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GR-RRR 8'R WICHITA GTO CLUB

EMAIL-LETTER

Howdy Folks!!!

August 2011

We're all home from Nationals now, both GTOAA and POCI, safe & sound, mostly. Don & Janice Duryea got rear ended in Denver. Bummer for them but no one hurt. Prez writes:

Well it's that time again so most of my message will deal with the 2011 GTOAA Convention that was in Portland, Oregon. For being that far away I thought our club did very well with having five members attend plus one special guest (Les's brother Ron). Les and us both drove our 2004's and Cap and Robin once again took Gold with the black 65.

We had a great trip overall but it did start out a little rough. We got rear ended on I-25 outside of Cheyenne, Wyoming by a four wheel drive Chevy truck. The two cars in front of us slammed on their brakes for some reason and I barely got stopped and he didn't. He was a nice kid and felt bad about it. It's kind of a shame since the other cars caused it but the last guy is always at fault. Anyway the good news is his insurance called me an hour and a half down the road and wanted to know where I wanted to take it to get it fixed.

The convention was at a great location on a island right on the Columbia River and the Red Lion set right on the river. It was a beautiful place with Mt Hood in view down the river the whole time we were there. The weather was great and they had a nice big parking lot for all the cars. We did really suffer because it got up to 80 degrees one day (don't you feel sorry for us)? The show was a big success and we all wore our orange club shirts to the awards banquet. Les got Ron a ticket so he got to go to the banquet with us.

After we left the convention we took quite a trip including driving down the Oregon coast, going to Crater Lake, visiting the Redwood in Ca, driving around Lake Tahoe then on to Reno and finally spending the night in Salt Lake City. We had a great time and the car ran flawlessly. Man that LS1 is great on the mountain passes, it cruises over them with the cruise control on doesn't even have to kick down. Believe it or not we drove exactly 5,000 miles not 4,999 or 5,001 it was exactly 5,000 miles. I bet we can never do that again.

On other club notes the next meetings will be important as the Uprising is getting closer all the time. It's already well into July so October will be here before we know it. Les is still scheduled to go Tim Dye's Pontiac Museum's Grand Opening in Pontiac, Ill. And we are planning to go to the Grand Prix sponsored show there in Sept. We are driving the 68 for this show and will get the last section of eastern Route 66 that we haven't covered yet.

Keep cruisin' those GTO's and Pontiac's and we'll see you at the next meeting. **Don**

Club Meeting— Sunday Aug. 28th Gary & Angela Gibbs New Shop. 7626 E. Oneida Court Wichita, KS 5:00 PM Bring a side dish. Last meeting before our Pontiac Uprising on Oct. 7th & 8th.

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ALL PONTIAC -22nd Annual Pontiac Uprising Oct. 7th & 8th, 2011

Fri. Oct. 7th, 6:00 PM Meet & Greet w/ Tech Session/Door Prizes and Tech Session- Clarion Inns & Suites (316) 942-7911
Speakers this year are: The Godfather of the GTO Mr. *Jim Wangers*, **Lunati Camshafts**, & Owner/Dealer/Driver of the Original '58 Fuel Inj. Star Chief.

Sat. Oct. 8th-Pontiac Drag Racing/Car Show at it's finest. Kansas Int'l Dragway 61st St. N. & Ridge Road. Gates open @ 7:30 am with Awards at 3:00 pm. For more information Contact: Wilhite Automotive (316) 788-0514

*Be sure to check out the September Issue of the **GRRR-GRAM** for both GTOAA & POCI Nationals results & pictures along with some GRRR8 Stories. This Club made a "FINE" showing in Portland & Bowling Green.

Upcoming Events: Leroy & Florence Penner wrote that they've been asked to bring GTO's for Cruise/Get together on Friday Nights to Central & West at 6:00 PM. Sounds like fun! They intend to wait til it cools off a bit. We understand.

Don & Janice Duryea sent us info on the 29th Annual Pontiac Show, Swap Meet & Car Corral at Omaha's Burke High School Aug. 20-21. For more info: www.omahapontiac.show.com

Gary Gibbs forwarded pictures & details on a nice '65 GTO Convertible (local) \$32,000 See website for details. www.wichitagto.com

Les Linn & Pat Newlin made the trek to Pontiac, Il. for the Grand Opening of Tim Dye's **Pontiac Museum**-Details & Pictures in the September Issue of GR-RRR 8'R Wichita GTO Club's **GRRR-GRAM**