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NEWSLETTER

GTO Association of Maine September 2016

President's Message

Hey everybody! Hope all is well with you and your families. Well, the cruzin' season is winding down. I hope that you had a fun summer. Mark your calendar for October 2nd and join us for the GTOAM Fall Foliage Cruize. This is always a good time with great weather and beautiful sights.

Julie and I had a great summer. We went on a cruise to Alaska and visited Denali National Park. It was wonderful. There is much influence up there from the Native Americans (just like there is in Maine). The ship docked in Vancouver, BC and we spent our last day there. While touring Vancouver we came upon this Totem Pole. It's known as the "Trans Am Totem Pole".



Later in September, Charlie and I climbed Mt. Katahdin. It was an absolutely perfect day to climb the mountain. Not too hot, not too cold. Not too windy. Check out the pictures on Charlie's website.

Incidentally, you should check out all of our GTOAM events on Charlie's Website: www.badgoat.net. There are many pictures of all of the events from this and previous years. Thanks Charlie, for keeping this up.

Hope to see you at the Fall Foliage Cruize on the First Sunday in October!

Prez
PJ

LAST EVENT – August 13

Cookout at Charlie and Rose's

As always a great time was had by all. Many of the "faithful" gathered but we also had one big surprise. A couple who had found out about us on the internet, showed up and joined! The weather held off long enough to enjoy the cookout (although we ate inside). It did get drizzling enough that we decide to do the movie indoors as well. Charlie had been given a large screen at a Truck Show. It turned out to be a high quality 9x16 screen. We assembled it and enjoyed the movie "Duel" projected onto it. Rumor has it that the screen is now perminately hanging in the rafters of the Garage Mahal and can be lowered for future screenings.

NEXT EVENT

October 2nd, 2016

Fall Foliage Tour to Sunday River

When: Sunday October 2nd, 2016

What: Cruise to see the foliage. See the itinerary below:

Sunday, October 2nd. Back by popular demand....The Foliage Cruise through the Lakes Region and Sunday River. Join us from the beginning or hook up with us somewhere along the way.

8:30 – 9AM

Gather at Cole Farms Restaurant in Gray Me. Take Exit 63 off I-95. Turn right. It is located on Rt 4/100/202 just 1 mile from the exit. Check out their website

9AM Promptly

Eat Breakfast. Don't be late.

10AM Cruise North on Rt 26 to Norway

11AM Scenic stop at Snow Falls Gorge

11:30 Back on Rt 26 North

12:30 Stop at Sunday River Ski Resort for the view.

1PM Lunch at Sunday River (Stonecoast) Brewery. Check out their website.

2:30 South on Rt 35 to Lynchville.

3PM Stop at the Famous Maine Road Sign (Denmark, Norway, Sweden, Mexico etc).

3:15 Cruise South on 35 to Harrison. Right onto Rt 117 to Bridgton

3:45 Cruise South on Rt 302 through Naples to North Windham.

4:30 Stop at North Windham. Breakup and head home...Left on Rt 115 to Gray to travel North on I-95...or...Straight on Rt 302 to go to Portland....or Right on Rt 35 to go to Berwick, Eliot Area.

Mark your calendars to join us cruising the beautiful Lakes Region of Maine. Last time we did

this route we had 9 cars. Let's see if we can top that.

Please let Prez Paul, or Charlie know if you are planning to attend so that we can plan breakfast and lunch.

Here is my cell phone number: 603-969-1156.

Hope you can make this event.

From the Hill in Williamsburg

(From Fred Worcester)

Well, it's been just about 3 months since I had the new knee installed. So we've been pushing it to see how it's going to hold up. Last weekend was the Rods, Rides, and Relics indoor weekend show at the Forum in Presque Isle Maine. So Friday I boosted the old GTO to get it going due to a weak battery, loaded up and headed out. I grabbed a jacket out of the closet in case it was too cold with the top down. It was overcast but not bad with the top down at all. Matter of fact, when I got to Millinocket the sun was out. Gased the car up in Medway and hit Route 11 to Sherman, then up through Patten to Ashland and on to Route 163 down through to Mapleton and into Presque Isle.

When I got to the fair grounds about 1pm it was really warm and the set up was well under way. It takes quite a while to get the cars all situated in the building as they like to mix them up so folks will walk around to look at everything. Susan arrived later and got us checked into and moved into the Hampton Inn. The show is the first weekend of the Northern Maine Fair and, of course, the fair brings a lot of people out especially to the truck and tractor pulls. After getting some "Fair Food" and getting the old GTO set up for the weekend, we headed for the motel to get some sleep and be ready for a long day Saturday. Saturday was another hot day and lots of people in and about checking the cars out.

One of the big attractions in the Forum over the weekend was the presence of Boss Hogg and Sheriff Roscoe P. Coltrane from the Dukes of Hazzard! They also had a couple of "General Lee" Chargers and a Jeep just like Daisy's! People had a great time having their pictures taken with them and talking to them. Why, on Sunday afternoon Boss Hogg and the Sheriff even took part in the kid's Pig Scramble!

Across the way from the Dukes was a 1942 Ford State Trooper's Cruiser! The officer (who is currently a State Trooper) drove the car from Lincoln to Presque Isle to participate in the event and wore a vintage uniform appropriate to that era.

Sunday after breakfast at the Inn, we headed over to Washburn to spend a couple of hours visiting with our son and his family. A little after noon we were headed back to the Forum to wrap things up, pick things up and by 3:45pm we were headed for home. Arrived back on the hill in Williamsburg about 8pm and the top was still down.

We had a lot of people looking the GTO over and talking to us. One lady was really emotional telling me she and her husband had one years ago - the very same color inside and out - and then her husband got killed in a hunting accident. She could hardly talk but went on to say she had to sell the car. She thanked us several times for bringing the car to the show. And there was a young man who told me he had a '70 GTO also that his mother bought brand new. It was a 4 speed hardtop. He had a picture of it and said it only had 36,000 miles on it. The picture looked pretty good. It's always fun talking to people who have a genuine interest in cars.

On another note my friend over in Sebec who has had so much motor trouble with his '70 GTO said he was having it rebuilt again by Butler. He said that someone from Milo owns that business now and some other guy from Milo works there with him. I will be anxious to hear what he finds out. That car sure has been quite

the story! Last summer he bought a 455 Stroker motor and put in it and the oil pump shaft broke! That was only one of the numerous times over the last four or five years that he's had one problem or another with the motor. I've lost count of the number of motors or motor jobs he's done on that car! Sure hope he gets to enjoy it some year soon!

That's it from the hill! Hard to believe that summer is over and we are planning fall cruises. Won't be long before our rides will be tucked away for winter! Hope you got to enjoy the season and put some miles on your GTO this summer!

Fred Worcester

2016 Pontiac Oakland Club International Convention – Part 2

By Charlie Huntington

As you might recall, I had a "mechanical adventure" travelling from Muncy, PA to MI. The MI leg of the trip was specifically to visit the Gilmore Museum. It's not so much as a museum but rather a "campus" of museums on one site in Hickory Corners, MI. The museums include the CCCA Museum, Cadillac-LaSalle, Lincoln, Model A, Hudson, Pierce Arrow, and Franklin. All this in addition to the Gilmore Collection plus a replica gas station, diner, and motorcycle collection. What was most impressive is I arrived right at opening time on Monday AM. I went thru several buildings without another soul in sight for almost 1 ½ hours.

Tues AM is was time to head for the convention but had to make it via Pontiac, IL to visit the Pontiac Museum (my 3rd time). On the way I decided (foolishly) to test the 62's gas gauge. One exit before mine, the car began to chug. I was able to roll up the off ramp. Right over the overpass was a convenience store where I was able to buy a gas can and get some fuel. I even had a lady give me a ride over and she waited to take me back. I'm not sure why I decided to do such a thing without getting a can and gas first but hey, that's me. I arrived just as the tour from the convention was coming thru. I was able to tag along with them on a bonus tour of the storage building. While there Tim Dye had me crawl thru the window of a 1969 Grand Prix stock car. He had me start the RAV engine to the delight of the crowd. I never revved it over 1500 RPM but in the garage it was loud!

Once in Bettendorf, IA for the convention, I was joined by Rose who flew out. The convention was great as always. If you've never been to one put it on your bucket list. Seminars, Swap Meet, rub elbows with the Pontiac royalty, and – oh yea – there's a show as well. Not to mention awesome Pontiacs rolling around everywhere!

One interesting side trip was the Iowa 80 Truck Stop. I had actually stayed there in 2011 when I drove the cabover back from Washington. It is the world's largest truck stop – three stories, fast food, full service restaurant, movie theater, convenience store, fuel, chrome shop, barber, dentist....you get the idea! Best thing was they were having their annual Trucker's Jamboree. This included a truck show, live bands, pork chop BBQ and fireworks. Topped off with a visit to the truck museum across the parking lot, it was quite a visit.

At the show I was very smitten with a 1977 Kenworth Bicentennial truck with a nice matching stainless trailer. I made the owner an offer very

close to his asking price (big bucks). Despite putting my spending habits on hold for a couple of month, I never heard back from him

Another side trip was to Davenport, IA just down the river from the convention. Davenport is a quaint town along the river with a few interesting shops. The big attraction is Antique Archeology – the “Pickers” shop.

One evening at the convention we had a tremendous thunderstorm – you could hear alarms blaring across the river. No twisters on our side however. I was able to bring the wagon under cover in the parking garage. What did I do during the storm? I hooked up the original fuel pump – it worked fine. Turns out I was out of gas due to the misreading gauge in the car. When I got towed the driver took me to a gas station and I put fuel in the car. He had the nearly empty can that he had brought out to the highway – don’t know why he’d show at an out of gas call with no gas. I put a slosh in the carb to get it reprimed. When I turned to do it a second time he taken the can away. I’m sure if I had primed it one or two more time it would have been fine. Oh well, next time I’ll be more assertive.

Well, the time flew by and it was soon time to head back east. Our first stops were in Auburn, IA/Findlay, OH to visit with some truck buddies. My buddy Chris mentioned that he was thinking of selling his Fruehauf trailer that was ½ camper and ½ hauling space. I had seen the trailer before and was always envious of it, We spent an extra morning checking out the trailer but didn’t really strike a deal. Chris was very interested in the stainless trailer that I had made the offer on with the Kenworth. All in all it was a very nice visit.

Our last leg took us to Wellsboro, PA. We stopped at the Kinzua Bridge. This railroad trestle was built in 1882 and was billed at the Eighth Wonder of the World. I had visited it many years ago but was surprised at the new visitor center and tarred parking lot on site. I was even more surprised to find most of the bridge in twisted wreckage in the valley below. It turns out that restoration of the bridge began in 2002, but before it was finished, a tornado struck the bridge in 2003. Nevertheless a large portion of it has been tuned into a walkway. I went ou to the end, Rose ventured several feet (inches perhaps) onto it.

After our stop we continued to Wellsboro, PA, home of Pennsylvania’s Grand Canyon. The town itself is very nicely restored with a few shops and many mansion style houses to look at. It had a nice throwback feel and made a nice stop. After that it was just a one day scenic drive thru PA, NY, VT, and NH to get home.

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. Thanks! PJ

NEW MEMBERS

Jeff & Catherine Jacobs – Bath
Looking for a nice 66 or 67 GTO
Help them out if you know of one!

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.

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!

The Rest of the Story

You might be wonder why this newsletter is coming out so close to the next event. I wanted to get to it earlier, but I had to make a trip to Hubbard, PA. At the last minute before last weekend’s Truck Show in Ballston Spa, NY, I was able to strick a deal with Chris on the Fruehauf trailer and met him there to pick it up. 1550 miles round trip – That’s the rest of the story!