor's; Take I-95 South to I-395 (Brewer); to US-202 (Hampden); Left on Route 9; Right on US-1A to Prospect; Left on Route 174 to Fort Knox State Park and the Bridge.

11:30 Arrive at Fort Knox State Park

If traveling from the South:

8:30am Meet for breakfast at Hi Hat Pancake House, Farmingdale.

9:30 Leave Hi Hat; Take US-201 to the circle; Continue on US-201 over the Kennebec River; Straight through the next circle on US-201; Turn Right onto Route 9 / US-202; Right again onto Route 3 to Belfast; Turn left onto US-1 / Route 3; Left to Route 174 to Fort Knox State Park and the Bridge.

11:30 Arrive at Fort Knox State Park

When you arrive at the gate to Fort Knox, make sure your entrance fee includes tickets to the observatory (\$5.00 for both). Take your time to check out the Old Fort and take in the spectacular view from the observatory.

2PM Leave the Fort and head to Searsport for a late Lunch; South on US-1

2:30 Arrive at Angler's Restaurant. We have the back area reserved for us.

4PM Head for Home!

LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP TO GTOAM?

At the Annual Meeting we discussed offering a Lifetime Membership for \$200.00 in addition to our annual membership of \$10.00.

We decided to ask you, the members "What do you think about this idea?" Please send me an email with your thoughts.

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

Paul "CHARLIE—are there any?"

Charlie "No, everyone needs to put their recruitment hats on."

DUES

Are you up-to-date?

Please, if you haven't paid your 2009 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 "2009" 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.

You are a member of GTOAM. Are you a member of GTOAA?

We are a Charter Member of the National Organization. We encourage you to join this organization. The membership is \$35 per year, which includes a subscription to their award-winning magazine "The Legend". Check out their website at www.gtoaa.org for more information.

GTOAA/POCI Co-Vention

From the Web Site:

July 2009 Will be a Source of Memories for Pontiac Enthusiasts in Years to Come

July 7th to 11th, 2009 will be the dates of GTOAA's and POCI's jointly held annual national conventions. **Be There!** These two international Pontiac clubs will share the show field (with independent judging by each club), hold joint drag races, share seminars, jointly hear professional speakers, have one huge joint swap meet and enjoy each others' company. Club business meetings as always will be individual to each club.

From Charlie & Rose:

If you've never been to a national convention this is a great chance. GTOAA and POCI have never had a joint convention before so this promises to be a great event. Dayton is a reasonable 2 day trip, next year could be much further away! We're driving out Tues. and Wed 7/7 and 7/8. We'd love to have you caravan with us!

OTHER CAR EVENTS

28 June 2009

20th Annual Penquis Cruisers Cruise-in held in Milo.

4 July 2009

Antique Engine Meeting held at the Boothbay Railway Museum. This is a MOAL (Maine Obsolete Auto League) event.

7-11 July 2009

GTOAA/POCI Co-Vention – Dayton , OH

9-12 July 2009

Atlantic Nationals held in Moncton, New Brunswick.

See details in the MAAC calendar.

OTHER EVENTS

Check out the MAAC calendar at the end of this newsletter for a complete list of 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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