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**Don't forget our club meeting this Wednesday @ Denny's!
Hear about the Birthday GTO ride, GTOAA Nats', and more!**

Message from the President

Mark Neumann



Hey gang,

I was watching a great retrospective on Fenway Park last night—a Boston landmark and the oldest Major League Baseball stadium in the country. In the early 1990s, they were going to tear it down. But new owners came in and restored it – added some modern touches but keeping the spirit of the park alive (like the only hand-operated score board left).

It reminded me of why we drive our classic cruisers and our second gen Goats. "There is something unique about this place" when you slip behind the wheel and start up that Pontiac motor. We're not driving Chevys or Fords – we are driving Pontiacs. That makes us special.

I am really looking forward to our cruise out to Denver for the GTOAA Nats., July 3-7. For those of you who remember our cruises out to California...5-6 GTOs in a row, blasting down the highway. It's going to be fun.

It's not too late to join us. Club Board member Thom Mohr (thomohr@cox.net) is the trip organizer. Drop him a line.

*Lots of great car shows over the last two months. I've been to four so far, including the always good Good Guys. Aside from the great swap meet/car corral, and the slalom course (lots of fun to see big muscle cars and pick-up trucks wrestle their way through traffic cones), I met new club member **John Bennett** there. John has a '67 GTO (right) that he built to look like his first GTO in high school. **Mike Jewell** also brought out his '70 GTO.*



At the Phoenix Swap Meet at the AZ State Fairgrounds this past weekend, I ran into members **David Tewksbury** and **Dan Huskisson**. Also had a neat conversation with Todd Harding, who manages the swap meet. This is his second two-day event at the Fairgrounds and he has plans for a third on Nov. 24-25. He is trying to bring 'a little Pomona to Arizona.'

What makes Todd impressive (for us) is that he also runs Todd's GTO Parts (www.todddsgtos.com). He is gradually moving his operations to Arizona from California. When you have time, pay his website a visit.

A blast from (Bill Royal's) Past...

Years ago, Sun City resident Bill Royal had a Nightwatch Blue '65 GTO with a tri-power and 4 speed. Bill and the car saw two many speeding tickets, so Bill sold the car. But for his recent 80th birthday, son-in-law Michael Bowler reached out to Cactus GTOs with an unusual request: Could we help Bill relieve those memories? See the rest of the story and pictures at <http://www.cactusgto.com/news.php> and hear Club board member Denny Deal's experience with Bill and his family at our monthly club meeting on Wednesday night at Denny's!



Are you ready for some...Pontiacs!!

Come out with the Cactus GTO Club this coming weekend to Speedworld for one of the premiere shows for Pontiacs in the Southwest. This year, Pontiac Heaven includes some great speakers, car show and, of course, some great Pontiac racing.

This year, Cactus GTOs is sponsoring trophy classes for the car shows, along with giving club members a discount on entering the show (see coupon below; we will also kick in for your car show entry fee or drag racing entry fee).

Go to the Pontiac Heaven website for more details (www.pontiacheaven.org).



Let's cruise to Denver this summer!



The GTOAA Nationals are coming to Denver, July 3-7. Get out of the heat and relax in the cool mountain air in Loveland, Colo. Details on hotel accommodations and our travel itinerary are on our website @ www.cactusgto.com. Don't miss this fun club event!



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