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Valley of the Goats eNews



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Cactus GTO Annual Christmas Party is THIS weekend!
Date: Sunday, Dec. 12
Time: 2pm —
Where: home of Charlie and Alice Miller
16278 W. Cheery Lynn Road
Goodyear, AZ 85338
RSVP to Charlie at 623.535.9240

Directions:

From the East Valley, take I-10 West to the Pebble Creek Parkway exit (about 5 miles after the 101 exit. Proceed north on Pebble Creek Pkwy to Clubhouse Road. Make a left turn on Clubhouse Road and go thru the Guard House. Proceed to Sarival Road, then turn right. The second street on the right will be Cheery Lynn Road. Make a right and the Millers is the third house on the left.

Message from the President

I hope everyone is enjoying the cool crisp air and getting some holiday shopping done. The car shows have been coming fast and furious the last two months, and the weather has been great. If you have a weekend free, you can always find the latest events at our website, www.cactusgto.com, as well as www.cruisingarizona.com and www.hotrodplanet.com.

This coming Sunday is our annual Christmas party. This is one of the club's special events, and we'd like everyone to be there. We use the money that you worked hard for at our auctions, along with membership dues, to host these parties, so come and enjoy the fruits of your labor! We had a great crowd last year, and Charlie and Alice are looking forward to a full house this Sunday.

On Nov. 17, we had our monthly meeting at Discover Classic Cars, a new dealership specializing in classic cars --- muscle cars, street rods, and other classics. They not only offered pizza and drinks to members, but gave us a great meeting room at their Scottsdale and McDowell Road location, and, of course, lots of classic cars to check out. We hope we can have another meeting there in the future.

On Nov. 20, Board members Charlie Miller and Jason Maklary organized our club's annual Turkey Run, with over 50 turkeys delivered to Phoenix Rescue Mission (see more details below).

We've had a recent surge in club members over the last several months, and we are now at 60 members. We want to ask everyone to rejoin the club for 2011. It is helpful for record-keeping purposes to have you complete a membership application form and include it with your \$12 annual dues. Forms will be available at the Christmas party next weekend and at our Dec. 29 meeting. Bring your checkbooks!

Finally, I want to re-emphasize our opportunity to be part of a great auction.



Russo and Steele is looking for workers for its auction coming up Jan 19-23 in north Scottsdale. Bob Paris, one of several club members involved in the R-S auction each year, is signing up volunteers. R-S donated \$700 to our club last year for effort made by club members. Bring your calendars and sign up at the Christmas Party to help! This is a great opportunity for us to get back into auction work we all love.

See you Sunday at the Christmas party!

Mark

Garage Lift for Sale

Club member Ken Ondrejko is selling his 9000#-2 post garage lift. This is an American made commercial lift used in a home workshop on Pontiacs only. Requires a 12' ceiling and 220V. Can be seen in operation in the East Valley. \$2,000. Call Ken at 602.692.7492 or email him at kondrejko@yahoo.com

Tiger Bites

• **Gobbling up.** On Saturday, November 20th, Jason Maclary and Thom Mohr met at Denny's, and picked up some turkeys while Charlie Miller and Don Hodd met at the Walmart in Goodyear and picked up 24 turkeys. I also purchased 4 additional turkeys plus I received 5 turkeys from my Friday networking group.



Don & I met with Jason and Thom at the Phoenix Rescue Mission on 35th Ave in Phoenix and we donated 50 turkeys to them from the Cactus GTO Club. As always, they were very appreciative and they got a real thrill out of seeing the GTOs. We would like to give a special thanks to Walmart in Goodyear for giving us all of the turkeys for .39 cents per pound and to Allwest Energy for donating \$200.00 worth of turkeys.

— *Charlie Miller*

• **The world's Baddest GTO? You decide...**



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• **Want to be on TV? Discovery Channel might be looking for you.**

The Discovery Channel will be back in town this winter to shoot some new episodes about finding the right part for your '65 Goat.

Production assistant needs "Great looking GTOs...and a great story behind the car Stories are shot at Desert Valley Auto Parts in Phoenix. People bring their cars down as customers of the lot, looking for a part, and then they tell the story of their car and share interesting information about it. Any of your members are welcome to submit their cars for consideration. Please have them send me:

- Photos of the car, including one of them standing next to the car
- A brief story about the car
- Contact information

Tim Cooper
Associate Producer
True Entertainment

GM gets ready to launch IPO. After trimming its brands (Pontiac, Hummer, Saab, Saturn, Buick), General Motors says it is making a profit again and ready to launch a stock offering for the 'new" GM. The initial public stock offering would be used to pay back the government more than \$50 billion loaned GM for a 60.8% stake in the company.

Here is how Wall Street Journal reporter PAUL INGRASSIA handled the story (nice touch!):

"You've probably heard about the General Motors IPO. *Nope, it isn't the successor to the Pontiac GTO, GM's legendary muscle car of the 1960s.* The initial public offering of stock in the new General Motors will be made sometime in mid-November."

Did you miss the SEMA show this year? You can catch the highlights at this website:
<http://www.MaxTherapyTV.com/2010semashow>

Car Shows and Events this month:

Saturday, Dec. 11: Pontiac Night at the Pavilions

Also: Liberty High School Lions Parents Club car show and winterfest.

10 am to 4 pm. Registration is 25.00 and goes towards a marquee for the school. Contact James Decker at jdecker6507@yahoo.com for details.

The 2011 Cactus GTO Club Calendars are still available!

Our annual club calendar featuring cars of our club members has been getting a lot of attention! The club has already sold over 60! We will be filling pre-paid orders at the Christmas party, and at our Dec. 29 meeting. If you didn't get in on our two bulk orders, you can still order calendars through our website. Click on the 'Club store' tab at www.cactusgto.com.

Special thanks to Tony D'Angelo for gathering the photos for our 2011 edition and Scott Svenheim for putting it together. Tony put in a special effort to get ALL 11 models from 1964-1974, plus our 2004-2006 year into the calendar. It looks great.



The 2011 Cactus GTOs
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Pontiacs!

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