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## NEWSLETTER

## GTO Association of Maine July 2010

### President's Message

I hope that you are getting out and enjoying these fine summer days. The weather has been great (maybe a little too hot) and the cruising has been fine. Check out the MAAC calendar at the end of this newsletter to see events are coming up in your area.

We've planned 3 GTOAM events this season:  
1) A cookout at Charlie and Rose's home on 8/15;  
2) The "Bring a Sparkle in a Child's Eye" Toy Fundraiser on 9/19; and 3) Our Fall Foliage Cruise at a date TBD. Please mark these on your calendar and plan to join us. Details on the first two events are included in this newsletter.

Well, IT'S OFFICIAL! We (GTOAM) are no longer affiliated with the GTOAA (GTO ASSOCIATION of AMERICA). This was not our choice. This was a result of the national organization imposing their rule that requires that a certain percentage of our local chapter members also be members of the GTOAA. The 2010 requirement was that 40% of our GTOAM members must also be GTOAA members. This percentage has been increasing over the past few years with the eventual (national) goal of requiring 100% membership. The GTOAA is a fine organization and I am glad to be a member.....but, their dues are \$35/yr. Our dues are \$10/yr.

Our position is that it should be up to each individual to join one or both organizations. Our GTOAM's Senior Executive Council (Charlie and

I and anyone else that I might have talked to) believes that charging our members \$45/yr (\$10 for us and \$35 for national) would destroy our club. We feel that our local club is stronger without GTOAA than with them.

In our ongoing discussions (phone calls and emails) with the national office both Charlie and I made it known that we can't believe the national organization is better off by dropping GTOAM from their official list of GTOAA Chapters. We were one of the original Chapters. But the national leadership feels that their national organization is the most important thing and so here we are.....

We will pass on GTOAA event info in our newsletters and you can always check out their website which is a link from our own website. I am happy and proud that you have chosen to spend \$10 of your money to be a member of our club. Enough said.

Pres. PJ

**LAST EVENT**  
**ANNUAL MEETING**  
**May 30th, 2010**



Our Annual Meeting was held on Sunday, May 30<sup>th</sup> at the Owl's Head Transportation Museum, just South of Rockland, Maine. It was a nice day and the museum was holding a Car Show that day. We had quite a few cars and members show-up. We had our own little area complete with Gazebo.



We held our Annual Meeting and planned our events for the season. After the show we cruised up to Rockland to the Roadhouse Barbeque (formally Cody's) for some good eats and grog.



Here's a picture of Charlie getting a VIP ride in one of the Museum's Classics



**REQUESTS FOR TRIVIA**  
**QUESTIONS AND OTHER**  
**FEATURE ARTICLES**

Remember, this is your newsletter. I'm running out of ideas. Please send me some stuff. We welcome any input.

C'mon, there must be something that you could share.

Thanks to Jaye and Sandy Vilchock; and Mike and Vicki King for their contribution this month.

**NEW MEMBERS**

Past the word! We always like new members.

**DUES**

**Are you up-to-date?**

Please, if you haven't paid your 2010 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 "2010" 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.

## **NEWSFLASH**

Mike King and his 64 GTO took Runner-Up Honors at Winterport on Pontiac Day, June 12th, 2010. For the second year in a row, Canadian Russell Calder and his 71 GTO took the top spot with a 6.31 on a 6.31 dial-in. Mike ran a 8.29 on a 8.19 dial-in. The GTO Club donated a hat and shirt for the top two drivers. Russell chose the hat, so Mike took home the shirt and a trophy. Great Job, Mike.

## **SIDE VIEW**

From Vicki Saint Amand

Last year at the Annual Meeting at Owl's Head, Club President Paul Johnson won a ride in a biplane for two people. Paul's wife, Julie wasn't too enthused about going up, so Paul generously shared his good fortune with airheads Mike and me. We went flying June 20th, 2010, in a 1933 WACO open cockpit bi-plane. It was a beautiful day, and the ride was smooth and scenic. Thanks to Paul and Julie for an exciting experience we will not forget!

At this year's Annual Meeting at Owl's Head on May 30, 2019, I spent some time checking out the airplanes and revisiting one of my favorite exhibits, the 1933 Cretors Popcorn and Peanut Wagon. According to the description on the wagon it was used in Old Orchard Beach, a favorite Maine tourist destination for many years. Over time OOB has drawn a variety of people, including beach enthusiasts, world-class auto racing fans, aviation royalty, and well-known musicians. The Popcorn and Peanut Wagon was a 1922 F--d chassis with a 1923 Cretors body. Its' height and bright colors made it visible over the heads of the crowd. The popcorn popper and peanut roaster were driven by a small steam engine and heated with white gas or propane. The small clown near the poppers was known as the Roasty Toasty Man, a signature of Cretors, and cranked the poppers for the amusement of customers. It's not a GTO, but it is beautiful and gives us a taste of a colorful and simpler time in Maine history. Enjoy the rest of the summer.....Vicki

## **TELL US ABOUT YOUR PROJECT**

You say that your GTO or other project is not "Ready for Prime Time"! How about telling us about your project and how it is going. Many of us have some very interesting cars that are in the restoration stages. Take some pictures and tell us your story. I think that it would be good reading for our members. Maybe it will give you that spark to get yourself going again to finish that project and finally get that beauty on the road. PJ

## **CONGRATULATIONS**



Sandra and Jaye Vilchok of Nottingham, NH recently celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary. That's Sandy in her original gown and the 67 Goat (also a lifetime family member) in the background.

## **OUR NEXT EVENT**

Cookout at Charlie and Rose Huntington's  
Date is Sunday August 15<sup>th</sup>.  
Plan to arrive around 11:00.  
Bring meat etc to grill for you.  
Bring salads, goodies etc to share with others.  
The Club will spring for the drinks and other condiments. Hope you can make it!

Give Charlie and Rose a call if you plan to attend so that they can plan. Their number is 563-5824

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Bring a Sparkle in a Child's Eye Car Show. This is a GTOAM sponsored event put on by Bob and Joan Farwell. It is held at the Lakeside Market in Waterboro, Maine.

Date: Sunday September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2010  
See details (Flyer) at the end of this Newsletter.

## **A PONTIAC CELEBRATION**

On September 17-19, 2010 there will be a Celebration of 84 years of Pontiac's Rich History in historic Warwick, Rhode Island at the Crowne Plaza Hotel. This is great multi day event. Charlie and I went to the Eastern Regionals at this same venue in 2006. It is a great place with lots of grass to display all of the vehicles. Check out the flyer at the end of this Newsletter.

## **OTHER EVENTS**

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

## **GTO STUFF FOR SALE**

- 1) 2 10' X 15' centerline drag wheels with used slicks
- 2) 2 15 x 3.5 front runner wheels with tires
- 3) Dash for a 71 GTO- good condition

- 4) Set of bucket seats for 67 GTO-good condition
- 5) Other interior/exterior misc. parts

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