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President's Corner

2018 has certainly has been a whirlwind year for SVGTO. It started with ramping up for the biggest feat we've ever pulled off - the 39th annual GTOAA convention. All eyes were on that prize for the first half of the year, and wow did it pay off! We are forever indebted to our members for all the hard work to make it one of the very best GTOAA conventions bar none! We lucked out with one of the few good weather weeks of the year. Mother Nature has certainly put a damper on car shows this year!! Next up was our August show, also hampered by the questionable weather of the day. This is most definitely is what held our car count down this year.

The latest development is the unexpected announcement that Vic would not be seeking re-election as President. Those are some big shoes to fill! Please join me in thanking Vic for everything he has done for the club over the past 10 years, he has certainly earned it!

I am very humbled to be installed as his successor to say the least! Thank you for all the support, both with the convention and the nomination to lead this great group. I have to say that it will be a group effort with some of the best folks I have ever worked with.

Coming up next is our annual banquet on the 17th of this month. Here we will be doing something we have not had to do in over 10 years, and that is to vote on my replacement as Vice President. For this we have two very worthy candidates: Doug Warble and Mike Gettys. For those who don't know them, a brief history: Doug is actually a former club President, exiting as Vic was taking the helm. He's also one of the longest standing members of the club (I refer to him as the club historian). Doug also led the activities committee for the convention.

Mike is also a long time member, and has been our guru of registration for many years now at our yearly August car show. He was the obvious choice for the head of registration at the convention as well, and I don't think anyone would argue his preparation and organization made or registration area the best I have ever seen at any convention I've been to! With either choice we will have a solid leadership team at the ready.

Also on the ballot will be whether to take over the East Coast Regional for GTOAA. This will be our annual August show with just a few added details and an extra day added. We just want to make sure everyone is on board before we move forward with planning.

If you cannot attend the banquet but would still like to vote, please let me know and I will get you a ballot so your voice can be heard!

Brian



Changing of the Guard

As one of the oldest (in membership, not age mind you, juuuust to be clear) members of SVGTO I have witnessed a lot of changes in our group. I have seen this club grow from a loose collection of rag tag beer drinking GTO rosbabouts, when meetings were scheduled, oh, sometime, now and then, consisting of a few guys, a living room floor, canned soda and a bag of chips, to a full fledged world class premier organization, dedicated to the GTO/Pontiac hobby, almost 100 members strong, well organized and structured.....and a banquet! Wow, have times changed!

The growth of our club is something that other clubs envy and would like to duplicate. The tremendous success of our club has to be credited to the dedication and vision of one extraordinary individual, our former President, Vic Schreck.

From the first time I met Vic in 2007, he had a natural enthusiasm for the hobby that was infectious. When the time came for then President Doug Warble to step down, Vic was our first choice. I have never regretted my choice. For the last 10 years Vic has been a tireless champion of SVGTO, with the energy and ferocity to take SVGTO to the top of the heap!

On behalf of SVGTO, et al, I would like to Thank You Vic, for your service as our President, and for the friendship you have shown to us all.

Russ



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For the latest information of upcoming events.

Meeting Notes 10/21/18

In Attendance:
Russ Esenwine,
Doug Warble,
Rich & Darlene Slarb,
Brian Little,
Vic & Geri Schreck,
Bob Krewson,
Ed Briggs,
Ed Sloan,
Jim Eyer,
Al Haynes,
Mike Gettys,
Jeff Jukes,
Meade Green

The meeting opened with remarks from President Vic Schreck.

Bob Krewson presented the Treasurer's report which was accepted by Doug Warble with second by Ed Sloan.

Details were finalized for the annual banquet being held on November 17th. Everyone should have received an invitation in the mail.

Nominations for club officers were held.

Vic announced that he would be not be seeking another term as club president. His duties as GTOAA president put too much of a load on him to handle both.

Brian Little was nominated for President, which was unanimously accepted.

Two nominations were made for Vice President; Mike Gettys and Doug Warble. There will be ballots distributed to each club member who attends the banquet at which time a vote will be taken to fill that open seat.

Russ Esenwine was retained as Secretary

Bob Krewson was retained as Treasurer

There was a discussion concerning whether SVGTO should assume the role as host of the GTOAA East Coast Regionals, as they will no longer be hosted by Max Performance in Hatfield. The ECR would be combined with our annual show, but would be expanded to a two day (Friday/Saturday) event. There will be a referendum on the voting ballot at the banquet for this. Every attending member will be able to vote on this question.

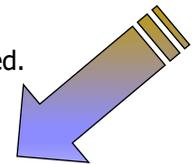
Brian Little was installed as the new President of SVGTO

A new officer position was created growing from a need for an individual to take the reigns of event planning, specifically the annual SVGTO show. Alan Haynes was appointed for this position and was accepted unanimously.

The Holiday dinner prep at RMHC will be held on December 16th at 3pm. We will be preparing a meal for the residents of the facility as we always do twice a year. This day we will also be presenting RMHC with our annual donation. We have been supporting RMHC for the last ten years, and have always donated generously.

The meeting was closed with remarks from newly installed President, Brian Little.

Meeting adjourned.

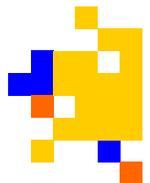


Be sure to check out the SVGTO Retrospective. This month features a look back at January 2009

Next Meeting:

The next regular club meeting will be **Sunday, January 20th, 2019, 1pm @ the Hillside Café.** This will be the first club meeting of the new year.

1984 Pontiac Phoenix SE



If you have comments about, or suggestions to help improve The GTO Tiger Times, please contact Russ Esenwine.

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Ronald McDonald House Dinner

Our second meal prep of the year at the Ronald McDonald House in Hershey will be our only function in December. We do this every year and it is very rewarding every time. It's also when we turn over our donation for the year. I am very excited for this, as it will be the largest donation we've ever given, and it is all thanks to our team effort at the convention. Come join us on December 16th! We will begin preparing a feast for the guests at 3 PM hoping to have dinner on the steam table by 5-6 PM. Please let Brian know if you wish to help, as we can only have so many people in the kitchen.

New Position Added

In anticipation of adding the East Coast Regional to our annual August show it became even more important to have extra hands to keep everything with the show moving in the right direction. We saw this as an opportunity to add a position to do just that, as well as take away the possibility of a dead lock amongst officers in matters of voting. I can absolutely assure you that will never be a problem with the current officer lineup, but it plans for any future possibility. Based on his stellar performance keeping tabs on both the concours and popular vote show fields this past June, I nominated Mr. Alan Haynes for this position. All in attendance at the October meeting were in agreement, so the position was officially created and filled.



2018 Fall Foliage Cruise

Words by Bob Krewson
Most photos by Cindy Krewson

The morning of October 13 dawned with lots of wind and the threat of rain, just to make things interesting. It had rained for most of the previous week, and for that matter, most of the Summer! Historically this time of year provides us Pontiac-ers with lots of gorgeous Fall colors while we motored through the planned route. Not so this year, all of the rain and oddball temps made for a green or a bare backdrop!

We met up at the Rutters store/ truck stop in the thriving metropolis of Heidlersburg, at the corner of Routes 15 and 234. By now the sun was out, but patchy clouds and that wind made the morning interesting.



Joining in the festivities were John Snyder in his gorgeous '65 convert, Jim Eyer (who traveled 2+ hours) in his F150, Rich & Darlene Slarb in the '67 Goat, Kim & Marlyn Runk in their beautiful '70, Cathy Haynes in the Quicksilver '06, followed by Alan Haynes in his '75 Grand Am, Derek Hoak and his wife in their '06, Greg & Tonja in the new Solstice (top down of course), Laura and Doug in the recently re-powered and de-topped '68 Lemans, and Cindy & I in the G8.

After we all chatted a bit while waiting for everyone to arrive, we lined up for the short cruise to the Hauser Estate Winery. This place sits up on top of a mountain, or what we call mountains here in Central PA. Naturally, the driveway into the Estate was unpaved and in marginal condition, uphill, and about a half mile long. But look at the view from the top! Unfortunately, due to time constraints, we weren't able to spend a proper amount of time here.



We loaded back into our rides and headed over to the Mason-Dixon Distillery in nearby Gettysburg, where we met with the owner/ founder who gave us a private tour and a tasting of our choice of 4 of the custom-blended liquors, AFTER we had eaten lunch (thankfully). Yianni is rightfully proud of his business and it shows in everything that he touches, from the excellent and distinctive food, his spirits, even to all of the help in the restaurant. This is a tiny operation, certainly nothing on a national scale, but he's growing and aspires to offer the best of everything to his patrons and employees.





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Classified ads by SVGTO members will be placed in the GTO Tiger Times free of charge. Please email your ads to Russ Esenwine, at macgto@comcast.net. I will try to get the ads placed in the next issue. If you include a photo of the items that you are selling, please send a clear digital photo in .jpg format. I will include your photos if space permits.

Here is our host/ owner, Yianni, I'm not sure why he's laughing



And the motley crew assembled outside



All in all, a good day was had by all, I believe, we really need more time at the winery so that we could do a tasting and take that tour. The actual winery is underground, and looked to be very interesting!

I'm ready for the 2019 Cruise Season to begin!

Tucking Your Tiger in This Winter
 By Alan Haynes

For me it is very hard to believe that 2018 is fading away so quickly. It seems like just a few months ago we were planning for the convention in Valley Forge and then the next thing you know it rained, the sun came out for 1 day, and then it rained again until the end of summer... THE END!

I guess for some, winter months are actually looked forward to because you can finally work on your ride doing needed or wanted maintenance and/or upgrades without the guilt trip of not driving your car in great weather. For the rest of the crowd that is not too happy about the upcoming 3-month or so hibernation for your ride, do not be too upset...It is only winter and we will get through it just fine. I do not profess to have all the answers on preparing your ride for the long winter nights. In fact what my hope in writing this article is to stir up your desire to make sure you take care of your ride in the winter months and do what is best for your situation. For those with inquiring minds do not fear. In today's world, there are so many resources available at your fingertips in the form of an internet search that maybe that is a good option for ideas. For others if you are proficient in storing your car properly because you have been doing it for so many years, then in the famous words of Larry the Cable Guy..."Git-R-Done"! Then of course, there is the possibility that you are in the same boat I am in and have never had to winterize your ride because you drove it year round as I did growing up in Arizona. Whatever the case may be for you I hope that you take care of yourself this winter and take care of your ride too. It really is worth the extra effort and the benefits are well worth it.

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Susquehanna Valley GTO is an affiliated chapter of the GTO Association of America, the premier national organization for GTO enthusiasts. Each month GTOAA members receive **The Legend**, a Golden Quill Award winning publication. Members can read the technical articles and have access to the GTOAA Technical Advisors Staff, use 50 words of free advertising monthly, view the feature articles on some of the most interesting GTOs you'll come across, and have access to the GTOAA Club Store merchandise. For an on-line preview of The Legend, go to www.gtoaa.org. For local chapter information, send an e-mail to Bill Vantuono at chapters@gtoaa.org. To receive a membership application by mail, write to: GTOAA, PO Box 213, Timnath, CO. 80547, or send an e-mail to: membership@gtoaa.org for more information.

The GTOAA National Meet is hosted by various local chapters, and is held annually. The acclaimed Concours and Popular Vote Car Shows bring some of the finest GTOs together for superb viewing. Other highlights include many renowned Technical and Special Interest speakers, the multi-day swap meet, drag tracing, and other great events.

National Organization Information

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In one of my "How to store your muscle car in winter" searches I came upon Hagerty Insurance and an article they published offering their thoughts and ideas. Here is the address:

<https://www.hagerty.com/articles-videos/articles/2011/11/01/step-by-step-guide-to-winterizing-your-car>



To prepare for storage:

Select a dry, dark location for storage — preferably with limited access. Concrete flooring is best at keeping away moisture. If you must store your car on a dirt floor, place a plastic barrier under the vehicle, and place carpet pieces or plywood under the tires.

Give the vehicle a good wash/wax. Putting on and removing a vehicle cover will lead to unwanted scratches if the car is dirty.

Fill the fuel tank (preferably with premium) and add fuel stabilizer. Be sure to run the vehicle to move fuel stabilizer into the carburetor, fuel rails, injectors, etc. The fuller the tank, the less room there will be for air, which carries moisture that can lead to fuel contamination and possibly rust within the tank.

Change the oil and filter right before putting away the vehicle. The clean oil will reduce the risk of harmful contaminants working away at your engine during hibernation — and you will be ready to go in spring.

Check the antifreeze.

Add air to the tires.

If you are storing your car offsite, some insurance companies require you to report the address of the offsite location. Check with your insurer to determine your policy's requirements.

When Storing

Place baking soda refrigerator packages in the interior and trunk areas.

To keep insects and vermin out of the car, put a plastic bag over the air cleaner/air inlet and exhaust pipe(s). You also can cover these with aluminum foil and tape securely. Place mothballs in the tailpipe and around the outside of the car, or insert steel wool in the tailpipe.

Place the vehicle on jack stands. This step avoids tire flat spots and adds longevity to the suspension because it is not supporting the vehicle's weight during storage.

For your battery, take one of the following actions: Unhook the battery by removing the negative cable first and store it separately — never on a concrete floor and preferably where it will not freeze; or leave the battery in the car and put a battery tender on it, if there is power available. That way if you want to start it a few times in the winter you do not have to put the battery in and out.

Close all of the windows.

If the vehicle will be exposed to freezing temperatures, be certain no personal items that may freeze or burst are left in the vehicle.

There are varying theories about periodically starting the vehicle. This writer feels unless you get the engine up to operating temperature for good 10-plus minutes to burn off the water vapors that initially develop at startup-cold operation, starting is not a good idea. Anything less will leave water in the combustion chamber and all exhaust components.

Best of luck tucking your *Tiger* in for a long winters nap; let's chat in February about how to wake a sleeping *Tiger*! Stay warm my friends.



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The *Power* of Pontiac



President's Message

Happy New Year Everyone!

As we begin a new year we say goodbye to 2008, a year that presented us with continued club growth, one of the most successful seasons the club has enjoyed, a challenge for us to retain our National charter which we were able to do, the Pontiac community losing a legend in John Swaruk who passed away in November. 2008 has been highlighted throughout the year in our newsletters. As I look back and read through them, I can't help but reflect at how fortunate we were to have enjoyed the company of Jim Wangers, SVGTO mentioned and pictured in Pontiac Enthusiast magazine, club members receiving awards in regional and national events, our All Pontiac show's success, SVGTO partnering with Jones Pontiac in Lancaster which affords our members the opportunity to save money in servicing, parts, and car purchases just to name a few. The sun shined for us in 2008 as we enjoyed near perfect weather for all events we participated.

As we begin 2009 our hope is to build on the successful year we had in 2008 and hope the weather again cooperates. We begin the year with a changed club logo and dropped "Tigers" from our club name. Shortly we will be revealing a new improved website. We've outgrown our current website as we were limited on its use and could not format the site as well as

we would have liked. Russ is working on this and once the new site is ready you will be notified.

We are working on upcoming events, and will be posting them shortly on our website's calendar of events. Keep checking the site often for updated information. I encourage all members to consider coming on out in 2009 when you can, and experience some of the fun many of us have been enjoying.

Vic



A New Year A New Look!

Well Gang, 2009 is now upon us, and with that some exciting new changes are in the works within your club.

As Vic stated in the President's Message, we are working on a new website. Our hope is to add more info and functionality to our website to make it more user friendly, add more content and make it an easy place to go for the latest club news and info.

You will also notice a refreshed design for your club news letter. This edition features the roll out of the new club logo, banner logo and mini logo that were created over the winter hibernation. Many thanks to all those club members and budding graphic artists who joined together to create a brand new club identity. It is our hope that you are pleased with the results!



Meeting Notice

The next regular
Club meeting
Is

Sunday, February 15th,
2pm

At Hillside Café.

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Meeting Notes, 1/18/2009

In Attendance

- Russ Esenwine
- Brian Little
- Vic Schreck
- Doug Warble
- Dave Hejna
- Kyle Miller
- Rob Schaeffer
- Andy Kear
- Dave Eyster

Treasurer's Report, by Andy Kear
Club treasury balance is currently \$1927.22.

Accepted by Doug Warble, 2nd by Rob Schaeffer.

Discussions under old business:

- *Holiday Party wrap up. Many thanks for Kyle Miller for hosting!
- *The SVGTO sent a \$100 donation to the Sloan Kettering Cancer Center in honor of John Swaruk.
- *A call to all volunteers with an interest in being chauffeurs at the Lincoln Kennedy Memorial Golf Classic for MJ Anderson. Date of the event is June 25th, 2009. Details to come.
- *New club logo rollout. See new logos used in this edition of the newsletter.

Discussions under new business:

- *After much debate, the revised Membership dues structure is in place. SVGTO/GTOAA member dues are \$15.00. SVGTO/Non GTOAA member's dues, \$25.00. New SVGTO members who own a

GTO, MUST join GTOAA at time of registration. Combined membership is \$50.00. New members, not owning a GTO, are not required to join GTOAA. Dues are \$25.00.

- *Realignment of all member dues will go into effect January 1, 2010. The will assure a common renewal date for all members.
- *All SVGTO members will be receiving a membership card with a unique membership number. This card will be valid for discounts at Jones Pontiac, the SVGTO Preferred Dealership and club sponsor.
- *SVGTO All Pontiac Show committee meeting to discuss details of the 2009 show. Details will be presented as they come to fruition.

*New SVGTO website is in the works. All members will be notified when the site is up and running. New website address will be: www.SVGTO.com

*New window decals are being printed as we speak. All current members will receive one decal, either static vinyl or adhesive backed. Additional decals available for \$3.00/ea.

*In addition to decals, new club apparel is being priced. Details to come.

*The first event for 2009 will be the American Spirit Parade, April 25th, 2009. Details to come.

*SVGTO officers are working with Pontiac Enthusiast Magazine to combine forces and resources for the All GM Nationals at Carlisle.

* The Club is looking for idea for cruises for 2009. If you have an idea, or know of an interesting place to cruise to, please send us your ideas!

*SEMA (Specialty Equipment Manufacturing Association) has been in contact with SVGTO about doing a feature story on your club for an upcoming issue of the SEMA Newsletter. The feature should appear in the March 2009 issue.

*Dave Gauge, Host of My Classic Car has been invited by SVGTO to attend our All Pontiac Show.

*Anyone who is going to the GTOAA/POCI Co-vention in Dayton Ohio, please contact Vic or Brian about organizing a caravan to the show.

Meeting Adjourned

Upcoming Events

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Pontiac G8 GXP Hits the Ground Running!

Hot on the heels of the much lauded Pontiac G8 Sedan and GT, the newest version of the Aussie built muscle machine, the GXP went on sale in January. Priced at \$39,995, the new G8 GXP has the distinction of being the most powerful car to wear the Pontiac Arrowhead. Loaded for bear with a SAE certified 415 hp LS3 V8, the GXP twists the pavement with 415 lb/ft of torque, shredding the rear tires of the stout Australian built GM Zeta Global Rear Drive Platform. The GXP shares the look of the muscular G8 GT with a few added features. The GXP wears a unique front fascia and rear diffuser. Standard with GM's 6L80 Six Speed automatic transmission, or optional with the Tremec TR6060 6 speed manual, the GXP turns in 0-60 times of 4.7 seconds. Riding on GXP specific, polished 19 x 8 wheels, and retuned FE3 suspension, the newest hot rod from Oz handles with the same sure footed confidence of the G8 GT. The suspension of the new GXP was tuned at Germany's famous Nurburgring 12.5 mile road course. Stopping power is provided by 4 piston Brembo disk brakes. The GXP also receives its own distinctive leather interior, with GXP embroidery on the seatbacks. The thundering LS3 breaths through a revised dual exhaust system, which is tuned for a throatier rumble than the standard issue GT. The GXP is available in any of the 8 standard G8 colors.



If you have not taken the opportunity to sample any one of these terrific G8s, visit Steve Jones at Jones Pontiac to arrange a test drive. But, beware, you may leave with a lighter wallet!

Russ

What's next for Pontiac?

There is the \$64000 question.

If you have followed the news of late, things are not rosy in the glass towers that are General Motors. Staggering losses and dwindling cash have made for tough times at the former world's largest automaker. The tanking economy, the spike in gas prices and overall consumer skepticism have all conspired to nearly bring the once mighty GM to the brink of bankruptcy.

As GM scrambles to figure out how to stop the hemorrhage, news reports have been all over the map. One day, Pontiac is done, the next, it's not. Hummer, Saab and Saturn are all on the chopping block.

Pontiac however, at least for the moment, has been given a reprieve. And why not? Pontiac is GM's second best selling car division, selling 358000 vehicles in 2007, compared to Chevrolet's 2.2 million. Only GMC trucks sold more vehicles than Pontiac.

So, now comes word that Pontiac will be spared, but will emerge as shadow of its former self. Word on the street now is that Pontiac will be molded into a niche brand, selling only a few model lines, specifically, the much-praised G8, the Solstice, and the Vibe. The G6 may stay in the model line up, but sales of the G6 plummeted from over 15000 units in January 2007, to only about 2500 in January 2008. The El Caminosque G8 ST, based on the much beloved Holden Ute has officially gotten the axe. The rebadged Cobalt, the G5 and the hastily rebadged Aveo, nee G3 will die an unceremonious death. Of course, this may change tomorrow.

G8 sales have remained steady over the nearly one calendar year of sales. As of January, total G8 sales stand at 16333, with 2 months to go. GM forecasted sales of 20000 G8s per year. Should steady sales continue, they will almost hit the mark. Pretty impressive considering how tough it is to sell a big V8 sedan in a faltering economy.

So, only time will tell the fate of GM and in particular, the Pontiac division. Stay tuned.

Russ

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Hi Gang;

I have finished the GTOAA Chapter Survey for 2008 and I am happy to inform you we have met our goal of the minimum requirement for our club to remain chartered for the upcoming year. Thank you to all the members who answered our appeal to consider joining the National Organization. We were in jeopardy of losing our charter and because of you we were able to retain it. We still however have some work to do to get us to where we need to be and beyond in the upcoming year.

The officers have met numerous times and discussed options that will help us get to the 50% mandate that will go into effect Jan.1 2010. As you know we restructured our member's dues for the upcoming year. We wanted to implement a fair structure that would have as little impact as possible to the membership keeping in mind the sensitivity of the economy while at the same time promoting and growing our club. As 2009 approaches I want to remind everyone of the new dues structure and to notify every one of a couple modifications we

will be implementing.

Effective January 1, 2009 All SVGTO members who are GTOAA members will continue to pay the 15.00 yearly club fee. ALL SVGTO club members who are not GTOAA members, this includes members who do not own a GTO will see an increase in club fees to 25.00 per year. SVGTO has kept its members dues at a minimum for many, many years and resisted raising dues. As the GTOAA gradually ups its percentages to their target goal of 100% at some point in time we must take steps now to not fall into the same situation we did this past year. Raising dues was not an easy decision but we must safeguard against falling too far behind the minimum percentages again.

Also beginning Jan.1, 2009 any NEW member who elects to join SVGTO and owns a GTO, will be required to join the GTOAA at the same time they join our club. We will still accept non GTO owners as they will not be required to join the GTOAA and their dues will be set at 25.00

For those members who renew between Jan-June 30 your 2009 Dues will become due the month of Jan. If Andy doesn't receive your 2009 dues by Jan 31, we will assume you chose not to renew and your name will be removed from the club roster. If your dues are up for renewal July -Dec 31 2009 your dues will be due the month of July. This realigning as stated previous is to coordinate every member's membership to be due at the same time beginning Jan 1, 2010 which will aid in our bookkeeping and make it easier to track memberships for the Chapter Survey.

We do not want to lose any members, we felt the decision we made would have the least impact on our membership. We understand the economy is not in the best of shape and kept that in mind as we discussed ways to keep up with the GTOAA mandate. Our club is not the only club struggling with the GTOAA mandate and we hope through your continued support, and understanding we can continue to grow and enjoy what we have built on so far.

Please don't forget about our club referral program that enables club members to refer new members and a chance to get your annual fee free, and our preferred Dealer program that affords you 10% discounts in service, and parts, specialized pricing on performance parts and discounts on car purchases at Jones Pontiac in Lancaster. By utilizing this benefit you could get your club dues money back many times over depending on how often you take advantage of it.

If you have any questions I will do my best to answer them.

Vic.

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