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## **GTOAM - May-June 1997**

Well here we go. It's been a long time since I've written a GTOAM newsletter. The first thing I need to do is thank Susan for the excellent job she did for so long. Like Susan I'm going to ask for help on this thing, unlike her I need it!

Since things have come full circle, I'd like to reflect on the history of the GTOAM and my life (sorry). This club was started with the vision of Bob Norwood (headquarters Lewiston) and the drive (ignorance?) of myself. We had 3 informal get togethers in 1985 and formally started in the Auburn Police Department in April of 1986. I wrote many of the early newsletters by hand in an effort to shame someone into taking over. I'm addicted to the computer now so I'll have to find a new way to bait the next victim. My involvement faded in 1988 along with my marriage, my farm house and the best parts barn there may ever be. I did manage to hold on to my '70 convertible, although I did sell my '66

hardtop. Administration of the club was taken over by Ralph Marden. I lived on my boat for three years during which time I found my wife Rose (newer improved model!). In 1992 Susan took over as GTOAM president and the club's revival was on it's way. At the 1994 meeting I struck a deal with Scott and Ann Mercier to buy their '66 convertible. Took it apart that fall, became club prez in 95, married Rose that summer, finished the car last month, and here I am writing my first newsletter since 1987. Enough history! What's happening this year? First we had a successful annual meeting at Alfred's in Augusta. When we finished our meal the dining room was empty except for us so we were able to conduct our business without disturbing anyone. Important items covered during our short as usual meeting were officer elections and this year's calendar of events.

## **Officers for the 1997 season**

President: Charlie Huntington  
Vice President: Jeff Shepard  
Treasurer: Susan Worcester  
GTOAA rep: Mike King  
Newsletter Editor is up for grabs. Unless someone volunteers the next issue will feature more in-depth history of my life!

## **1997 Calendar of Events**

June - open - someone call me to help set up an event in your neighborhood.

July - Epping Pontiac Day!

August - Pool Party at Shepard's

Fall Cruise to Bar Harbor.

## **RENEW!!!!!!**

If your address appears with a star next to it, please send your dues \$10 to Susan today. We also need any address changes.

These are numerous dues to the many 911E changes.

If you're in GTOAA please let me know your membership #. If you're not join today!

## **WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**

Jeff & Mary Shepard - Gardiner '69  
Ralph Turner Jr. - Bangor

POCI - at the Budwiser Plant in Merrimac, NH.

July 1-5 GTO Nationals - Atlanta GA - I'll be there!

## **UPCOMING SHOWS OF NOTE**

June 22 - two big events - Penquis Cruize-In Milo - see Susan and Fred hard at work all day! For those father south - Tully Pontiac show put on by the Nor Eastern chapter of August 22-24 - East Coast GTOAA Regional Meet - Parsippany, NJ - any interest???

September 14 - Pontiac & Buick Show - put on by the Nor Eastern chapter of POCI - at Mid-Way Buick-Pontiac-GMC - Somersworth, NH.

I'm in the process of updating the MAAC calendar - look for it in an upcoming newsletter.

## **LOOKING FOR PARTS??**

I've "surf'd the net" for the first time this week. I found a good bulletin board for parts and tech advice. I also bought a couple of books from Vintage Parts 411. The two I got are specifically for GTO and one for Firebird. They list many salvage yards across the country as well as specialty shops. Cost is \$12.75 plus \$2 - 1-800-668-6743.

## **BONNY EAGLE**

Nice Day, nice show. In attendance that I ran into or saw cars of were Ron Moore, Dick Dubois, Mark Dissell and we wound up parked next to Dave Worcester.

## **MORE ON THE ANNUAL MEETING**

We had one of the finest gatherings of GTO that I've seen in awhile - especially for a '66 buff. My convertible made it's debut fresh from the body shop the day before. Fred and Susan's finally finished '66 was lookin' good. Bob Fylstra's very original '66 showed for a quick visit and hasty departure - GTO style. Mike King's '64 - nothing needs to be said about Mike's car. Last and in this case least because it's a Chevy (just teasing)- Jeff and Mary Shepard's LS-6 '70 Chevelle. Jeff's working on a '69 when he's not busy painting everyone else's Pontiac

## **COMING SOON**

- MAAC Calendar of Events
- 1997 Roster
- Tips on paints and products that "worked for me". I'd like to get your input for this one!
- 100's and 100's of articles, stories, biographies that the dedicated members of GTOAM are going to send to me
- My resignation when I don't get those 100's of inputs!!!