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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 form 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 Wednesday of the month at Culpeppers Restaurant, St. Charles Mo. 3010, West Clay 636-916-3105

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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.

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The President's Scoop

Early on the morning of July 11th, the Oxlers, Mortons, Timmermans, Chapmans and the Fulluo Boys met some members of the Arch Chapter for a caravan to the POCI Nationals in Tulsa, Oklahoma where we met the Mays who had traveled a day earlier and the Rays from Little Rock. Much fun was had including a trip to Darrell Starbird's Custom Car Museum and a day at the Tulsa Drag Strip. I was not planning on racing but knew member Brian Ray would be and did not want him to race alone so I signed up for the "test and tune". If you have not already heard, Brian beat me badly. His '65 GTO hooked up really well and beat me in both of our runs with times in the low 13s, mine in the 14s. Although Brian was running street tires and did quite well, I was not so lucky. Brian went on in his class to win twice before he got too anxious and red lighted. We then had the opportunity to watch another Gateway GTO Club member, Charley Schmidt, win the "Chief" class and take home \$1500.00. Congratulations Charley. See the article in this newsletter on Charley and his 1966 GTO.

The awards ceremony was very eventful for the Gateway GTO Club members present. Every member present except yours truly received an award:

Concourse Judged

John Fulluo	Gold Senior Status	63 Catalina
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Popular Vote

Cecil Morton	2 nd Place	58 Chieftain
Harry Timmerman	2 nd Place	65 Lemans
Darrell May	3 rd Place	65 GTO
Frank Chapman	3 rd Place	70 GTO
Brian Ray	3 rd Place	65 GTO

Now to upcoming events. As most of you know, we have embarked on a path to become more involved with charitable activities and endeavors. Our first two activities are approaching very quickly. First is the Children's Charity Car Show held at Westport Plaza on Sunday, Sept. 9th. Kerry Friedman has been working very hard and our Gateway GTO Club will be handling the Raffle for the Car Show. We need all types of donated prizes to raffle off during the Car Show. Anything from restaurants, car repairs and gift certificates are needed. We also need YOU. Just bringing your car to the Show will help. We hope to reserve many spaces for GTOs and Pontiacs, as the Arch Chapter of POCI will be joining us. Please plan on attending and if possible, hit up your friends, relatives and places you do business with for a donation for this very worthy cause.

Next on our list of Charitable Activities is our Adopt-A-Soldier Program. Cory Evans has begun the process for our Gateway GTO Club to adopt a soldier and at our last Club Meeting it was voted and approved that the Club will match dollar for dollar any donations from the members up to \$1000. All money donated by the members and Club will go to purchase items needed by our Adopted Soldier. Cory is working with the USO and is hoping to have the details finalized so we can have the soldier and his/her family at our Club Picnic on Sunday, Sept. 23rd at Vago Park. Please give consideration to this very worthy cause. Our Military personnel are giving up a great deal to assure our country's freedom and safety. This is our opportunity to express our appreciation for their sacrifices. You can send your donation for the Adopt-A-Soldier Program to:

Cory Evans
2813 Ehlmann Rd.
St. Charles, Mo. 63301.

Make the checks out to Gateway GTO Club
Please write Adopt-A-Soldier in the Memo space

Terrie and I want to deeply thank each of you for the kind words, cards and flowers sent to us after the passing of Terrie's mother, Betty Rinas on Saturday, July 28th. Terrie, her Dad, Ray Rinas, and her two brothers and two sisters were at Betty's bedside when she passed. Her illness was terminal and luckily, she did not have to suffer for very long.

Gateway GTO Association Club Meeting Minutes August 1, 2007

Call to Order – 7:10PM

Rollcall – Sign-in sheet

Minutes from 7/5/07 meeting approved by members present

Old Business:

- Dairy Queen Show at New Halls Ferry & N. Lindbergh 5 PM Saturday Aug 4th.
- 8/5/07 Pontiac Rendezvous at Museum of Transport Upper lot 10AM start. (CPE) Sunday, **9:15 to 9:30 to help set up.**
- 8/10-8/12/07 Tri-Power Nationals at Norwalk, OH (CSE). Steve H is going, coordinate with him to caravan
- 8/11/07 Hazelwood Parks Drive-In Movie (CSE), Saturday Smokey and the Bandit showing
- STLSCCA Rally TSD, time, speed, and distance rally should be interesting date announced later
- 8/25/07 St. Louis Muscleder Tour (CSE), Saturday, Starts in Arnold, has 10 stops, info on website calendar page
- 9/5/07 Club Meeting at Culpeppers (CSE) as usual
- 9/9/07 Westport Charity Children's Cancer Car Show (CSE), Kerry says to **be there 6:30 to 7 AM to help set up**, Marty will run raffles, Mark and Bob Blattel will work
- 9/15/07 American Roadhouse Show with GTO class at Wentzville Outlet Mall (CSE), has GTO class (that Mark did not win in last year)
- 9/15,16/07 Crown Valley Winery car show (we will find out which day is the car show)
- **9/23/07 Club Picnic at Vago Park in Maryland Heights (CSE), noon bring dish, club supplies meat, Chris and Steve cook (well).**
- 9/26/07 Car Jam at Grand Prix Speedway 10 AM. See drivestl.com
- 9/29/07-10/14-07 Route 66 Cruise (CSE), 12 day event to drive to Santa Monica CA see website

New Business:

- Tom has submitted insurance forms for all CSEs through 2007 to JC Taylor
- Adopt a Soldier Charity discussion. A vote was taken on having club match members funds up to \$1,000 and there were no dissenting votes. Also the 50/50 of Sept. would be given.
- Workers needed for Pontiac Rendezvous **9:15 to 9:30 to help set up**
- Workers needed for Westport Charity Show, Mark Melrose and Bob Blattel volunteered **be there 6:30 to 7 AM to help set up**
- July Event Summaries
 - POCI Nationals, 250 cars, 60 judged, a nice walking tour of Tulsa Art Deco Bldgs. Their drag strip is only about 10 minutes from downtown (so is ours). Everybody won except Tom Oxler
 - Museum of Mining cruise, 12 cars participated, we saw mine #3 (the biggest in the world at one time), an 82 year old 40 year mining veteran gave us a tour of the mining equipment which was air powered or dc electrically powered.
- Other new business – open discussion

Tech Issues:

- Shauna's headers took 4 hours and 37 minutes to install and sound nasty when she gives it full throttle. She says PS fluid is needed to replace fluid lost when disconnecting steering lines during installation. At least 15 net horsepower gain was measured (on a hotter day than when the baseline horsepower had been quantified).
- In Sept the emissions testing goes back to individual testers (as it was about 10 years ago)
- Danny Behlman says V6 powered G-8s will be arriving near the end of the year. V8 powered cars will be next year
- Joyce and I have a mysterious ½ amp drain on the 70 GTO. Darrell and I forget whom else suggested checking the alternator. Thanks, we will check it.

Health Report:

- Passing of Terrie Oxler's mother
- Buzz Simpson is functional again after a trip to the emergency room after blacking out at the veterinarian (not for him, for the cat).

Adjournment at 8:24PM

Mark Obucowicz won \$34 which he donated to the Cancer Charity event (the club is donating the other \$34 too).

Then at least 13 of us drove to Lyons for ice cream. On the way home from there we saw Earl stopped at a 7 11. It looked as if he may have gotten a ticket (or at least a "talking to") by an St Charles policeman??????????



2004 Tuning

by Mike Bien

Well, if you are following along, we have added a cold air induction, headers, and a low restriction exhaust. So why does the poor little goat still seem so anemic? Lack of blood flow, i.e., it needs more fuel.

The onboard computer will adapt to a small amount of change, but these changes are taking the required air/fuel ratio out of the reach of the PCM, or Power Control Module. It's time to intervene with a brain transplant.

There are two schools of thought on this. One is to go to a reliable tuner, lay out \$500 and get a dyno-tune. This will consist of the technician running your car on a chassis dynamometer and changing numerous parameters in the PCM with his software. Hopefully he is good at this and has the experience of getting it right the first time.

Changes include WOT Fuel Mixture, WOT Spark Advance, Shift Time, WOT Up Shift MPH, WOT Down Shift MPH, WOT Up Shift RPM, WOT Shift Pressure, Part Throttle Shift Pressure, Upshift Torque Reduction, Idle Speed, Fuel Injector Slope, Torque Management, COT Temp, Injector Slope, Timing Table, Fuel Table, Rev Limiter, Cooling Fan On and Off temperatures, Speedometer Calibration for gear and tire changes, Disable P0420, 0400, 0401, 0402, 0405, 0410, 0412, 0418 1404, 0137, 0138, 0140, 0141, 0157, 0158, 0160, 0161, 1409 and 0430 codes, Misfire Low rev, Misfire idle cyl, and scores of more settings. He needs to be one smart dude!

The second option is to buy a programmer module with all this built into it and do the upload yourself. I purchased a Predator from DiabloSport (P/N SLP7199) and installed their custom Performance Tune. This tune is made for my engine with the modifications I currently have. You merely plug it in the OBD-II port and follow the directions. It takes about 5 minutes.



Why did I decide to go this route? First, if your engine is tuned and you go to the dealer for servicing, the first thing they do is plug in their computer and reset all the configurations back to factory settings.

The majority of the time this fixes the problem you complained about. If it doesn't, they dive into their diagnostic chart and troubleshoot the problem. In the meantime, they just erased your \$500 custom tune. If you got the dyno tune, you will have to make an appointment and go back to get your program reinstalled. Most of the time he will do this free of charge, depending on how many times you go back to the dealer. You will also have an on-board computer which you can observe the programmed settings while you (or someone else) are driving.

Secondly, I feel confident that DiabloSport has mastered tuning over the thirty years they have selling programmed chips. They have numerous research and design engineers and have run numerous configurations on dyno's to get the optimum performance from the LS1 engine with various modifications. If you need to go in for dealer service, you simply plug in the programmer and reload your factory settings that the Diablo swapped for its Power Tune info. They also have a tune that you can do manually, but you better be very good at it or you can ruin your engine. I strongly suggest you follow the directions and trust their engineers.

What were my results? Well, I can now accelerate from 35 miles per hour in 6th gear without lugging when driving like grandma. Going through the gears and shifting at 5800 rpm, the tires will spin at all four gear changes. And I am not talking about some cheesy chirp! I'm chicken to see what happens at the end of fifth gear! Just open the tiger cage by pushing the Tiger Cage button (T/C) and let the tiger roar!

GATEWAY GTO'S AT THE POCI DRAG RACES

By Tom Oxler

I ran into an old Gateway GTO Club member, Danny Schmidt, at the POCI Drag Races in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Danny said he was assisting his son, Charley, who was racing his 1966 GTO. Now this is no ordinary GTO.

Charley has taken what was a factory 4 speed, air conditioned 1966 GTO and gutted the interior, placed a 6 point roll bar, 32 X 14 slicks with a race weight of 3440 pounds. The original engine is long gone and has been replaced by a .030 over 455 to 462, TRW pistons, solid roller cam, Edelbrock heads at 12:1, Holley Street Dominator intake and 1050 carb and 2 in Hustler Headers.

The original Muncie 4 speed has given way to a TH-400 with a 9 in converter which Charley foot brakes at the line. The differential is an 8.75 in Chrysler (it is hard to even type that name) with Strange axles and spool for a final ratio of 4.30.

The old 1966 GTO is all steel except for the front bumper and he launches at 2000 RPM, shifts at 6000 RPM and goes through the traps at 6200 RPM. His best run ever was a 10.88 at 122 mph.

Charley entered the "Chief" class at the POCI Drag Races held during the POCI National Convention in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Charley had 5 fantastic runs at a difficult track. It had been raining off and on every day prior to the Drag day, Friday, and it had rained all evening prior to the races. The humidity was well in excess of 70%, as my wet shirt will attest. Charley finished **FIRST** in the Chief Class and won \$1500. As his Dad, Danny said:

A 19-year-old kid from the Show Me state and the Gateway GTO Club swept the Chief Class with 5 awesome runs in a GTO.

Charley is not finished yet. He plans to put an Indian Adventures 515 cubic inch motor in the 1966 GTO this winter and hopes to find his way into the 9's.

Besides drag racing his 1966 GTO, Charley is a sophomore at Linn State Technical College and during the summer, he helps his Dad and Grandfather operate a 400 head cattle ranch and works at the family Pontiac GMC dealership, **Modern Garage** in Sullivan, Mo.

Congratulations Charley. You did Missouri and the Gateway GTO Club proud.

You can see one of Charley's winning runs on the home page of our Web site: www.gatewaygto.com.



Lead Mine Museum Cruise July 21st 2007

By Vic Nettle

Eleven cars met at the South end of Dierberg's parking lot on highway 21 near Kennerly Rd. These included: Tom and Terrie Oxler in their red 66, Mark and Sandra Melrose in their black 06, Darrell and Tootie May in their 421 powered burgundy 65, Bill Fenlon in his gun metal gray 05, Shauna Wollmershauser and Darren and Mattie and Alex in her black 06, Mark Obukowicz in his white 66, Buzz and Vicki Simpson in their yellow 04, John Lally in his black 06, Paul Jenkins and Cory Evans in their brazen orange 06, Kerry and Debbie Friedman in their metallic candy-apple 69, and Vic and Joyce in their spice red 06 . Later Ken and Kathy Boyer in their 2005 Midnight Blue GTO joined us.

The group started by taking 2 stoplights to head south in highway 21. Most of the rest of the stoplights worked out better, but the front of the group pulled over and waited for the rear when stoplights caught some of the rear cars. Sandra had the co-pilots in the cars looking for signs to fill in the blanks on a quiz sheet she compiled (based on 2 trips over the cruise route to secure the data). Virtually everybody missed at least one of the signs. Joyce and I missed 3 but one of those had been removed so we really only missed 2 signs.

Things went well until the cruise was fairly near the Museum at which point the cars spread out and the walkie-talkies sputtered and were ineffective in keeping us on track. A 5-mile detour was enjoyed by several cars, which went onto highway 32 East instead of 32 West. In due course we all arrived at Lead Processing plant #3 which was built over 100 years ago and is now where the Museum is housed.

We watched a 12-minute video showing how lead processing works. Quite a big operation for today, much less 100+ years ago. Afterwards we were given a tour of several types of mining equipment from 1-ton ore cars to 15-ton electric railroad locomotives, which pulled 200-ton loads. The gentleman who led (pun) the tour was a spry 82 years old and had gone to work in the lead mines in 1945. They had some interesting 440 VAC to 250 VDC electric motor-generator sets and 250 horsepower portable air compressors.

Afterwards we drove to Roseners to eat. Most chose the buffet. I can vouch for the fried chicken, mashed potatoes, salad, shell-roni (I guess that is what it was called), applesauce, and vanilla pudding (small serving, honest).

On the way back to St Louis by way of highway 67 to I-55 Tom showed that his 66 is faster than our 06. Mark and I hit the gas while next to one another. The results were not conclusive, but I glanced down and see 120 on the speedo momentarily. We did not receive any tickets thankfully. The trick is to not speed long and only when there are no police looking.

Arrival home was about 4 o'clock. We averaged 20.1 miles per gallon for the whole trip. The average had been up to 21.5 before the exercise in highway speed. Oh well, it is still great.



My First Car – A Pontiac...Of Course

By
Eric Ray

So this is what it feels like to have a first car, its great! On April 15, 2007 we drove to some remote place in Oklahoma to take a look at our '63 Tempest coupe. The guy we bought it from got it when he was 14 to make it a project for him and his dad, I'm 14 and this is going to be a project with my dad. Almost every call he got was to make it a race car and he didn't want to see that happen.



My dad, Brian Ray, noticed it in the paper Sunday, April 8th, and we decided to call on it to take a look. The owner gave us a call back on Monday and e-mailed us pictures of it. The next day we e-mailed him back saying we wanted to take a look at it, and that we were definitely interested. We waited and waited and waited for him to let us know that it

is definitely a go. He called back on Thursday saying that he had someone lined up to buy it. I thought that that car just wasn't meant to be...Until he called during my soccer game a few hours later saying the person never showed up so we could take a look at it on Sunday. Of course my parents didn't tell me this part until Friday, my birthday.

So on Sunday we began our 2 ½ hour trip at 7:00a.m., hoping we would be back in time for the Arkansas Pontiac Association meeting to show it off. With a few stops and loading the car up, we dropped the seller off back at his apartment and were at the meeting just a few minutes late. I think Chris (*Ritter, founding member of APA*) was the most excited considering he was the first to take a look. People were looking at the car not because it was cool but wondering, what the heck is that piece of junk doing with all of those nice cars? (*not really, most of the club loved it*) It may be a beater now but just wait in a few years it will be finished and looking good.

Archway Olds Club Show at GM Plant, Wentzville, July 29, 2007



Members: Vic Nettle, Guy Gordon, Earl Lewis, Shauna and son Darren Wollmerhauser



Guy Gordon's 70 Judge and Earl Lewis' 67

DQ Cruise 2007 08 04

Several of us (Vicki and Buzz, Cory and Paul, Shauna, Joyce and Vic, and Bill Fenlon) met at Chili's restaurant at 3:30, before the DQ cruise, to eat. At 5:00 we drove over to DQ and staked out a spot under the tree, already It was HOT. We were joined by the O'Sullivan group (Brian, Andrew, Cindy and Denny and later Amy). I measured the temperature of the quarter panels of the GTOs in the waning sun and they were as follows (black was 120, Cyclone gray was 118, Spice red and Blue metallic were each 113 and Yellow was a cool 106). Clearly Vicki and Buzz's yellow car has a much smaller heat load for the AC unit to cope with. Later we walked up to DQ and had some of their frozen custard which was quite good.

Saundra and Mark Melrose arrived a bit later but it was still HOT. We observed that Mark had removed his rear spoiler. His black GTO looks very nice without the spoiler and now he can see much better out the rear window. And since every 100 pounds removed from the car make it 1/10 second faster in the quarter mile, his car should be about 25 milliseconds faster too. Joe Mayweather came with his Impulse Blue Metallic GTO.

There were 8 new style GTOs from our club attending and one Saturn Sky. Clearly the powerful AC units in the new style GTOs encourage us to go swelter at car shows (because we know that going to and from home will allow us to cool off nicely). Corvettes outnumbered us by over two to one as did Mustangs. There was a pretty neat Hummer with 28 inch wheels (maybe we need to try 28 inch wheels on a GTO. We would be able to cross high water creeks). And a gasoline-powered canoe was riding around with a "for sale" sign on it.

Shauna's brother Eugene Dixon, his wife Lisa, and their son Quentin were at the cruise and stopped to say hello.

Buzz brought a spray bottle, which allowed cooling by spraying cold water from Bill's cooler. Bill and Brian brought bottled water (I think I had at least 3 or 4 bottles, thanks).

Finally the sun went down and the temperature went down so much that we did not use the AC on the way home after all. Usually we get about 20 mpg with the new GTO, but we followed Shauna up to the cruise and for some reason the gas mileage was only 18.2 (It requires some brisk acceleration to keep up with Shauna).

It was a fun day and everybody had a good time.

Pontiac Rendezvous August 5th 2007

By Vic Nettle

Attendees from the Gateway GTO club included:

Kathy & Jim Kiburz blue 67
Bill Fenlon cyclone gray 2005
Cory Evans & Paul Jenkins Brazen Orange 2006
Joyce & Vic Nettle spice Red 2006 & spice Red? 78
Phoenix
Shauna Wollmershauser 170 degree metallic black
2006
Vicki and Buzz Simpson cool yellow 2004
Marty Howard Parisienne
Earl Lewis very bright red 67
Mark Obucowicz white 66

Hope I got everyone.

We arrived shortly after 9 AM and were not the first there. Cars arrived steadily until 11 AM. Registrants numbered 49 of which 22 were Gateway GTO cars. It was a hot day with temperatures in the upper 90s. For the first time in memory participants brought electrical generators to operate fans under the tents. Many coolers were full of ice, soda and other beverages. Lunch was catered by Cory and Vicki for some of us. Dessert for me was a fudge bar from the (air conditioned) gift shop of the Museum. We viewed Earl Lindberg's 76 Eldorado convertible and Bobby Darin's Dream Car in the (air conditioned) car museum.

Just for fun we checked the temperature of the various colors of the vehicle. Yellow was 143, Brazen Orange was 155, Spice Red was 163, Cyclone Gray was 165, and Metallic Black was 178 !! The temperatures were measured on the roof with the windows open.

There was much talk of the pros and cons of LT1, vs LS1, LS2, and iron blocked engines. The Judge is still out, so to speak, but the LS engines really run well and give high gas mileage.

Before you knew it 3 o'clock rolled around and the tents were taken down, packed away and everybody went home. We were warm but happy after an enjoyable joint Gateway GTO/ ARCH POCI car show.

Notes from the 2007 GTOAA and POCI Conventions

By John M. Sawruk, P.E.

GM Pontiac Historian

As has become my practice, I would like to share a few thoughts from the 2007 conventions. I realized some time ago that the most important thing I can do for you at these is to share my knowledge (I also greatly enjoy doing this; I also enjoy learning and seeing new things every year myself). While I am currently doing well with my kidney cancer, I am probably the youngest member of the original Pontiac Engineering and I will not not be around forever, regardless. I take your questions and ask my fellow engineers (most in their 70s and 80s) to help me get you answers. (it's good for them to exercise their minds also). As a result, it's not just me speaking--I speak for the whole Pontiac team.

I have never said I know everything. In fact, I don't (just try to keep all the variations of Tri-Power correct in your mind, for example). Sometimes you may disagree or even not like what I say. That's o.k. I try my best based on the facts I am able to gather. I am always ready to discuss, in private or public, any area of disagreement. I am always ready to learn. Of course, I cannot discuss anything that is still considered confidential by GM, some of which is very old. Sometimes I offer my opinion based on the facts I am aware of. You may hear me say, "I would do that on my car." An example would be the need to use modern fuel hose on even the oldest cars running with today's fuels. At other times you will hear me say, "If it was my car, I wouldn't do that." An example would be my refusal to use 10w40, 20w50, etc. oils in any production version of the traditional Pontiac V8. Some of my facts are based on current GM data; some, because of the production years of the engines or vehicles involved, has to be based on old GM data.

All of the chemical changes going on for the modern cars (oil, fuel, coolant, etc.) can put the old cars at risk. For example, few, if any, pre-'82 GM vehicles were designed to run on fuel containing any ethanol. This whole area (old cars and new chemicals) contains various risks and incomplete answers. Material and design changes were made on many of the modern cars to allow them to use the new chemicals (just ask your buddy with the wiped flat lifter cam lobe how he feels about modern oils).

I was able to speak briefly about the upcoming Pontiac G8. I indicated I could allow no questions. Vic Nettle is one of the smartest (and most car imaginative) people I know. Vic immediately asked a question when I was done speaking. Vic--tell me again--what part of "No questions allowed didn't you understand?"

Those chapters at the POCI Convention know I asked each of them an Oakland Motor Car Co. question. This is the 100th anniversary of the founding of Oakland, predecessor to Pontiac. The question was "Who founded the Oakland Motor Car Co? The answer was Edward Murphy. The worst initial individual response I got was Henry F**d" (you know who you are). This chapter did eventually get it right. All of those who said "John or Joe Oakland" chose poorly also (remember the end of "Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade"?). Two chapters failed (mental note to self--give Custom Safari Chapter after-the-fact credit for initiative, as after failing, they called someone at home who used the Internet to get Mr. Murphy's name). For those who didn't know--how do you know where you are going if you don't know where you've been? Mr. Murphy died young--what more might he have done? His vision is the reason there is a Pontiac today.

It is probable that at both next year's GTOAA and POCI Conventions I will ask each chapter another Oakland question. Start studying now; while there were penalties this year (did I let slip the names of the two embarrassed chapters involved?), the penalties for failure next year will escalate!

Now, The Really, Really Serious Stuff

- A plague of missing/disconnected evaporative canister fuel hoses in the engine compartment has erupted over the past several years. This means that fuel vapors can enter the engine compartment, posing a safety risk not only for the owner, but everyone near the vehicle. These systems exist on some 1970 models and all vehicles from 1971 on. I say again to both the GTOAA and POCI Judging Committees that this needs to be caught at Tech Inspection. It is grossly obvious. Any car with this condition should not pass inspection until it is corrected. The crowning blow was a Concours quality car at one of this year's shows which not only had a hose disconnected on one end, but it was wrapped around the steering shaft!
- Many of the '04, '05, '06 GTOs are low on coolant level. This is not good. The vehicles can burp air at times. The owner's manual tells how to check this level ('04 differs from the other years). My personal practice is to keep the coolant level 1/4" above the full cold line. Please review your Owner's Manual.
- Any other vehicles with coolant recovery bottles should consider my thoughts above regarding coolant level.
- The '05-'06 GTOs have the strictest GM oil requirement I have ever seen. Many owners were not aware of it and in fact, at least one reported using an incorrect oil viscosity. Please review your Owner's Manual. It is also important for all new GTO owners to check their oil level on a regular basis. Also make certain you are using the correct version of Dexron ATF (We are now at Dexron VI).

Other Observations

Many '04 GTOs had the pink Dex-Cool dot in the center of the coolant cap faded to white. If you wish to keep your car stock, you may want to get a supply of replacement labels/caps.

On some new GTOs, the Pontiac crest red color is fading. Again, you may want to stock up. Some Vibes have the same issue, as did our original '84 Sunbird Turbo.

If you want to keep your new GTO in an NOS condition, you should consider stocking up on other expendable parts (for example, our family has extra NOS rear shocks for our '96 Ram Air Firebird Formula).

All vehicles with Dex-Cool require coolant changes based on time (from date built) and mileage, per your owner's manual. Also, it is not good to allow the engine coolant level to get low (for various reasons).

People worry about burnt paint on their traditional Pontiac V8 intake crossover and cylinder head center exhaust ports. In reality, it was burnt before it left the engine plant, as all engines were test-run on natural gas on an in-line "merry-go-round" before shipping (All 1984 1.8 liter L4 turbos were actually dyno-tested for power before shipping, but that's another story).

You really should have an assembly manual for your car. At least one owner avoided points deductions by having it. If your exact year isn't available, consider getting a close year (like a '71 manual for a '72). As an aside, in the past two months I have found three assembly manual pages with mistakes-one each from the '67A, '73A and '84P (Fiero). And, yes, I know the '73A and '84P are not available generally but some of us are working on re-constructing them. The more documentation you have with your car (manuals, etc.) the more likely you can be scored correctly.

The 1970 "A" rear bumper was revised for '71 (also used in '72) with two notches added on the top and two holes added to the bottom. These were for the rear bumper guard option that was new in '71. This revised bumper then became the '70 GM service part (one of our more logical service part changes). However, use of the service bumper on a '70 may cost you in points judging depending upon what class you are in.

A lot of easily fixed items are often wrong even on points judged cars:

Air cleaner wing nuts

Battery cables

The battery itself

Radiator caps

Spark plug wires

Missing/incorrect style hood bumpers (both on the fender and the radiator support). Note - sometimes the fender ones were left off on purpose to get a better fit.

Wrong lug nuts (hint--red center rally wheel lug nuts were never used in production. Never. Forget the ad photos).

Wrong tire caps (we almost never used chrome--but a very few recent cars did).

Missing/wrong spare tire hold-down washer. This is actually usually a "fender" washer. Many cars have none or a regular size washer.

Almost none of the cars should have a decal on the air cleaner lid.

We did not clearcoat air cleaners, alternator brackets, etc.

I hope you find this of use.

Thanks for everything.

John

P.S. Convention Bonus from the "Truth is Stranger than Fiction" department. An unnamed POCI specialty chapter newsletter editor from Stillwater, NJ, includes an article in an issue that basically says, "Hey folks, I need stories, mail, etc. to keep the newsletter going--it can't be just a one person job." However, when you try to get in touch with him (as I found out), the phone no., e-mail, and P.O. box he has listed in the newsletter for himself are all no good. When I finally contact him and ask him about this, he immediately says, "I'm in the Witness Protection Program". I am keeping his name secret in the hope he will send me some Taylor Ham (an East Coast delicacy!) (This has to be one of the most classic POCI moments ever).

Schedule of Events 2007

AUGUST:

- 10th – 12th **TRI POWER NATS** Norwalk, OH 4196637383
- 11th **4th ANNUAL DRIVE-IN MOVIE NIGHT** Hazelwood Parks & Recreation, Hazelwood Sports Complex 6:00 pm
4622 Aubuchon Road and Tesson Rd “Smokey & the Bandit”(CLUB SPONSORED point value 20 - 40)
- 18th **Arch Chapter Night at the Sky-View Drive-In**, Belleville, Illinois. Missouri people can meet at the Wal-Mart parking lot at Hwy 255 and Telegraph, to leave promptly at 6:30 and caravan to the Sonic in Belleville to eat bring: lawn chairs, cooler, snacks, bug spray and a radio (for the movie sound). Adults \$8 children under 12 free.
- 19th **RoadRally™ of the St. Louis Region SCCA** website = www.stlscca.org/
25th **MUSCLE TOUR (CLUB SPONSORED point value 20 - 40)**
CAR JAM Rain or Shine Grand Prix Speedways website = www.drivestl.com

SEPTEMBER:

- 5th **GTO MEETING** Culpeppers St Charles 7pm (CLUB SPONSORED point value 20 - 40)
- 8th **CAR, TRUCK, & MOTORCYCLE SHOW** Rain or Shine First Baptist Church of St Charles
- 9th **WESTPORT CHARITY CHILDRENS CANCER (CLUB SPONSORED point value 20 - 40)**
- 15th **AMERICAN ROADHOUSE SHOW** Warrenton Outlet Mall reg 9 – 12 awards 4
(CLUB SPONSORED point value 20 - 40)
- 23rd **GGTOA PICNIC** Vago Park, Fee Fee Road and Midland Avenue (CLUB SPONSORED point value 20 - 40)
- 28th – 30th **RT 66 MOTHER ROAD FESTIVAL** 9th and Capital, Springfield, IL (downtown) 217-698-4800
- 29th **AMERICAN ROADHOUSE RAIN DATE (CLUB SPONSORED point value 20 - 40)**
- 29th **GGTOA ROUTE 66 CRUISES** 12 days to California <http://www.gatewaygto.com/route66tour/index.html>
(CLUB SPONSORED point value 20 - 40)

OCTOBER:

- 3rd **GTO MEETING** Culpeppers St Charles 7pm (CLUB SPONSORED point value 20 - 40)
- 6th **OLD DOG STREET RODS OPEN HOUSE AND NSRA APPRECIATION DAY** 9 – 4 on site parking for 72 and older
11435 Dorsett Road, Maryland Hts., MO
- 6th – 7th **MUSCLECAR REUNION and NOSTALGIA DRAGS** Kansas City MO www.musclecarreunion.com
- 21st **Mystery Tour MUSEUM OF TRANSPORT** more info to follow (CLUB SPONSORED point value 20 - 40)
<http://www.museumoftransport.org/pdf/mot2007events.pdf>

NOVEMBER:

- 7th **GTO MEETING** Culpeppers St Charles 7pm (CLUB SPONSORED point value 20 - 40)

DECEMBER:

- 8th **HOLIDAY PARTY WEBSTER GROVES BARN** (Hawkins House), 1155 South Rock Hill Road, Webster Groves, MO

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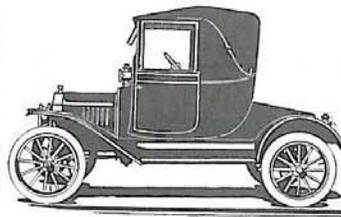
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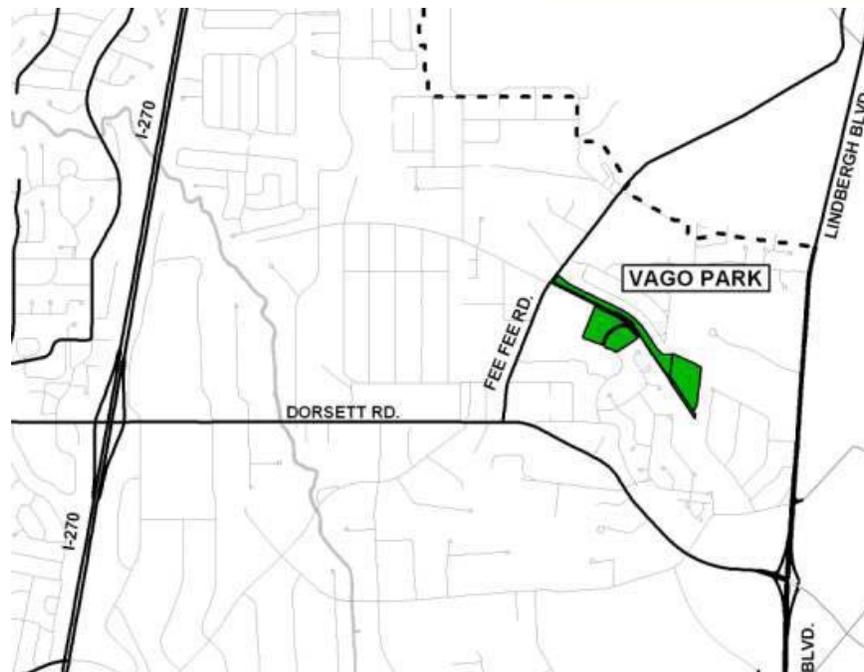
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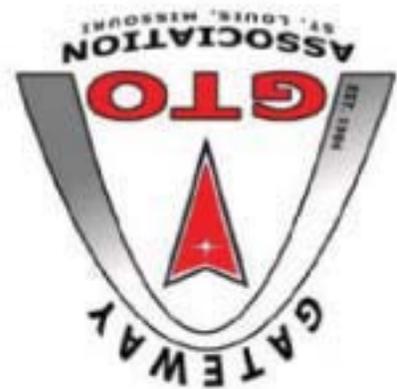
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