



THE HOOD SCOOP

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GTO of the Month

My GTO

By Leroy Brune

Gateway GTO
Association



Like most teenage boys in the 60's and 70's having a neat car was important. In my hometown of Washington Mo. It wasn't how fast your car went but it had to look cool. My first car was a 58 Chevy. It was transportation and that's about all I can say about it. Next was a 66 Mustang 6 cyl. (Not fast but it looked good). After that for a while I just had drivers.

When Deb and I met I was driving a Buick Regal and she had a Chevy Nova, both 6 cylinder. Some years later we started talking about getting a cool car that we could cruise in. Since Deb and I both had Mustangs when we were younger we thought we would keep our eyes out for an old Mustang but then the story changes.

Terry and Gail Schott were friends of Deb's before Deb and I met and we had been seeing them once in a while and Terry would always want to show me his GTO and what he was doing to it. He kept telling us we needed a GTO not an old Mustang.



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put into it. He kept bugging me to buy the car and coming up with a different price so I went and looked at it once more, agreed on a price and he delivered it to our house.

After we got the car home our plans were to fix the fire damage under the hood and dash, put a GTO hood on it, new windshield, new top and a quick paint job. All we were looking for was something that looked ok as we were driving down the

One Saturday when I was at work, Deb called me and said Terry called her (by mistake I might add, he had wanted to call me) and asked her if we wanted to buy his old 65 GTO. Well one thing led to another and I now have his old 65 389 4bbl in our garage. That car has led us to **THE REST OF THE STORY.**

The car we drive the most and have the most fun in is our 1967 Lemans / GTO Clone ragtop. I had seen the car around town for a number of years and always thought it would be a neat one to have. I knew the owner as he would come into the **NAPA AUTO PARTS STORE** where I work and I kept telling him if he ever wanted to sell it to be sure and let me know. Sometime later he came to me and said he was ready to sell the ragtop. Needless to say I was excited until he told me it had an under hood and under dash fire. I told him that I was not interested as I thought he was asking too much for the amount of work I needed to

street .Our son and son-in-law being body techs would hear nothing of the kind, so after spending several evenings messing around with it they had it down to a body on one side of the shop and the frame on the other side. That's when they told me we were going to turn it into a GTO, so the process begins. By this time my son in-laws brother (also a body tech) was coming over also. The boys spent many evenings in the shop when they should have been home with their families. (Thank you Erin and Jen, you gave up a lot so the guys could work on our car.) We decided to start on the frame and work our way up. In the process



the frame fell on me and broke my leg just before the St. Louis Nationals. I was in a wheelchair during that time.

The work continued for the next few years. The body got new quarters, a GTO tail panel and GTO grills. I found a GTO hood but after we got the paint and bondo off of it, it was not useable. Terry had an old Lemans hood that was in fair shape so the boys cut the scoop out of the old hood and fabricated it into the Lemans hood. Now it looks just like it came out of the factory.

As most of you know some of the parts we need are just not reproduced so many hours were spent in junk yards and at swap meets but we still could not find all of our parts. Once in a while things just seem to fall into place as one evening I received a phone call from a guy that asked if I was building a 67 Lemans rag-

top. I told him I was and he told me he had a car he wanted to get rid of and that it had some good parts on it. I told him I was interested and then found out it was a complete car. After talking to him for some time I tried to get a price from him but all he wanted was a ride in ours when it was finished.

We finally got the car on the road in the spring of 2010. Since then we have had a few problems but all very fixable.

Deb and I enjoy our driver as often as we are able, sometimes 2 or 3 times a week just to go for an evening cruise. Twenty years ago if someone would have told me I would be the proud owner of a GTO as a toy I would have told them they were crazy. Now we can only thank Terry Schott for making the phone call to the wrong person.





Presidents Scoop

The Presidents Scoop By Mark Melrose

Happy New Year

Well, the 2012 “car season” is fast approaching. I hope most members have gotten further along in completing work scheduled on their cars than I have. I continue to gather parts for finishing work on my 1968’s interior but the list gets longer every time I review it. Let’s see – new turn signal switch, new dash harness and fuse block, new heater core with housing, a stock AM radio, new rear/trunk harness, new dashpad, gauge restoration, new heater controls and cables, new dash bulbs and knobs, replacement for the missing over-radio dash map light and the list goes on. And that’s just a partial list for the ’68, the 2006 needs new tires, replacement window tint, a dyno-tune, etc., etc. What have I gotten myself in to? the Car Hobby. Little did I realize when I got into the hobby in 2003 how this passion for the GTO would consume resources, but it’s a great diversion from the everyday ho-hum made even better by participation in Club events and fellowship with our members.

The first official Club Event for 2012 took place January 15th at Ravanelli’s Restaurant in Granite City, IL. Our annual Pizza Party was very well attended by about 60 members and family. We filled out Ravanelli’s banquet room and filled up on pizza, salad and libations. Next up is our annual Eagle Watch Cruise scheduled for Saturday, February 4th. Once again we’ll get up-close with at least two live Bald Eagles and visit the TreeHouse Wildlife Center where animals injured in the wild are nursed back to health and are provided with protected living arrangements as their injuries prevent re-release into the wild. Judging from a recent test-run, we should see at least a dozen eagles plying their fishing skills in the chilly Mississippi river along the Great River Road’s bluffs and then we can warm up with food, drink and conversation at the Grafton Winery. Also in February is the World Of Wheels Car Show in Kansas City on the 10th-12th and we’re working on getting a group together for another Afton CenterStage Theatre Company dinner theatre murder mystery *Last Call At Chez Mort* on the 25th.

Dan Behlmann has asked that Gateway again co-sponsor North County Cruise Nites for the second Friday of each month April through October inclusive. He also wants to open up the Charity Car Show to any/all American nameplates (not just GM vehicles as in 2011) with this event planned for June 16th. This should help expand participation well over the 100 show cars we had last year. Check out the Club Calendar in the following pages and on the website – entries include the annual Easter Show in Forest Park, a June *Tail of the Dragon* run, GTOAA and POCI National meets, All-GM and Tri-Power Nationals, Wheels in Motion, the Club Picnic, even a tentative Drag Day date and the Christmas Party. Your officers will continue to flesh-out the event calendar with cruises, excursions, regional GTO and Route 66 events. If you have any ideas for Club Events please let me or any of the officers know, we’re in this for the fun too!



2011 Financial Summary



| | | | |
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| GATEWAY GTO ASSOCIATION | | | |
| INCOME AND EXPENSE SUMMARY AS OF 12/31/11 | | | |
| CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE 12/31/10 | | | \$ 4,988.01 |
| INCOME | | | |
| DUES | 1,300.00 | | |
| 50/50 | 335.00 | | |
| DRAG DAY | 1,500.00 | | |
| EASTER SHOW | 105.00 | | |
| SPONSORSHIPS/ADVERTISING | 620.00 | | |
| INSURANCE EXPENSE RECOVERY | 484.00 | | |
| CLUB GEAR SHIRTS/HATS ETC. | 374.00 | | |
| CHRISTMAS PARTY | 720.00 | | |
| BEHLMANN SHOW/KIDS WITH CANCER | 2,446.00 | | |
| MISC. INCOME AND CHECK BOOK CORRECTIONS | (92.45) | | |
| TOTAL INCOME | 7,791.55 | | 7,791.55 |
| EXPENSES | | | |
| PIZZA PARTY | 368.28 | | |
| AADVANCE DEPOSIT ARNIE BESWICK 2012 DRAG DAY | 750.00 | | |
| DRAG DAY | 1,128.67 | | |
| EASTER SHOW | 120.00 | | |
| SCRAP BOOK | 202.00 | | |
| BEHLMANN SHOW/KIDS WITH CANCER | 2,113.02 | | |
| CHRISTMAS PARTY | 1,452.81 | | |
| INSURANCE | 894.00 | | |
| WEB SITE | 408.66 | | |
| PICNIC | 295.41 | | |
| AWARDS | 203.17 | | |
| CLUB GEAR SHIRTS/HATS ETC. | 96.54 | | |
| MISC. EXP | 155.40 | | |
| TOTAL EXPENSES | 8,187.96 | | -8,187.96 |
| CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE 12/31/11 | | | \$ 4,591.60 |



Gateway GTO Activities



Gateway GTO Pizza Party By Chris Winslow



It is the middle of January. The GTO is tucked away in winter hibernation under its cover with its brand new Battery Tender to keep the new yellow top happy. What is there to do on a Sunday afternoon? The answer on the 15th was the annual Gateway GTO Pizza party. This event is always the first item on the Gateway GTO calendar.

This is one of the most well attended events of the year. In fact, it has been such a popular activity the last few years that the club moved it to a new location this year, Ravanelli's in Granite City. This turned out to be a great move as they had a room that was more than large enough for the entire group, and a great selection of pizzas to choose from.

As is traditional for this event, it also doubled as the January club meeting. Club president Mark Melrose made a few brief remarks about upcoming events, including a planned eagle watching outing for February 4th. GTOAA president Tom Oxler also discussed the new popular vote judging classes for the GTOAA convention in July and other de-





Gateway GTO Activities



tails about the annual nation event.

The pizza party is a bright spot in the middle of an otherwise dreary time of the year for the car hobby in the Midwest. Only 12 more weeks until the Easter Car Show.....



GATEWAY GTO ASSOCIATION
Membership / Renewal Form
(Please print clearly)

Name: _____ Date: _____

Associate Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Home Phone: () _____ Cell Phone: () _____

E-mail Address: _____

Occupation: _____

Year & Body Style of Car (s) **ALL PONTIACS:**

Auto related interests, hobbies or talents:

GTO Association of America membership number: _____

GTO Association of America membership renewal date: _____
(found on address label of Legend)

PLEASE FILL IN ALL FIELDS
and mail with check to:

Will Bowers, Treasurer
Gateway GTO Association
1 Goshen Woods Lane
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Membership dues are \$20.00 per year,
which includes you and one associate member (spouse, girlfriend, etc.).

ALL NEW MEMBERS AFTER MARCH 1, 2009 MUST BE GTOAA MEMBERS IN ORDER TO JOIN GATEWAY GTO





NEW AGE GTO CONCOURS PROJECT

The GTO Association of America has initiated a project to create a set of photo records on the 2004 to 2006 GTO in anticipation of a time in the future when these cars will participate in the annual GTO Association of America Concours car show.

Gateway GTO has been chosen as the chapter to assemble these photo documentaries.

The project requires six **BONE STOCK** new age GTO's - One manual transmission and one automatic transmission car from each model year.

Ground Rules for Eligible Cars:

- Car must be bone stock with NO aftermarket parts or modifications. The only exceptions are batteries and tires.
- Factory parts, such as the sports appearance package and 18 inch wheels, are allowed.
- All parts the car was originally supplied with, such as the spoiler, must be installed. (Exception: Parts removed to install other factory parts such as the sports appearance package or 18" wheels.)

Once the cars are identified, a photo session will be scheduled.

If your car meets the requirements of the ground rules and you are interested in participating, please contact Chris Winslow.

This is your chance to make your GTO the standard against which all new age GTO's will be judged!

Gateway GTO Association Points Submission Form

Member Name _____

Month _____

Club Sponsored Events and Monthly Meetings

| Event | With GTO (40 Points) | Without GTO (20 Points) |
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Total for Club Sponsored Events _____

Non Sponsored Events

| Event | With GTO (10 Points) | Without GTO (5 Points) |
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Total for Non Sponsored Events _____

Other Activities

| GTO Regional/National Event | With GTO (100 Points) | Without GTO (70 Points) |
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- GGTOA Event Worker/Helper (50 Points) _____
- Car Featured as GTO of the Month (50 Points) _____
- Write an Article for *Hood Scoop* (50 Points) _____
- Sign up a new GGTOA member (25 Points) _____
- GTOAA Member (200 points*) _____
- Have GTO featured in a National Pub (40 Points) _____

Total Points for Month

Submit completed form at GGTOA monthly meeting or to:
 S. Wollmershauser
 1948 A Sidney Street
 St. Louis, MO 63041

*Report on points form submitted month of GTOAA registration or renewal.

2012 GATEWAY GTO CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Feb 1 GTO MEETING 7pm J.J.'s 1215 S. Duchesne, St Charles, Mo, 63301 (CLUB SPONSORED)
- 4 Eagle Watching (CLUB SPONSORED)
- 10 - 12 World of Wheels in Kansas City, MO
- 25 *Last Call At Chez Mort* Murder Mystery Theatre, details to follow. (CLUB SPONSORED)
- March 7 GTO MEETING 7pm J.J.'s 1215 S. Duchesne, St Charles, Mo, 63301 (CLUB SPONSORED)
- April 4 GTO MEETING 7pm J.J.'s 1215 S. Duchesne, St Charles, Mo, 63301 (CLUB SPONSORED)
- 8 Easter Car Show at Forrest Park. Classic cars on the upper lot, new age GTO's on the lower lot. (CLUB SPONSORED)
- 13 North County Cruise Night sponsored by Behlmann Buick/GMC and Gateway GTO Association at Behlmann on the 2nd Friday of each month April-October (CLUB SPONSORED)
- May 2 GTO MEETING 7pm J.J.'s 1215 S. Duchesne, St Charles, Mo, 63301 (CLUB SPONSORED)
- 11 North County Cruise Night sponsored by Behlmann Buick/GMC and Gateway GTO Association at Behlmann on the 2nd Friday of each month April-October (CLUB SPONSORED)
- 12 JJ's Cruises at 1215 S. Duschene in St. Charles second Saturday of the month April-October
- 28 23rd Annual Cobblestone Nationals at Fast Lane Classic Cars

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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 J. J.'s Restaurant, 1215 S. Duchesne Rd, St. Charles, Mo. 63301.

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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