



THE HOOD SCOOP

April 2013

Gateway GTO
Association



GTO of the Month

My GTO

By Darrell and Tootie May



In 1960 I brought a 1958 Pontiac Chieftain with Tri-Power an automatic, I changed it to a 4 speed after rebuilding the Automatic 3 times. Then in Nov. of 1964 I meet Tootie and we started dating, when we got engaged she said we need to get a different car as she could not keep the 58 Pontiac running. She would kill the engine and could not get it started again.

So we went shopping for a new car, I was looking at a Grand Prix when my friend who was dating my sister drove up in a new GTO. So I gave it a test drive, so off I went to the dealer to price a GTO or a Grand Prix, the GTO won out as the price was about a \$1000 cheaper, even though both cars would be equipped the same.

So we ordered the GTO with 4 speed , PS, PB, A/C, Lamp Group, Console, and AM/FM radio. Tootie liked the GTO color of Yellow but I talked her out of it. The only reason for the am/fm radio was Columbia had a FM radio station at the time. The station carried all the local news, and that was important to her. This was to be our family car. We bought the GTO



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in May of 1965 and I drove Tootie's 1955 Red and White Chevy back and forth to work for 3 weeks till the GTO came in,

since we traded my 1958 in for the GTO. We got married that August. About a month later I bought a 421 HO engine, that I was going to put in a 52 Pontiac I had. Kids entered the world and that never happened.

One rainy evening in 1968 coming home from work a car pulled out in front of Tootie, she locked up the brakes and slid head on into a telephone pole. She found out they do not give. I thought the GTO was going to be totaled; but her dad who was in the garage business said that he would keep the cost down so the insurance company would not total the car, so that is what we did.

In about 1972 or 73 while I was driving home from work, the radiator split open, since I was working a lot of overtime I parked the GTO in

a spare garage that my father-in law had. Since I had other cars to drive I never got around to fix the radiator, and there it sat till around 1983 when our oldest son started driving and he needed a car for after school activities. All three of our sons drove the GTO to high school. It helped that almost every police office in Monroe County knew who the car belonged to and who their grandfather was, and there would be hell to pay if they did something wrong while driving the GTO.

So sometime in the early 1980's I decided to enter the GTO in the My-Fest car show in O-Fallon, IL. There I meet Tony Bezzole and he gave me an application for the Gateway GTO club, I took it home and my wife said to fill it out, so I did. I drove it to many car club meetings in the following years.

Then in 2004 I decided to put together my 421 HO engine that I had bought in 1965. We had met a couple at the Red Wing MN Conven-

tion, He was from N. Ft. Myers FL and told us to look him up when we took our vacation each winter in Ft. Myers. He was a Ft. Myers fireman and on the side he ran a speed shop. He kept telling us to bring our engine down and he would build it. He hoped to get it done from Jan to March, but it took him longer and we did not get it back till the following year(2006), when we went down. He has become a great friend and each year I help him in his garage or just go out to eat with him and his guy friends, naturally it is all car talk.

In 2008 I had Cee-Jay Auto Body give it a frame on restoration. A lot of people ask me how it came to pass that I kept the GTO all

these years and I tell then it was a stroke of luck. I also have a hard time getting rid of cars and car parts , which also helped.

When we went to Wichita GTO Convention 2010 I entered the GTO in Concourse Modified Points Judging. I just wanted to know how they judged cars. I really did not think I would get an award, but was pleasantly surprised that I got an award. Tootie really was upset then I did not get bronze award. She figured I would not get any award and she was rooting for me. Well we were ecstatic when they called Darrell's name for a SILVER AWARD. What a great feeling.





Presidents Scoop

The Presidents Scoop

By Mark Melrose

The 2013 car season is upon us in earnest. Members have already enjoyed several club social events this year including the *Pizza Party* in January and the *Stars & Cars Gala Party* in February. Easter Sunday brought us the first major vehicle-related event of the season – the *Concours d'Elegance in Forest Park*. For Gateway GTO this is a social event disguised as a car show. Between Arch/POCI and Gateway we had ten cars on the show field with most of us gathered around umbrella tables partaking of sandwiches, snacks and libations in the beautiful weather. My appreciation to those who come out so early in the season to support the Gateway's posture as one of the premier area car clubs.

April 12th marked our first 2013 *North County Cruise Nite* at our new club sponsor's, Complete Auto Body, location in Hazelwood. I am very grateful to the dozen+ club members who brought out their cars in teeth-chattering temperatures and less than 48 hours after tornadoes had touched down in Hazelwood. Based on the club's steadfast turnout and discussions with Complete AB's General Manager, Kurt Barks, planning is underway to expand this event into a monthly major attraction in North County. These cruise nites may prove so popular that Gateway may also co-sponsor a large, trophy-class car show there this Fall. Many thanks to Bob and Kurt Barks of Complete Auto Body for their support of Gateway GTO.

Saturday, April 27th, is our *Poker Run* in Illinois from Alton to Pere Marquette Park. This event is designed and operated by longtime club treasurer Will Bowers. Will has put together many such events over the years and they are always well conceived and entertaining. Thanks Will.

June 23rd-24th are scheduled for another driving event – the *Missouri River Cruise* – created by past Gateway and current GTOAA topper Tom Oxler. We'll travel country roads to Boonville, MO to tour the Clydesdale breeding farm, spend the night in a restored historic hotel and visit a winery on the next day's return trip. Tom put together a Missouri Route 66 overnight cruise a couple of years ago that was terrific – this year's cruise promises to be at least as much fun.

Club Illinois VP Darrell May is working on still another club cruise for this Fall. Yakov Smirnoff's tag line is "What a country!" mine is "What a club!". Thanks everyone for working so hard to create good times for the rest of us.

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





Gateway GTO Meeting Minutes



GGTOA Minutes: 4/3/2013

7:03PM – Meeting Start – Behlmann sponsorship has ended. New sponsor Complete Autobody. Owner, Bob Barks was present at the meeting. He's a big Pontiac guy. He currently has a Firebird project car. He's excited to be involved in the club and we are very happy to have him.

7:10PM – Old Business – Marty's pinball event had 26 participants. Everyone had a great time.

7:15PM – The Easter car show had a good turnout. Tom Oxler's car got a ding at the McDonald's parking lot. The Dick Tater dealt with the perp and all will be well soon.

7:19PM – New Business – Sky Music Lounge in Ballwin will have a music video shot there. They have asked Marty to bring out some GTOs for the shoot.

7:22PM – We are ordering satin club jackets. If we get 15 or more jackets then the price will be \$35.22. There are a wide range of colors available. There will also be new hats available soon. An e-mail will be sent for the jackets.

7:25PM – The first North County Cruise Night will be on 4/12/13 at Complete Autobody (6041 North Lindbergh, Hazelwood MO). If cruise nights go well then we may try out a car show.

7:33PM – Benefit BBQ at Lafayette High School on Clayton Road on 4/20.

7:34PM – Club poker run on 4/27, meeting at Confluence Tower. There is no charge to enter the event. There will be seven stops. It ends at Pere Marquette. The best 5 of 7 cards in your hand can win \$100. It starts at 1PM and will end around 5PM. Will needs RSVPs.

7:38PM – Tail of the Dragon run 5/10-5/12. More info soon.

7:39PM – Darrell and Tootie's Illinois cruise will be held in the fall. Details to follow.

7:41PM – Cobblestone Nationals on 5/27 at Fastlane Classic Cars.

7:42PM – Tom is putting together an overnight cruise for June 22nd. It will travel down Highway 50 to Jeff City and Warm Springs Ranch. He'll need to know by May 1st who is interested in going. There will be a stay at The Frederick Hotel. There is a block of rooms set aside that will remain available until May 22nd. If we get 6 or more rooms the price will drop by 20%.

7:51PM - GTOAA – Discussion on co-convention on July 7-13. Anyone who has already registered should be receiving their packets soon. Hotel rooms are becoming scarce, so make reservations soon. Thursday will be chapter night at the Holiday Inn before the parking lot party.

7:59PM – Chris Simmons picked up a GTO emblem shirt from either JEGS or Summit for \$20.

8:05PM – Jim McCarthy and his fiancé Mary will be married at the end of the month.

8:07PM – Marine Fund fund raiser at Arnold Commons on May 4th and 5th.

8:09PM – Motion to adjourn by Darrell May, Seconded by Earl Lewis.

8:25PM – 50/50 drawing of \$43 won by Mary Ann.



Easter Car Show in Forest Park

By Mark Melrose



The 52nd Concours d'Elegance Car Show, sponsored by the Horseless Carriage Club, was held on March 31st on the upper Muni parking lot in Forest Park. Club members the Bowers', Oxlers, Kiburz', Schneiders and Melroses, along with Arch/POCI members the Lacavichs and Landmanns, began gathering at the McDonalds restaurant on Hampton at 8:00 AM. It was chilly and overcast with an additional cloud forming as a man leaving the restaurant banged the door of his 1961 Impala convertible into the side of the Oxlers' 1966 GTO – leaving a pronounced dent and chipping off paint. While something less than courtesies were exchanged between the vehicle owners at the scene, the incident was resolved several days later to Tom's satisfaction.

A little after 9:00AM our group made its way to Forest Park and to our assigned parking spaces more quickly than I can remember over the past ten years I have participated. While the show field has slimmed in recent years, there were some beautiful vintage vehicles on display including 1930s Cadillacs, Lincolns, Packards, Fords, Chevrolets and Chryslers. Special interest vehicles displayed included an original Chrysler Turbine Car along with a number of Mili-



tary vehicles. Of particular interest was a restored 1943 Volkswagen-built German Army staff car and accompanying its display was an assortment of WWII German hardware – several machine guns including an M34, a box of “stick” grenades, map cases, mess kits, gas cans, etc.

The lower Muni lot was filled to overflow with Hot Rods and all forms of modified vehicles at the St. Louis Street Rod Association show.

At mid-morning it had become shirtsleeve weather as the sun displaced the clouds and we began to enjoy ham & swiss sandwiches, snacks



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and libations under umbrella tables. Owing to the beautiful weather, spectator turnout was in the thousands and while this turnout was great, the roads in Forest Park were choked with parked cars and resulted in almost an hour spent trying to leave the park. All-in-all another wonderful Easter Show with some absolutely dazzling and very rare vehicles displayed in beautiful weather and a relaxing Easter social/car event for club members.





Gateway GTO Activities



North County Cruise Night 2.0 By Chris Winslow



For the 2013 car season, Gateway GTO is pleased to introduce a new lead sponsor and new location for the North County Cruise Nights. Our new sponsor is Complete Auto Body located at 6041 North Lindbergh Blvd in Hazelwood near the intersection of Lindbergh Blvd and McDonnell Blvd, across from the old Ford assembly plant location. Our new sponsor has several charities of choice including Responder Rescue and Backstoppers.

The dates and times for the North County Cruise nights remain the same this year. The events occur on the second Friday of each month and run from 6:00 to 9:00pm.

The inaugural North County Cruise Night at Complete Autobody occurred Friday April 12th. The weather was remarkably cold and overcast for the middle of April, but despite the weather and the new location, the turnout was outstanding. Because of the cold temps, many of us spent a fair amount of time checking out the lobby of Complete



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Auto Body. Of course, there were also some great cars to check out, so we spent a lot of time braving the cold to look at the cars.

As has become standard for North County Cruise Nights, President Melrose was doing double duty of



both coordinating the event and acting as the DJ. Complete Auto Body also got into the act manning a table with T-Shirts, mangets, and flyers.

Plans for the next North County Cruise Nights are underway including working to arrange for food and beverage service at future events. So, if you missed it

this month, see you there next month.





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Studio Effects



Do you have a favorite picture of your car but the background doesn't work? Perhaps there is a tree or telephone pole sticking out of your car or people have walked into the frame as you were taking the shot. There is a company that has the answer to your problem. www.dimostra.com offers the studio effect without going to the studio and using a professional photographer.

The business was started by my cousin's son in law a few years ago. David Nawrocki is a graduate of Ball State University and started out in the landscape architect business. Always being a car guy he decided to incorporate his computer skills with his passion for cars and a business was born. Dave makes the rounds to various car events including the Mecum and Barrett-Jackson Auctions. He sets up a very impressive display, flashing before and after photos using his studio effect technique on large flat screen TV's. Most recently, he was setup at the Barrett-Jackson Auction in Palm Beach Florida.

Dave has expanded his service from individual work to corporations using the studio effect on motorcycles and airplanes. In addition, he is able to incorporate multiple views of your car, or several different cars, into the same picture. The website provides a great overview of his services; as well as, photographic tips. Generally, it is best to take the picture at a fairly low angle to obtain the proper reflection impact. He is also able to adjust the tint to ensure you are getting the proper color.

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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 _____

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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) _____
- 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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2013 GATEWAY GTO CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- May 1 GTO MEETING 7pm J.J.'s 1215 S. Duchesne, St Charles, Mo, 63301 (CLUB SPONSORED)
- 10 North County Cruise Night on the 2nd Friday of each month April-October at Complete Autobody 6041 N. Lindbergh, Hazelwood Mo (CLUB SPONSORED)
- 11 JJ's Cruises at 1215 S. Duschene in St. Charles second Saturday of the month April-October
- 27 24th Annual Cobblestone Nationals at Fast Lane Classic Cars
- June 1 St. Charles Heritage Museum Car Show, 1630 Heritage Landing, St. Peters, MO 63303 (at Rts. 364 & 94) 10AM-2PM. (CLUB SPONSORED)
- 5 GTO MEETING 7pm J.J.'s 1215 S. Duchesne, St Charles, Mo, 63301 (CLUB SPONSORED)
- 8 JJ's Cruises at 1215 S. Duschene in St. Charles second Saturday of the month April-October
- 14 North County Cruise Night on the 2nd Friday of each month April-October at Complete Autobody 6041 N. Lindbergh, Hazelwood Mo (CLUB SPONSORED)
- 21-23 All GM-Nationals in Carlisle, PA. See www.carsatcarlisle.com/ce/events/gm-nationals/ for details
- 22-23 Gateway GTO Missouri River Cruise to Boonville, MO. Warm Springs (Clydesdale) Ranch Tour, optional overnight stay at the Historic Frederick Hotel in Boonville. RSVP and questions to Tom & Terrie Oxler toxler@prodigy.net. (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 J. J.'s Restaurant, 1215 S. Duchesne Rd, St. Charles, Mo. 63301.

Membership dues are \$35.00 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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