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**GTOAA NATIONALS  
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### Message from the President

Mark Neumann



Hey gang,

I hope everyone enjoyed our May 30 meeting at the Scottsdale International Automobile Museum. The setting was great for our guest speaker, Roger Naylor, who read excerpts from his new book, "Arizona Kicks on Route 66." Roger has been a travel and outdoor writer for the *AZ Republic* and *Arizona Highways* for a number of years. He told us about how Route 66 in Arizona was resurrected—and all the great places to visit. His book includes a 'pie guide:' where to find the very best pies along the Mother Road.



Roger (at left) autographed books for those who bought them, and mentioned that our club meeting was his first public outing promoting the book. Roger, thank you again for reminding us of this important piece of living Arizona history. If you were not at the meeting, but are still interested in getting a copy of the book, you can find "Arizona Kicks on Route 66" on Amazon.com.

We also handed out over \$700 in orders for new club shirts. Special thanks to Charlie Miller, our v.p., for getting the shirts done and the

delivery, and Scott Svenheim for graphically re-creating our club logo. The shirts are a great way to promote the club and we appreciate members wearing them with pride.

We also nominated three new Board members Wednesday night – Mike Jewell, Ray Baumgardner, and Steve Groce. We thank them for joining the Board; they join ongoing Board members Stu Schindler, Denny Deal, and Thom Mohr. Both club secretary Tony D'Angelo and club treasurer Don Hodd have agreed to stay on another year.

The last three years have been a real experience serving as your president, and working with this great Board we have: Charlie, Denny, Stu, Thom, and Dan. Tony D'Angelo has been invaluable in recording our club activities – and actions. Thank you, Tony. Don Hodd has stepped in as treasurer this year and done a great job—and has been relatively lenient in my poor understanding of the Canadian view of hockey:)



New Board members Mike Jewell and Steve Groce (back), with (l-r, front) Club treasurer Don Hodd, secretary Tony D'Angelo, and Board member Denny Deal pose next to the Monkee-Mobile at the museum.

We've grown the club by 20 new members in the last two years. That tells us that we are doing something right (kudos again to webmaster Scott Svenheim for keeping up our wonderful website. Many of our new members found us through [www.cactusgto.com](http://www.cactusgto.com)). We have participated in some fun events, like the B.O.P. show and Pontiac Heaven, breakfast cruises, Adopt-A-Highway (mark your calendar for Oct. 27), and have had some great meetings. We have made charitable contributions, including our annual Turkey Run for Phoenix Rescue Missions and St. Mary's

Food Bank. We have also lost some dear friends: Barbara McCoy; Doug Holton; and Mike Baumgardner. The Board is going into 2012-13 in a strong position: we have experienced leaders, solid funding, and a strong membership roster. But the Board can only be as strong as the membership; they need your ideas and your efforts to turn those ideas into activities. Help the Board make it a better club. Have a great summer—hope to see you cruising around in your favorite Pontiac. See you in Loveland or at our next meeting, Sept. 12.

**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](http://www.cactusgto.com). Thom Mohr is our trip coordinator ([thomohr@cox.net](mailto:thomohr@cox.net)). Don't miss this fun club event!**



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