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NEWSLETTER

GTO Association of Maine August 2016

President's Message

Hey everybody! Hope your summer is going well. Hope your AC is working well. Hope your classic car is performing well. Hope your Pontiac project is progressing well. It's been a tough summer so far as it's been too hot to do just about anything. I have managed to get a bunch of house projects done and also some GTO projects as well.

My '70 convertible is running good and Julie and I have been able to get some cruising in. We had a good time at our GTOAM June Event which was a Tour of the Maine State Museum. Check out the article below to see what you missed.

Our next event is a BBQ at Charlie and Rose's Compound. It's on Saturday, August 13th. See article below. This is always a fun event with much to see and do. It is also followed by a Drive-In Movie right there at Charlie and Rose's. I know it will be lots of fun. Make sure that you mark your calendar so you won't miss this.

Last, but not least... please send in an article on "where you've been" or "what you've been doing". I know that you guys are in to some interesting stuff so PLEASE SHARE IT! See below for the deadlines for the next edition of our newsletter. If I don't receive any articles, I'll be forced to share with you what's been going on at the cemetery. I really dig my job.

Hope to see you at the Cookout in August!

Prez
PJ

LAST EVENT

June 25th, 2016

Tour of the Maine State Museum



Breakfast at Hi-Hat

Our June Event had the right combination of cars, food, education, cruising, beautiful scenery and fun people. The beautiful day started off with a yummy breakfast at the Hi-Hat Diner in Farmingdale. Then our caravan headed to the Maine State Museum.

We were able to park together in the museum parking lot. When we entered the air conditioned museum we were pleasantly surprised to find out that today's admission to the museum was FREE.

We like FREE! This was another “well planned” event by Mike and Vicki.



As I stated in our last newsletter, most of us have not been to this museum since we were in grade school. Boy! Has it changed. There were many floors of very elaborate and interesting exhibits. This is really a “jewel” that all should see.

For those of you that had previously visited the museum (say back in the sixties or seventies)---- Charlie and I asked if the museum still had that display of the little fuzzy rabbit that was brown in the ‘summer scene’ but then turned white in the ‘winter scene’. The lady told us that she never saw that display but that many people ask about it. That particular exhibit is gone but the original rabbit survived and is part of bigger wildlife scene.

As you can imagine there were many exhibits and photographs from many towns and cities throughout all of Maine.



Lombard

Because it was a Saturday, the parking lot around the Capital Building was empty and accessible. Since it was such a beautiful day with a nice blue sky we took the opportunity to take a nice picture of 3 GTOs in front of the Capitol.



Maine State Capital Building

Mike King then took us on a Cruising Tour to the Belgrade Lakes Region. The ride among the lakes was wonderful. The scenery was beautiful as we made our way to the top of Blueberry Hill. This event originally planned to include a lunch, but everyone was still full from our breakfast at Hi-Hat so we decided to skip our lunch. Julie and I did manage to stop for ice cream on our way back south to Eliot.

Many thanks to Mike and Vicki King for setting this one up. If you weren’t able to attend, you missed an excellent time. Try to make it to our next event on Saturday, August 13th in Newcastle, Maine.

Don’t forget the 2016 Season Newsletter Deadlines:

YOUR “TO DO LIST:” Write an article and submit it to PJ or Charlie by the next deadline.

Event #1 - State of Maine Museum 6/25

✓ Done

Event #2 - BBQ @ Charlie & Rose 8/13

✓ Deadline to PJ 8/19

✓ Draft to CH 8/31

✓ Newsletter in Mail 9/9

Event #3 - Fall Foliage Tour 10/2

PJ = Paul Johnson

CH = Charlie Huntington

NEXT EVENT

August 13th, 2016

Cookout and a Drive-In Movie

When: Saturday August 13th, 2016
What: BBQ at Charlie and Rose's Place
What: Drive-In Movie after the BBQ
When to Arrive: Any time after 4pm
Food: Bring whatever you'd like to grill
Plan to eat: at 6pm
Movie Starts: at dusk

That's right a real live Drive-In Movie. First we start off with a cookout. Please bring whatever you'd like to grill. GTOAM will supply sodas and sides.

Feel free to come for just the BBQ or just the Movie. Better yet, plan to stay for both. The sound is broadcast on FM so bring a "boom box" if your car is not equipped with FM.

As always, tours of Charlie's Pontiac Collection and the museum are always available. Cookout and Movie Location is 78 Lynch Rd, Newcastle.

RSVP (email) to Charlie and Rose if you can but don't hesitate to just show up at the last minute. For more information: call Charlie Huntington 563-5824

Hope you can make this event.

2016 Pontiac Oakland Club International Convention

By Charlie Huntington

We had quite a time traveling to and attending the 2016 POCI Convention in Bettendorf, IA. This year we decided to make a more leisurely trip by targeting 400 miles per day rather than our usual 600 mad dash. In addition we decided to take the 62 Catalina wagon as it is the newest car in the collection and wagons are very popular right now.

We started on Thurs prior to the convention by heading to MA to see Steely Dan. Great show! Rose headed

back to ME the following AM and I headed to Muncy, PA for the All International Truck show. Getting off the topic, the All International show is the friendliest show I've ever been to. They were even nice to me this year when I showed in a Pontiac rather than an IH truck!!

After the truck show I headed to MI on Sunday. I was quite proud of myself Sat evening when I adjusted a door panel in the car, adjusted the choke, and tightened the fan belts. The feeling of satisfaction evaporated immediately when I coasted to a stop on I-80 in PA. The gas gauge read ¼ tank and I had driven slightly less miles than the last thankful. After a long series of attempts to contact the right AAA headquarters, a PA State Patrol stopped and called in to have them call me. Once the truck arrived he had no gas! He towed me (at my insistence) in the direction I was heading to Dubois – also a bigger town than the one AAA and the driver wanted to go. We stopped at a gas station and I put 10 gal in the tank. I used the little bit in the driver's can to prime the carb. When it started and died, I looked for the can to prime it again but the driver had already put it away. "That confirms it's the fuel pump", he said and took me to an auto parts store. The store was great and even kept an open tab for me as I installed an electric fuel pump as the mechanical pump was not an option. When I took the hose off the old pump there was more gas than I expected but I decided to soldier installing the new pump rather than try old one. I used the wiper feed to power the pump as it shut off with the key. While at the parts store I asked for a generator belt which they did not have. I declined the PS belt as I figured I get both at one time later.

After a total setback of 2 hours I was on my way once more. After a couple hundred miles and now on the OH Turnpike, I noticed the generator was

discharging, I spun into the next rest area and found the generator belt was so worn down that it had fallen off and taken the PS belt with it. The car was overheating but I was lucky to pull in just in time. I could see that the problem was a bent water pump pulley that was wearing the belt. The good news is that with the belts off I could see they both had the same number on them. Now I wished I'd bought the one belt in Dubois! I put the PS belt on the generator and away once more. I was near Norwalk, OH so I exited there to find a belt. Turns out Norwalk is 6 miles off the pike and it took 2 stores to get 2 belts. No big deal just another hour added to a long day.

Next issue came in MI. I got off the pike and the lady at the toll was very excited about the car. I told her not to say anything nice as the car had been very bad that day. Sure enough 3 miles later it died again. I suspected the connection to the fuel pump so I disconnected it and plugged the wipers back in. Unexpectedly they worked fine. As I stood there pondering my next move a rollback with a young driver (and his whole family!) stopped and checked me out. He grabbed the positive wire from me and put it on the battery post – the fuel pump came right to life! It later turned out the fuse had a bad connection in the fuse box as is common to this vintage GM vehicle. Why it worked long enough to run the wipers though is beyond me. All in all it worked out fine. It did take 13 ½ hours to make a 9 hour trip but it made it and caused no interruption of plans.

To be continued next issue....

(Pictures of the trip and related show can be seen at http://www.badgoat.net/CRH_homepage/16-show-index.htm)

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

NEW MEMBERS

Thomas Melanson from Leeds with 69 & 71 Convertibles

Keith Frost from N. Mommoth with a 65 Tempest

Welcome!

DUES

Are you up-to-date?

Please, if you haven't paid your 2016 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 "2016" 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 EVENTS FOR 2016

- August 13th Cookout at Charlie and Rose's
- October 2nd Fall Foliage Tour to Sunday River

E-Mail Address

Have you been getting club news via e-mail? If you haven't seen one in the last couple of weeks, it may be because the e-mail we have for you is out of date. If this is a case send an e-mail to Charlie – badgoat@tidewater.net and he'll get you updated. Thanks!