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## **GTOAM - December 1998**

### **FUN TONIGHT (TRUE STORY)**

The old '68 4x4 was running kinda mixed tonight. She's pullin strong at 75 MPH down the highway but is skippin a little. As we approach Portland the old girl is whistling a little. Must be the choke is shut too much I figure. Doesn't take too long to load up the new stove and fridge and head back north. Trouble as soon as we hit the on ramp - no lights. Kick on the high beams and off we go. No problem with the old non halogens - no one flashes you anyway. Bigger trouble as we approach Freeport, gas tanks runnin low but the gear shifters rattlin' bothers me more. 1 mile before Desert Road exit we lose forward power - tranny's gone. Mucho relief to see the smoke pouring out of the rear end. Lock her in 4wd and head for Gritty's. Call to AAA secures free tow plus designated driver. Halloween Ale is there nothing finer? (I now have a '92 p/u for a tow vehicle)

### **T SHIRTS/SWEAT SHIRTS**

Supplies are low. I want to place a new order and would like to sell off the remaining supply - so no shipping on a min \$20 order. This is only 2 tees or one sweat. We have 2 XL and 1 XX sweats and 1 S, 1 XL, and 1 XX tees.

Let me know what you'd like me to order.

### **NEW MEMBERS**

Warm welcomes to:

Joe and Sandra Bernard from Yarmouth with a '71 T-37.

Ron & Jean Moody from Pittston with a '65 GTO

Roy Lewis from Denmark with a '65 GTO  
Walter and Bambi Kay from Union with a '68 GTO

Clinton & Wendy Bartlett from Washington with a '67 GTO

Dick & Elaine Braunfels from Litchfield with a '67.

Membership is strong this year - 42 paid members (and 6 that need to send dues in)

### **No Jokin' Around!**

An older gentleman wanted to do something different so he decided he would ride his 10 speed bike from New York City to Bangor, Maine. He got as far as the high level bridge in Kittery, Maine, and decided it was just going to be too much and he could go no farther. So, he decided to hitch a ride the rest of the way to Bangor. He stuck his thumb out but after about three hours not a single person had stopped. Finally, along came a guy with a '66 GTO convertible and offered him a ride. Of course, the bike wasn't going to fit in the GTO, but the owner of the old

Goat found a piece of rope in his trunk and decided he could probably tow the old guy along with him. So they tied the rope to the bumper and he told the man if they got rolling too fast to honk the horn on the bike. Everything went fine for about 30 miles. Suddenly a bright red '70 GTO blew past them!!! Not to be outdone the GTO pulling the bike took off after the other one. A short distance down the road the GTOs, both going well over 120mph, blew through a speed trap! The trooper noted the speeds from his radar gun and radioed ahead to a fellow trooper that he had two GTOs headed his way at speeds over 120mph. He then relayed, "And you're not going to believe this but there's a guy on a 10 speed bike honking his horn to pass!"

### **Old GTO Nuts Never Give Up** **by Fred Worcester**

Just when you think you've kicked the habit another GTO just seems to pop up in your garage. Who has belonged to GTOAM since day one? Who has owned Pontiacs since his high school days? Who has been to more GTOAM functions without a GTO? And who is always looking for GTO pieces for his last project? Yep! It's me! And yep, I - we - have another project sitting out in the garage and, yep, it's a GTO, and, yes, it is a convertible. So, OK, maybe *one last* GTO project and that will do it!

Some 32 years ago when I bought the first GTO, little did I know where this was all heading. At that time in my life all it meant was going wicked fast and getting into a lot of trouble - which seemed to happen from time to time. But now, it's really great to be still hooked on the darn things. We've all heard the expression you've come a long way, baby. Well, now, ain't that the truth!

Hey, it used to be back along if you were looking for GTO stuff, you were pretty much limited to a 50 mile radius.. well, that's not the case today. With the help of the computers, fax machines and whatever, help is right at your fingertips. Yes, with all this you don't have to rely on just a few of your buddies for help. By belonging to GTOAM and GTOAA we have been in contact with countless numbers of GTO nuts who are just tickled pink to give a hand. So, yes, it's come a long way, baby, and it makes it really hard not to want to bring another GTO back on the road.

About a year ago I picked up a '70 GTO convertible for a project. The car had been sitting outdoors, neglected for quite some time. Someone had made a desperate attempt to repaint it but had really wasted a lot of material and time. So - "yes, again - it's a basket case but does have potential to be a nice driver some day and get some thumbs up. At the present time we are only in the parts searching mode and so it will be a while till the restoration gets started. But with the help and encouragement from our GTOAM president and many other fine acquaintances through the GTO Association of Maine, we will get it done! So, old GTO nuts never give up, they just find easier and better ways to bring these great cars back to life! So, that's our story.. .how about yours???

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