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NEWSLETTER

GTO Association of Maine October 2011

President's Message

Greetings. Hope you had a wonderful summer with lots of summer cruising. I'm also sure that your summer seemed too short. Hopefully, we're experience a nice mild fall with more days to enjoy those cars.

Speaking of fall.....Don't miss our last event of the year: our Fall Cruise. It will take place on Saturday 8 October and travel to Blueberry Hill in the Belgrade Lakes. Check out the details below.

Thanks to VP Mike King for setting up this cruise.

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NEXT EVENT Fall Foliage Cruise

When: Sunday October 9th 2011

Where: Denny's Restaurant on Rte 27/11/8 by the Augusta Civic Center, Exit 112B off I-95 in Augusta

Time: We'll eat around 11:30. Plan to arrive 11am

Agenda: After lunch we'll travel to up Rte 27 to the Belgrade Lakes Region to view the beautiful colors from Blueberry Hill. Then back to Augusta to the Maine State Museum to view the wonderful displays there. When was the last time you visited that Museum.

Should finish up around 4pm.

Put this on your calendar, as it should be a great time.

Our Summer Events Report

2011 Annual Meeting

The 2011 Annual Meeting was held on a very rainy Sunday, on May 15th at Fast Eddies in Winthrop.

In spite of the not-so-great weather a number of GTOAM diehards made the trek to Winthrop. Fast Eddies was a very gracious host with a newly built Events Room that allowed us to spread out in our own private area. The owner of Fast Eddies even treated everybody to a free ice cream. Now don't you wish you had gone to this event?



Rainy Day at Fast Eddies



Annual Meeting 2011

A little rain won't dampen the spirits of these diehards!

SUMMER COOKOUT

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CHARLIE AND ROSE'S

August 14th, 2011

Many thanks to Fred and Susan Worcester for writing this piece!

It wasn't a great morning as we headed out for Newcastle for the GTO Association's summer BBQ at Charlie and Rose's but - who cared?

A visit to their house is always worth the ride! We didn't get any rain until we got about 2 minutes from their house and so we had to put the top up on the Goat when we arrived. It only rained for a few minutes and the day turned out to be just right for good food and good conversation on the deck!

It was good to catch up with Mike & Vicky and Bob & Joan. New to the group was Bill & Holly Witt. They made the ride from Harmony and enjoyed the scenery along the back roads. Nice to get to know them. We hope to see them at more GTO events!



Bill and Holly Witt with their '65 Goat

Now about the Goats: We had our '70 and Bill & Holly had their '65. Mike & Vicky showed up in an '06 GTO (should we tell you that it was....for sale?) and the Farwells.....well, the Farwells SOLD their GTO and arrived in a new MUSTANG (Oh...perhaps I should have put that in small letters!). Really nice ride! We decided that they want to tie the Worcesters for people who come to GTO events in a non-GTO! (We think we hold the record!)



2006 and 1970 Goats

Of course, if you know Charlie you would have guessed that he had something unique in his stable! This time it was awell, it was this tractor! Check it out...



Charlie's new toy: 1979 IH Transtar II

Before lunch Charlie offered a tour of his garage. Always fun to see what he's acquired since our last visit.



A beautiful 1929 Pontiac

Rose cooked up a storm and heated up the grill for us. Good food, good friends....a good time! As usual.



If you missed this event, be sure to put the fall cruise on your calendar! We've been members of GTOAM since it started and always enjoy getting together with old friends and meeting new ones at club events.

REQUESTS FOR FEATURE ARTICLES

Eventually, you'll get sick of hearing about me! Please send me some stuff. Any input is welcome. C'mon, there must be something that you could share.

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.

OTHER EVENTS

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

Winter Workshop

Look for an announcement for a special event during the winter's months. Charlie is hosting a Winter Workshop which is essentially an opportunity to witness and learn about some GTO project. Charlie plans to drop the tranny of his '66, dial in his fly wheel (properly center it) and install a new clutch pressure plate and throw-out bearing. We thought that this might make for a fun reason to get together. We can all eat, drink and gawk while Charlie does all of the work. No, Really this could be fun and a great learning experience. More to come on this later.