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**Original GTO Club Annual "Winter Picnic" Elections
Meeting at the Oak Creek Community Center:
Sunday, January 31, 2010 at noon**



The Original GTO Club of Milwaukee, Wisconsin is a non-profit organization whose members have a passion for classic Pontiacs. We have a special zeal for the Pontiac GTO made from 1964--1974 and for the 2004--2006 GTOs from "down under."

If you're interested in joining our club, see the contact information below and celebrate "Pontiac Pride" with us!

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Events & Meetings

January 31, 2010: Annual Winter Picnic club membership meeting, officer elections, and a guest appearance by "Broadway Bob!" See article later in this issue of the REDLINE for details.

Original GTO Club Meeting Minutes of 11/8/09

Dave Rasmussen read the minutes from the last meeting.

Treasurer's Report

Our savings is at \$4,836.76 and the checking at \$534.63

Original GTO Club Board

The 3rd club board position will be filled by the next meeting (*see article below on Larry Lorenz.*)

Winter Picnic

The winter picnic will be held January 31, 2010 from 12-3pm at the Oak Creek Community Center. The club will donate \$500 to cover the room, beer and soda. A buffet style meal will be served which will include a beef with gravy or turkey with gravy, potatoes, green beans, rolls and a dessert. The meal will cost \$12/person. Mark Rasmussen volunteered to check out the room before the event.

At the picnic, we will have elections for club vice president and treasurer. Our speaker will be Broadway Bob. (*Please see article below for more picnic details including a map of the location.*)

GTOAA Membership Status

There are currently 66 members in our club of which 25 are GTOAA members. Starting next year, the GTOAA will require qualified chapters to have 50% of their membership to also be members of the GTOAA. That leaves us 6 short at this time. The club will have to increase our GTOAA membership rate to maintain our affiliation and event insurance. The board has discussed how the club can meet the 50% membership requirement. (*Please see article below about the membership vote we will take at the 1/31 meeting.*)

Pontiac Show Update

VP Mike Schober will contact the Salentine dealership to discuss next year's show. Due to Salentine's uncertain future, ideas for an alternate location are needed.

Respectively submitted, **Steven Carlson**, Secretary

Larry Lorenz elected as a board member for the Original GTO Club

--by Dave Rasmussen

I am pleased to announce the election and acceptance of Larry Lorenz as our 3rd board member, replacing Nancy Weis. As most of you know, Larry is a long-time member of the club, an expert in Pontiacs and other GM classic vehicles, and the owner of Butler Classics. Larry joins chairman Jon Olsen and board member Karen Butske to complete our club's board of directors.

President Obama called Larry after the election to congratulate him and mentioned Larry in his weekly radio address saying, "The Original GTO club of Milwaukee, Wisconsin is fortunate to add such an experienced and talented statesman to their board of directors. Had Larry not accepted, I had planned to offer him a high-ranking position with GM—Government Motors."

Like all board members, Larry can serve as long as he wishes, or until fellow board members and officers vote him out, with or without cause. I personally hope he hangs around for a while. As stated in the club bylaws:

Section 2.2 Number, Tenure, and Qualifications The number of directors of the corporation shall be three (3) and can be expanded to five (5).

The Board of Directors shall consist of the four officers of the club and three to five additional directors appointed by or voted upon by the existing directors and club officers. Each director, including the Chairman shall hold office for a period designated by the majority vote of the remainder of the directors and club officers or until his death or until he shall resign or shall have been removed from office in the manner hereinafter provided. A director may be removed from office by affirmative vote of a majority of the directors and club officers entitled to vote for the appointment of such director, taken at a special meeting of the Board of Directors called for that purpose. New directors may be appointed to the board in the same manner by a majority vote of the directors and club officers. A director may resign at any time by filing his written resignation with the Secretary of the corporation. All directors must be residents of the state of Wisconsin and must have served at least one (1) term as an officer of the club and must be a member in good standing of The GTO Association of America (GTOAA).

GTOAA vote at Winter Picnic meeting – is it time to end our national affiliation?

--by Dave Rasmussen



We have written a number of times in this space about our parent organization, the GTOAA, its benefits, and the insurance umbrella it provides to officers and club members for club events like the annual car show. You are also aware that the GTOAA is continuing to increase its membership requirements (in terms of percentage) for a club to stay affiliated with the GTOAA.

We are still 6 memberships short for meeting the 2010 requirement for the 50% membership quota. As such, I have proposed a number of options to fellow board and officer members. We have agreed that club membership will vote on these four options at the January, 31 Winter Picnic meeting:

Option A. Allow the GTOAA chapter affiliation to lapse and use club funds to purchase liability insurance for the annual All-Pontiac car show only. *(Insurance costs are being researched by Steve Carlson.)*

Option B. Allow the GTOAA chapter affiliation to lapse and have no "club/officer" coverage for the All-Pontiac car show.

Option C. Require all Original GTO Club members to join the GTOAA in June when they pay their annual club dues. *(GTOAA dues are \$35 per year.)*

Option D. Require all new club members to join the GTOAA. For the next few years, use club funds to "buy" GTOAA memberships to meet the 50% requirement. *(In theory, normal attrition in the club is replaced by new members who must join the GTOAA, thereby meeting the national organization's quota over time)*

All of these options will be explained and discussed before the ballots are handed out at the next meeting. After the vote, the new directive will be adopted and written into the club's bylaws. As a club member, it's in your best interest to come to the Winter Picnic meeting and vote. Remember that spouses are voting members of the club too.

2010 Winter Picnic plans finalized

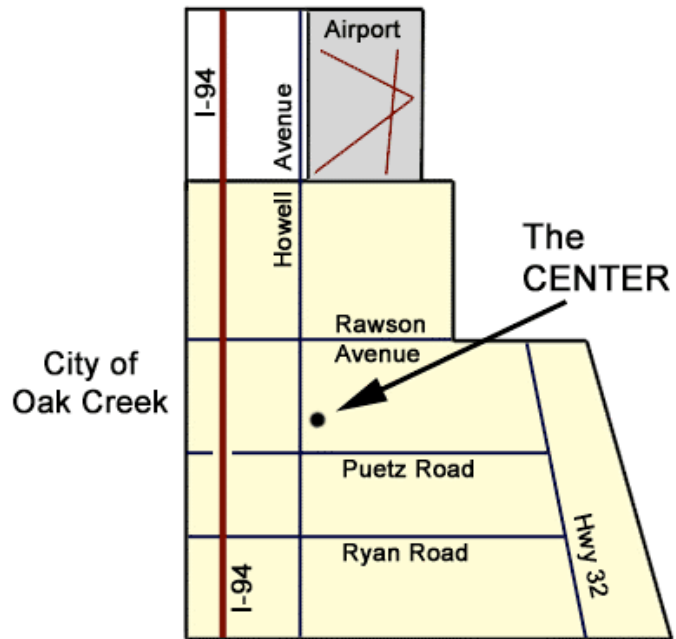
--by Dave Rasmussen

Sunday, January 31, 2010 is the club's annual Winter Picnic membership meeting and holiday luncheon.

The Oak Creek Community Center is the site for this meeting and winter luncheon. The Oak Creek Community Center is located on Howell Ave. just north of Puetz Road (see map to the right.)

Like last year, the event would start at noon and run until about 3:00pm. We will hold elections for both Vice-President and Treasurer. All club officer positions are two-year terms.

We will also be taking a major vote on the direction we'll take with regard to the GTOAA.



Finally, we hope to have a report from Mike Schober on the possibility of having our 2010 All-Pontiac show at EJ Salentine again.

The club will help subsidize food and drinks for this event (the club's contribution is estimated to be about \$500.) With that subsidy, we anticipate the cost at \$12 per individual. There was a bit of confusion about this last year so let's be very clear – if you are a member, and show up with your spouse, please bring \$24 with you.

Your \$12 luncheon would include your choice of Top Round of Beef w/ Gravy **OR** Turkey Breast w/ Gravy. Also included would be Parsley Buttered Potatoes, Green Beans Almondine, Tossed Salad with dinner rolls, milk, coffee, and a dessert. Beer is on the club as are soft drinks. Rail drinks are the only beverage that would be on your dime.

After elections and club business this year we will have a guest speaker. Roy Scuffham has lined up none other than "**Broadway Bob**" to spin a few yarns to help us get 2010 kicked off the right way. See you on January 31!