



THE HOOD SCOOP

JULY 2009

GTO of the Month

Jim & Kathy Kiburz's 67 GTO

Gateway GTO Association



Kathy and I have owned our 67 Tyrol Blue/Parchment interior GTO since July 2001. The car is a correct restoration of it's original 4 speed ram-air designation. The car was probably the 3rd or 4th car we looked at once we got serious about looking and purchasing. The car had previously been owned by Bill Hensley, a gentleman who lived near Indianapolis, IN. We found the car through Hemmings. Bill (a retired Chrysler transmission builder) had owned the car since 1994 and completed the frame on restoration sometime in 1997. Bill had previously restored a number of GTOs and he selected this one because it was an almost exact copy of the car he had when he was younger. The most challenging aspect of this restoration was clearly finding the correct XS block for this ram air car. After much effort in searching the country he found a rusted, correct XS block and in proper date code in Oklahoma. The block was a complete mess he acknowledged and it required major overhauling including the sleeving of the cylinders.

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The car was originally owned (according to PHS docs.) by Beulah Fultz of Richmond, KY and was purchased from a dealer nearby. Given the color scheme of the car, it would make sense that this woman purchased it, however it was the top of the line goat w/4spd, ram-air, HO, racing gears and no AC, so we don't know if she purchased it for herself or perhaps for her son. We don't know exactly how many owners the car has had, however Bill, who we purchased the car from, seemed to think he may have been the 4th or 5th owner. The person he had bought the car from had drag raced the car exclusively, as Bill noted the interior of the car was completely gutted, carpet and all with about the only thing in it being an old chevy seat.

After a few yrs of having the car complete (since 1997) , Bill claimed driving the car made him nervous as he was always concerned about rock chips and the sort, as a result he drove the car very little (200-300 miles driven since the restoration was complete). Bill had another project underway (another 67) and two cars for him was getting to be too much. As his wife was not into the car or in showing it, he would typically be out on his own if he were out in the car. As a result, he was looking to sell the car.

On my second visit (summer 2001) over to see the car, Bill agreed to sell us the car in 2001 for \$23,500. He had wanted \$28,000 and had full price offers from out of town, however he could not bring himself to sell the car to someone sight unseen. I made it clear that I would not go over \$23k. He indicated that it made him feel better to sell the car to someone who would come there, look at it in person, talk about the car, etc. to make sure they knew exactly what they were getting. After a few hours of talking about the car and careful contemplation he said he could go at \$23,500 and we shook hands on the deal. I remember on our first visit to see the car, he had me start and drive the car on a grass field behind his house/garage that was the size of a football field and perfectly mowed so that I could have a feel of the car there first before taking it out on the road. In the end, while we paid a higher price for the car, it has worked out as we have had to do next to nothing to the car, the restoration including the mechanical aspects appear to have been good quality.

A few years ago, Kathy purchased me Hurst wheels for a present and we have mounted those on the car with red-lines which really complete the package. Nothing else has been added to the car since we have owned it.

I occasionally still talk with Bill Hensley and have seen him at the GTOAA Nationals and he always comments that the car looks better now than when he had it, the car has a good home as he says.

The Presidents Scoop By Tom Oxler

This past month, we celebrated our 6th annual Behlmann Buick Pontiac GMC show with over 60 new and classic GTOs, Pontiacs and Buicks participating. The weather was great and thanks to Behlmann for the hotdogs and Harry Timmerman for the brats, the food was good and plentiful.

Our thanks goes to Dan Behlmann, Anthony Bortoli and Al Mormino for their continued support of our Gateway GTO Club. Behlmann has been an unwavering sponsor of our local club and it looks like the future is bright for a continued long term relationship.

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GATEWAY GTO CLUB JULY
MEETING MINUTES
JULY 1, 2009

The monthly Gateway GTO meeting was held at Culpeppers on St. Charles Rock Road in Bridgeton. Members began arriving by 6:00 PM for dinner and fellowship.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by President Tom Oxler. Officers in attendance: Tom Oxler, Darrell May, Mark Melrose, Steve Hedrick, Will Bowers and Kerry Friedman.

NEW MEMBER: No new members this evening.

OLD BUSINESS:

Bob's Gasoline Alley: On Saturday, June 6, 12 GTO's met and cruised to the location in Cuba, MO. An abundant and delicious lunch was served. After desert, the three buildings were toured. Along with the numerous gas pumps and signs, that are visible from I-44, the buildings contain signs, die-casts, pedal cars, figures, and many other nostalgia items. One room is an ice cream parlor. After the tour, the World's Largest rocking chair was visited, and then some went on to the St. James Winery. A great time was had by all.

Oldsmobile Club Show: Was held at Tan Tara in the Lake of the Ozarks. June 5 and 6. There were 50+ cars at the indoor, carpeted and A/C car show. There were a few Pontiac's and GTO's. It is an annual event held on the first weekend in June.

Motoexotica Car Auction: A few members met at the Auction on Friday

at 3:00 PM at St. Charles Rock Road and Earth City Expressway. There were a few Pontiacs. It was interesting. Cars did not sell for as much as in the Barrett-Jackson Auctions.

Behlmann Car Show: On June 13, we had another great turnout with over 60 Buicks, and Pontiacs. Hot dogs, drinks and Harry Timmermann Brats were had. Dan Behlmann said he would continue to be a Club Sponsor. If you are looking for a car, please check out the deals at our longtime and faithful sponsor.

Taste of Cottleville: Was held on a hot and sunny June 27, at the City on Hall on Mid Rivers. Food, music and good times were had. There were about 15 Pontiacs and GTO's. The event T-shirt has a red GTO on it.

NEW BUSINESS:

Catsup Bottle Car Show: At the American Legion in Collinsville, IL. Route 159. \$10 to enter, registration from 10:00AM to 1:00PM. July 12.

GTOAA 2009 Convention: Will be held July 7 – 11, in Dayton, Ohio. Hotels are filling up fast. Make your reservations now. You must be a member of GTOAA or POCI to participate. If you want to show your car in both sections, you have to belong top both organizations. You can go to www.gtoaa.org for a link to the Co-Vention. Steve Hedrick is the National Convention Coordinator. There are currently no main sponsors, and if you are planning to attend, you will probably have to register when you get there. Club Sponsored. See co-vention website for new schedule. Very unusual cars will be on Display, the fantastic Air Force Museum, and

other tours are available, as well as interesting seminars. We will have 20+ members in attendance. Drag racers must pay at gate. Go enjoy and have a great time with fellow GTO and Pontiac enthusiast from all over the country.

Caravans will meet at Pocahontas Exit 36 on I-70, in IL. 2 cruises to Nationals; Tuesday July 7 and Wednesday July 8, at 8:00 am.

Ray Brunkhorst Drag Day: Rain date of July 18, in Benton, IL for open 1/8 mile drag racing, 9:00am to 3:00 pm. \$35 per driver and guest. Spectators \$5.00. Send your checks to Will Bowers, or pay at gate. Open to all. Invite your friends from other clubs to show them what a Pontiac can do. Meet 7:30 at FedEx Kinko's in Fairview Heights for a caravan to the track. Dinner at the same restaurant as last year. Help needed at the track. Shauna Wollmershauser is organizing the event. Club Sponsored.

There will be Jackpot bracket racing, and a wheelie show by the Tosto's.

Wentzville Nostalgia Cruise: The next Cruise will be held on this Friday, August 7. Meet at Pearce Blvd. and cruise up and down the street. No proof of insurance needed. Open headers, but no burn-outs.

Hazelwood Drive-In Move: August 8, a free movie and car show.

Tri-Power Nationals: Drag races in Norwalk, OH. August, 7, 8, and 9. Several members are going. Contact Tom Oxler for more information.

Pontiac Rendezvous: August 16. At the Museum of Transportation on

Barrett Station Rd, in St. Louis County. With POCl. Participants will get free entry into Museum.

Confederate Air Force Tour: August 22. Bob Blattel is organizing a visit to the small airport on Hwy 94, on the road to the Grafton Ferry. They have a B17, Torpedo Bomber, and more. Bob is trying to get the planes outside to take pictures in front of them. A cruise will be set. There is a restaurant with sandwiches on site. More info to follow.

Wagner Pontiac Show: In Belleville, IL with POCl. September, 12. Wagner has been notified by GM that they will lose their Dealership. They just built a new \$3M facility.

Wheels In Motion: Charity Car Show at West Port Plaza. September 13. **Please start gathering auction items from vendors, members, and companies**, to be raffled for the National Children's Cancer Society. Bob Blattel is our Chairman. We will run raffle and also park cars and collect \$15 entrance fee. Food and entertainment. Volunteers needed. Show is run by St. Charles Classic Car Club.

Annual Club Picnic: Sept. 20 from 10-4 at Vago Park. At Fee Fee Road and Midland in Maryland Heights. Club will furnish pork steaks, chicken, hot dogs, burgers, and Harry Timmermann Brats. Bring your own drinks, and a side dish to share or desert. Free to Members only. Bring your GTO. We will eat at 12:00.

Route 66 Festival: Springfield, IL. Sept. 25, 26, and 27. The Chain of Rocks Bridge will be open to drive across, the cruise to Springfield on old

route 66. On Friday, 5-600 cars will cruise the streets of Springfield. The cars will be safely parked and hotels available. A good time is in store.

www.visit-springfieldillinois.com/Route66

Sign Up Sheets:

The monthly meeting sheets were sent around to be marked with attendance.

TECH ISSUES

Harry Smelzer charged his A/C with R34 and a kit he bought. Was very easily done. He is looking for information on correct thermostat for his 455HO. Car runs too cool. Members recommended that he check his temperature gauge, since Pontiac's never run too cool. Harry bought a G8 GT, and really likes it.

Darrell May said that if you change your PS pump, check the bolts after driving. His came loose.

Mark Melrose found the coolant leak. It was the water pump. He replaced it.

GOOD OF THE CLUB

Bob Blattel's brother passed away. He had a breathing problem.

Annette Morton's mother broke her hip and is recovering.

Terrie Oxler's father had back surgery and is up and walking.

Marty Howard celebrated his 1 year anniversary of dating Barb.

Will and Donna Bowers will be Grandparents soon.

Chris Simmons knows of a '62 Grand Prix for sale. 350 w/ 350 Turbo. California car. \$25K.

In St. James, a '67 GTO with parts car and '67 LeMans with parts car.

The meeting adjourned after Marty Howard won \$39.00 in the 50-50 drawing, hosted by Darrell May.

Minutes by Kerry Friedman, Secretary

Technical Article Of the Month

A HOT SUMMER NIGHT – 1964
BY JOHN SEABOLT

(Reprint of an article found in the
March 1993 Hood Scoop)

Hot and humid. The August 1964 evening was vintage St. Louis. At 11:00 pm, sweat still seeped from every pore unless cooled by a breeze created by movement of the Pinehurst Green 1964 GTO. Every window of the hardtop was down, wing windows were angled to scoop in every available drop of hot, muggy air. It was hot..real hot! Perched proudly on the console was a sweet young thing clad in short shorts and a moisture soaked blouse that clung like a suntan. The back of my shirt stuck to the black Morrokide seat as if it were made of Velcro. We are talking hot!!!

Less than an hour earlier the four barrel, four speed GTO had shown the way for a red 1963 409 Impala SS, with plenty to spare. The GTO was running strong after being tuned that afternoon. Super Shell was providing octane in copious quantities. The car was hooking like a working girl in a GI town on payday. It was great to be young and alive, but man it was hot.

We were taking it easy, crossing the Missouri River from St. Charles, Missouri, headed east toward St. Louis on the old two lane St. Charles Rock Road Bridge. Suddenly, the rear view mirror exploded with lights from a fast approaching car behind. The headlights lurched in harmony with the sound of shifting gears. My heart pounded as I heard the wail of multiple carburetion and felt the rumble of throaty exhausts. It was showtime!!!

I downshifted to third and began to slow. As I came off of the bridge, I went to second and cleared the AFB a couple of times. With no traffic coming, the car behind pulled up next to me in the oncoming lane. I was now bumper to bumper with the most evil, mean and nasty looking 1964 GTO Post Coupe on earth. Dressed in triple black, sporting red line tires with poverty caps and exhaust splitters, the car was absolutely beautiful. I gulped as we both found first and dropped our speed to a slow roll. I waited for his shotgun to begin the count. Sweet thing, chin in air, didn't budge from the console.

I'm not sure she was aware of the classic confrontation she was about to witness between two of the most feared super cars of the time. Two 1964 GTOs. This was street fighting at its best.

One! I gave it some clutch and brought up the rpms. Two! I never heard three! We both nailed it at the same time (a tad early). This guy wasn't going to get beat by a hole shot, he was no rookie, he knew what he was doing. The noise was deafening, the adrenalin rush overpowering, the heat no longer oppressive. He hit second a split second before I did. Our front ends vaulted forward and sweet thing catapulted into the back seat, legs sticking in the air like a wishbone. Bless her heart, I didn't have time to make a wish! The dancing red lines told me it was time for third and again he let it rip before I did. I started to pull ever so slightly ahead, about a half a fender. His red line tires chirped as he banged fourth. My white walls (with reduced air pressure) dug in like hungry ticks. I pulled to a full fender lead. We were both hanging on for dear life. Sweet thing was missing the race of her life, she was preoccupied with other things.

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The fender gap held until he decided to get out of it. Now I was concerned with the gender gap. We both slowed and he pulled in behind me as we resumed a normal speed. Sweet thing was in a total panic to get herself upright. Bless her heart, she really looked used. Her bouffant hairdo was destroyed along with her pride. She wasn't having as much fun as I was. We slowed even more and pulled off onto the shoulder and stopped. I could feel the heat from the weather, the engines and sweet thing's glare.

I got out of the car and walked back to the black GTO. The driver and I met at his front fender. I commented that it had been a damn good race and that his car was not only fast but also very good looking. He returned the compliment and congratulated me on winning. He said my car looked like a sleeper with its white wall tires. He said he had never been beaten before and stated that he had worked on the tripower and finally got it running the way it should. I guess he assumed I also had tripower. I didn't have enough testosterone in my system to inform him I was only running a four barrel. I was afraid he'd rip my head off, he was big and hairy! I'm not! In parting, he asked what I had in the back seat. He was more interested in that than what was under my hood. I told him what had taken place and we both became delirious with laughter. We could hardly stand up, we were loosing it. I had to get to a rest room. Sweet thing wasn't laughing, she was hot! I never saw him or his demonic looking 64 GTO again. As for sweet thing? Well, as you can guess, I never saw her again either. Bless her heart, she just couldn't take the heat.

John Seabolt was a member of the Gateway GTO Club during the 1990s and passed away several years ago from cancer. As you can see, he was a very good writer and his articles will continue to be missed.



Gateway GTO Activities

Bob's Gasoline Alley
By Terry and Gail Schott

Saturday, June 6, 2009, turned out to be an absolutely *gorgeous* day weather-wise for a cruise. We started out with donuts and coffee at Terry & Gail Schott's house with cars starting to arrive at 9:45 AM. As it was determined that everyone who was meeting here had arrived, we decided it was time to hit the road at 10:15 for our estimated arrival of 12 to 12:15 for our meal. We attempted to get the goats angled down the driveway in order to capture a photo op, but alas, the goats had minds of their own (or was that the drivers?!) and only a few could be captured effectively for our driveway snapshot.

Everyone was given a handout of excerpts from "The Missouri US 66 Tour Book" written by Skip Curtis, to guide us and point out attractions (former and present) along the way. Our cruise took us along "Historic Route 66" all the way to Cuba. We picked up a couple of straggler goats along the way, making a swing through a Sullivan, MO Napa store that was having a car show that day. It was fun "cruising" thru the circle drive and having everyone wish they were us! By the time we got to Bob's we were 12 goats strong including: Oxler's, Brune's, Morton's, Schott's, Freedman's, Winslow's, Melrose's, Bowers', Ewens', Bond's, and Marty and Shauna our token singles for the day.



We entered "Darlene's Diner" and were blown away by the size of their dining area. They could easily serve well over 100 persons with all of their decorated multi-colored tables. We were very pleasantly surprised with the amount and quality of the food that Darlene served. There was pork loin in bbq sauce, creamy chicken breast, tomato sauced macaroni, green beans, sliced potatoes, garden salad and rolls. Then the dessert table! There were numerous pies, cheese cakes, angel cake with berries, chocolate and coconut cakes and cookies to boot!

The décor was out of this world. The number of tin signs, tin thermometers, neon clocks, and neon signs could only be out numbered by the die-cast cars, trucks, busses, farm tractors and implements. But wait! The collection of children's pedal cars and cookie jars were just as vast. Elvis was wailing out a tune as he played his guitar and Marty found his dream girl on the second floor. Mannequins dressed in period costumes adorned many of the displays. In one of the barns, set up with red and white booths of a malt shop, many of us had to have our pictures taken. As our visit with Bob and Darlene ended we convinced Bob to get in our photo under one of his many signs.

Gateway GTO Activities

Several of us headed a little further west to the World's Largest Rocking Chair and the Fanning Outpost. The owner of the outpost, being of superior insight and breadth of knowledge picked the "cherry red" GTO for his favorite and his winner in our parking lot lineup. When asked "which" cherry red one he liked it was pointed out that our 67 was his pick of the day! We enjoyed a free wine sample at the outpost and several of us made a purchase or two.

From the World's Largest Rocking Chair, the remaining goats went grazing at greener pastures in St. James at the winery. We enjoyed a bottle of wine, attempted to help out a youngster with an ignition/starter problem in his car, and it was determined that he was beyond help and needed new components to get him going. The final grazers broke up from there and headed for home. A very enjoyable day had been had by all. Thank you to everyone for attending.

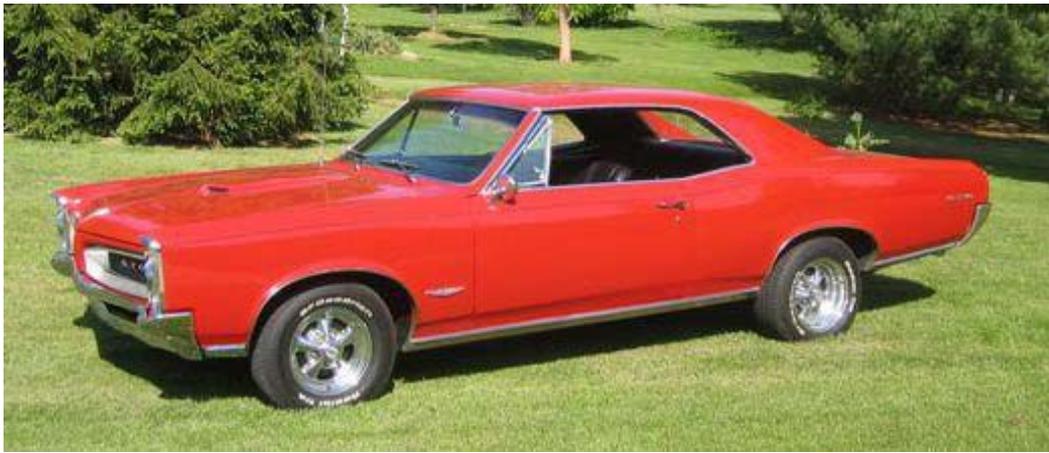
Terry & Gail Schott



2009 GATEWAY GTO CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- JULY 1- GTO Meeting 7pm Culpeppers Restaurant 12434 St. Charles Rock Rd. Bridgeton, Mo. 63044 (CLUB SPONSORED)
- 7-11 GTOAA/POCI COVENTION – Dayton, OH (CLUB SPONSORED)
- 18 RAIN DATE - Drag Day at I-57 Dragway in Benton, Illinois (CLUB SPONSORED) \$35 to drag race from 9am to 3pm. \$5 for spectators
- AUG 5 GTO Meeting 7pm Culpeppers Restaurant 12434 St. Charles Rock Rd. Bridgeton, Mo. 63044 (CLUB SPONSORED)
- 7-9 TRI-POWER NATIONALS – Norwalk, OH.
- 8 HAZELWOOD DRIVE IN MOVIE – 6pm Hazelwood Sports Complex
- 16 PONTIAC RENDEZVOUS ALL PONTIAC DISPLAY – Museum of Transport 3015 Barrett Station Rd. (CLUB SPONSORED)
- SEPT 2 GTO MEETING 7pm Culpeppers Restaurant 12434 St. Charles Rock Rd. Bridgeton, Mo. 63044 (CLUB SPONSORED)
- 12 Wagner All Pontiac Display - Wagner Pontiac, Bellville, IL 11am - 3pm
- 13 Wheels in Motion Children's Cancer Charity Car Show - Westport - More info to follow (CLUB SPONSORED)
- 20 GTO PICNIC at Vago Park 11am to 4pm Club supplies the pork steaks, brats, hotdogs, burgers & chicken. Members bring a desert or chips or covered dish. Bring your GTO for a group display. (CLUB SPONSORED-MEMBERS ONLY)
- 25-27 Route 66 Festival in Springfield, Illinois. More details to follow.
- Oct 7 GTO MEETING 7pm Culpeppers Restaurant 12434 St. Charles Rock Rd. Bridgeton, Mo. 63044 (CLUB SPONSORED)
- 10 EPC Car Show at 3941 Harry Truman Blvd. St. Charles, Mo. 63301 (CLUB SPONSORED)
- 11 Palisades Charity Car Show at Palisades Yacht Club at 1670 Riverview St. Portage Des Sioux, Mo. 63373 (CLUB SPONSORED)

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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, 12434 St. Charles Rock Rd, Bridgeton, Mo. 63044 (314) 739-6781.

Membership dues are \$20.00 per year and all renewals are required to be paid by December 31st. You are allowed to have one associate member.

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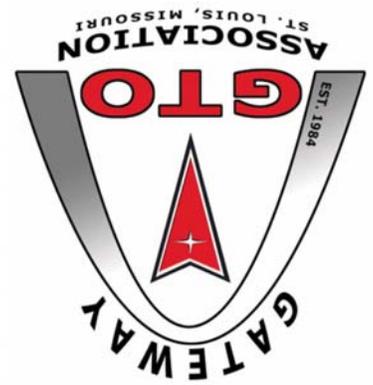
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