



LAND OF ENCHANTMENT GTO'S

THE TIGERS' ROAR

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Club Survey Results

The new officers distributed a survey at the last meeting. The purpose of this survey was to get a better idea of where the members want to go with our club. The results have been tabulated and special attention has been given to the elaborate notes that some people submitted with their surveys. The officers cannot thank you all enough for your responses. The results are paraphrased below:

- 1.Meetings should be held on Friday or Saturday.
- 2.Combine meetings more often with a cruise.
- 3.Don't move meetings monthly.
- 4.Food at meetings not important.
- 5.Reminder calls or emails before meetings.
- 6.Comments: More car Q&A Sessions. Update website more often.
- 7.The current website is liked overall.
- 8.Add a member profile page on website.
- 9.Newsletter format is liked overall.
- 10.Post newsletter on website. Unrestrict access so everyone can view.
- 11.It is not necessary to have newsletter mailed to all.
- 12.Mail newsletter to those without Internet access.
- 13.We should participate in more charitable functions.
- 14.It is unanimously time to begin collecting dues.
- 15.Members were interested in fundraising for the club.
- 16.Members want to see more cruises and car-related gatherings.



Pictured: 2005 GTO

2005 GTO is Coming!

Some of you may have noticed the first ads for the 2005 GTO during the Orange Bowl broadcast the other evening. Yes, the 2005 is on its way and its all great news. For 2005, the GTO gets almost everything the the enthusiasts asked for -- hood scoops, a true dual exhaust, and a 50HP bump thanks to the brand new LS2 engine nabbed from the C6 Corvette.

Additionally the 2005 model gets a reworked spoiler and a new rear valance panel proudly boasting "GTO". For 2005 the Cosmos Purple and are gone and in their place is Cyclone Grey metallic and a new Midnight Blue Metallic. Pontiac's current conundrum is what to do with all the 2004 models still sitting on dealer lots. Pontiac has already issued \$5500 in incentives and stories of \$23,000 GTO's are not uncommon on the internet. With the first 2005's due at dealers in the next 2-3 weeks, any club members that are on the fence might find themselves falling off very soon and with a new baby in the garage to boot! If you do succumb to the urge, you should look for the Pulse Red on black leather cars which are a limited edition of the last 800 2004 models produced. These cars are sure to be a commodity as a one year color, limited run car.

Speaking of Which ...

Chris Carrejo is our newest owner of a 2004 GTO. Chris debuted his Impulse Blue & Black Leather clad GTO at the Christmas party in December...Rumor has it that Jack Miet-tunen will be the next to fall in line.

Jim Knight also took delivery of a new car -- his 1969 Carousel Red GTO Judge Hardtop was delivered December 26, 2004.

Unser Museum Bricks

The Unser Museum is selling bricks engraved with your name or phrase for a \$50 donation to the construction fund. Our membership has already collected donations for a "Land of Enchantment GTO's" brick, but we also encourage our members to purchase their own. A special groundbreaking dinner and auction are also scheduled this Saturday, January 8, 2005. The price is \$125 per person and the proceeds go to the construction fund. For more information contact the Unser Museum at (505) 344-1776.

January Officers Meeting

The club officers and board met exactly one week ago tonight to discuss and prepare for the coming year. Land of Enchantment GTO's is a chapter of the GTOAA. For 2005 GTOAA is requiring that all chapters have 100% GTOAA membership. Also in 2005 the chapter will be collecting its



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own annual dues of \$10. More information on chapter dues is to come. The car show season is already taking shape and one major highlight is the 2005 GTOAA Nationals. Those of you that went last year know how much fun it was and we only had a few cars! There were a lot of topics discussed and the year looks to be a great year, but not much was finalized. Check the website often, make sure you have an email address on the roster, and come to meetings to stay abreast of club happenings!

President's Corner

The new year is upon us and it is time once again to start planning for this year's upcoming events. We have elected new officers with lots of fresh ideas and enthusiasm. We also have new opportunities to show off our passion for our GTO's.

This year will be a busy year with the local shows and GTOAA Nationals in St. Louis, MO. To keep the club active we need more help from our members. We have the opportunity to put on the Fall BOP show. We are looking for volunteers to form a committee to organize the show. The Oldsmobile Club is willing to help us get started. Our club has also been asked to help put on the Run Across America. This is a cruise being organized by the Golden Gate GTO club in San Francisco. The plan is to run the Old Rt. 66, starting from both ends and finishing here in Albuquerque. Bruce Schaffer has talked with the GGGTO's and arranged a show and accommodations during their stay. The show will run June 24-26, 2005. He has asked for our help and has given our club the opportunity to do something special. More information will be forthcoming.

Great news! Our membership has grown in the past few years and as a result we have outgrown our old meeting place. Thanks to Ray who has opened up his shop for our meetings we have a comfortable and quiet place to hold our monthly business meetings.

Our February meeting will be your chance to have input on what shows you would like to attend, what activities you would like to be a part of and what committee you would like to assist. Have your list ready for the February meeting.
--Gary Ebert

Notes from the Vice President

I would first like to thank everyone who attended our first Christmas party. We had a great turnout and there was plenty of wonderful food to eat. Thanks to High Mesa Pontiac and

everyone else for their contributions to our door prize giveaways. I think everybody had a great time and we will have to make it an annual event.

By February 15, we need to turn in our chapter survey to the GTOAA. We will need all your current information and GTOAA numbers by our February meeting. Officers will be contacting those of you who have not provided this info.

--Don Fitch

From the Desk of the Secretary

If you have not registered with GTOAA, you should do so immediately. Included with this month's newsletter is the initial roster for January 2005. You will notice that we have a number of people that either have not updated their roster information or are not registered with GTOAA. Beginning with the February meeting anyone not registered with GTOAA as indicated by an AA member number will be dropped from the roster. Only rostered members will have voting rights under the 2005 bylaws. The website now has a simple and functional form for submitting roster updates. If there is anything you wish to have updated, please log on and submit the form. This is the newly revised format of the newsletter -- I hope you all like it as much as you like the previous format. In 2005 I will be relying heavily on the website and email for disseminating as much information as possible to all of you. It is important that you check the website as often as possible. We do have a "Members Only" section that is password protected and it is important that you have that password -- so much so that it will be at the top of the newsletter from now on. Likewise it is critical that I have a valid email for everyone so that I can send updates quickly and efficiently.

--Chris Knight

The Treasurer's Ledger

It seems a certainty at this point that we will be collecting annual chapter dues of \$10 this year. The chapter dues are intended only to defray the costs of printing & mailing this newsletter and other miscellaneous costs. I would also entertain any ideas from the membership about fundraising. We do not need to raise a lot of money but if we are to run the Fall BOP show or any other shows this year we'll need some cash to promote and carry it through.

--Jim Knight