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NEWSLETTER

GTO Association of Maine April 2019

President's Message

Hope all of you had great winter. It certainly was a great Super Bowl. Congrats to the Patriots! Probably the least stressful Super Bowl that I have watched. Amazing....and that's after the Sox won the World Series. It's great to live in New England for the championships and also for the winters. Once again I got to do a bunch of snowmobiling with Charlie and Rose this winter. The sledding was awesome up in Northern Maine and we had many fun adventures!

Now, it's Spring and GTO time!!

Mark your calendars! Plan to attend our 2019 Annual Meeting on May 5th. Also, think about running for GTOAM President. You won't have to fight with congress when you are GTOAM President. Believe me things go very smoothly with the great members in this club. So think about it and run for President. Then GTOAM will do things Your Way! It could be Huuuge! You can "Drain the Swamp" or Build a Wall"! Go for it!

Maybe you don't want to be President but would like to be more active and help our Car Club. The best first step is to attend our Annual Meeting (5/5/2019) to help plan the year's events.

The Annual Meeting is when all of us "gear heads" discuss what's already going on this summer/fall and what can we add for our own events. Please plan to attend. It would be great to see you and hear about what you've been up to.

Anyway, so plan on celebrating Cinco de Mayo with us at Fast Eddies Drive In. I hope to see your smiling face and your GTO or other prized possession at the Annual Meeting.

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PJ

NEXT EVENT

May 5th, 2019

GTOAM 2019 Annual Meeting



Fast Eddies Drive In, Route 202 Winthrop

GTOAM 2019 Annual Meeting

When: Sunday May 5th, 2019

Where: Fast Eddies Drive In, Rte 202, Winthrop

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

CINCO DE MAYO GTOAM

Our Annual Meeting is once again at Fast Eddies Drive In. This is the start of our summer season. We have had it here in the past. It is a nice central location for our members. It will be a nice opportunity to go for a little cruise. There is a great spot to display our cars and there is now a separate room for us to eat and hold our meeting. Just “keyword” search “Fast Eddies, Winthrop” to get directions. Plan to get there at 11:30 to talk with old friends. It should be a fun “kick off” to our season. Hope you can make it.

Meeting Agenda Items:

- 1) Plan our summer events. Do you think that our events are too far away for you to attend? How about hosting a GTOAM event this summer. We’d love to see what you’re up to.
- 2) Any new ideas?
- 3) Election of officers. Wouldn’t you love to be President? Vice President? GTOAM needs a new President!
- 4) Open forum.

See you there!!



GTO's at Fast Eddie's



A previous year at Fast Eddie's

FEATURE ARTICLE

From: Fred Worcester

Words from the North Country....

Hope you've spent some time *GGrrrrrowing* in your Goats last summer, GTO folks!

It certainly was a pretty HOT summer, wasn't it? Some days were a tad too warm but the evenings were pretty nice – especially if your GTO was a convertible! Up here in our neck of the woods it's been TOP DOWN DELIGHTFUL! The song “I've been everywhere” comes to mind.

A little background about our summer events – in 2017 I decided that I would have some dental implants. No one told me that it was a year plus long event! It's been a long haul but finally I see light at the end of the tunnel plus I see money flying out of our savings! The process is finally complete but more tweaking will be needed for a while yet. I have to learn how to laugh and talk with a new set of dentures but, hopefully, all will be well.

Susan and I spent a week on Cape Cod in June. The weather was very nice all week except the morning when we headed back home. It rained until we got up around Boston and then started to clear. It was a fun week in the convertible (no, not the GTO but the Mustang) with the top down most days.

Our next trip was our annual visit to the Northern Maine Fair and the Rods, Rides and Relics indoor show at the Forum in Presque Isle. I like to take the GTO to that show and so decided to take it when I headed out to a doctor's appointment (as I'd just had four new sneakers put on) and be sure everything was a go for the trip. The plan: go to my appointment, come home and put the Goat on the lift, change the oil and filter, and check the lugs. Well.....the plan changed in a flash! I was running late so I was pushing the GTO a little hard. When I came to the intersection on the Milo/Dover road, I geared it down and no cars were coming so I started the right turn on to the main road and the car did a bounce and I knew it was something more than a flat tire so I got it into the breakdown lane and got it stopped. Four lugs cut off and the fifth one ready to go and the tire and wheel jammed into the wheel opening! I was lucky – several people stopped to see if they could help. One guy said his neighbor had a ramp truck so he called him but no answer. Luckily, he had just gone past us and turned around and said he would get his ramp truck. He called NAPA and they had studs so the other guy headed to NAPA to get the studs and the guy headed home to get his ramp truck. This guy owns a salvage yard so we took the car there and half an hour later I was on the road with my spare tire on. When I asked the guy at the salvage yard what I owed him, he said he was going to be hard on me – he said \$5! Yep. That's right. It was a good reminder that there are

great people out there who like giving someone a helping hand. I did miss the doctor's appointment but I did get the oil changed and checked out the other wheels. Had to do some grinding on the wheel and then get it balanced. It seems to have a little wobble but it doesn't bother on the road.

Now, at the show: there were a couple nice GTOs there other than ours. There was a '68 Tempest that looked to be mint and a '68 GTO hardtop that was all original and had been painted once. It was pretty good, for sure. There are always a lot of nice cars at that event – mostly from the Presque Isle area but a few, like us, drive some distance to enjoy the weekend with other car nuts.

Here's One Unusual Vehicle!!!!

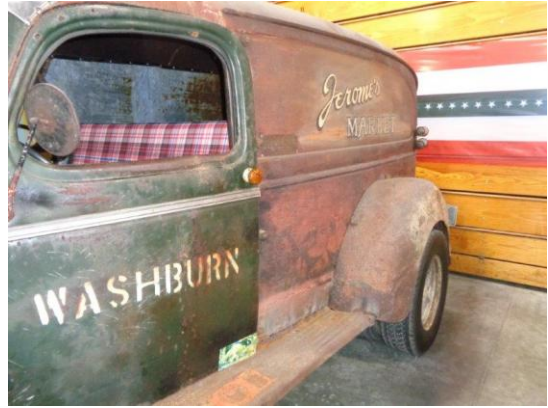
This vehicle has been at the Forum Show two years now. Not a GTO by any means but certainly an interesting ride to spend some time with...

*Rick Guerrette who puts on the Forum Show has quite the "Rat Rod!"
Just a few things about it and a picture or two so you can get an idea:*



*It was originally a 1931 panel truck.
Rick stuffed a set of dual wheels on the rear.*

In order to cover the rear wheels, he took the front fenders off and attached them on the rear.



Then he put an International grill and radiator in and installed an Oldsmobile engine with a 4 speed transmission.

It's got an old Model A seat!

I like the breather.

It's pretty much rust free!

Lots of other stuff inside the truck.

*And.....it's all legally registered as a Rat Rod.
You have to see this to believe it.*

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

Club Status

One topic we'll discuss at the annual meeting is the club's future status. Membership has been declining for several years as seems to be the trend in a lot of organizations. Social media? Too many activities? Who knows? It's hard to justify the time to put out a newsletter that just goes to a few people. On the other hand, we have some great events every year and see a lot of great old & new faces. Maybe a shift to a more informal electronically connected group that still enjoys some great get togethers? Make sure to attend this year's meeting so we can discuss!.

DUES

This newsletter is going out to a larger than usual group. We'll hold off on asking for dues until we discuss the club's future status. The club is very financially sound so it can wait a bit!

E-mail Addresses

To make sure you're included in future communications it is important for the club to have your current e-mail on file. If you haven't seen an e-mail from us recently then please send yours to Charlie at badgoat@tidewater.net. Thanks!!!

PARTS FOR SALE

One pair of Edelbrock Ram Air IV heads and exhaust manifolds. These are new and we ran them on the test stand for 30 minutes. I have \$3300 in them and I'm looking for \$2800 for everything. I live in Brunswick and can be reached at 207-841-8154. Call or text this number.

Thanks,
Mike

GTOAM EVENTS FOR 2019

Please attend our Annual Meeting to help plan our events for the 2019 season. If you can't make the May 5th meeting and you would like to host an event, please send me an email.

OTHER EVENTS

Lots of news on the national front! The POCI Convention is being held in Gettysburg, PA July 16-21 this year. Gettysburg is within a day's drive from Maine. You also get the bonus of checking out the rich history of Gettysburg while you're there.

It's also rumored that the 2021 POCI Convention will be in New England. Stay tuned!