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NEWSLETTER

GTO Association of Maine July 2014

President's Message

I hope that your summer is going well and your precious ride is also going well.

Those of you that missed out on our CENTRAL MAINE TOUR on June 22nd missed out on two wonderfully interesting stops, some great cruising through beautiful Maine Farmland and some great food. Read all about it in the article below.

Check out our next event on August 9th which should prove to be just as much fun as the last and with even more food. We are hooking up with the ANTIQUE AUTOMOBILE CLUB OF MAINE for a SUMMER TOUR that includes antique trucks, great seafood and wonderful ice cream. Read about it below and mark it on your calendar so you don't miss it. The more cars that we have, the more fun it will be.

So get out there and enjoy those cars and hope to see you on August 9th.

Prez
PJ

NEXT EVENT

August 9th, 2014

SUMMER TOUR

When: Saturday August 9th, 2014

Where: Starts in Wiscasset. Ends in Windham

Major Attractions:

1. I&S Insulation World Headquarters,
2. Jim Peacock – Petrolinia Collection
3. Harraseeket Lunch and Lobster,
4. Antique Truck Collection,
5. Skippy Scoops Ice Cream

Time: Starts at 8:30am (see tour schedule below)

This is a combined event with the Maine Region of the Antique Automobile Club of America (AACA). They will be bringing some very beautiful cars from the early 1900s. It should be a blast to cruise with them.

Starts at 8:30AM in Wiscasset or jump in at any stop along the way.

8:30 AM –Meet at I&S Insulation World Headquarters
493 Gardiner Rd, Wiscasset.
Coffee & Donuts will be provided.

9:00 Sharp –Depart for Dresden to view Jim Peacock's
petroleum collection (approx 7miles –15 mins).

10:00 –Depart for leisurely tour to lunch in South
Freeport (48 miles –1 1/2 hours)
Harraseeket Lunch and Lobster
36 Main St, South Freeport
www.harraseeketlunchandlobster.com

1:00 –Depart for The Irv Bickford Collection –
Yarmouth Jct, Yarmouth (5 miles –15 mins)
Irv was a major Antique Truck Collector.
When he passed away his family redid the facility to
properly display his stuff as a tribute.

2:15–Depart for Skippy’s Scoops
78 Tandberg Trl, Windham (18 miles –30 mins)
Skippy’s is owned by Don Winchell –long time GTO
Association of Maine member. He’ll have the red
carpet rolled out.

[www.facebook.com/pages/Skippy-
Scoops/354556867987210](https://www.facebook.com/pages/Skippy-Scoops/354556867987210)

Other Events Planned for this Summer:

1st Weekend in October
Foliage Fly In (cars only) at Marc
Burgess’s Rocky Ridge Airport

****REPORT**** **on** **GTOAM Central Maine Tour**

Charlie Huntington set this one up and did a great job
as usual. Thanks, Charlie!

We met at Dunkin Donuts in Newport at 8am.
Everyone was on time except Prez PJ.

Charlie led the group to our first stop in Pittsfield:
KEN’S CLASSICS Ken Clark’s Restoration
Garage/Barn.

Ken is an expert on the restoration of Cords. People
from all over the world send cars to Ken for his
talents. Ken also had a couple of other customer cars
that he was working: a rare ‘66 vette with the big
block 396 installed from the factory; and a beautiful
’70 Jaguar XKE convertible. But it was the Cords
that were special. Several of them in various stages of
completion.



Jaguar XKE Convertible



One of the Cords that Ken is restoring

Ken gave us a marvelous tour of his facility. His
knowledge and attention to detail was apparent.



Ken Clarks of AACA, beautiful 1930 Cord

Next up was to cruise to Oakland to tour VINTAGE
WIRING OF MAINE, INC. Charlie took some
wonderfully ‘rural’ roads on our cruise from Pittsfield
to Oakland. I’m sure that he used “Google Maps” to

determine our route. He surely checked the “NO TOLLS” box while using Google Maps get the right roads, but we know that he failed to check the “NO POOP” box because we came upon more than one section of cow manure spattered across the road. We slashed through them, no worse for wear.

There was some additional excitement on another section of road where we were cruising downhill. I was the third car in line and as I looked ahead on the uphill part, I see 2 large pieces of farm equipment heading toward us. These tractors and machinery were 1 ½ times the width of the road. We made it past them as they put one set of their tires in the ditch while we tippy toed way over on our side. I wish I had snapped a picture of it.

Our motorcade arrived at VINTAGE WIRING OF MAINE where Joe and Sharon were there to greet us. Joe gave a great tour of his shop and demonstrated how he fabricates brand new harnesses for some very old and unique vehicles.



Joe shows us a harness layout in his shop

Joe also has a very extensive collection of military vehicles that he shared with us. One of them is a 99 point Marine Corp World War 2 Jeep. Check out the photos on the GTOAM website.



Vintage Military Vehicles



1941 Dodge WC-6 Command Car

After we dug into every nook and cranny of Joe’s collection, it was off to Big G’s Deli in Winslow. Everything is big at Big G’s and we all gave a gallant effort to eat every bite.



Some of the lineup at Big G’s Deli

After a wonderful meal, the group headed on their separate ways. It was an excellent day with fine weather, interesting displays, good conversation, wonderful people and superb food. Thanks again goes to Charlie!

REQUESTS FOR FEATURE ARTICLES

Please send me some stuff. Any input is welcome. C’mon, there must be something that you could share. I’ve run out of things to share. We need your fresh ideas

PJ

MEMBER NEWS

From Matt Turner:

I've been restoring my '68 since late 2012, and I think I'm finally seeing the light at the end of the tunnel! Stripped the body bare, completely refinished the frame and installed all new bushings/stainless steel lines, pulled/painted the engine, etc. Once the vinyl top guy installs the new top, the painted body goes back on the frame & I'll start putting it back together. If I get the time, I'll see if I can put an article or two together for you if you'd like

Yes Matt, we'd love an article - ed.



PONTIACS FOR SALE

FIEROS: 1985, 1986 & 1988
GRAND PRIXs: 2001 & 2004

For complete info and pictures go to
www.wheelsndealsme.com

The not road ready ones are not on the web site. Call
Mike King at 207 213 6374

DUES

Are you up-to-date?

Please, if you haven't paid your 2014 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 "2014" 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.

NEW MEMBERS

Past the word! We always like new members.

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.
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