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GTO ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA INTERNATIONAL MEET IN SARATOGA

Saratoga Springs, New York---The 29th Annual GTO Association of America International Meet, hosted by the Electric City Chapter, is taking place on July 15th-19th with first arrivals coming on July 14th. The event will feature more than 200 classic Pontiac GTO automobiles that were built from 1964-1974 with limited models built in 2004-2006. The cars are known for being the “small car with the big engine” and were built for the performance market. The week-long events are expected to bring about 2,000 people total to the local area and more than 1,000 of them will be coming in from across the country.

Things you need to know:

- **Road Closings and Parking Restrictions**
 - Maple Avenue – closed 7 am – 7 pm Tuesday-Saturday from Saratoga Springs City Center, just north of Ellsworth Jones Place to the corner of Rock and Maple
 - Access to the City lot is available and deliveries to the City Center can be accomplished
 - Ellsworth Jones Place – one-way traffic (toward Broadway) only Thursday AND Saturday for GTO arrivals and departures
 - No overnight public parking entire week on Maple – from southern entrance of City Center parking lot to Rock Street
- **Events All Week – Open to the public**
 - Public areas are open, including Saratoga Springs City Center Parking lots, where vendors will be set up. GTOAA requests that people be respectful and recognize this is a national show
 - Only GTOAA paid participants are allowed in the seminars inside The Saratoga Hilton
 - This is one of the first years the general public has been allowed to view events

Events during the Saratoga Meet

- **Tuesday the 15th -- Early Bird Event -- BBQ at Saratoga Brewery**
 - Open to the public
 - \$15/plate
 - Limited parking available on site
- **Wednesday the 16th -- Saratoga Automobile Museum Picnic**
 - Cars on display
 - Open to the public (with admission required for non-GTO convention attendees)
 - One of every GTO (each year it was manufactured) on display
- **Thursday the 17th -- Lebanon Valley Dragways event**
 - 1 ½ hours from Saratoga
 - 9-3 pm
 - Cars will be raced
 - Open to all Pontiacs
 - Race or watch the event
- **Friday the 18th --Autocross event**
 - Behind Dick's Sporting Goods at the Wilton Mall, Saratoga
 - Open to the public
- **Friday the 18th -- Concours**
 - 70 Concours cars on display - inside the Saratoga Springs City Center; admission is \$5.00 a person
 - Best bet for public to see the best of the best GTOs on display, including 10 specialty cars
- **Saturday the 19th --Popular Vote Day**
 - 150 cars on display - outside The Saratoga Hilton parking lot; free and open to the public
 - All day – ends at 3 pm

The Saratoga Convention and Tourism Bureau is an independent, not-for-profit destination marketing organization with the mission of attracting group business to the Saratoga area and to serve as a liaison between group buyers and local businesses.