

# CHROME

## GR-RRR 8'S WICHITA GTO CLUB

### EMAIL-LETTER

## FEBRUARY 2010

### Howdy & Happy Valentines Day!!!

If you're not aware, this year Kansas celebrates 150 years as a State. Looks good for being so ancient! Throughout 2011, Kansas will enjoy many activities related to this wonderful birthday and we encourage you to be a part of what makes Kansas GRRR 8. Teach your children or grandchildren some cool history while cruising in your Pontiac and making some history of your own!!!

### HOT OFF THE PREZ...

Hi to everyone in the Wichita GTO club. My name is Don Duryea and I'm the new president this year. I think most of you know me but I'll tell you a little about my wife Janice and me.

We have been in the Pontiac hobby since 1975 when we bought our first 1973 Trans Am. We have had quite a few GTO's and Trans Am's since then including the two most people will remember, our Black 69 Judge and our 69 Trans Am. I was the president of the Kansas Chieftains for quite a few years but to most people's surprise I never have been for the GTO club. We aren't original members of the club but we're really close. I think we joined when the club was about 6 months old. One of our hobbies the last few years has been driving the 68 convertible on Route 66 trips. So far we have driven it from Springfield, Ill to Holbrook, Az and we drive every mile that is possible to drive.

I will make this first Presidents note short as I am in California on business but one of the main things I want to see happen this year is more cruises and going more places together as a club. As you can tell Janice and I will drive the GTO anywhere and that sure makes the trip fun. There's nothing like seeing a group of GTO's heading down the road together. We had a great start with our cruise/poker run that we did last fall. Everyone had a good time and I think we want to do more activities like that.

One reason I decided to be the president this year is because I knew we were driving the 04 GTO to the convention this year in Portland. I think it's good to have the club's president there if possible. If you have never been to Portland and the rest of Oregon it is a great place to visit and you should consider going.

That's about all I have this time - it's kind of hard writing things in your hotel room when you would much rather be home. So get those GTO's and other Pontiacs out on the road this year and let's have some Grrr8 times together. **Don**

### GIT R DONE!!!

Hi Gang! The Sunflower Swap Meet is this weekend and the Club has the same spaces it had in the past. They are W11 space 1 & 2 in Pavilion II. Remember, any Member can use it so do a little garage cleaning. Mark your parts with name & price and plan on spending some time at the booth.

I did get over 40 postcards mailed out back on the 18th to remind all **DUES ARE DUE!!** Starting to get a few renewals back in. The reason we do it all in January is the GTOAA requirement Chapter membership packet is due to them March 1st. So, I still have February to finalize our members list and get it in.

I talked as Member Coordinator at the last meeting and know sometimes I can be a little outspoken!! I thought the CLUB did a GR-RRR8 job keeping me in check. Pat did say after the meeting I sounded a little like a Army 1st SGT during my talk. If anyone else thought that, sorry, but in my defense, I am a retired one. And hey!, it's pretty nice getting Army money. The Army just bought the '64 a new power steering pump. In fact, had to get the '64 out on that 70 degree weather day last week for some winter exercise and power steering pump test drive. Or maybe just a GTO "fix" drive!

Hope to see you at the next meeting and maybe the Swap Meet too...**Les**

### THE CHILL WINTERFEST CAR SHOW:

February 26th & 27th at the Kansas Pavilion A-B Bldg. 10'X50' Vendor Booth has been rented by Wilhite Automotive and welcomes Club Members to share this space. \$10 per person, \$30 per car entry and 43 Classes for trophies. Live bands and Hooter's Swim Suit Competition, much, much more. Host Hotel, Best Western (316) 832-9387 (mention CHILL for discount). Check it out at [www.bartelproductions.com](http://www.bartelproductions.com) This could become a Club Event if there is enough interest.

**Tulsa Pontiac National Show & Race Event** has been moved to April 30th, 2011 Contact Larry Crider at [gtovette@cox.net](mailto:gtovette@cox.net) or Indian Nations Chapter of POCl at <http://www.indianationspontiac.freesevers.com/>

### 2011 GTOAA INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION:

Follow the Trail to Oregon~July 4-8, 2011. Portland, OR. Registrations in Legend Magazine or online at [www.gtoaa.org](http://www.gtoaa.org). Jim Wangers Birthday Celebration, Drag Racing, Evergreen Aviation & Space Museum, a Sternwheeler Cruise, Jet Boat Tour, Mount St. Helens Tour, Wine Country Tour, Walking Tour, Portland Underground, Beervana Crawlathon as well as some West Coast hospitality. So much to see and do plus...Ponti-action galore!!! Check it out at [www.goatherd.com](http://www.goatherd.com) or [www.gtoaa.org](http://www.gtoaa.org)

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**FRIENDLY REMINDER:** If your Dues to the Club are not paid ASAP, we cannot deliver your March GRRR-GRAM. Publishing is not free and the GRRR-GRAM is worth your dues BUT, you get so much more for \$35.00!!!