



www.CactusGTO.com

Dedicated to the enjoyment, restoration, and preservation of the Pontiac GTO

Valley of the Goats eNews



Volume 3, No. 8, 12.12.11

WHAT'S YOUR GTO WORTH?? Find out this Saturday at our annual Christmas Party!

Message from the President

Mark Neumann



Hey gang,

Our club has just been on a roll this month. We had standing room only at our November meeting, with a great presentation by club member **Ward Gappa** on his Quality Muscle Car Restorations, LLC shop. Ward walked us through the restoration of a '65 GTO convertible that had more dents in it than a demolition derby car. More information on his shop and partner Gordie Cowan is at <http://qualitymusclecarrestorations.com>.

This past weekend, Board member **Denny Deal** lassoed some club member into volunteering to help out car show organizer Nancy Perry pull off her "Cruise in Cave Creek" car show. Club members **Dan Huskisson, Thom Mohr, Tony D'Angelo, Mike Jewell, Ray Baumgardner, George Newcomer, Ron Crossman, and I** helped Nancy direct cars to their parking areas. Our Goats so impressed the owner of the Buffalo Chip Saloon (we "grazed" along the frontage of his restaurant in downtown Cave Creek), that he offered us free lunch – and invited us to come back at any time. The car show had 200+ cars and the old town atmosphere was great. Thanks to Denny for organizing this event (see his write-up below and at our website).

Happy
Holidays!

Finally, one of our best gatherings each year – the annual Christmas Party. This year's host, club member Tom Locke, tells me we already have *over 35 RSVPs!* That is fantastic. It's not too late to make your plans to be there! We'll have some great prizes and



Annual Cactus GTO Christmas Party

When: Saturday, Dec. 17, 2 pm -- ?

Where: the Locke family home
4062 S. Wayne Place
Chandler, AZ 85249

RSVP @ Tom at 480.584.3920 or
tomlocke1man.com

a special guest speaker:
Gary Lindenmayer of
Daily Bread Auto
Appraisals. Gary has

been working with classic cars in the Valley for many years (he did the HiLiter for me in 2003), and will share his thoughts on the classic car market and how our Goats are being valued. Don't miss an opportunity to get some great food, enjoy time with members, and hear from Gary what your GTO is worth in the muscle car market. See you there!

Our day at the 'Creek

By Denny Deal

Saturday morning December 10th rolled around with a number of the Cactus GTO membership up bright and early to help Nancy Perry Productions put on her 2011 Cave Creek Car Show. For some of us it was a matter of meeting up at a McDonalds just off of the Carefree Hwy and I-17 so we could rally to the



The Goats grazing' at the Buffalo Chip Saloon.

show together. Dan Huskisson, Mike Jewell, Tom Mohr and I met around 7:00 am on a crystal clear morning, and we were all greeted with a lunar eclipse as well. Watching the moon being enveloped in the west while the sun was rising in the east was a very interesting phenomenon, something none of us would have gotten up to witness, and something that none of us will see for

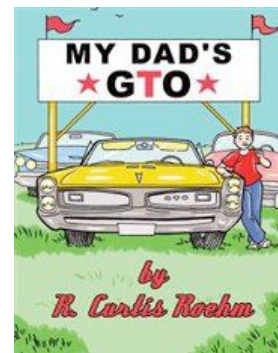
another three years or so.

We all enjoyed a quick bite to eat and splashed some coffee on our eyes to wake us up for the full day ahead of us. We headed down Hwy 74 to Cave Creek Road, hung a left and headed into town.

(read the rest of Denny's story in our Club News & Events section of the Cactus GTO Club website, www.cactusgto.com)

A holiday gift that keeps on cruising...

Looking for something for the grandkids this holiday season?? Try this new illustrated children's book from GTO supporter Curt Roehm. Curt wrote this book based on his own experiences with his Dad building cars in their southern Indiana garage when he was young. The story revolves around a father-son team rebuilding a '66 GTO convertible together. Lots of illustrations. The book sells for \$13.50 through the Ames Performance Engineering website (www.amesperformance.com).



The 2012 Calendar Is HERE...Place Your Order NOW!



Cactus GTO 2012 Club Calendars are still available!!

The Club has placed its last bulk order (those who have ordered them can pick them up at the Christmas party or the Dec. 28 meeting). You can still order them through our CafePress portal on our website. For more information contact Club secretary Tony D'Angelo. They make great holiday gifts!!!



Board of Directors and Officers: 2011-2012

President: Mark E. Neumann

Vice-President: Charlie Miller

Secretary: Tony D'Angelo

Treasurer: Don Hodd

Board of Directors

Denny Deal, Dan Huskisson, Thom Mohr, David Salerno, Stu Schindler

Webmaster: Scott Svenheim

www.cactusgto.com

