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NEWSLETTER

GTO Association of Maine May 2010

President's Message

Happy 2010, GTO and Pontiac lovers throughout the States of Maine and NH.

I hope that everyone survived the winter. The 09/10 winter was a season of :

- Days of No Snow
- Days of No Power
- Days of Heavy Rain
- Days of closed roads

How many of you lost your power for days this past winter? We lost our power for 4 days. I think my neighbor wins the award for the most water in his basement. He had 12"-18" of water above the top of the washing machine (just about 6" below the electrical panel).....and you thought that you had it bad!

For those of us that enjoy snowmobiling it certainly was an 'off winter' where the Washington DC area had better snowmobiling than Maine/New Hampshire. Still, I, like many others rode our snowmobiles through the snow, ice, water holes, dirt and rocks and enjoyed every minute of it.

But now it's time to turn our attention to our "Summer Rides". The weather is already nice and the winter salt has certainly been washed off the roadways. Cruising is not far away!

Mark your calendar for May. Sunday, May 30th will be our Annual Meeting. It again will be held at the Owl's Head Transportation Museum in Owl's Head, Maine. Last years meeting was a

blast to have our Annual Meeting as part of a Car Show and the fantastic Owls Head Museum.

The Annual Meeting is the time when we:
1)select the Officers for the coming year; 2)plan our events for the 2010 summer season; 3)select 2 free memberships to our National Organization, GTOAA; 4)enjoy good food and grog (always!); 5)See old friends and their awesome cars.

So please make an extra effort to make this meeting and bring your car because the Museum is having their Spring Car Show on that day (5/30/10). See all the details for this event later in this newsletter.

Pres. PJ

LAST EVENT FALL FOLIAGE CRUISE October 10th, 2009

Here's a report on our final club event in 2009. It was a drive to the beautiful Penobscot Narrows Bridge. VP Mike King organized this great event. Great Job, Mike!

Cruisers met on a beautiful fall day at the Hi Hat Restaurant in Farmingdale where we enjoyed a delicious breakfast and talked about cars while waiting for latecomers to arrive. After giving

ample time for others to arrive, we proceeded leisurely through the brilliant fall foliage to meet up with other cruisers at Fort Knox near Bucksport. Along the way we encountered a charming Harvest Parade with vintage vehicles, an unexpected and fortunate addition to our trip. At the entrance to the Park we were met by a GTO enthusiast who gave half our group free admission! We managed to take the elevator trip to the top of the Penobscot observatory together and were able to share the amazing panoramic view. Next came our tour of Fort Knox. Once again we were lucky, as we had a tour guide just for us. She was very knowledgeable and entertaining. When we left the park, we unanimously agreed to take a side trip to the Winterport Dragway where we were personally greeted by a GTO drag racer from Canada. We watched several time trials before heading home as the sun set on another memorable fall cruise. Our only regret is that more people were not able to share the experience. Maybe next year!

Cruisers Mike and Vicki

NEXT EVENT: **OUR ANNUAL MEETING**

Our Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, May 30th at the Owl's Head Transportation Museum, just South of Rockland, Maine. The museum is holding a Car Show that day (and Saturday, the 29th too). Here are the details:

What: GTOAM 2010 Annual Meeting

When: 12 Noon, Sunday May 30th

Where: The Library Boardroom at the Owl's Head Transportation Museum (outside in the gazebo if the weather is nice)

The Spring Car Show (right at the museum) opens its gates for cars starting at 9:30am.

Normally, there is a fee to enter the show; but tell them you are a GTOAM member and they will let you in FREE and direct you to our special area where we will park.

Plan to get to Owl's Head early enough that you can check out the show, grab a bite to eat before you attend the meeting at noon. The food available at the show is: Hot dogs, Hamburgers, Crab rolls, Lobster rolls, Wraps, Drinks and Ice Cream. After our meeting there will still be time to wander around the museum and show until

about 3pm when the show ends. After the show we may cruise up to Rockland to Cody's Roadhouse Barbeque for a some good eats and grog.

I hope that you can make this fun event and that we can have a good showing of cars and members.

REQUESTS FOR TRIVIA **QUESTIONS AND OTHER** **FEATURE ARTICLES**

Remember, this is your newsletter. We welcome any input.

C'mon, there must be something that you could share.

NEW MEMBERS

Mike and Holly Witt of Harmony with 65, 66, and 67 GTOs!

Don & Ann Blanchard of S. Berwick with a 66 GTO
Welcome!

DUES

Are you up-to-date?

Please, if you haven't paid your 2010 dues yet send your check of \$10.00 (or \$20.00) for two years. If you are unsure if your membership is current, just check the GTOAM roster at the end of this newsletter to see if you have "2010" under "Status". Remember this is our only source of income other than the sale of tee shirts and hats. In saying that lets try to gain new members. Remember we accept any and all Pontiacs not only GTOs. And we welcome any and all new members that have an interest in Pontiacs. You don't even have to own a car to join.

HOW ABOUT JOINING **GTOAA**

You already are a member of GTOAM. How about joining our National Organization of the GTO ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA. There currently are 45 chapters (we are one) nationally with over 3500 members. The dues are \$35 per

year, which gets you a subscription to their award-winning magazine "The Legend". See the insert to this newsletter (if you are not currently a GTOAA member). Please consider joining our National Organization. Don't forget that if you show up to our Annual Meeting (May 30th) we conduct a raffle where two GTOAM members each get a free one-year membership to GTOAA.

TELL US ABOUT YOUR PROJECT

You say that your GTO or other project is not "Ready for Prime Time"! How about telling us about your project and how it is going. Many of us have some very interesting cars that are in the restoration stages. Take some pictures and tell us your story. I think that it would be good reading for our members. Maybe it will give you that spark to get yourself going again to finish that project and finally get that beauty on the road. PJ

UPCOMING NATIONAL EVENTS

June 6 Tulley Pontiac/Buick Show in Merrimac, NH – Contact Matt 603-679-5738

July 1-4 2010 GTOAA International Meet, Wichita, KS

July 6-10 POCI Convention – Charleston, WV

Sept 17-19 Pontiac Celebration – Warwick, RI

LOCAL EVENTS

Check out the MAAC calendar at the end of this newsletter for other events in our area.

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