

The Hood Scoop

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Gateway GTO Club Information

The Gateway GTO Association was initially formed in the summer of 1984 by a group of seven. They all had a common interest in the Original Muscle Car, the Pontiac GTO. As a for of communication we publish a monthly newsletter called "The Hood Scoop". The purpose of this newsletter is to keep our members informed of all upcoming activities as well as providing interesting event coverage. The club meets every first Thursday of the month at McDonalds Bar & Grill at 12523 Missouri Bottom Road at 7pm. 314-291-1998.

Membership dues are \$20.00 per year and all renewals are required to be paid by December 31st.

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**We
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Looking**

The Hood Scoop is published as an informative news bulletin to keep our members up to date on past, present, and future events.

Gateway GTO Association Meetings

Are held monthly. Dates, times, and locations are listed in the **Upcoming Events** section of the newsletter.

Gateway GTO Association Photo Album

If you have photos of past events or if you take pictures of future events that you think would be good for our Photo Album, please put your name and date and a description of the event on the back and send them to the Photo Album Editor.

The Gateway GTO Association is an official chapter of the **GTO Association of America**

Advertising Guidelines

Classified ads up to 50 words are free to members, add 10 cents per word for any ad over 50 words. Payment is due upon submission. (members need to update ads at 3 month intervals or ads will be dropped).

Classified ads up to 50 words for non-members are \$5.00 per issue. Advertising rates are: full page \$25.00, 1/2 page \$15.00, 1/4 page \$7.00 for three (3) months running time. Payment is due upon submission, discount of 10% for one year pre-paid. Acceptance is at the sole discretion of the editor. All ads should be submitted to Don Bright by the 10th of the month.

Gateway GTO Association Ads

FOR SALE

Parts:

Intakes:

1966 AFB #C362 and Quadrajets

Heads:

#670, #061, #66, #46 (74 GTO), #6H
64 fenders, 64 trunk lid, 70 LeMans val-
ance, 67 GTO passenger door & trunk lid,
66-67 dash pads (needs recovering), 64 bell
 housings, sell or trade for 12 bolt Posi.,
high performance or 1964 GTO parts.

Contact Chris Simmons @ 636-456-3653

15 Inch Honeycomb Wheels (set of 4)

Off 1971-1972 GTO \$125.00. Complete set
of NOS Honeycomb center caps \$150.00
Contact Mark Clatto @ 314-353-6308

Back issues of Pontiac Enthusiast, Muscle
Car review, and High Performance
Pontiac Magazines.

Contact Harry Smelcer @ 636-230-6120
or E-mail me @ harry71gto@aol.com

Literture:

1964-1972 GTO Restoration Guide
New from Club \$15.00

Contact Chris Simmons@ 636-456-3653

Cars For Sale

WANTED

1967 Right Side Rocker Molding
Must be in nice shape

Contact Cecil Morton @ 618-452-
9553

Services Available

Tony's Carburetor Rebuilding
Call Tony Bezzole between 9am-1pm
@ 314-878-6892

ABC DJ Productions
All types of occasions from weddings
to retirement parties. Disc Jockey &
Video.

Contact Mobile Marty Howard @
636-946-8641

Cee-Jay Auto Body
ASE & I-CAR Certified shop
2123 East 23rd Street Granite City Il.
Contact Cecil Morton @
618-452-9563

Card Services Inc.
#13 Hawks Nest Plaza
St. Charles Mo.
Contact Craig Glenn @ 636-946-9892

A NOTE FROM The Prez

First thing, I want to thank all those that came out to the Christmas Party. Tammy and I was very happy to see all of the members. We hope everyone had a great time. We enjoyed having you. Also, we both would like to wish everyone a very **MERRY CHRISTMAS** and a **HAPPY NEW YEAR**.

Next, I would like to thank everyone for having the confidence in me to be your club president. I hope the club can grow and also that we all can have a lot of fun with our GTO's.

With that in mind, I have a great way for everyone to get involved in our club. If you have a calendar, take it out and mark on every first Thursday of the month from February through November, "GTO MEETING". If you haven't been to a meeting in a while, I am challenging you to make one meeting, come to a club event and even ask someone to join our club. The first thing you can do to be involved is come to the **January meeting at IMO'S on Telegraph, Saturday January 12 at 1:00 PM**. Come find out where your GTO club is going in 2002. Oh yeah, the club will buy the pizza. How can you pass up **FREE** food, friends and I promise we'll talk GTO's. Also, if you haven't renewed your membership for 2002, this would be a great time to do so.

With the Pontiac shows coming up this year and the great people in the club, 2002 is going to be a great year. I hope to see everyone in January and throughout the year.

STEVE

Route 66 Diamond Jubilee Cruise/Car Show (November 11, 2001)

Jim Kiburz, contributing writer for The Hood Scoop

For those of you unable to attend, the GGTOA made a strong showing at this event held on 11/11/01. This was our first coordinated effort with club members to promote widespread club participation in a cruise/show type event. In all, we had 10 GTOs caravan to this event with great weather too. The temperature was easily in the higher 60s. We will take that in November anytime!

We started out meeting at the Midwest 4X4 Center at Lindbergh and I-270. Mark O. was kind enough to bring Krispy Kremes for the group!

Thanks Mark! Around 10:00 we all left and headed for Route 66 State Park in Times Beach.

The cruise was an impressive sight, 10 beautiful GTOs, many different years and colors rumbling down the highway. How often do you see such a site? Several times I looked in my rear view mirror saying to myself, wow, this is why I got into this hobby! It was a cool experience. We created many "rubber-neckers" I noticed along the way.

Getting to the park was very easy. Thankfully we arrived early enough, avoiding much of the later traffic that arrived to get into the park. We were fortunate upon entering the grounds to be able to all park in a row next to each other. This was an impressive showing no doubt as others in the show with GTOs (non-members) came over to check out our cars and chat a bit.

There were beautiful cars/rods of all makes, models and years to look at. Perhaps 300 or more cars were in attendance. Not a bad showing for a first time and perhaps last car show. I don't believe anyone stayed long enough for the awards presentation, not that anyone cares that much about the awards anyway!

Everyone in the club brought chairs and picnic baskets, so we were all able to congregate around our cars and spend time together.

All in all it was a great day and a great showing for the club. We finished the day off with some of the group cruising down old 66 to the original Diamonds Restaurant (now known as the Tri County Truck Stop) for a tasty bite to eat at a neat old landmark.

Thanks again for all who turned out. It was a great day. Look forward to our next event!

Tony Bezzoles 1970 GTO. Purchased it in 1981. The car was a show car first and won many trophies. Then it was raced many times. The motor was changed and now is my every day driver, weather permitting. After all this it can also tow our family boat. My 1970 GTO don't stop, it just keeps going, and going, and going. GTO's don't die, they go on forever.



I bought this 1972 LeMans in 1992. I transformed it into my 1970 Pontiac GTO Racecar. It has a 1970 fiberglass front-end, and the car weighs 2,945 lbs with me in it. My best run this year was a 11.43 @ 117 MPH. The motor is a 60 over 400, with 670 heads, the transmission is a Turbo 400 with trans brake in it, 38 hundred stall converter, a 12 bolt Chevy rear end with 433 gears. The car has been raced at Gateway International Raceway and Mid America Raceway.

2002 Upcoming Events

The following events are a copulation of events from several clubs. GGTOA Sponsored events will be marked with an * and Co-Sponsored events will be marked with ** next to the listing.

December 2001

30th Swap meet at the Bell Clair exhibition hall in Belleville Il.

January 2002

12th Yearly Pizza Party at Imo's Pizza on Telegraph Road
1pm

February 2002

March 2002

8th-10th World of Wheels at Americas Center

April 2002

May 2002

June 2002

2nd: Car show at the Warrenton Outlet Mall Warrenton Mo.
Sponsored by the American Roadhouse Club. (Club Sponsored
Event)

July 2002

August 2002

September 2002

Club Picnic at Vago Park in Maryland Heights

Meeting Minutes

December 1st 2001

The December was our yearly Christmas Party. This year it was hosted by the Hedricks. We would like to thank them for opening up their home to us. It was Very well attended. There was a short meeting at the party where club business was taken care of. Election of officers was done by mail to all members this year. The results are as follows: Your officers for 2002 are: President- Steve Hedrick, Vice President Mo.- Jim Kiburz, Vice President II.- Cecil Morton, Treasurer- Will Bowers, Secretary- Donald Bright, GTOAA Chapter Rep- Vic Nettle. Congratulations to all the new officers and thanks to all prior officers for their work in the past. They are the ones that have got us to where we are today. There was also a vote on the new points system for 2002. It was accepted to go back to the way we did in 2000 with modifications to the actual points amounts for certain events. See enclosed.

The points winners for 2001 was: 1st- Don Bright with 375 pts., 2nd- Marty Howard with 265 pts, 3rd- Steve Hedrick with 255 pts. The racing trophies went to Chris Simmons, Pete Fahle, Dan Roy and Tony Bezzole.

Congratulations to all the winners.

I would like to make a special thanks to Chris Simmons for his service as President of our club. He was the longest running President. 5 Years

I would also like to thank Craig Glenn for making up the plastic membership cards again this year. If you haven't got yours, you need to contact me.

Steve has come up with another shirt deal. Screen printed 50/50 T-Shirts with a screen print we designed for less than \$10.00 with a minimum order. Sizes S-XXXL. More to come on the design. We thought of something with a distinguishable piece of each year on it, (a collage)

Old Business

We are still working on a sponsor. Since we have had little response from Moore Pontiac, we are going to actively look into a new sponsor for 2002

The Points System

Don't forget to send in your renewal

Don

Next Meeting January 12, 2002 Hope to see you there.

Club Web Sight

WWW.MEMBERS.AOL.COM/THEHOODSCOOP

Gateway GTO Association Participation Points System (Revised January 2002)

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Points</u>
Attend GGTOA Monthly Meeting With GTO	40
Attend GGTOA Monthly Meeting Without GTO	20
Attend GGTOA Sponsored Event with GTO	40
Attend GGTOA Sponsored Event Without GTO	20
Attend Non-Sponsored Event With GTO	10
Attend Non-Sponsored Event without GTO	5
Attend GTO Regional/National Event with GTO	50
Attend GTO Regional/National Event without GTO	20
GGTOA Officer	50
GGTOA Event Worker/Helper	30
Have your GTO featured as the Goat of the month	40
Write an article for the Hood Scoop	50
Sign up a new member	25
GTO Association Member	50
Have your GTO featured in a magazine publication	40

Point System Rules

1. Attendance at GGTOA Sponsored or Non-Sponsored events:
 - a. To receive maximum points for the event, members/associates must participate with their GTO/LeMans or Tempest.
 - b. If a member brings one GTO and their associate brings a second the maximum points plus half the maximum will be awarded.
 - c. If one member drives another members GTO to an event, the owner receives the maximum and the driver receives half (1/2) the maximum.
 - d. For any other situations, the decision will be at the discretion of the officers.
2. Members/Associates shall be responsible for signing the Monthly Attendance sheet at all GGTOA Sponsored & Non-Sponsored Events. You must sign the sheet or mail you monthly points in to get points for that month.
3. Points shall be awarded only once per event if the event lasts more than one day.
4. Members/Associates must be able to provide proof of participation in any Non Club Event (entry form, dash plaque, race slip, etc.) or be vouched for by another member.
5. Members/Associates shall have (**One Month**) to inform scorekeeper of their participation in any events.
6. Points shall be tallied from January 1st through November **meeting** with awards being presented at the Christmas/Holiday Party.

Awards

Overall Points Winner: GGTOA Plaque or Trophy
 First Runner Up: GGTOA Plaque or Trophy
 Second Runner Up: GGTOA Plaque or Trophy
 Racers Participation: GGTOA Plaque or Trophy

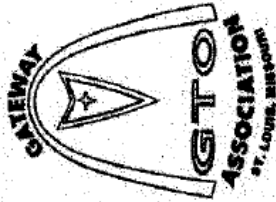
Definitions

Attend with GTO- Attend an event with your 1964-1974 Pontiac GTO, LeMans, or Tempest
 Event Worker/Helper- Any individual responsible for helping out at a Club Event i.e. parking, cooking setting up and cleaning up.

GGTOA Co-Sponsored Events- Non GTO Events by two or more GGTOA members with GTO's. or same as #4 above.

GGGTOA Sponsored Events- GGTOA hosted events.

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