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## **GTO Association of Maine May 1999**

### **ANNUAL MEETING**

The Annual GTO meeting was really neat!

. But service at the restaurant wasn't any treat!

OH Ok No Corny Poems!, But what a super beautiful day we had for our annual spring meeting in Augusta Maine, Sunday May 2nd. For all you GTO enthusiast that couldn't make it that's too bad but maybe next time. Susan and I drove 2 hours in our 70 SS Chevelle to a Pontiac GTO meeting at a place called Mustang Sally's and only to be told the Chevrolets had to park down back. And then to find out that they just served the last of the popovers to the president of the GTOAM. Hey but they sat us at the round table and quickly brought a root-beer on the Rocks with duel exhaust.{2 straws}

ALL kidding aside As we rolled into the parking lot just to see all the GTOs sitting there just brings goose bumps to any GTO Lover. The weather couldn't have been any better especially for the first of May. It's kind of unheard of to be able to drive 2 hours this time of the year with the top down and just a Tee

Shirt on.{ which was a GTOAM one I might add. Do you have one yet? }  
Anyway lots of new members with their Pride and Joy Pontiacs, and with all kinds of interesting stories. It truly was a beautiful day and the only way it could have been any better would have been if we could have pulled in with our 70 GTO convertible with the top down. Hey but it's our Goal for next year and we hope to see even more of your GTOs there too! Get them out, Fire them up, and show everybody there are still a lot of the old Pontiacs still on the road. Sure hope to see you out there somewhere on the road this Summer. Happy Cruising. Fred & Susan Worcester.

It was an awesome day alright! Our usual business was brief – We elected officers:  
Charlie Huntington - pres.  
Jeff Shepard - VP  
Joanna Monroe - Treasurer  
Mike King - Chairman of discount dues

We discussed our evens for this year. The plan is for a cruise in June – Paul Johnson has agreed to plan something in Southern Maine. We'll do the pool party

at the Jeff and Mary Shepard's in August. Peter and Jane Lovell volunteered to put together the fall cruise in the Augusta area. Other than the brief business, it was a fine day with great people and great GTO's! We'll get the pictures posted as soon as Joanna gets the film developed. I'd have them on already if I hadn't forgot the camera!!

### **THANKS TO SUSAN WORCESTER**

A big big thank you to Susan Worcester for all her help over the years. Susan resigned the treasurer's position because she needed to fill a more urgent need in the same position in MAAC. Her help and constant communications have been the glue that has kept the club together for the last few years. If not for her, I'm sure the club would have folded during its lean years. I'd really be sad to see her go but I get to keep working with her through MAAC. Thanks a million!!

### **JUNE CRUISE**

GTOAM SOUTHERN MAINE CRUISE to visit the submarine USS ALBACORE and tour the REDHOOK Brewery.

On Sunday, June 27<sup>th</sup>, 1999 GTOAM has scheduled a cruise in Southern Maine (and just slightly into New Hampshire). In searching for GTO/Automobile functions in Southern Maine there was not much to be found. However, we have found something that we think will be interesting to you;

The USS ALBACORE (AGSS 569) is a submarine museum that has tours available to the public. The ALBACORE is essentially the "GTO"

of submarines. This ship is not nuclear (so there are no "Zoomies" to be concerned about). This ship was built by the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard back in 1953 as an experimental ship. It is approximately 200 ft long and carried a crew of 50. The navy gave it a new hull design (cigar shaped). All previous submarines were shaped like surface ships ('V' shaped...think about pictures of WW-II submarines). It also had many other propulsion modifications. This ship was designed for speed!!!! And speed it had. This ship hit the water in 1953 and set an World underwater speed record which it possessed for the next 23 years. The United States designed and built newer, more advanced classes of submarines (15 new designs), but none were faster. The Albacore traveled at more than 30 knots (> 35mph) underwater. It wasn't until the Navy launched the Los Angeles Class submarines in 1976 that Albacore's speed record was broken. On one particular day the Albacore is said to have literally "run circles" around the USS Nautilus (which was the premier US submarine of the late fifties). It was the first submarine to have counter rotating propellers. It was the only submarine to have a dorsal rudder installed on the sail to counteract the effects of banking when conducting a high speed turn.

The ship was so fast that it didn't stop well! There was one incident when the ship plunged bow first into the mud on the ocean floor where it became stuck for many hours. The Navy responded by designing and installing "Dive Brakes" on the ship. These brakes worked so well that the everything (Men and equipment) onboard went flying forward breaking

some equipment and injuring some men.

This sub was simply a very exciting project for the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard and the Navy. Engineer's would think up new ideas to go faster, turn quicker, or stop sooner; install them on ALBACORE; head to sea and crank her up, let her go and let's see what she can do! (Sounds like some of us with our GTOs, doesn't it).

We think you will enjoy this tour! It's approx. 1 hour and the cost is \$3.00 per person.

After the ALBACORE tour we will head about 3 miles to the REDHOOK BREWERY for lunch. Special Parking has been put aside for us. And if it is a nice day we can eat outside on the patio, in the Beer Garden. As luck would have it, there is a special event going on that day: There is a local Pizza competition. For \$6(estimated) you can eat all the pizza that you want from 10 different vendors and vote for your favorite. This price includes a soda(beer is extra). The regular menu is also available. After lunch, a tour of the Brewery is available at 3pm (It's approx. 1 hour and the cost is \$1.00, which includes beer tasting, a free glass and a free postcard).

We know you will enjoy this tour!

After the Brewery tour we will head back North (or you can stay in the area and enjoy the Portsmouth, NH waterfront or go to the Kittery Outlet Malls).

Hope to see you there! Here is the anticipated itinerary:

9:30-9:45AM Meet at exit 8 of I-95

9:45AM LEAVE

Cruise RT 25(W) TO GORHAM; US RT 202(W) TO ALFRED; RT 4(S) TO SOUTH BERWICK; RT 236(S) TO KITTELY; US RT 1 BY-PASS(S) TO PORTSMOUTH, NH.

11:00 TOUR OF USS ALBACORE, PORTSMOUTH, NH

12:30PM LUNCH AT REDHOOK BREWERY AT "PEASE INTERNATIONAL TRADEPORT" PORTSMOUTH, NH

3PM TOUR OF REDHOOK BREWERY

4PM BREAK UP

For more information: Check out the Internet for

USS ALBACORE:

[www.portsmouthnh.com/harbourtrail/albacore.html](http://www.portsmouthnh.com/harbourtrail/albacore.html)

or just KEYWORD search on "USS ALBACORE"

RedHook Brewery:

[www.redhook.com/breweries/portsmouth/index.html](http://www.redhook.com/breweries/portsmouth/index.html)

or just KEYWORD search on "REDHOOK BREWERY"

## MAAC NEWS

If you didn't know the GTOAM is a member club of MAAC – the Maine Association of Auto Clubs. The MAAC calendar is attached for both shows and cruise nights. Fred Worcester is the person responsible for putting all this info together – awesome job Fred!

The big event for MAAC is to co-sponsor the 50's and 60's event at Owl's Head on July 11. This show has become quite large and is a real good time. This year will also bring back the can food drive for the Salvation Army. Please try to make this one!

## **UPCOMING PONTIAC EVENTS**

June 6 – Pioneer Valley GTO  
Association – Car show Springfield, MA  
413-594-9591

June 13 – NorEastern Chapter POCI –  
Buick/Pontiac show sponsored by Tulley  
Pontiac – Budweiser – Merrimac, NH  
603-679-5738

June 29-July 3 – GTOAA Nationals –  
McAfee NJ 973-839-5150

July 6-10 POCI nationals – Buffalo, NY  
contact me if you're interested in going  
Charlie – 633-2904

July 31 – Yankee Chapter POCI “Fun in  
the Sun” East Lebanon, NY 617-327-  
2122 (days)

## **NEW MEMBERS**

Paul and Pam Bourbeau – Monson, MA  
'67 hardtop and '67 convertible

John and Susan Rogers – Newcastle –  
'66 hardtop

Welcome!!!!

## **APPLICATION**

Don't be shy about copying the  
attached application and handing it out.  
Spread the GTO word!!

## **T SHIRTS/SWEAT SHIRTS**

Supplies are great. New order is here.  
Sweats - \$20  
Shirts \$10  
Hats \$5

Add \$3 shipping per order

Send \$\$ to Joanna's address above

## **DUES ARE DUE**

There's a roster attached. If your  
“status” is 1998 your dues are overdue.  
Please send them in to Joanna today.

## **WEB PAGE**

This paragraph is the same as from  
the last newsletter but still applies – still  
going strong. Keep tabs on the Roster,  
Members rides, and more. Check out  
the MAAC page for the latest 1999  
Calendar

Send me a picture of your car if I  
don't have it already. I'd like to have a  
picture of everyone's cars on the net. If  
you have one with you in it as well  
that'll be even better. Even if you don't  
have access I'll have all the pics in the  
club photo album as well.

Get those parts wanted/for sale ads to  
me as well. Fred sold his tripower to  
someone in MA who found it on the  
GTOAM page.