



Pontiac and GMC Club of Central New York

POCI Chapter

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July 2023 Newsletter

The President's Message

Art's Exhaust

We had a very successful 2023 Show, 72 Cars and Good weather. I want to Thank all the Club Members who worked the show. This show would not happen without them. I want to thank Bob May from the Auburn Auto Group. Their financial support allows us to continue to do this show at The Bill Rapp Buick/GMC Superstore.

This weekend is the Syracuse Nationals. Many of your fellow Club Members volunteer four hours or more of their time to work various jobs at the show. In return they get two tickets for the show and a weekend pass for their car. In addition if space is available they can park their car in the Car Club Building. The

Nationals also contributes money to various Charities in Central NY recommended by Local Car Clubs. The Car Club Building in the past has been opened to the public to look at the cars on display and use the bathrooms. This year the State has decided it will not be open to the public thus we cannot have our meeting this month there. Our next meeting will be Our Picnic Saturday August 19th at 1PM at the Fireman's pavilion at Forest Park in the village of Camden Rte 13 turn at Ripley Drive and it is the first Pavilion you see. We will have BBQ Chicken, salt potatoes, corn on the cob, beans and rolls, plus drinks. Members just need to bring a dessert. See you there!

Treasurer's report: \$2,480.00

Minutes of our Last meeting



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Date: 6-10-23

Location: Bill Rapp Auto, Syracuse, NY.

Members in Attendance: Art Johnston, Lauri DeSalvia, Heath & Melissa Thomas, Joe Olmstead, Bob Conniff, Bernie & Cheryl Tufts, Estre Nichols, Terry Young, Chris Wheeler, Ray Moritz, Melanie O'Hara, Don & Connie DeGroat, Jim Reilly, Vince St. James, George Disque & Carleen Richter

The Meeting Minutes for the month of June will also include a synopsis of our 38th Super Show held the day after the meeting.

New Members: All signed up during our 38th Super Show. Welcome to all of you. Look forward to seeing you and your cars this summer!

1. Jim Barker. Jim has a 1985 Trans Am
2. Kyle Christensen. Kyle has 2000 WS6 Trans Am and a 2009 G8 GT
3. Matthew Doughty.
4. Chris Lorence. Chris has a 1970 GTO convertible
5. Gary Nastasi. Gary has a 1966 GTO and a 2020 GMC Denali
6. Gary Swald. Gary has a 1971 GMC.

Guests: None.

2023 Syracuse Super Show set up – 6:00 pm. Started pre-show setup of venue. Lots of work completed thanks to the members listed above in attendance!!!

Meeting called to order: 7:10 PM

Topics of Discussion (New Business):

1. Bill Rapp Super Show update.
 - a. Show is tomorrow (6/11/2023). Looks like good weather.
 - b. 32 cars pre-registered.

c. Art and Bob Conniff met with Auburn Auto Group Manager Bob May and gave him a presentation of our Super Show.

Bob was comfortable with our professionalism that he gave the key to the dealership back to Art. We have a GREAT working relationship with the new owners of Bill Rapp. Let's do our BEST to keep it that way!

d. BIG THANKS to our SPONSORS: Auburn Auto Group (Bill Rapp Auto), Reliable 1, and Ames.

2. New T-shirts and Hats are in with New Chapter name. Member cost is \$10 for T-shirts (except 2XLs which are \$12). Hats are \$25. Mens crewneck shirts in Blue and Neon Yellow. Ladies V-necks in Blue and Pink.

3. We are planning a September meeting at the old Oneida Golf Course. Currently owned by chapter member Mike Leibl.

Old Business:

1. The Syracuse Nationals has been sold to two local investors: Ed Levine, Graziano Zazzara. New business address is downtown at Galaxy Communications. The old Brewerton office has shut down.

a. The SYR Nationals have donated more than \$1.75 million back to the local community over the last 22 years.

b. All SYR Nationals Lifetime memberships will still be honored by new owners.

c. Founders Cup will continue.

d. Rob Conner still running show for now.

e. Host Hotel has changed. New host hotel is: Embassy Suites by Destiny Mall. This is where you will go to pick up all show materials or DAY OF registration.

2. The newsletter format is changing, and members are encouraged to be sure we have an updated e-mail address. The Club email

name has changed to cnypontiac@gmail.com Some members had the newsletter end up in their Junk Folder because the sender was not recognized. Look there if you don't see it in the Inbox.

3. 2023 club membership dues. Please pay your dues: \$15 family membership dues payable to Pontiac GMC Club of CNY. Send checks to Tim Nichols, 56 Harden Blvd, Camden, NY 13316

4. Tim Nichols needs to borrow tools for a bearing replacement. Contact him if you can assist at: tingto15@yahoo.com

Activities & Events:

6/26- 7/1 POCI Nationals Murfreesboro, TN

7/3 Oneida Community Mansion Show

7/9 Fast Eddie's Show

7/14-7/16 Syracuse Nationals

8/19 Orphan Car Show – same date as our club summer picnic

8/19 The Club Summer Picnic will be held on August 19th at 1pm at Forest Park in Camden at the Fireman's Pavilion.

Take a left when you enter the park. Menu will be BBQ chicken and sides. Members may bring a dessert and drinks

Meeting Adjourned:

8:00 PM

Next Meeting:

July 15, 2023 at the Syracuse Nationals Auto Show

June 11, 2023. 38th CNY Pontiac GMC SUPER SHOW report

We had a fabulous weather day for an excellent show! Thanks to

our Sponsors: Auburn Auto Group-Bill Rapp,

Reliable 1, and Ames, as well as our Vendors: TuneTastic and Cue

Dogs. Pictures of the event are posted on our Face Book page.

A tremendous **THANK YOU** to all the Chapter members that volunteered, solicited/donated gifts, and helped out in any way to make the show the success it was.

1. 72 participants. 32 pre-registered. 40 day of registration.
2. \$400 total for 50/50 raffle. \$200 paid to the lucky winner.
3. Chinese Auction earned us \$265
4. 6 new member applications submitted.
5. Great success with T-shirt and hat sales with our new Chapter Name on them.

Things of Interest



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2023
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From: GTO Association of America <president@gtoaa.org>

Sent: Sunday, July 2, 2023 6:13 PM

To: ajjohnston@twcny.rr.com

Subject: 2023 CONVENTION UPDATE

Dear GTOAA Members,

As you are aware, we had to cancel our convention. On Thursday afternoon June 22 at approximately 12:30 pm, tornado warning sirens in the town of Springfield sounded alerting us to take cover. Within a matter of minutes the wind picked up and quickly increased to reports of 80mph along with heavy rain as our members were rushing to get inside. There were several minor injuries reported, our photographer suffered a broken right wrist. Personal vehicles and several show cars sustained damage including cars in our tech-in tent when it collapsed, one of our golf carts was flipped over. Several vendors lost items. The power in the hotel went out, and the hotel was then placed on emergency backup.

There were several reports of a tornado, I cannot confirm that however it was apparent from the upwards of 18 poles that were sheared landing on some of our members trailers and blocking both entrances a straight line wind shear took place. Our

convention coordinators and I were to meet with hotel management at 8am Friday morning to discuss the course of action. However, we were then informed the hotel was low on diesel fuel and the supply would last anywhere from 4-6 hours meaning the hotel would be in the dark in a matter of hours. The supplier of diesel was without power as well and couldn't make the delivery, there were no other suppliers nearby to deliver diesel fuel I was informed.

Realizing what we were facing with the hotel unable to function, we made the decision to call off the convention and have our members gather their belongings and load their cars while there was still daylight. Guest rooms had no power, several were damaged from the high winds, hallways had emergency lighting and it was asked to use stairs instead of elevators to conserve diesel fuel. I was informed during the overnight the hotel manager ordered an emergency supply of diesel using her own personal finances to do so, which prevented the hotel from going pitch black.

Our concours team worked through the storm to finish judging the cars. Our staff and members of Gateway GTO Association tended to the needs of our membership, assisting where they could. I highly commend them for their efforts and the efforts of our members who also assisted other members through this crisis. As of this notice, the Crowne Plaza is locked down still without power and poles are still down.

It's been brought to my attention several of our members are concerned the GTOAA may go bankrupt because of this event. I want to assure anyone who may think that, we are on good financial footing and will move past this.

Our Popular Vote show fell victim to the cancellation and unfortunately did not take place. The only awards from the convention will be our original owner awards and concours awards. There are several steps to prepare the concours awards. It will take some time to get the awards processed and mailed out, I ask for your patience as we work to get them to the winners as quickly as possible, however it will take some time. Please be patient. I have been asked about refunds, we are working on a plan of action to address this.

I would again thank all those who stepped up to help others during this crisis.

Vic Schreck
President-GTOAA
GTO Association of America
PO Box 213, Timnath, CO 80547

From: Arthur Johnston <ajjohnston@twcny.rr.com>

Subject: FW: STOLEN GTO!

Date: Jun 28, 2023 at 11:04 AM

To: 'DeSalvia Lauri' <lauridesalvia@icloud.com>

From: GTO Association of America <president@gtoaa.org>

Sent: Tuesday, June 27, 2023 6:33 PM

To: ajjohnston@twcny.rr.com

***** ATTENTION *****

A GTOAA member had their 1970 GTO stolen while traveling to the GTOAA Nationals in Springfield, Illinois.

NY tag: 3X541

Dark green 1970 GTO

Stolen from LA QUINTA hotel on airport executive drive Indianapolis Indiana 6/27

Taken out of an enclosed trailer.

Contact 607 244 1125

Please keep an eye out and pass the word.

GTO Association of America

PO Box 213, Timnath, CO 80547

From: Charles Lincoln <lincolncea@gmail.com>

Subject: Harley For Sale

Date: Jun 26, 2023 at 5:38 PM

To: John Laconte <johnlaconte@aol.com>

Be advised, Club member John Laconte has a Harley Davidson motorcycle for sale.
It is a 2013 Dyna Super Glide Custom. Photo attached



96 cu. in. motor, 8,000 original miles

Asking \$ 9,500. Call John at (315) 345-3179 or email him back if you know someone who might be interested.

Chuck Lincoln

Liverpool, NY

Cell Phone: 315.345.7822 **Email:** lincolncea@gmail.com |

From: Charles Lincoln <lincolncea@gmail.com>

Subject: Shelby Mustang History

Date: Jun 29, 2023 at 4:02 PM

To: Ray Kuss <mach0032@hotmail.com>, Gary M Gilbert <Garymgilbert@outlook.com>

Great article on the Shelby Mustang

<https://www.fordmuscle.com/features/that-was-then-this-is-now-the-shelby-mustang/>

Chuck Lincoln

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Remember, this is your newsletter.

If you find an article, video, or audio that you think others would like please

Reply to this email or contact@cnypontiac.com

From: Scott thomas <antfarm44@hotmail.com>

Sent: Saturday, July 8, 2023 12:21 PM

To: contact@cnypontiac.com

Subject: 1991 Pontiac Trans Am GTA

I have been a member of your club in the past and have attended your Super Show several times. I am selling my 1991 Trans Am GTA because we are relocating. This car has won its class at the Super Show several times. If you have anyone in your club that may be interested could you let them know and forward my email to them. I am asking \$12,000 for this vehicle. I have included a picture and there are pictures on your Super Show pages from approximately 2011-2015.

Thank you

Scott Thomas

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