

Northern California GTO Club Bylaws

The Northern California GTO Club is a non-profit tax exempt corporation made up of members focused on the restoration, preservation and enjoyment of the Pontiac

GTO. We operate as educational ambassadors to further both the understanding and enjoyment of the premier American Muscle Car.

I. Amendments

To make amendments or alterations to these Bylaws, a motion must be submitted in writing by an active Northern California GTO club member to an officer of the club and then read and discussed at two regular membership meetings. A vote to accept or reject the proposed changes to the Bylaws is to be held at the second meeting. It shall require a simple majority of members present to determine results.

II. Membership

- A. A prospective member may attend or be brought to a GTO Club Meeting by a club member who will be the designated sponsor. A prospective member attending alone (non-sponsored) will have a GTO Club officer appointed as the sponsor. The sponsor will introduce the prospective member, provide them with a copy of the club Bylaws, provide them with the latest club newsletter via email, and mentor them for three months.
- B. A prospective member must have a keen interest in the preservation/restoration of GTOs or related Pontiacs of any age. Prospective Members must be at least 18 years of age.
- C. A prospective member must submit a completed application and the \$50.00 membership dues. The dues will be refunded if membership is not granted. If applicant defaults in meeting the membership requirements, the dues will not be refunded.
- D. After the prospective member has met the membership requirements and has attended two club functions, a vote is taken for acceptance into the club. Applicant must be present at the meeting that they are being voted in on. A simple majority vote of club members present is required for membership approval. The initial club dues for a new member accepted into the club between July 1st and March 31st will cover the fiscal year July 1st through June 30th. A new member accepted between April 1st through June 30th of the same year will cover the period starting within that three month window through June 30th of the following year.
- E. Members must be in good standing to attend meetings, vote and participate in GTO Club sanctioned activities.
- F. When a prospective member is denied membership, his/her name cannot be brought up again for six months.

III. Dues/Debts/Club Expenditures

- A. All new expenditures in excess of \$100.00 must be approved by majority of club members in good standing at a GTO Club meeting unless given prior authorization.
- B. The membership must authorize expenses for activities prior to when they are needed. Reimbursement requests must be submitted with receipt to the GTO Club Treasurer for payment. If the activity costs exceed the approved amount, approval by membership at next regular meeting is required.
- C. Dues or other money owed to the club by the July meeting must be paid at that time in order to remain in good standing. If, by the September meeting, the current year's dues are not paid, membership shall be moved to an inactive list and terminated.

IV. Liability/Indemnification Provisions

- A. Non Liability of club members - A member of the Northern California GTO Club is not, as such, personally liable of the debts, liabilities or obligations of the Northern California GTO Club.
- B. Non-Liability of the Northern California GTO Club - The Northern California GTO Club or its Officers/Directors will not be liable in whole or in part for any member's debts, bills, accidents, etc. Each member is responsible for their actions, equipment and debts and shall not hold Northern California GTO Club or its officers/directors liable.
- C. Non-Liability of Northern California GTO Club - Club officers/directors shall not be personally liable for debts, liabilities or obligations of the Northern California GTO Club.
- D. Indemnification by the Northern California GTO Club of its Officers/Directors - The Northern California GTO Club Officers/Directors shall be indemnified by the Northern California GTO Club to the fullest extent permissible under the laws of the State of California.
- E. Piercing the Corporate Veil - Northern California GTO Club Officers/Directors may be held personally financially liable for Northern California GTO Club debts or liabilities for violations of State and Federal Laws and Regulations and statutory duties (eg. payment of taxes, not carrying out corporate responsibilities)

V. Conduct of Members

Any member bringing disgrace or dishonor to the club in any way shall, appear before a board made up of five members in good standing appointed by the Tri-Power Presidents and they shall decide how to resolve the problem. Their decision will be final.

VI. Vote

- A. Only those members in good standing will be allowed to participate in a vote.
- B. Any member in good standing may call for a vote related to club activities /functions.
- C. Voting can be accomplished by ballot, show of hands, or a voiced yea/nay as applicable.
- D. A simple majority determines results.
- E. Voting results will be documented into the meeting minutes and reported in the newsletter.

VII. Club Property

- A. Any member taking club property must check it out with the Tri-Power President responsible for such property.
- B. Any member that checks out club property is responsible for its condition and for returning it in the same condition.
- C. A Club Officer or appointed club member shall be responsible for an inventory of club property and it's location.

VIII. Agenda for General Club Meetings

- A. Call meeting to order.
- B. **Secretary shall submit minutes from prior meeting for approval by club members present.**
- C. Introduce new members, guests and vote on those eligible prospective members.
- D. The Club Secretary takes attendance and meeting minutes.
- E. Treasurers report.
- F. Old Business.
- G. New business.
- H. Adjourn meeting.

IX. Election of Officers

- A. All candidates must be a member in good standing for at least one year.
- B. Nominations will be in the following order: Tri-Power President(s), Secretary, and Treasurer will be accepted during the May meeting. Voting will occur at the June meeting or when appropriate if a vacancy occurs.

- C. Term of office shall be for three years starting July 1 of each year until June 30 of the following year and Officers will take office at the July meeting.
- D. Each member in good standing may cast one vote. If duly nominated, Officers may be re-elected as the membership approves nominations. Club members unable to attend the May meeting may send in their nominations via email to the Club Secretary or to the Club's Post Office Box.

X. Officers

- A. Tri-Power Presidents (3)
- B. Secretary
- C. Treasurer

XI. Appointed Positions

- A. Senior Advisor
- B. Internet and Social Media Expert
- C. Newsletter Editor

XIII. Duties of Officers

A. Tri-Power Presidents.

An appointed President shall represent the club in reference to public relations.

An appointed President shall Conduct monthly meeting, prepare the meeting agenda.

An Appointed President shall conduct special event coordination, Select committees and make appointments.

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sign-up sheets, coordinate events and be the go to contact for all car show related activities.

A Committee shall be established to assist in events coordination. The Club Officers shall meet on a quarterly basis.

B. Secretary

Take attendance at meetings and record meeting activities.

Forward meeting minutes to Newsletter Editor in a timely manner.

Retrieve club mail and circulate to the appropriate recipient.

Maintain Club Bylaws.

Maintain hard-copy record of Membership applications.

In the event that the club shall cease to function or exist, the Secretary shall ensure that the proper paperwork and authorities are notified in accordance with California and Federal law so that the club is officially disbanded.

C. Treasurer

Insure that bills, taxes and other Club obligations are paid in a timely manner.

Maintains accounting, checkbook and general ledger.

Receives and deposit club revenues.

Receives membership applications/due.

Once the application has been processed, the hard-copy application is forwarded to the Secretary for placement on permanent file.

Reports to the Club each month regarding club finances.

Maintain Master Member Contact Roster.

Coordinate Roster information with the Club Secretary.

XIII. Duties of Appointed Club Positions

A. Newsletter Editor

The newsletter editor is responsible for compiling the Secretaries notes, receiving any submitted member information (photos, articles and other related information) and producing the clubs monthly newsletter. The newsletter shall be emailed to the club members no later than the 15th of each month.

B. Senior Advisor

Provides information and historic perspective regarding the GTO and acts as a resource to the NCGTO. **C.**

Internet and Social Media Expert

The Internet and Social Media Expert shall be responsible for maintaining the Internet presence for the Club. This includes our website, our social media pages and other means of communication as required by the club through the direction of the Tri-Power presidents. The Internet and Social Media Expert will be responsible for posting our images, event information and other relevant information to the club members and the general public by using various social media sources. All changes and modifications that are not specific to the dissemination of regular club events and information must be done only at the direction of the Tri-Power Presidents.

XIV. Northern California GTO Club Events

- A. The decision to attend events shall be made by the club membership. When selecting an event to attend, an effort to make late model exceptions will be made by the special events coordinator.
- B. Only GTOs will be shown with the club unless exception made by consensus of the Tri-Power Presidents.
- C. All members are expected to help with shows, events, etc (schedules permitting).

XIV Club Emblems

- A. Club Colors - Black, Red and Silver.
- B. Apparel - Shirts, Jackets and Caps.
- C. Miscellaneous - Banners - Business Cards - Car Plaques.