

GTOACO MEETING MARCH 11TH, 2009

President Jim Evans called the meeting to order. Those in attendance were Doug & Toni Boyle, Bill Hartley, Ron Cozzo, Larry Reeb, Keith Stevens, Cody & Brenda Ferguson, Jeff Frazier, Dan Gregory, Jerry Bales, Steve Schaeffer, Pam Farlow, Jim Lowry, John Hoffman, Shawn & Kim Rinehart, Kevin Landis, Rick Farrell, Bill Kauffman, Donna Landis.

Treasurers Report: Mike Shockley was not at the meeting to give the Treasurers report. Jim gave the National City Bank report.

Holiday Party: Holiday Party was on February 21st 2009 at (Party House) Lonnie & Lynne McLaughlin. A lot of people along with some really good food. Thanks to you guys for another great party.

Summer Show: Date has been set for Sunday July 26th, 2009 at Haydocy Automotive. We will be able to hand out flyers at the Nationals. Brenda is looking for donations for the silent auction.

Earth Angel Show: June 20th, 2009. Steve Schaeffer's GTO will be the featured car. The club will once again be a corporate sponsor. Brenda Ferguson made the motion to give \$350.00 (sponsor fee) and Doug Boyle 2nd the motion. This show has all volunteers and the total net goes to the children. Last year the organization gave wishes to 166 kids.

GTOAA Membership: Next year our membership with the National Organization will have to be at 50%. Right now 40% is what we need for the liability Insurance and we are at that. Some discussion about what to do is push to get more people to join the GTOAA. One possibility is to increase our dues and that would have you be a member of the GTOAA. Only concern would be for the members that do not have GTO's. They shouldn't have to join the GTOAA. It's early so more discussion will be had on this.

50/50 Raffle Long Island GTO Club: Jim sent them \$100.00. If the club wins will give them half with the club keeping the other half.

New Business: Dan Gregory is looking for some input on his car show at the Veterans Hospital. He does this for the Veterans. It needs to be the 3rd Saturday of the month. (Note) Since the meeting a date has been set for May 16th. Details are still coming together but it sounds as if it will not be a show but a cruise to the Veterans Hospital with a meeting place in Grove City. Kevin Landis is helping Dan out to get local clubs involved. Dan & Kevin will have everything ready for the April meeting,

Meeting Adjourned:

Motion made by Bill Hartley, 2nd by Brenda Ferguson

Submitted by Donna Landis, Secretary

Donna & my GTO Family,

Thank you so much
for my angel & candle.

They will always hold a
special memory for me!

Thank you for remembering
me in my time of
need.

Toni Boyle
& Family

2nd Notice to members who's membership was up in February 2009

Ron Duncan, Lance Hudnell, [REDACTED] Ray Kolonchuk,
Steven Roberts, Frank Stewart, John Wucinich.

Age-Old Mystery Solved!

It finally became abundantly clear recently as to why the chicken crossed the road. Evidently...it was to get a better look at the red '66 GTO of Club member Jerry Bales! Jerry and Club VP Kevin Landis decided to go for a late afternoon cruise and take advantage of the spring-like weather and were just concluding a leisurely gallivant around some local country roads. Jerry had no sooner made the comment of how carefree and enjoyable the day had been when the feathers started flying! Kevin says...try as he might...that he cannot come close to describing the look on Jerry's face upon impact. The words...yes...but I'll not repeat them here for the sake of the more reserved readership. However...those that know Jerry may use your imagination. As for the fractured fowl...it got a real good look at the grills on that '66. Grilled chicken, anyone? Kevin was laughing so hard that he nearly could not contain himself. Jerry was not sure whether to laugh or cry. Both were appropriate responses. The owner of the bashed bird was somewhat more understanding than his well fed wife...who seemed a bit upset about losing a whole chicken dinner...not to mention any eggs. Anyway...after speaking with his insurance agent...Jerry brightened up when he learned that he was covered...and not just in feathers. His beloved goat will get a facelift in the grill department courtesy of that curious flightless fowl. Winner, winner...chicken dinner! The deceased will be honored at the Club picnic later this year. And life goes on.

Ron Landis

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March 16, 2009

Mrs. Donna Landis
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Dear Donna:

I would like the following thoughts to be shared in the newsletter. Thanks for your help.

GM's Restructuring

We have all heard the news broadcasts: GM's sales are in the dumpster. Hummer and Saab are for sale. Pontiac is going to become a "niche brand." Saturn may be discontinued.

According to the *Detroit Free Press* of Sunday, March 15, 2009, GM had 6,246 dealers in the United States in 2008. By the end of 2009, they expect to have 5,750 dealers. The target is 4,200 dealers by the end of 2014, a reduction of approximately 25%.

When the unit sales of GM products from 2000 are compared to unit sales in 2008, it is hard to see why Pontiac is going to become a "niche brand." It would seem more reasonable to reduce or eliminate the Buick line.

<u>Brand</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>Decline</u>
Chevrolet	2,604,705	1,790,519	31%
Buick	404,612	137,197	66%
Pontiac	613,548	267,348	56%
Cadillac	189,154	161,159	15%
GMC	502,413	361,739	28%
Saturn	271,800	188,004	31%
Hummer	875	27,485	up

GM has the quality, fuel mileage and inspiring products. All they need is less negative press and the banks, including GMAC, to free up funds. The current 0% interest campaign is a step in the right direction. Leasing could be profitable again if the government bailout funds were used to guarantee residuals. Leasing moved cars off the dealership lots.

Thank you,



Steve Schaeffer

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