



THE HOOD SCOOP

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Gateway GTO
Association



GTO of the Month

My GTO

By Ken Boyer



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Hi, I'm Ken Boyer. My wife Kathy and I live in Crystal City. I'm an Eagle Scout, past go-kart racer (1962 high point champion at House Springs), an honorably discharged Vietnam veteran, and recently retired Paramedic/Captain who provided emergency medical services in Jefferson County for the last 32 years.

Kathy is an administrative assistant who plans to work for about another year. Kathy loves weekends and holidays – go figure! She also loves cruising, long road trips, tracking down antiques, dogs, steak and baked potato, shooting her revolvers, family, and America. Hey, me too!

Our son Adrian Boyer works for the Lear Corporation. He was recently transferred from St. Louis to the Operations Manager position at the Arlington, Texas, plant. They build seats for the Escalade, Yukon, Tahoe, and Suburban. His fiancée Amy temporarily continues to work and maintain their home in O'Fallon, MO.



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My first car was a pretty decent 2-tone 1955 Chevy Bel-Air. It was a two door hardtop with a four barrel carb and 3 on the floor. For some reason, my high school principal really hated that car, especially the twin glasspacks!

From 1964 to 1973 I owned a number of performance cars and the street scene was a big part of my life. My buddies and I were pretty much fixtures at the local hamburger joints. Smitty's and Stoplight were the hot spots. Those were great times – it's sad that car hops have today been replaced with hip-hop.

Drag racing was the thing and I competed in both sanctioned and unsanctioned events. I guess that's why my cars never tended to last too long. There was a '66 Cyclone and a stripped down '55 T-Bird that Dad and I stuffed with a Hi-Po 390 and 4 speed. It had traction bars, a heavy duty clutch, and 4:11 gears.

I can still remember those warm summer nights, pulling into Smitty's, top off, country cut-outs uncapped (water pipes), and running a pair of almost good slicks (just in case!). By 10:00 or 11:00 the lot would be full. Guys, gals, car hops, juke box blasting through outdoor speakers, 15 cent hamburgers and, of course, the cars. Chevys, Fords, sometimes a Hemi. Vettes, Pontiacs, Oldsmobiles, and then a GTO would roll through. I always stopped whatever I was doing and took a good long look. I liked everything about those cars. They were man-sized, upscale with power, performance and an attitude. I wanted one badly but money was tight – Ha! almost non-existent.

It didn't really matter too much because Uncle Sam had called and that would almost certainly include Vietnam. After considering the implications, I sold my cars and paid off my debts.

In 1970, I returned home with most of my

Army pay. A few days later, I got a deal that was too good to pass on – a 1970 Nova, 396, 4-speed, demo. Little did I know then that it would be almost 35 years before I would finally get my GTO.

Kathy and I had often talked about the muscle car era and had decided long ago that one day we would own a GTO. In August of 2005 we finally got our car. A midnight blue metallic 6-litre with automatic transmission and 18 inch wheels. Like the original, it is a man-sized, upscale car with power and performance. Admittedly, it does lack the in-your-face attitude that the original cars have but under its sleek skin beats the heart of a real tiger.

As delivered, these cars are absolutely superb all around performance machines. Of course, I couldn't leave well enough alone and made a few changes to personalize our little goat. We added Holden CV8Z 18x8 wheels and BFG KDW-2 tires, a weight saving BMR aluminum skid plate and a stout BMR strut tower brace. Kooks long tube headers funnel into Kooks high flow cats. A modified MagnaFlow TRU-

X cat back now features Moroso SF-R mufflers and MagnaFlow 4-inch tips. A touch of the console-mounted switch allows the tiger to roar through RRP electric cut-outs. The entire exhaust was done by Aaron Gazaway (Brutal Performance). The LS2 breaths through an LPE cold air box. MSD super conductor wires give more clearance around the headers. Phine Designs did the window tint. A JHP dash pod with G.M. oil pressure and Voltmeter allow for basic monitoring.

This winter I hope to add a Dash Hawk to provide more in-depth information. I also intend to install an aftermarket transmission cooler.

Owning and driving this car has been a richly rewarding experience. The people we have met have shown us that the car hobby is more than just cars. It's about people and friendships. We are both so proud to belong to the Gateway GTO Club and to be associated with people who have spent so many years restoring and maintaining the greatest muscle car of all time – the GTO.





Presidents Scoop

The Presidents Scoop By Mark Melrose

As I write this, the Labor Day weekend promises to be a real cooker with high temps flirting with 100 degrees, but cooler weather is promised for the following weekend. This year we have enjoyed a relatively mild summer with high temperatures well below record levels and annual rainfall remains seven inches above 2012. Last year's heat and drought in the Midwest prompted us to defer some 2013 club events until the fall when the weather is more tolerable for those of us without air conditioned GTOs. As a result, the club calendar is loaded with events from early September through mid-October :

9/8/13: 17th Annual Walter F. Philips Memorial Old Cars Against Cancer *Wheels in Motion Day* at Westport Plaza. In collaboration with other local car clubs, the Gateway "Orange T-Shirt Brigade" manages the gate, parks show cars and runs the event raffle. Proceeds benefit the National Children's Cancer Society – in 2012 to the tune of \$11,500.

9/13/13: September's *North County Cruise Nite* at Complete Auto Body on N. Lindbergh.

9/15/13: The annual Gateway GTO Club Picnic at Vago Park in Maryland Heights. The club supplies the meats (burgers, dogs, brats, chicken and pork steaks) BBQ'd by master chef Chris Simmons. Members are asked to bring a covered dish (salad, fruit, casserole, dessert, etc.) to share and personal liquid refreshments.

9/21-9/22/13: 2nd Annual GTOAA Regional All Pontiac Cruise & Show in Pontiac, Illinois with proceeds benefitting the Pontiac-Oakland Museum & Resource Center. The Gateway "Orange T-Shirt Brigade" will manage event registration and help with show car parking and vote tabulating.

9/28/13: Members Joe and Bev Mayweather's church is sponsoring their *Olivet Missionary Baptist Church 4th Annual Fall Harvest Fest & Car Show* with outstanding home cooking provided to those displaying vehicles.

10/5/13: *First Annual 1st Responders Auto Show* at Complete Auto Body on N. Lindbergh benefitting 1st Responders and Backstoppers organizations. The Gateway "Orange T-Shirt Brigade" will provide overall management of this event.

10/11/13: Our final *North County Cruise Nite* of the season at Complete Auto Body on N. Lindbergh.

Bring out your Goats and have fun at these events. We need help from the "Orange T-Shirt Brigade" in working the Benefit events as noted above. Gateway GTO member participation in and management of these Benefit events is what has solidified the club's reputation as a premier organization – please help keep the ball rolling and contact Kerry Friedman or me if you can be of assistance and let me know if you need an orange club "worker bee" T-Shirt.

THANK YOU

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





Gateway GTO Meeting Minutes



GGTOA Minutes: 8/7/2013

7:03PM – Meeting Start – Brian O'Sullivan brought in a friend who has a 1976 T/A.

7:05 - Old Business – Jackets are in and available for pickup. Discussion on Nationals - It was a fantastic event with an excellent turnout.

7:08 – New Business – Wheels in Motion raffle items are needed.

7:15 – Discussion of dates for: Club Poker Run – possible in last two weeks of October, Fall Club Cruise – possibly postponed until next spring, Fall Movie Night – possibly early November.

7:17 – Upcoming Events - North County Cruise Night 8/9. JJ's Cruise 8/10

7:18 – Veterans Memorial Car show 8/17 at Purina Farms

7:19 – Wheels in Motion on 9/8 at Westport. Need volunteers and raffle items.

7:22 – Club Picnic at Vago on 9/14 10:30AM-3PM

7:24 – 9/21-9/22 GTOAA Regional all Pontiac Show in Pontiac Illinois

7:28 – Mother Road Festival in Springfield Illinois 9/27-9/29

7:29 – Olivette Missionary Baptist Church show. 9/28 12PM-4PM

7:30 – First Responders Car Show at Complete Autobody on 10/5. Going to be a big show. Club cars are display only. Need volunteers.

7:35 – GTOAA – 2014 Nationals will be in Pittsburgh. 2004-06 GTO will be judged in concourse in 2019. GGTOA got awards for club participation and club newsletter.

7:40 – Brian O'Sullivan used previous tech article from Chris Winslow to replace his igni-

tion lock cylinder. Mark Melrose had problems with his cruise control and had an engine light come on, that was resolved by replacing a single component. Shauna Wollmershauser had her broken into. It cost \$3200 to fix, \$900 of which was just for the glass.

7:44 – Discussion on Schaeffer Oil order

7:46 – Earl spoke about a car show in Troy

7:47 – Officer nominations will be accepted soon

7:49 – Earl suggested the club take care of the Presidents entry into the National, or something similar. Tom Oxler seconded the motion for registration to be covered. Further discussion will be held by the officers.

7:53 – Steve Hedrick found a V8 Pontiac sign at Hobby Lobby. He also spoke about the Tri-Power Nationals in Norwalk.

7:58 – Chris Winslow was presented with 2 awards from the GTOAA for the Gateway GTO website and newsletter.

8:02 – Marty talked about some upcoming concerts including Franky Avalon. An e-mail will be sent about one in November.

8:04 – Motion to adjourn by John Taylor, seconded by Shauna Wollmershauser.

50/50 of \$41 went to Andrew O'Sullivan





Gateway GTO Activities

North County Cruise Night

By
Chris Winslow

The fourth installment of the North County Cruise Nights was this month on the 9th. Unfortunately, a few sprinkles in the area put s damper on the turnout. Our sponsor, Complete Auto Body rewarded those of us that braved the weather with great pulled pork for dinner.



The sprinkles were over early and those of us that stuck it out were rewarded with a really nice evening for August in St. Louis. Most of us took advantage of the time to catch with each other on our car related activities this summer.

Gateway GTO cars dominated

the show this month, but there were also a number of late model Camaro's as well as a Charger, and AMX and a Yenko Nova clone.



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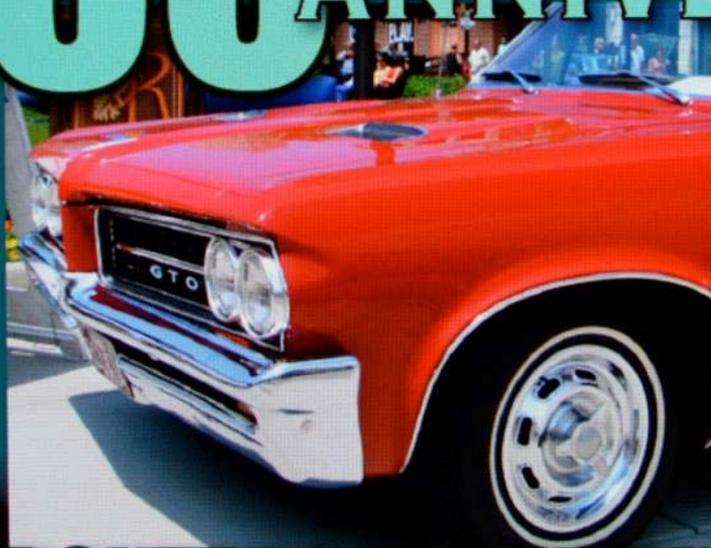
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See reverse side for classes

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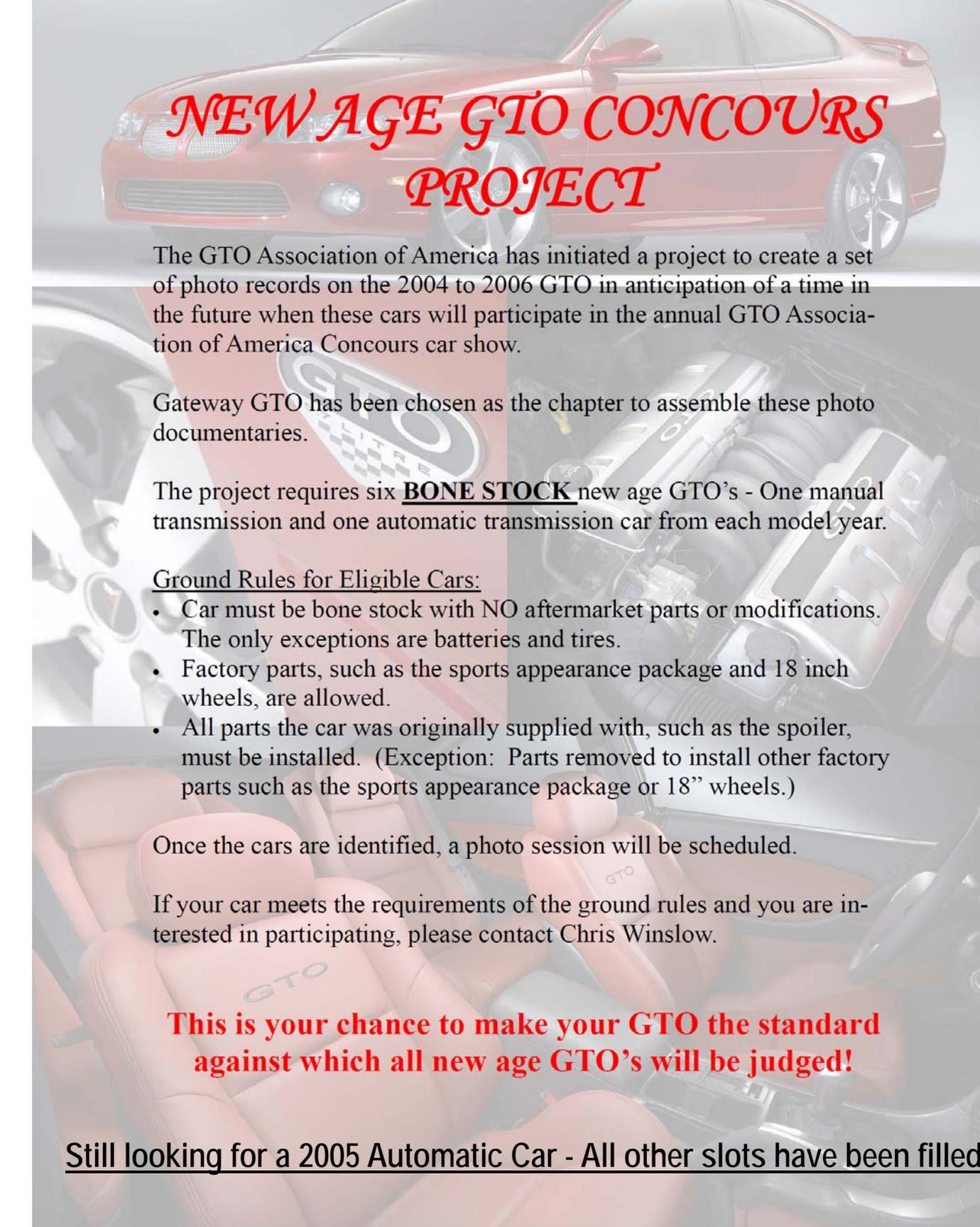
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NEW AGE GTO CONCOURS PROJECT

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!**

Still looking for a 2005 Automatic Car - All other slots have been filled

Gateway GTO Association Points Submission Form

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Event	With GTO (40 Points)	Without GTO (20 Points)

Total for Club Sponsored Events _____

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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) _____
- 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

September

4 – Meeting at JJ's. CLUB SPONSORED

8 – Wheels in Motion Kids for Cancer Car Show at Westport Plaza. CLUB SPONSORED

13 – North County Cruise Nite 6-9PM on the 2nd Friday of each month April-October at Complete Auto Body, 6041 N. Lindbergh, Hazelwood, MO. CLUB SPONSORED

14 – JJ's Cruises at 1215 S. Duschene in St. Charles second Saturday of the month April-October

15 – Club Picnic at Vago Park in Maryland Heights, MO. CLUB SPONSORED

21-22 – GTOAA Regional Pontiac Car Show in Pontiac, IL, details to follow. CLUB SPONSORED

28 – Olivet Missionary Baptist Church 4th Annual Fall Harvest Festival & Car Exhibit, Noon-4PM at 12200 New Halls Ferry Rd., Florissant, MO.

27-29 – Route 66 Mother Road Festival in Springfield, IL, details to follow.

October

2 – Meeting at JJ's. CLUB SPONSORED

5 (6 Rain) – 1st Responder Auto Show hosted by Gateway GTO and Complete Auto Body, 8AM-4PM at 6041 N. Lindbergh Blvd., Hazelwood, MO. 16 judged trophy classes, music, food 50/50, dash plaques. Proceeds to Responder Rescue and Backstoppers. CLUB SPONSORED

11 – North County Cruise Nite 6-9PM on the 2nd Friday of each month April-October at Complete Auto Body, 6041 N. Lindbergh, Hazelwood, MO. CLUB SPONSORED

12 – JJ's Cruises at 1215 S. Duschene in St. Charles second Saturday of the month April-October

TBD – Club Fall Movie Night & Chili Feast, date and time TBD. 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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