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EPPING PONTIAC DAY

Totally awesome day! Beautiful cruise down to Epping even if we lost Jeff Mortenson even before we linked up with him. Still, we managed to find the track, get set under Mike King's portable shelter, and get down to some "serious" racing. The big match was Charlie "burning clutch" Huntington vs. Mike "burning bias ply" King. I set out the elimination's while Mike went on to get cat scratch fever. Also attending were Jeff and Mary Shepard and Rose, plus several new members - see below.

NEXT BIG EVENT!!!

Sunday September 7, 11:00- Pool Party/Pig Roast at Jeff and Mary's. To find this event take High Street out of Gardiner. High Street is the one by Irving (near MacDonald's). Keep going to the top of the hill, there's a water tower on the top on the right. As you start going down their driveway is on the left. Their neighbor immediately past has a street sign at the end of his driveway. Their house sets back a ways, it's a white split level and Jeff's shop is just past and to the right of it. If you get lost 582-7191. Call if you'd like more details.

LATE RENEWALS

I'm looking for dues from the following - don't chance missing any of the great GTOAM action Kevin Gillespie, Frenchie & Pat Bourgeois, Shawn and Libby Maguire

SHIRTS AND HATS FOR SALE.

Plenty of GTOAM shirts of all sizes available plus tons of hats. Hats are \$5, shirts are \$8. Add \$3 for any order to be shipped. If there's enough interest we'll place another order for sweatshirts - please I need to get one myself!!

INFO WANTED

Still need spouse's name, GTOAA #'s, and Cars listed. Please give me feedback. Also if you know the whereabouts of any of our past members and the reason why they've left the club, I'd like that info.

"AUTO-BIOGRAPHY"

No "AUTObiography" this issue. I started this column tongue in cheek to encourage input rather than have you read about me. After reading Fred's and getting insight into someone I already knew quite well, I was hooked. Anyone else out there got a colorful past to share??

WELCOME TO GTOAM

A warm GTOAM welcome to:
Joe Calise - Cape Elizabeth - 69 conv
Curt Frye - Holden - 67 conv
Mike & Carolyn Simone -Millinocket - 66
Tony & Shari Gray - Sedgwick - 69 conv
Richard Eaton - Levant - 67
Steve & Jeanne Porter -Waltham,MA -66conv
Leo Maloney - Wilton, NH - 68 conv

UPCOMING EVENTS

I'm talking with Joe Paluga in Bar Harbor about our fall cruise. We're working towards a mid October time frame. Joe's currently a part owner of Winterport Dragway so we're looking at a cruise to Bar Harbor on Saturday and over to Winterport on Sunday. GTOAM members can mix and match these activities. More details as soon as there're available.

Attached is an info sheet for the 1998 POCI nationals in Sturbridge, MA. Time to plan next year's vacation. Not to slight GTOAA, they will have their convention in Wichita, KS. This show will be completely indoors!

IT WORKED FOR ME

This is expected to be a regular feature of tips/products that worked for GTO restoration. This one's from Fred: Slick Stuff Instant Detailer from the Wax Shop. It's great for a quick wipe down between washings and leaves the surface in an antistatic condition to repel dust. NAPA can order it for you. I've also had good luck with Maguire's Quick Detailer which you can get at Wal Mart.

GTOAM MEMBER NEWS

July 4th at Beech Ridge Speedway featured a gala opening ceremony. This consisted of a parade of muscle cars, a narrator, fireworks, and more. Included in the hoopla were Fred and Susan, Mark Dissell, and Dick Dubois.

I'm wrapping this issue up to head to the Yankee Chapter of POCI's "Fun in the Sun". Next week I'm attending a show that Hemmings invited me to and then straight down to the GTOAA Eastern Regionals.

Mark Dissell took 1st place in the Bonny Eagle 60's class - congratulations!!_

PARTS FOR SALE

Parting out '67 Lemans 2 dr. All parts non essential to drag racing must go. Blue bucket interior, console, excellent trunk lid, inner fenders, good running 326 engine. Many misc. pieces for '66-'67 GTO's, '70 Lemans front bumper - excellent shape. Call with needs large or small. Charlie 633-2904.

THIS SPACE AVAILABLE!!!

I'm running out of ideas and time. I would have loved another AUTObiography for this issue. I will get defensive and say that this is supposed to be bimonthly and this is only one month since last issue. I will be doing another right after the pool party to set up the fall cruise. Most important is to make sure you're at the Pool Party. If you want confirmation of the Fall Cruise date, call anytime, I should know soon. Don't hesitate to call for parts, info, to provide info, or just to talk GTO. Hope to see all of you soon!!!