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The Woodward GTO Tigers are dedicated to the restoration and preservation of all classic Pontiacs. We welcome all enthusiasts to join one of the Mid-West's most exciting organizations. Our dues are **\$30.00** per year for members, and **\$10.00** per year for associate members. You can either send for an application, or you may print one from our website, then mail it in with payment to our club address:

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We are an affiliated Chapter of The GTO Association of America, the premier national organization for GTO enthusiasts. It is not required that you belong to the GTO Association of America to be a member of this club, but we would recommend that you join. Along with your membership in the GTOAA, you will receive their monthly publication "The Legend", a Golden Quill Award winning publication. The cost is \$30.00 per year. To receive a membership application by mail, write to: **GTOAA, P.O. Box 455, Timnath, CO 80547**, or send an email to [membership@gtoaa.org](mailto:membership@gtoaa.org) for more information.

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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 GTO's together for superb viewing. Other highlights include many renowned Technical and Special-interest speakers, the multi-day swap meet, drag racing, cruises and other great events.

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## ***In the Drivers Seat***

By Kim Stahovec



**W**ell two months into the Presidency and the Board has been busy. We meet at Terrie Giannosa's house in St. Clair Shores the 3rd Tuesday of every month. The meetings begin at 7pm and club members can come to any of these Board meetings if they wish. You can find her address on the GTO Tigers website under Board of Directors.

There are many items on the agenda at these meetings including ways to recruit new members, updating the club website and of course activities for our club to name a few.

The most pressing at this time is the St. Ignace Car Show June 28-30, 2012. One of the event coordinators of the show has been in contact with Milt Schornack about having a featured car club, and they want the GTO Tigers to be that car club! I think this would be awesome if we can make it happen. Our cars would have prime real estate on the show field. We would lead off the parade on Friday not to mention it gives our club a lot of press. This show attracts 1600-1800 cars and there is always something to do around that part of the state.

The Board is collecting information on hotels, transport options for the cars, stopping points along the route and points of interest in St. Ignace. We would need 15-20 cars to put on a good showing but have to commit by mid-February. The Board will present this information to everyone at the member meeting in late January. We're planning on going to dinner and having a silent auction with car related things you can find at your house!

Information about the club event in January will be posted on the website and Jack will send out an email shortly. There are many events the Board wants to plan for this year; cruises, tours, sporting events, dinners and we need participation from the rest of the group. Apathy is not going to kill this club as long as we have die hard car enthusiasts- heck I love deciding which GTO I would like to drive today (you don't know how long I've waited to say that!) just wish speed limit signs were merely a suggestion. There are changes to the website being done, business cards with our club information to hand out to people, Dream Cruise weekend happenings, monthly club events and all sorts of improvements we hope you'll stick around for. Come to the meetings and make this club thrive- if you see issues then make suggestions on how we can make things better.

Car update: the 1972 runs like a charm- all that work has finally paid off. It's nice to see the car all together rather than all over the barn and the kitchen and the basement! I can put that damn sand blaster to rest and stop looking like a greasy pig. The '04 hasn't had any problems but will be going to the spa for a little sprucing up soon- exhaust tips, cosmetic issues; she'll come out looking real good. That's all for this month

***Kim Stahovec***

***President***

***Woodward GTO Tigers***

***Proud owner of a '72 and '04***

***Ride'n Shotgun***  
**Dick Winkles - Vice President**  
**January 2012**



**T**he holidays are over and here we are into the dead of winter already. Hard to believe I was actually in Florida visiting my parents for three weeks, now that I'm back to work, doesn't even seem like I was gone at all! Funny how that works! So I've made a few New Year's resolutions and guess what? They are about the same as the ones I made last year! One of my "annual" resolutions is to do more "stuff" with my cars – drive them more, go to more shows and cruises, maybe even fix a few of those minor issues or do a little more detail work. You probably make a resolution every year that is something similar (being in a car club yourself) so here's where we can help each other. Get more involved in the club and participate in more events! Maybe even volunteer to host or co-ordinate a gathering at a cruise or show. I think when car people do things together as a group it's just more fun and easier to feel like participating yourself! Last year, between my four collector cars I think I put less than 700 miles combined on all of them (with the most on the GTO at about 300 miles). So, here's my plan for 2012. We are planning on a club event at the St. Ignace car show in late June and also as a club to the Ontario GTO and Pontiac Show in late August - count me in! Additionally we will have something going on as usual for the Woodward Cruise weekend and I'll be there! There are weekly cruise nights throughout the spring and summer and I'm going to try and make at least one a month with my stretch goal being two per month. There are plenty of other GTO or Pontiac shows and I'll try to hit a few of those as well (the Wide-tracker Spring Dust Off June 9, The Cruisin' Tigers Indian Uprising show in Illinois, the POCI Nationals in St. Charles Illinois July 17 – 21 and The Bob Sellers show just to name just a few possibilities). I'd also like to look into putting on a cruise at the Sliver-dome Drive-In this summer, maybe during Cruise week. It would be really fun to have a drive-in full of classic cars watching Two Lane Blacktop or American Graffiti, what do you think? So there you go, help me to finally get to a New Year's Day next year when I don't come up with the same old resolution again!

Just because the weather outside is cold and the cars are tucked away for their annual hibernation, that doesn't mean you still can't do a few car things to get the gasoline in your blood pumping! I'll be hitting the North American Auto Show at Cobo this week and next week I'll do something I've always wanted to do, go to the Barrett-Jackson Classic Car Auction in Scottsdale Arizona. The annual Autorama comes to Cobo again February 26 – 28. Our first club meeting/event of the year is the last weekend of January. I guess when you put it all together the winter doesn't look so long after all!

I don't know how many members get The Legend (as members of GTOAA) but I also wanted to mention that the January 2012 issue has an excellent article on winter storage for your car that is one of the best I have seen. Written by Dick Randall, he is spot on in my experience and has put it all together in one place – good reading, check it out if you can or let me know and I can share it with you if interested!

*Dick*

*From the ...Queens Coach*  
Terrie Giannosa - WGT Treasurer



Happy New Year, 2012  
Hope everyone had a safe and happy holidays, now we are just waiting for the long cold winter to begin.

I trust you all have all of your car projects underway so you will be ready to hit the pavement as soon as Mother Nature says go. Jack has too many to even think about.

Our finances are in ok shape.  
We have a balance of: **\$1663.66**

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State of Michigan Non profit Status Fee: \$20.00  
Jack Giannosa Nov/Dec Redlines and Stamps: \$50.32

Please feel free to start mailing in membership renewals as the due date is March 1st, 2012.

*Terrie*

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### ***Burnin' the Clutch...***

Joe Kozlowski, Secretary  
Woodward GTO Tigers



Once more unto the breach, dear friends, once more..." or should I say, "Just when I thought I was out...they pull me back in..." Either quote is fairly appropriate!

Yes my friends, you're stuck with me once again. This time I figured that I would try a new position! Slowly but surely I'm making my way through the various board positions. However I'll pass on Club Treasurer and Vice President. Club Secretary sounded like a good position to ease my way back into the pool after a three year hiatus!

Before I get into "business as usual" mode, I would like to say that I'm excited to be on the new board. New people bring forward new ideas and perspectives! So far from what I've seen, Kim is going to do a great job as President! She's bringing to the table a positive attitude, a lot of enthusiasm, a desire to get new blood into the club and get everyone more involved in fun activities. So if she comes-a-knockin' on your door asking for help, please seriously consider it!

Well I'm having a banner start with the new position! First I missed the deadline for my first article, and then you'll notice that I didn't include minutes from the Holiday Party in this one. I'll take a mulligan on this one, but technically I didn't officially become Club Secretary until the Holiday Party! At any rate, I should have the minutes included in my next Redlines article. Until then, think spring!

-Joe  
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**Jack's Stand**  
By  
Jack Giannosa - WGT Editor



Now that winter is upon us for a while the opportunity is ripe to think of the coming cruising season and tackling the list of projects or modifications to your favorite toy. Tuning up the ol goat may be on the top of your list whether it be new points (well maybe not these day's...) but plugs for sure, filters, carb tuning or even a valve adjustment.

One of those tasks - the valve adjustment procedure - was usually met with some reluctance, at least for me, mainly because turning the engine by hand was a hassle. In order rotate the crank while simultaneously watching the timing point on the pulley requires standing on the passenger side of the engine. Trying to turn the crank with a deep well socket and standard length ratchet (approx. 9 1/2" long) can be a challenge because there's little room to move around between the pulley and fan and basically the handle is just too short to get good leverage. Note; I always pull the plugs first..it was still a pain.

I've tried using my breaker bar (14 1/8" long) but without the ratchet feature it doesn't get it. Adding a ratchet adaptor between the breaker bar and socket results in the combination being too long and causing too much interference with the fan blade. Trying to slip a piece of pipe on the ratchet handle to act as an extender didn't work very well either because the pipe wasn't very secure (didn't want to weld it) and the ratchet teeth are too far apart to re-position the ratchet handle to get a decent re-position. This was getting to be a major hassle...all I want to do is turn the dam crank to a specific point.

Enter a new "**custom socket**" and **long handle ratchet**. I went and bought a new six point, 15/16, 1/2 inch drive, deep well socket. These are about 3 1/4" long. I had carefully measured the depth from the crank pulley edge to the pulley bolt washer and came up with 2 3/16". I then cut the new socket to that length with a die grinder and cutoff wheel and smoothed the edge on a bench grinder. Wrapping a piece of tape around the socket at the 2 3/16 point helps as a guide while cutting. This length is just long enough allow the end of the socket to be a little past the crank pulley edge.

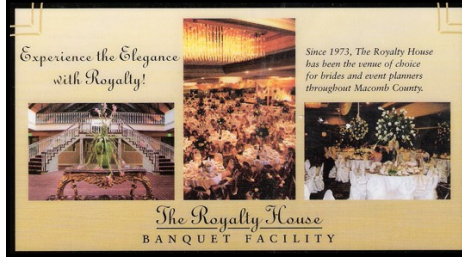
Then I searched for a long handle ratchet. My son suggested I look at the Snap-On SL80, 80 tooth, 1/2 inch drive ratchet. The SL80 is 15 inches long and the 80 tooth feature helps immensely in tight spots. With the SL-80 and custom socket I can easily turn the crank from a comfortable vantage spot while simultaneously watching the timing marks. The long handle provides ample leverage to turn the crank without breaking knuckles. This ratchet just fits too..the distance from the crank pulley center to the inside edge of the car frame is a little over 15 inches. The ratchet just clears the frame allowing plenty of room rotate the ratchet and the 80 tooth feature gives you a considerably larger re-positioning arc. Now this task is almost fun...at least I don't swear as much!!

Do you need a high dollar Snap-On ratchet?...probably not. Any 1/2 inch drive ratchet that's 15 inches long will work. I especially like the SL-80 for its length and the 80 tooth feature which is a real advantage when you have limited rotational room.

If anything the Snap-On ratchet will last you a long time...you won't regret owning one. Remember - you can never have too many tools!! The custom length 15/16 socket and long handle ratchet is well worth the effort if you ever find yourself having to manually turn the crank for whatever reason. You won't be sorry.

Jack

# WGT 2011 Holiday Party Recap



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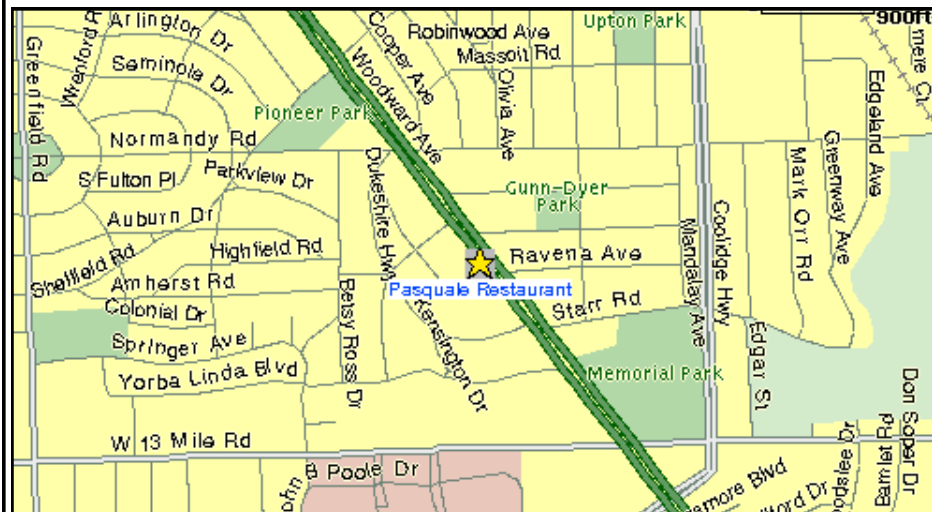
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\*\*\*\*\* **2012 COMING EVENTS** \*\*\*\*\*

Events that are typed in bold print are considered Club Activities.  
All Members are encouraged to attend these Activities.

- ◆ **Woodward GTO Tigers Dinner Meeting SUNDAY, January 29th, 4PM, Pasquale's Restaurant, 31555 Woodward Avenue, Royal Oak, MI 48073, (248) 549-4002** This will be a Silent Auction so please bring car themed items (nothing expensive) and you will have a chance to bid on other items brought to the meeting. The reservation is under gto tigers (See map below)
- ◆ North American International Auto Show, Sat. Jan.14th-Sat. Jan. 21st, 9am-10pm (no admittance after 9 p.m.), Sunday, Jan. 22, 9am-7pm (no admittance after 6 p.m.) Cobo Center, Detroit, MI
- ◆ Detroit Autorama 2012, Feb. 24, Friday Noon-10pm, Sat. Feb. 25th. 9am-10pm, Sun. Feb. 26th, 10am-8pm, Cobo Center, Detroit, MI
- ◆ Straits Area Antique Auto Show, June 28th, 29th & 30th, St. Ignace, UP, MI - Additional info: <http://www.stignace.com> and <http://www.nostalgia-prod.com>
- ◆ The Classic GTO Club of Ontario's 30th Anniversary Weekend, Aug. 24th, 25th & 26th. This show is a week AFTER the Woodward Dream Cruise. This is a GTO & Pontiac Show.
- ◆ Clinton Twp. 10th Annual Gratiot Cruise, Aug. 5th.

**Sunday, January 29th, 4:00PM. WGT Club Meeting location  
Pasquale's on Woodward Ave.**





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