

# GODDARD AUTO TECH CENTER

## NEWS BULLETIN

NASA-Goddard Space Flight Center

May 25, 2001

### General Meeting

Thursday, May 31<sup>st</sup> at 5 pm  
**Come early... Photos from 4 pm to 5 pm**  
Building 32, Room N202

The first building on your right after you go through the gate when going to the Garage.

#### Agenda

1. Pizza
2. Treasurer's Report
3. Election announcement
4. Lift Safety
5. Sewer Line Update
6. Tire disposal
7. Parking Fees
8. Club Purchases
9. Open Forum
10. Adjourn

### SEWER LINE TO BE INSTALLED

A sewer line will be installed in the near future at the Garage along with an oil/water separator to bring us into SWP3 (Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan) compliance. It also allows us to install a sink as well as restroom facilities. Our septic tank, which was installed more than 25 years ago and never used due to failed perk tests, must be removed to make way for the new sewer line. We have two estimates, each for \$800 to have the tank removed.

### LIFT SAFETY

After raising the Bay 2 lift, remember to lower the lift a little and engage the mechanical lock before going under the vehicle. In the event of a hydraulic failure, the lift cannot fall if the lock is engaged. If unsure of this procedure, contact any club officer.

### PHOTO-ID CARDS

New membership cards will have the member's photo on the card. This will require members to come in and have a

snapshot taken. Photos will be taken on the following dates from 4 pm to 5 pm: Before the meeting on Thursday, May 31<sup>st</sup> as well as before the election meeting on Thursday July 12<sup>th</sup>. Photos will also be taken on the following Wednesdays from 4 pm to 5 pm: June 6<sup>th</sup>, June 13<sup>th</sup>, and June 27<sup>th</sup> at the office of Joe Schepis in building 5, room C355D.

### RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP NOW

All memberships officially expire on July 1<sup>st</sup>, however there is a grace period of one month so the expiration date on your yellow card is indicated as August 1<sup>st</sup>. Please send a check for \$25 membership fee plus \$20 user fee if your name is not on the following list of those who performed at least one "volunteer" hour. Also, include any outstanding debts owed to the Club such as parking fees or a new card will not be issued. A pre-addressed envelope is enclosed for your convenience along with the renewal form. Remember to have a snapshot taken for the new photo-id cards at one the meetings or other designated time and location.

### RUN FOR OFFICE

Any member who wishes to run for an office must contact the Election Committee head to submit your platform by Friday, June 15th. Elections will be held on Thursday, July 12<sup>th</sup>. Send your platforms to Garry McGuire, NASA/GSFC, Code 306, Greenbelt, MD 20771. Phone: 6-8933

### USER FEE

Some of you may have wished to volunteer for some Club work and save the \$20 user fee. If you really want to do some volunteer work and save the \$20, call Ken Blumenstock at 6-4268 or send an e-mail to [Kenneth.A.Blumenstock.1@gsfc.nasa.gov](mailto:Kenneth.A.Blumenstock.1@gsfc.nasa.gov) before June 21<sup>st</sup>.

### TIRES AND BATTERIES

Last year I announced that we no longer accept tires and batteries at the Garage. They still seem to keep coming. Some

members have expressed that they would like the convenience of the Club collecting these items. For the time being, the decision has been reversed. Tires and batteries are collected in the recycling area where they are protected from the rain. Our old location behind the building created a mosquito hazard according to Health and Safety. Tire disposal costs the club \$1.75 per tire. We will discuss this issue at the next meeting. Perhaps members should reimburse the club when they dispose of tires.

### **VOTE FOR CLUB EXPENDITURES**

The membership must vote to approve club expenditures of \$400 or more. If you can't make the meeting, please cut and paste the voting form and e-mail it to [Kenneth.A.Blumenstock.1@gsfc.nasa.gov](mailto:Kenneth.A.Blumenstock.1@gsfc.nasa.gov) before June 7th. We need to vote for an \$800 expenditure to have the septic tank removed. If you would like to have parts washer service from Safety-Kleen, vote either for a varsol washer at \$165 every 12 weeks, or aqueous at \$200 every 12 weeks. Varsol works better, but aqueous is more environmentally friendly. For a card-key access and alarm system, the cost is estimated to be \$2500. I propose that we purchase a Husky tool chest from Home Depot for \$985 and an assortment of Craftsman tools for \$1000. To ensure that tools are kept organized, tool control will be implemented using foam with the tool patterns cut into it, and inspections will be performed daily.

### **PARKING FEES**

We have been continually struggling with parking space. The crux of the problem is that many members who park end up storing their vehicles for extended periods without doing anywhere the minimum of ten hours per month as required by the by-laws. This has put the burden of policing those who park on the officers. The best solution that I see is to provide self-motivation to those who park by raising the parking fees. Presently, no parking fees are due if a vehicle is at the Garage less than two weeks. The fee is \$10 per month for the first two months, and then goes up to \$20 per month thereafter. Fees are calculated from the day that the vehicle is initially parked. I propose to double the parking fees. This will

hopefully discourage "storing" vehicles at the Garage and provide incentive to get the job done. Another benefit of course will be extra income for the Club.

### **VOLUNTEER LIST**

M. Bova  
K. Blumenstock  
D. Caprette  
J. Generie  
G. Mcguire  
M. Molter  
L. Phillips  
J. Schepis  
F. Shelton

Out apologies if your name was missed.

### **Photos for new membership cards**

4 pm to 5 pm

The following Wednesdays  
June 6<sup>th</sup>, June 13<sup>th</sup>, June 27<sup>th</sup>

At the office of Joe Schepis  
Building 5, Room C355D

You may drop off your renewal form and check at the photo session.

# GODDARD AUTO TECH CENTER MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM, '01/'02

**If no information has changed, you need only fill-in your name on the top half of this form, the amounts due on the bottom half, and sign and date.** If you did not also receive a copy of the newsletter via e-mail, please include your e-mail address on this form when you renew as well. Also, fill in the name of the contractor you work for if you did not note it in your original application.

Send to: Goddard Auto Tech Center, Code 030.4, Greenbelt, MD 20771

OR drop off this completed renewal form and check at one of the scheduled photo sessions.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone \_\_\_\_\_ CIRCLE ONE  
 Work phone \_\_\_\_\_ a. Civil Servant b. Contractor c. Retired

Fax/Cell/Pager \_\_\_\_\_ BEST WAY TO SEND CLUB INFO

Mail Code \_\_\_\_\_ a. Mail Code b. Home address

Contractor \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

'01/'02 Membership fee is \$25 plus the user fee of \$20 for those not on the volunteer list. A late fee of \$15 must be added for renewals 9/1/01 and after. Parking fees must be current for a new membership card to be issued. Make checks payable to "GATC." Remember to have a snap-shot taken for the new photo-id cards at a meeting or other designated time and location.

'01/'02 Membership	<u>    \$25.00    </u>	
User Fee	_____	
Late Fee	_____	
Parking Fees	_____	
Other Fees or Credits	_____	Check No. _____

TOTAL \_\_\_\_\_ Membership No. \_\_\_\_\_

I, the undersigned, have read the Club's constitution, by-laws, and operating rules and agree to abide by them. I realize that unsafe conditions can exist at the GATC Garage and that it is my own responsibility to recognize such conditions to protect myself from injury.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signed

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Goddard Auto Tech Center  
Code 030.4  
Greenbelt, MD 20771

**IMPORTANT: RENEWAL MATERIAL. PLEASE RESPOND ASAP.**

**GATC ABSENTEE BALLOT FOR CLUB EXPENDITURES**

**For meeting on Thursday, May 31, 2001**

**E-mail to [Ken.Blumenstock@gsfc.nasa.gov](mailto:Ken.Blumenstock@gsfc.nasa.gov)**

**Or send to NASA/GSFC Code 544**

**Or drop off at building 5, room C271**

<b>Septic Tank removal, up to \$1000</b>	<b>For</b>	<b>Against</b>
<b>Safety-Kleen Parts Washer Service, Varsol, \$165/12week</b>	<b>For</b>	<b>Against</b>
<b>Safety-Kleen Parts Washer Service, Aqueous, \$200/12week</b>	<b>For</b>	<b>Against</b>
<b>Card Key Access and Alarm System, estimated up to \$2500</b>	<b>For</b>	<b>Against</b>
<b>Husky Tool Chest and Tools, \$2000</b>	<b>For</b>	<b>Against</b>
<b>Double the Parking Fees</b>	<b>For</b>	<b>Against</b>