



THE HOOD SCOOP

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**Gateway GTO
Association**



GTO of the Month

My GTO

By Chris Winslow



I had first become interested in the new GTO when it was initially announced. I was a life long car nut who had never had a real performance car. I decided that it was time to change that when the new GTO hit the scene. Some early trips to the local dealers, however, found them adding “market adjustment premiums” to the already stiff \$34,000 price tag. That convinced me that the best option was to wait a while and see if the market cooled a bit.

By November, the 2004 GTO market situation had changed substantially. By this time, it was a fairly poorly kept secret that the 2005 GTO would have a 50-horse power increase over the 2004 model. This, and the normal seasonal slowdown in the sales of rear wheel drive performance cars, had combined to induce the dealers to start making steep discounts off of the sticker prices. This was supplemented by GM with generous cash back offers and financing.

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I took a trip to the local Pontiac dealer in St. Peters the Sunday before Thanksgiving to see what offers they had marked on the windshields. I had been there many times before but this time one car in particular caught my eye. It was a red GTO, but not the normal Torrid Red that I was used to seeing. This was a much darker shade of red. It was the only GTO I had seen in this color. A closer look revealed that the color was called Pulse Red. It was a limited edition car with red stitching on the seats and silver face gauges. I decided to come back during the week and take it for a test drive.

The week of Thanksgiving was particularly busy for me and I was not able to make it to the dealer before Thursday. On Friday morning, however, I had the whole day to myself so I headed to the dealer with my then 11-year-old son in toe. When I first arrived, I did not see the car anywhere and I was sure I had missed my chance. To my relief, I found it sitting off to side of the dealership. It turns out that they had just returned from a local custom wheel shop where they had installed the most hideous set of aftermarket wheels on it that I had ever seen. They were really proud of these wheels and had already slapped a \$2500 dealer added option sticker on the car. It was readily apparent to me that anyone that would stick wheels like that on any car, let alone a car like that, just didn't get it.

I was the only customer in the place and I soon had an anxious salesman nipping at my heals. When I asked to take the car for a test drive, he looked at me like I was crazy. He told me that they did not let customers drive the GTOs because too many people came in just to take joyrides. I was eventually able to convince him to let me take the car on a brief test drive and I was totally hooked. I was able to make a great deal on the car that included



losing the ridiculous wheels they had installed for the factory wheels and tires. I had the car in my garage by 6:00 that night. (For those of you that are wondering where Paula was during all this, she was at work. I did call her and ask if it was OK with her if I bought the GTO. There is some question here on the timeline as to whether I called her before or after I had signed the papers. I am pretty sure it was before, but I would really appreciate it if nobody asked my son what he remembers on this subject. It is probably better not to revisit that one and his silence on the subject is a lot more expensive than it used to be).

Those of you who know me know that I am almost obsessive about keeping this car bone stock. My goal is to eventually show this car in a concourse show when it gets old enough. I basically want this to be the car that everyone looks to when they are trying to figure out exactly how these cars left the factory. To date I have made exactly 4 modifications to this car, all of which are reversible. They are:

- Installation of a skip shift eliminator (That 1 to 4 shift drove me nuts!!!)
- Replacement of the leaky AC Delco battery with a Yellow Top Optima battery
- Installation of a dead pedal
- Modification of the left fuel rail cover to prevent chaffing of the fuel line

The dead pedal installation was a custom set up that I made from a spare GTO gas pedal. I built a special bracket that mounts to the floor and kick panel such that it can be removed easily with no evidence it was ever there.





Presidents Scoop



The Presidents Scoop By Mark Melrose

Seeing You in September

The upcoming October 3rd club business meeting figures to be an important one. As you will note from the August meeting minutes, the following motion was proposed, seconded and unanimously approved by the membership:

It is proposed that annual membership dues in the Gateway GTO Association be increased to \$35.00 beginning with the 2013 calendar year. Membership in Gateway will include membership in GTOAA with accrual of all the benefits of both organizations to members in good standing of Gateway. The club will collect the dues and ensure each member of our chapter will also enjoy membership in the national organization.

While this motion currently stands, additional discussion will ensue at the October meeting culminating in a vote for passage by the membership present at the meeting.

Once again the club owes thanks to the Orange T-Shirt Brigade for their work at the annual *Wheels in Motion* charity car show on September 9th. The gate receipts were over \$3,200 and the Gateway Raffle netted \$1,150 – an increase of about 50% from last year (a computational error at the show resulted in my announcement that that the raffle had netted \$1,600). School's still out on the total show proceeds but I am told it should be in excess of \$12,500 – about 25% more than last year. Many thanks to the entire club for their very generous merchandise donations in the face of a drop-off in solicited corporate donations. Please note that the club donated the 32" HDTV to the raffle (not me personally).

It's difficult for me to express how proud I am to be a member of such a caring, generous and hard working group. THANK YOU ALL.

Lot's of other September events including the *North County Cruise Nite*, the Club Picnic, the *Route 66 Mother Road Festival* (9/21-9/23) and the GTOAA Regional in Pontiac, IL (9/29-9/30). Hope to see you there.

Calling all cars Don't miss the GTOAA Regional Meet 9/29-9/30 at the Pontiac Museum in Pontiac, IL, our October North County Cruise Nite on 10/12 at Behlmann and the *Ray Brunkhorst Memorial Drag Day with Special Guest Arnie Beswick* on 10-20.

For other upcoming area car shows & cruises see <http://clubs.hemmings.com/lakerscarclub/>





Chapter Chat

With GTOAA President G. Thomas Oxler

Every year at the GTOAA Board of Directors meeting, the Chapter Coordinator gives the Board a report on our chapters based upon the results from the annual Chapter Survey. The 2012 Chapter Survey results were submitted by Bill Vantuono at the Board Meeting on July 3, 2012 in Loveland, Colorado, at the National Convention.

Let's take a look at the numbers, as determined by the 2012 Chapter Survey. There are currently 41 chapters in the GTOAA, including the newest, the Pontiacs of Southeastern Indiana (POSI). Of the 41 chapters, 40 are Official Chapters. Only one is an Associate Club, as it does not currently meet the 55% minimum GTOAA membership requirement.

The GTOAA currently has 3,386 members. Of these, 1,359—40.1% of all GTOAA members—belong to a chapter, an increase over last year. The average chapter GTOAA participation is currently 75%.

The GTOAA's total membership figure has been holding steady for the past several years. Experience tells us that our membership number climbs when the GTOAA National Convention is held in a more densely populated area of the country. That is what we expect will happen for our 2013 GTOAA/Pontiac Oakland Club International (POCI) Co-Vention in Dayton, Ohio, July 9-12 next year.

Our 55% minimum GTOAA membership requirement remains in effect through 2013. However, in the interest of keeping our chapters fully informed, I must make you aware that the Board is contemplating increasing the requirement a modest 5%, to 60%, for 2014. This gives you a year and a half to make the changes in your club to meet this updated requirement.

The chart on page 2 shows GTOAA membership percentage by chapter since 2009. I present this to show you what some of your fellow chapters are doing to increase their membership in GTOAA. Take a look at the Susquehanna Valley GTOs, the Performance Pontiacs of the Carolinas, the GTO Association of North Texas, and the Woodward GTO Tigers. Susquehanna Valley improved from 52.9% in 2009 to a current 97.5%. Performance Pontiacs of the Carolinas went from 45.5% in 2009 to 83.3%. The GTO Association of North Texas moved from 53.7% in 2009 to 87.2%, and the Woodward GTO Tigers improved from 42.9% to 74.0%. These are phenomenal increases that come from the leadership in each of our chapters making sure their membership knows the value of belonging to GTOAA and implementing changes to get better participation.

Susquehanna Valley GTOs President Vic Schreck was presented with the GTOAA's Tom Foster Award at

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this year's National Convention. One of the primary reasons he was nominated for this award was the leadership he has shown in taking his chapter from the low 50% range to virtually 100%. Back in 2009, Vic instituted a process in which all new members must belong to GTOAA. Thus, as new members join the Susquehanna Valley club, participation in GTOAA automatically increases. Several other chapters have instituted this change, with great success.

Other chapters have combined their chapter dues with GTOAA dues, so that their members pay one fee that includes a GTOAA membership with their chapter membership. In January, these chapters send one check with a current roster to the GTOAA, and each member gets 12 months added to their GTOAA membership. Typical combined memberships range from \$45 to \$55 per year, with \$35 going to the GTOAA.

As I have stated many times, participation in the GTOAA has everything to do with fairness. Members in your chapter who do not belong to GTOAA are benefitting from our no-cost \$3 million general liability policy, while those who are GTOAA members are paying for it. This general liability policy costs GTOAA \$5,000 annually, and each GTOAA Official Chapter is covered free of charge. This covers all of your general meetings, activities,

How does your GTOAA chapter measure up?

CHAPTER	2009	2010	2011	2012	# NEEDED FOR 60%	TREND	COLOR CODE
PERCENT PARTICIPATION-GTOAA							
CRUISIN TIGERS	41.3%	46.1%	N/A	N/A			
PONTIAC CLUB OF IOWA	42.1%	N/A	N/A	N/A			
GTO ASSOCIATION OF MAINE	44.9%	N/A	N/A	N/A			
CAROLINA CLASSIC PONTIAC CLUB	50.0%	N/A	N/A	N/A			
LOUISVILLE PONTIAC GTO CLUB	60.0%	52.4%	58.3%	N/A			
SUNSHINE STATE GTO ASSOC	64.5%	N/A	N/A	N/A			
GTO OWNERS OF TIDEWATER	N/A	100.0%	N/A	N/A			
INLAND EMPIRE GTO CLUB	62.5%	58.3%	58.3	49.0%	3	DOWN	
ELECTRIC CITY GTOS	83.3%	50.0%	54.2%	55.0%	2	FLAT	40.0% - 49.9%
CACTUS GTOS	47.9%	51.7%	51.1%	55.1%	4	UP	
ROYAL GTOS	81.8%	51.0%	51.0%	55.3%	5	UP	
LAND OF LAKES GTO CLUB	52.8%	51.4%	52.6%	56.5%	3	UP	
ORIGINAL GTO CLUB	41.1%	51.4%	54.3%	57.1%	1	UP	50.0% - 59.9%
NORTHERN COLORADO GTO ASSOCIATION	51.7%	53.3%	60.1%	57.7%	1	FLAT	
CLASSIC GTO ASSOCIATION OF DENVER	55.0%	53.2%	60.0%	58.0%	2	FLAT	
GTO ASSOCIATION OF PENNSYLVANIA	58.3%	60.0%	57.7%	58.8%	1	FLAT	
GTO ASSOCIATION OF CENTRAL OHIO	43.8%	53.6%	58.1%	59.0%	1	UP	60.0% - 69.9%
TRI-VALLEY GTOS OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA	73.9%	66.7%	57.4%	62.5%		FLAT	
GREATER PITTSBURGH GTO CLUB	65.1%	71.4%	67.3%	62.7%		FLAT	
GARDEN STATE GTOS	61.4%	61.1%	64.4%	63.3%		FLAT	
GULF COAST GTOS	66.7%	61.8%	65.5%	64.1%		FLAT	70.0% - 79.9%
GOD'S COUNTRY PONTIAC ASSOC.	70.4%	72.0%	73.7%	64.3%		DOWN	
PIONEER VALLEY GTO ASSOCIATION	81.5%	59.3%	76.1%	84.7%		DOWN	
HEART OF ILLINOIS GTOS	50.0%	58.8%	63.0%	65.7%		UP	
OHIO VALLEY GTO ASSOC.	52.5%	56.5%	57.4%	65.8%		UP	80.0% - 89.9%
GATEWAY GTO ASSOCIATION	53.7%	64.8%	52.9%	67.2%		UP	
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GATHERING OF GOATS	66.0%	63.8%	82.1%	68.8%		FLAT	
DELAWARE VALLEY OLD GOAT CLUB	70.2%	70.2%	73.8%	73.0%		FLAT	
WOODWARD GTO TIGERS	42.9%	54.9%	60.3%	74.0%		UP	
TARHEEL TIGERS PONTIAC CLUB	72.0%	74.1%	72.2%	74.4%		FLAT	90.0% - 99.9%
NORTHEAST INDIANA GTOS	60.0%	71.4%	76.2%	80.0%		UP	
PERFORMANCE PONTIACS OF THE CAROLINAS	45.5%	58.6%	64.3%	83.3%		UP	
GTO ASSOCIATION OF NORTH TEXAS	53.7%	71.8%	82.9%	86.1%		UP	
INDY GTO ASSOCIATION	100.0%	94.0%	81.1%	87.2%		FLAT	
SOUTHEASTERN GTO ASSOCIATION	79.6%	86.4%	91.4%	91.4%		UP	
WESTERN NEW YORK GTO CLUB	51.4%	96.3%	96.9%	96.9%		UP	
GR-RRRR8R WICHITA GTO CLUB	92.0%	96.4%	93.8%	96.9%		UP	
SUSQUEHANNA VALLEY GTG	52.9%	84.8%	91.1%	97.5%		UP	
LAND OF ENCHANTMENT GTO CLUB	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%			N/A
LONG ISLAND GTO CLUB	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%			N/A
NORTHWEST GTO LEGENDS	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%			N/A
GOAT HERD GTO CLUB OF OREGON	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%			N/A
CONNECTICUT GTO CLUB	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%			N/A
NORTHEAST/GREATEROHIO GTO ASSOC	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%			N/A
SOUTH CAROLINA TIGERS GTO ASSOC	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%			N/A
NOR CAL GOATS	N/A	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%			N/A
NORTH COAST GTOS	N/A	N/A	100.0%	100.0%			N/A
PONTIAC OS SOUTHEASTERN INDIANA	N/A	N/A	N/A	100.0%			N/A
TOTAL CHAPTERS	44	42	41	41			
MINIMUM GTOAA MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENT	40%	50%	50%	55%			
AVERAGE PARTICIPATION	64.0%	68.7%	72.4%	75.1%			
% OF TOTAL MEMBERSHIP IN A CHAPTER	44.3%	43.7%	38.5%	40.1%			

car shows, and cruises, as well as such things as slips, falls, accidents, slander, and defamation. It also provides a lawyer to defend you and your club should your club get sued.

At Chapter Night in Loveland, numerous awards were given for participation, newsletters and websites. Our highest chapter award is the Chapter of the Year, and the 2012 recipient is

the GR-RRR8R Wichita GTO Club. If you remember, Wichita hosted the 2011 GTOAA National Convention, and has hosted the annual Pontiac Uprising GTOAA Regional Meet since 1989. Congratulations to all of the members of the GR-RRR8R Wichita GTO Club.

This issue of Chapter Chat is designed to address issues specific to

our 41 GTOAA chapters, and I ask you to share this information with your members. The officers of each chapter are representatives of the GTOAA, so I ask you to "talk up" the organization as much as possible. A positive attitude and presentation from chapter officers can go a long way in helping further the goals and mission of the GTOAA.

The mission of the GTO Association of America is to preserve and promote the Pontiac GTO and offer enthusiasts opportunities to share their common interest. We do this by promoting and publicizing the GTO Association of America, our chapters, and our members.



Meeting Minutes



GATEWAY GTO FEBRUARY MEETING MINUTES September 5, 2012

The monthly Gateway GTO meeting was held at JJ's at 1215 South Duschene in St. Charles. Members began arriving by 6:00PM for dinner and conversation. The meeting was called to order at 7:04PM. Officers in attendance were Mark Melrose, Darrell May, and Shauna Wollmershauser.

New Members: No new members were in attendance.

Old Business:

Wheels In Motion: is Sunday September 9, 2012 at Westport. Donations can be brought to the event. Just let Terrie Know. Show starts at 9AM.

New Business:

Dues Proposal: Gateway GTO Club has about 2/3rds members that are also GTOAA members. The goal is to make the club 100% GTOAA. The dues are proposed to increase by \$15. Dues would go from \$20 to \$35. This would include a membership to the GTOAA. Please read the proposal in the newsletter for more information. There will be a vote during the October Meeting. Dave Huegsten made the motion to carry the proposal to next month's meeting. Karen Ewens seconded the motion.

Upcoming Events:

North County Cruise Nights: Brought to you by the Gateway GTO club and Behlmann is September 14, 2012.

Gateway GTO Club Picnic: is September 16, 2012 at Vago Park. The lead lawyers that rep-

resented us in the lawsuit will be present. Please bring a side dish. The club will provide hot dogs, brats, hamburgers, and pork steaks. This is a rain or shine event.

Route 66 Mother Road Festival: is September 21-23, 2012 in Springfield, IL. Check with Cecil and Annette Morton (618) 877-8254 for room availability. If you get a chance, make the trip for a day.

GTOAA Regional: is in Pontiac, IL September 29-30. The O'Sullivan's are designing the trophies. This is a joint event with the HOI club. We will also need the orange t-shirt brigade to help out a bit. Please let Mark or Tom know your availability if you can help at the event.

North County Cruise Nights: is October 12, 2012.

Ray Brunkhorst Memorial Drag Day: October 20, 2012. The rain date is October 21, 2012. Arnie Beswick will be our special guest. He will make at least one pass and be available for autographs and general conversation.

GTOAA: GTOAA/POCI Co-Vention is in Dayton, OH. Registration for the event is \$59. This fee includes one car. For an additional \$25 you can display your car in the POCI show. If you want indoor parking, it will cost an additional \$100 above and beyond the cost of registration. More information will be available on the Co-Vention's website.

Tech Session:

John Novelli has Muscle Car oil that has the ZDDP additive in it. If you are interested in purchasing some, give him a call.

Shauna showed the EZ Detail brush to the club. It does a great job of cleaning wheels and hard to reach place. The bristles won't scratch your wheels finish.

Club Personals:

Mark and Saundra Melrose will be grandparents soon. They already know it's a boy, and are very excited.

Lori went to the doctor and has been diagnosed cancer free. Earl Lewis thanks everyone for his or her prayers and support.

Shauna is having surgery Friday to repair torn ligaments in her ankle. She will be on crutches for six weeks and isn't sure how many events she will be able to make.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:57PM.

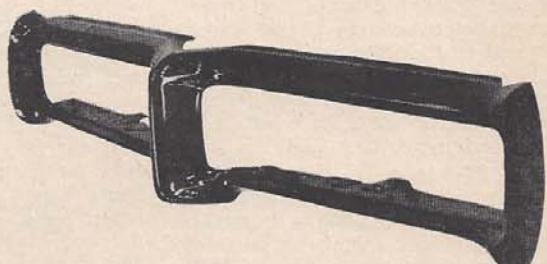
Joe Mayweather won \$29 in the 50/50 drawing.



TIGER WITH A PUSSYCAT NOSE

'68 GTO HAS NEW KIND OF BUMPER THAT PROMISES TO REVOLUTIONIZE AUTO STYLING AND DESIGN

BY JOHN ETRIDGE



(Above) Bare bumper is technically impressive but springs to life only when seen in full dress and mounted on the car (opposite page). This is so because it, more than ever before, is truly part of the car. Besides freedom in use of color, stylists now have greater choice in form because rubber molding process has definitely less taboos as to what shapes can be produced than does steel stamping. Re-entrant corners, embossings, non-hazardous emblems are now all possible.

If when kicking tires on the '68s at your Pontiac dealer's, you by chance see some salesman whaling away on the front of a new GTO with an iron bar or other weapon, don't panic. He won't be destined for the nice young men in clean white coats and the Funny Farm. He will merely be demonstrating one of the more remarkable properties of a new kind of bumper that all 1968 GTOs will have.

Made of urethane rubber which is about 50% stronger than the kind used for tires, the bumper has a heavy-gauge steel backing and will weigh approxi-

mately the same as the conventional chromed steel one it replaces. The rubber is foamed in the core with a non-porous skin of the same material applied afterward to get the proper combination of toughness and resiliency required. The steel "backbone" is bonderized and primed and placed in the cavity mold before the urethane foam goop is added. The good adhesion of urethane to steel makes the two inseparable.

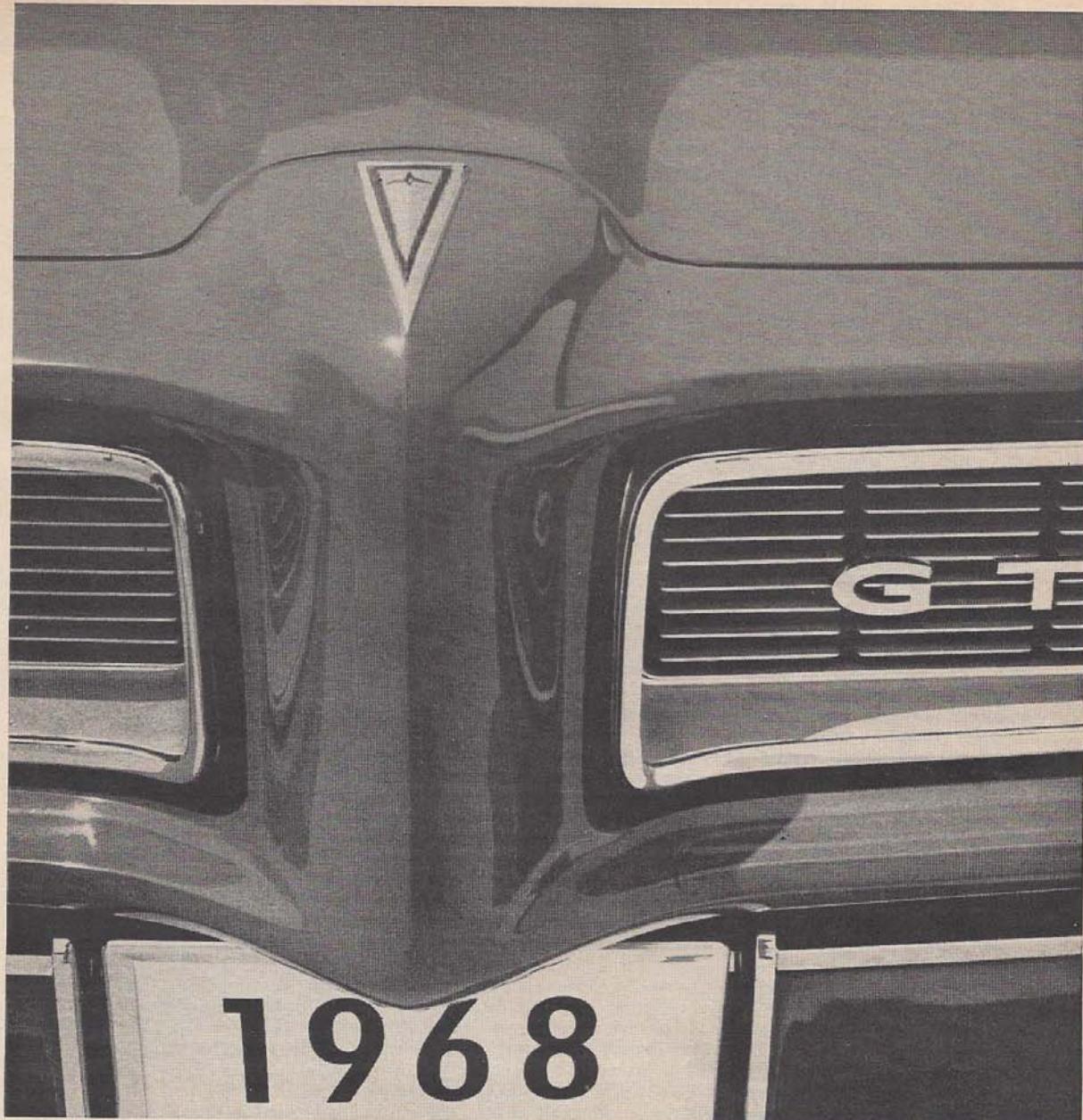
The grayish-black rubber is then primed and painted with a urethane paint pigmented to match the body

color of the car it goes on. Thus the paint matches the flexibility of the rubber bumper material.

The advantages of such a bumper are manifold, and we certainly agree with Pontiac general manager John DeLorean's statement that it is functionally superior to any metal bumper now being used. Probably the most important benefit is that it's ding-proof. Pontiac plastics engineer J. R. Madden whacked the edge of a metal desk good and hard with a sample section of the bumper and the rubber showed absolutely no sign of abuse,



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even after we ourselves belabored the poor desk with it a few times for good measure.

Severe impacts can dent or tear the material, however. But Pontiac dealers have a remedy in the form of a repair kit. The wound is filled with a urethane/epoxy mixture that, when set, can be filled and worked to shape much like fiberglass can. On sections with simple curves a teflon sheet provided (which the compound will not adhere to) can be applied over the filled section and, when peeled off, leaves a surface already smooth and

fair. The repair is then painted, and the bumper becomes as good as new.

Freedom from unsightly rust and blistering due to corrosion is another thing about this bumper that owners, especially the ones living where streets are salted in winter or near sea coasts, will appreciate.

Maybe not so obvious to most is something that DeLorean sees as a major benefit from this bumper design. Stylists' hands are no longer tied when it comes to brightwork. They can now use as much or as little decorative material wherever they like rather than

what they've had to do in the past.

As it stands now the 1968 GTO will be the only car having this bumper or anything like it. But this is obviously too desirable a thing for the GTO or even Pontiac to keep unto itself for long. We expect to see it spread to other nameplates and to the rear of cars. In fact it's now possible to completely surround a car with an esthetically pleasing protective strip. If this comes to pass, the Inland Manufacturing Div. of GM at Dayton, Ohio, who produces the bumpers for Pontiac, will have its work cut out. /MT



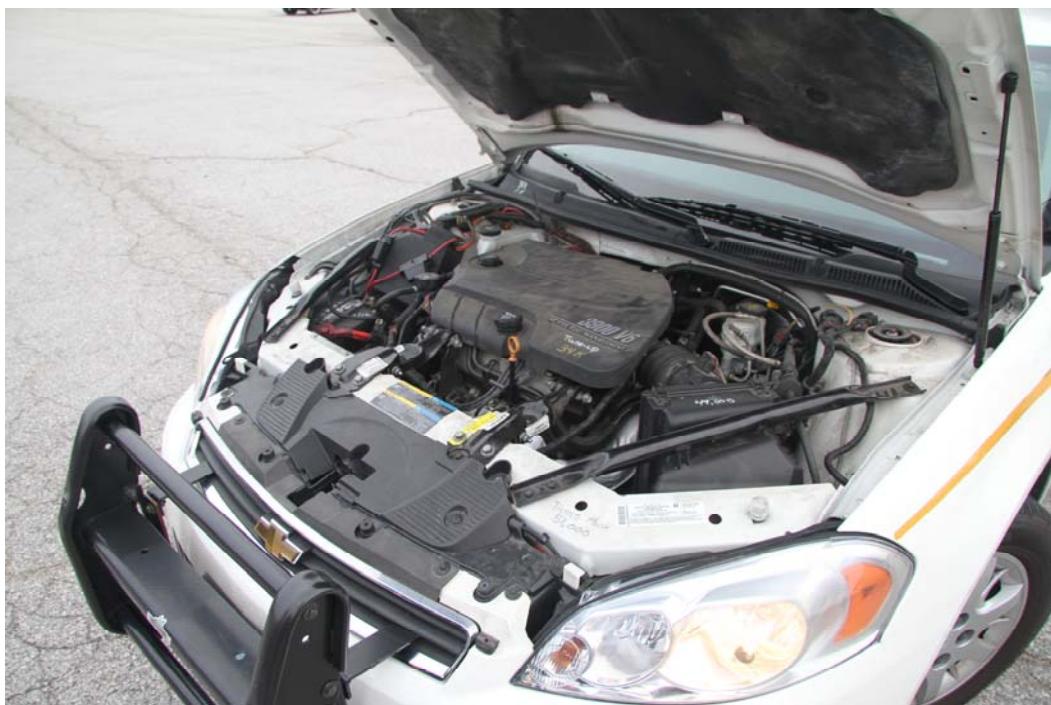
Gateway GTO Activities



North County Cruise Night By Chris Winslow



This month we had an unexpected guest at North County Cruise night. There was a police officer on the lot making a report on a traffic accident that had occurred in front of Behlmann's (unrelated to NCCN—it actually occurred well before the show started). The officer was nice enough to show us the engine compartment of his police spec Impala cruiser. It was running a 3.9 liter V6 engine. It had obviously had a LOT of electrical modifications made after it left the factory to allow for all of the





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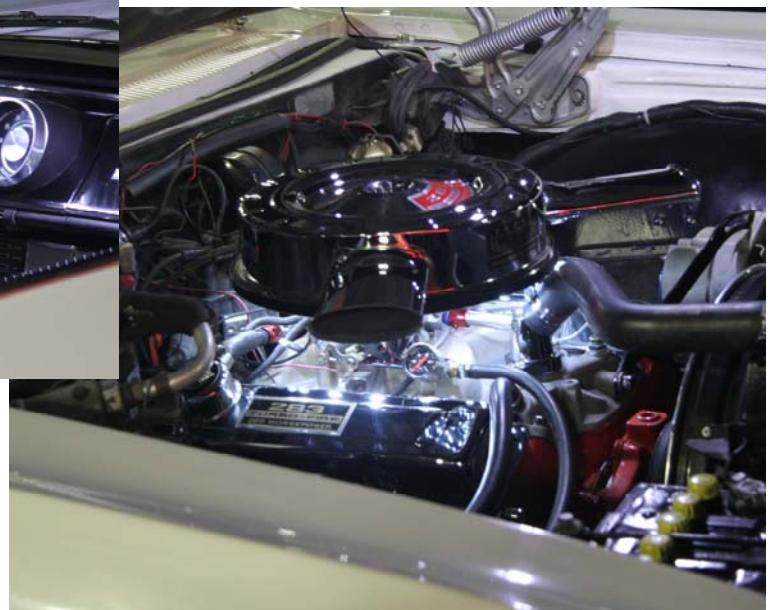


radios, lights, and other equipment.

Also this month, we had a new food vendor for the event, Burger-Ink. They had a great menu and reasonable prices. The line formed quickly once they opened.



Of course, we had our usually collection of great cars that showed up. There were also a few I had not seen before. My favorite of these was a white Chevy Super Sport whose owner had incorporated a lot of LED lighting, both on the dash and under the hood. As the sun went down, this really made the car come to life.





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The Gateway GTO club members also showed up in force.



As did a number of other groups.





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2012 POCI Convention Report By Darrell May

Gateway GTO Club members attending were ,
Cecil & Annette Morton
Charles & Carol Morton
Harry & Amy Timmermann
Frank & Cheryl Chapman
John & Brenda Novelli
Brian & Mary Ann Ray & Eric
Mark & Saundra Melrose
Darrell & Tootie May
Will Bowers

And also friends of the club, Mike & Joy Soto, Beth & Bill Hargrave, and past club member Bill Kirk were at the convention.

Club members that won trophy's were:

Points Judging

Gold Darrell May

Silver Harry Timmermann

Popular Vote

Most Outstanding	John Novelli
Outstanding	Frank Chapman
	Brian Ray

Road Warriors

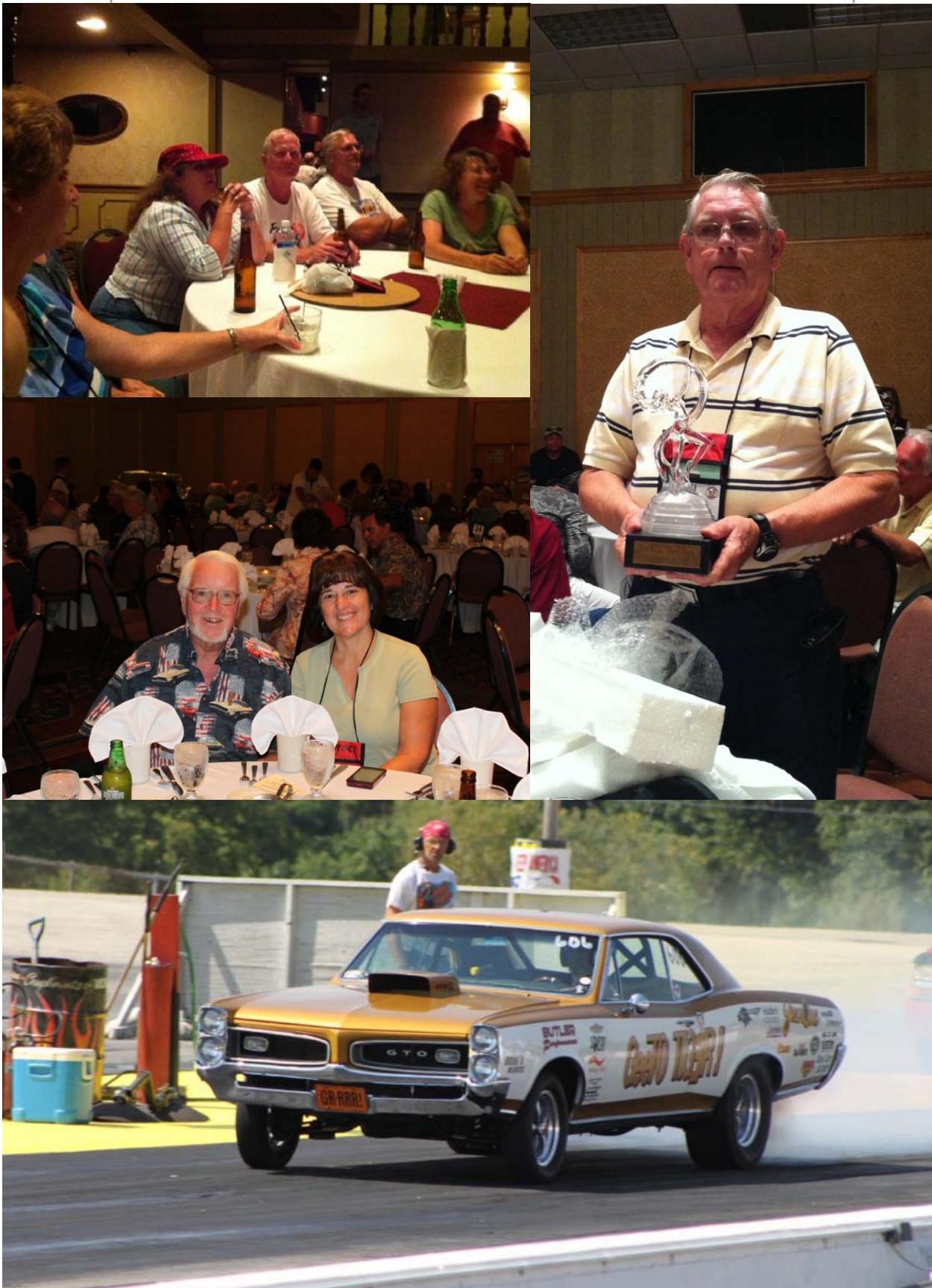
Cecil Morton
Charles Morton
Eric Ray

The women had a good time ever day shopping or antiquing, the Road Warriors had a cruise to lunch, while the rest of us spent our days polishing and spit shinning our cars. The host hotel was nice, the complex was built with a bunch of add on's over time, which made for a lot of zig zag walking to reach the other end, but the nice part about it was, that it was all inside and A/C.

On Thursday night we went the Bourbon Street section of the hotel and listen to the band called Fender Skirts, they played 50's, 60's, and 70's music and they were awesome. We had rain on Thursday night which brought cooler weather for a bit. The rest of the time we had sunny days. On Friday night was the parking lot party and that band was very good also. Saturday was show day and the weather was beautiful, that night was the award banquet, meal was good, but the desert was bad. Overall it was a great convention.



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GATEWAY GTO PICNIC 2012

By Donna Bowers

There are some things in life you can count on, Death, Taxes, and the Gateway GTO Picnic. Held the third Sunday of September every year, at Vago Park, it is a tradition that should never be missed. On Sunday, September 16th, it didn't disappoint!



This year could be considered a banner year. It didn't rain, it didn't snow and it was not over 100 degrees. We had approximately 45 attendees. This was one of the largest picnics we have had in recent years. The few clouds that appeared kept the temperature extremely comfortable. This year we also had a very special guest, Joy and her husband Bill. Joy was a person that was extremely helpful during a difficult period in





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Gateway GTO history. We appreciated her support and certainly would welcome her and her husband to any future GTO events. As always, our resident chef, Chris, came through with some extremely good barbecue. There was plenty for all and, as always, the die-hards that stayed until the end were able to take some home for dinner on Monday.

Earl and Barb Lewis added a new event to the picnic. It was a game of washers. Instead of bracket racing, we had bracket washers. It was entertaining to see randomly paired up teams, sweat, swear, and try to bend over to pick up washers. In the end, we had two teams that prevailed. They were the winners of the winners, Mark Melrose and Frank Chapman and, there were the winners of the losers, Tony Bezzole and Joe Mayweather. They were draped with "very exclusive" metals made personally by Barb. Next year, we are going to add women to bracket washers to really show how a game of washers is to be played. I think the washers even beat the year that we had real goats. It was certainly more competitive and almost less smelly.

This year, we saw an increase in families. It is always good to not only see our fellow GTO members, but also their family. The GTO club





Gateway GTO Activities



is truly a family and the larger the family the better. One thing we can count on the third Sunday of September 2013, there will be a GTO picnic in Vago Park.



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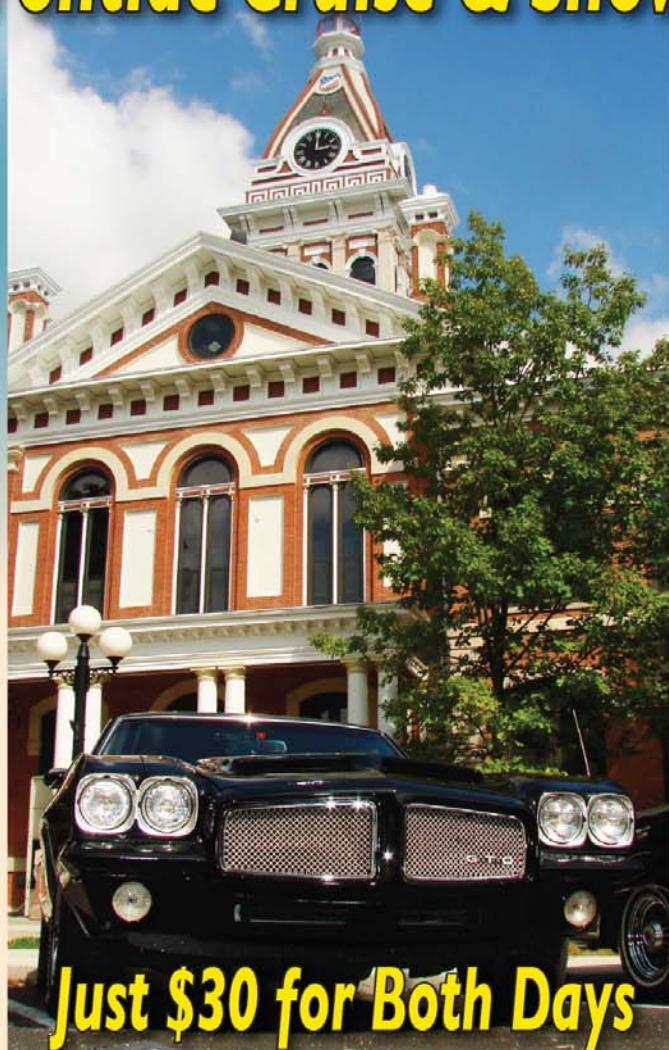
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SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 29TH

- 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM REGISTRATION FRONT ON MUSEUM
- 10:00 AM – 4:00PM PONTIAC MUSEUM TOURS
- 10:00 AM – 4:00PM WAR MUSEUM TOURS
- 10:00 AM – 4:00PM ROUTE 66 MUSEUM TOURS
- 12:00 NOON ROUTE 66 CRUISE LINE UP -FRONT OF
 MUSEUM
- 12:30 PM – 3:00PM ROUTE 66 CRUISE LEAVES PONTIAC
- 6:00PM – 8:00PM ICE CREAM SOCIAL CIVIC CENTER

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 30TH

- 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM REGISTRATION FRONT OF MUSEUM
- 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM ALL PONTIAC CAR SHOW SQUARE
- 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM PONTIAC MUSEUM TOURS
- 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM WAR MUSEUM TOURS
- 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM ROUTE 66 MUSEUM TOURS
- 3:00 PM ALL PONTIAC CAR SHOW AWARDS

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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)

Total for Club Sponsored Events _____

Non Sponsored Events

Event	With GTO (10 Points)	Without GTO (5 Points)

Total for Non Sponsored Events _____

Other Activities

GTO Regional/National Event	With GTO (100 Points)	Without GTO(70 Points)

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

2012 GATEWAY GTO CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Sept 5 GTO MEETING 7pm J.J.'s 1215 S. Duchesne, St Charles, Mo, 63301 (CLUB SPONSORED)
- 9 Wheels in Motion Kids for Cancer Car Show at Westport Plaza. (CLUB SPONSORED)
- 14 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)
- 15 JJ's Cruises at 1215 S. Duschene in St. Charles second Saturday of the month April-October
- 16 Club Picnic at Vago Park in Maryland Heights, MO. CLUB SPONSORED
- 21-23 Route 66 Mother Road Festival in Springfield, IL, details to follow.
- 29-30 GTOAA Regional Pontiac Car Show in Pontiac, IL, See Details on Pages 16 and 17.
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- Oct 3 GTO MEETING 7pm J.J.'s 1215 S. Duchesne, St Charles, Mo, 63301 (CLUB SPONSORED)
- 12 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)
- 13 JJ's Cruises at 1215 S. Duschene in St. Charles second Saturday of the month April-October
- 20 Gateway GTO Drag Day (Rain Date Oct 21) (CLUB SPONSORED)

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Gateway GTO Association Photo Album

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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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