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GR-RRR 8'R Wichita GTO Club

**Email-Letter
December 2011**

We trust you all had a very Merry Christmas and are looking forward to the New Year. 2012 promises to bring lots of exciting times in the Pontiac world that we are so blessed to be a part of. Just think, our Grandchildren may never know what a Pontiac is...their children will likely never see one UNLESS, we continue the fine tradition of keeping this hobby alive & active! Let's all do our part!

Following our last meeting, the Club President sent his "Hot off the Prez" segment and our Club Secretary sent the meeting minutes. Thanks Don & Janice Duryea for your service to the GR-RRR 8'R Wichita GTO Club.

.....HOT OFF THE PREZ

This will probably be my last president's message as I will not be seeking re-election next year. So if you have considered being an officer in the club please let myself or Cap and Robin know. We need some new blood getting more involved in the operations of the club. Don't let it scare you it's not a hard job and we are all there to help. The club will need several positions filled; president, secretary (Janice is also stepping down) and newsletter editor. The club is working on a plan from Tom about getting some newsletter help from McPherson College along with a scholarship program but if we had a volunteer we could still use one. The elections will be at our annual after Christmas party at Louie's (where we had it last year) on January 14th. Louie's is on the SE corner of Webb and 21st street.

Enough of that serious stuff let's talk GTO's. We had a great turnout and a good time for the 2nd annual GTO Poker Run. It was a clear day with no rain but it was just a little windy (like right below hurricane status) but we still had a good time and did a great job of keeping the GTO's all together. I'm sure you will hear more from Robin on the Poker Run. I have a video I took of the GTO's leaving the Salt Mine on my Flickr site (I'm gtotiger68) if you search for it. It's the first 1080p video I have taken with my new camera and it came out pretty good but it's kind of big so I haven't been able to load it on Facebook yet.

I think we had a good GTO year and the highlight was the convention in Portland. For being so far away we had a good turnout from the club. The best part was the whole vacation in the 04 and seeing some beautiful country. We have our reservations for Loveland next summer and if things work out Janice and I will be doing a Route 66 presentation. With it in Colorado we should have a good representation from the club, its always fun to hang out with other club members while you're there plus meet some new friends.

Thanks for the support this year and continue to help out whoever ends up as the club officers. See you at Louie's.

Don



SECRETARY TAKES NOTE...



The October meeting was held at Tom & Sharon Wilhite's with 15 members present. Thanks to them for hosting the meeting and grilling the burgers. The financial report from the Uprising was good despite the weather. We had over \$5,000 in gate receipts, sold quite a few T-shirts, and made \$165 from the silent auction. We also had one membership renewal and one new member. The club would like to thank Tom for all of his work putting on the Uprising through the years. The club will pay his GTOAA dues as a thank you. Tom would like to recognize some of our great sponsors, such as Jobber's Automotive, Snap-on, and Tom Scripp's with K-15 Automotive. The club voted to award each of them a chief Pontiac and dinner gift card. We could not put on the event without them.

Wichita International has a new owner with a five year lease. He has plans for improvements to the track. Tom will pursue a three year lease with him.

Tom had an idea to share for the newsletter. We could contact Mc Pherson College and see if there is a student who would like to take on the newsletter and payment to be in college tuition or a scholarship. A motion was made, seconded and passed to contact the college.

Robin told us about the upcoming Pontiac Poker event and encouraged everyone to attend.

We also scheduled the annual after Christmas party for January 14th at Louie's in Wichita. We will gather at 6:30 with dinner at 7:00.

Meeting adjourned.

Janice Duryea
Secretary

2012 Park City Chill *Feb. 24th, 25th, & 26th, 2012*

We'd like to see a CLUB turnout for this event if there is enough interest. Tom Wilhite has rented a Vendor Space and asked if the Club Members coming to this event would let him know so we can ALL be close together. You need to let Tom know ASAP @ 316-788-0514. Cost for registration is \$30.00 per vehicle. All Pontiacs are welcome, not just GTO's. Wilhite's will have their race cars there. Several have expressed an interest, we just need to get hooked up and on the same page to make this happen before spaces are sold out or limited. We don't want to be stuck in section D all by ourselves. Just sayin'. So call Tom right away if you're interested. www.bartelproductions.com

ANNUAL CLUB DINNER & ELECTIONS

You are cordially invited to come to the GR-RRR 8'R Wichita GTO Club's Annual "Christmas " Dinner. This year our dinner will be held at LOUIE'S in Wichita Social @ 6:30 p.m. with Dinner @ 7:00 p.m. Please plan on attending this "Off the Menu-On your Own" gathering of the GR-RRR 8'R Wichita GTO Club. This is a crucial meeting for our Club with Elections to be held following Dinner. We need a President as Don Duryea is stepping down. We need a Secretary because Janice Duryea is stepping down and we still need someone to step up and do some sort of a newsletter or email contact with members. Please do your part in keeping our Club active, involved, and having some Pontiac fun times!

LOUIE'S is located at 9747 East 21st Street North in Wichita

ATTENTION FELLOW CLUB MEMBER'S

Club Member Lenny Jennings from Wyoming will be attending the upcoming GTOAA Meet in Loveland, CO. in July 2012 and has offered to set up a Club Display and would like to work with someone on this project IF anyone is interested in helping. Kudos Lenny, for stepping up! Can't wait to see how GR-RRR 8'R Wichita GTO Club represents!!! For more info. contact Cap & Robin at kowz@hbcomm.net or 620-564-2639 or Lenny at lbj67gto@hotmail.com or 307-686-2668