



THE HOOD SCOOP

January 2014

**Gateway GTO
Association**



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GTO of the Month

My GTO

By Steve Hedrick



My name is Steve Hedrick I have been in the Gateway GTO club a few years, 1985 just seem like yesterday. In that time we have owned a few GTO's. Since the age of 14 I have always had a least one GTO. Most of the GTO's I've owned were 68-70 round bodies.

Sometime in the '90's we ran across the '67. I had never had a (long body) GTO. So Tammy let me buy one more basket case GTO. At the time we had a very nice 70 and spent a lot of time working and showing it. The 67 sat around the house and I collected parts I knew it would need. With kids another GTO and a few sport trucks, not much got done on the '67, it sat and waited. Out of garage space we looked into expanding our garage, then into building a new house.

The 67 sat and waited. So after selling the house, moving the hulk 67 GTO to our rental house with a garage, which turned out to be the farthest it had gone in a few years. The 67 sat. After building our new house and new garage we moved the 67 again, guess what? due to house stuff the 67 sat.



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Not sure when, but I decided the 67 had sat long enough. We jumped into restoring the 67 with both feet. At first, the jump was a shock; little did I know the water was deep. And man was the long bodies different. There was a learning curve, a big one. But with the help of friends that have 67's and a lot of studying books, and cars at meets the car came together. Friends and myself did all the work from the frame up. After about a year, the car was coming along. The only thing left was the bodywork. I met a guy that wanted to do the 67 at my house, which worked for 6mo. Then the car sat. After about another 6 months I decided to take it to a friend that owned his own body shop. He agreed to take the car in as filler for his regular bodywork. 6mo later the car was painted and coming home.

So after about 10-12 years in the family it was finally ready to show.

Since the car was finished it has attended many shows and seen some cruising. It has been to many GTOAA nationals and has won gold in concours and many awards in

poplar vote. Over the years we have added a few things and worked hard to maintain the finished look on the car. One item I'm glad we added was the red fender liners. I think they make the car look great.

As you might know I love GTO's and Tammy thinks they come first but if she sits in a GTO I love her just as much.

I do think an important part of my passion for the GTO is GTOAA and Gateway GTO club. To any person that cares what happens to our GTO's you have to care about these two clubs. They will increase your knowledge and reward you with many friends and you get to hang out with some great cars.

A few guys in the club give me grief because I trailer the car to shows out of town. I take that in stride, one because we are very proud of the 67 and also it sat in garages for the last 12 years if feels at home riding in an enclosed trailer there.





Presidents Scoop



The Presidents Scoop By Kerry Friedman

ANOTHER YEAR?

Well here we are, January 2014. Where does the time go? It's 22° outside, we have already had the most significant snowfall since the 1980's, and here we are talking about getting our cars out, cleaning off the cobwebs, cruising around the area, and points further. 50 years since the Tempest was stretched with a 389 cu. in. powerhouse stuffed under the hood, and the GTO was created. Those of us who were around to see this happen, but not old enough to drive, legally, and thus "The Muscle Car Era" was born.

We should all be very proud to be associated with this great moment in History. I know I am.

Many golden anniversary events will take place this year, including the GTOAA Nationals, July 1 to July 5 in Monroeville, PA, and the GTOAA Regionals in Pontiac, IL on September 20 and 21. A lot of effort has, and will be spent, to make these and other events special and memorable. If you haven't been to a GTOAA National Convention, this may be the one to break the ice. Monroeville is a suburb of Pittsburgh, and there are many exciting and beautiful sites to see. Not to mention to see as many GTO's and meet GTO owners from everywhere. Just multiply the Gateway Chapter enthusiasm by 50 or even a hundred. Information on the Nationals can be found through the Legend or the GTOAA website, www.gtoaa.org.

To my knowledge, other than Pontiacs that General Motors have stashed away somewhere in Michigan, there is only one Pontiac Museum in the entire universe. Imagine that, and it is within a 3 hour drive of us. Tim and Penny Dye have dedicated their lives to build and display this fabulous collection of Pontiacs, GTO's, literature, memorabilia, photos, and even one of the official 1968 "beat the bumper" baseball bats. Our chapter, in conjunction with GTOAA and The Heart of Illinois Chapter, will sponsor the 3rd Annual GTO and All Pontiac Regional in Pontiac, Illinois. The only thing better, would be to be able to walk into a showroom and buy a new Pontiac. Pontiac is a small town, right on I-55, in northern Illinois. Almost like Mayberry, but, the Mayor is there greeting everyone, judging cars, putting on a local musical revue, and hosting an ice cream social. The whole town is great. Historical Route 66 Museum, World War Museum, building art murals to pose your car in front of, and the exquisite mid-western hospitality are some of the highlights.





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Plan on attending one or both days, if you can. And, as usual, the sea of the “Orange Brigade” shirts is quite awesome. This leads me right into another topic that is very dear to my heart.

In organizations that I have been involved with, including being a Scoutmaster in the Boy Scouts, there is typically a handful of people that are usually there all the time to help out. You have all heard of the 20-80 rule. 20% of the people do 80% of the work. Well I have to say, since I have been around the Gateway GTO Club, it is more like 80% of the Members are always there to participate and



go to great lengths to do whatever is necessary to make the function a huge success. Thank you so much! One occasion that sticks in my mind is the 2013 Wheels In Motion Car Show, last September. A rain or shine event, usually limits the attendance when it rains. That it did, all except for the Gateway Members, with their GTO's. Early in the morning, we all huddled under the shelter to stay dry and warm, as our GTO's were being pelted from the heavens. This is true support and dedication. (Commendation must also be given to the good showing of Mustangs.) The same thing prevailed at the October 1st Responders Show. More GTO's and Gateway Members than anyone else.

The new for 2014 Officers and myself are hard at work on the Event Calendar for 2014. Events in the works are; the Easter Car Show, rescheduling the Illinois Poker Run, a late May visit to Bob's Gasoline Alley in Cuba, MO, another Pin Ball Night, Illinois Cruise, the Monthly Club Meetings, Cruise and Car Shows around the area, and we are very open to listening to your suggestions and ideas. Just because we always did something, doesn't mean we have to do it again. We are also trying to decide about the North County Cruise Nights vs. a Big Car Show.

The Gateway Chapter held the GTOAA National Convention in 1994 and again in 2005. A lot of us were here in 2005 and the Convention was a huge success and very rewarding undertaking, both mentally and financially. The Club is considering hosting this Convention again, in 2017. Since the availability and cost of a suitable location in the St. Louis area, we are strongly in favor of hosting the Convention at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Springfield, IL. You may think we are nuts for doing this. Hold that thought for a while. This venue is perfect. Plenty of parking within eyesight, plenty of rooms and restaurants within walking distance, enough space inside for the Concours Judging, and best of all, the cost; free. Convention sites can charge as much as \$20,000 for the facility, not including any food or rooms. Many Conventions are held on the July 4th holiday, to avoid these costs. Special consideration would be given to room rates



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for those who attend and work the Convention.

This Convention will be a main topic of discussion at the upcoming regular Club Meeting on Wednesday, February 5, at JJ's in St. Charles. The meeting starts at 7:00. Many of us get there at 6:00 for dinner and fellowship. Please plan to attend. If you can't be there and have any ideas, complaints, suggestions, or comments please send them to me at kfriedman@hughes.net.

Please consider writing an article for our monthly newsletter, the Hood Scoop. Tell us about yourselves, your GTO experiences, your profession, or anything else you would like to share. This is a special invitation to those of you that haven't been GTO of the Month. Since this is the 50th anniversary, this invitation is especially open to those of you with 1964 GTO's or stories about them. Same goes for the 40th anniversary of the 1974, and 10th of the 2004. If you have vendors or friends with good stories pertaining to our hobby, we would entertain their presence and presentation at one of the Club Meetings or an article in the Hood Scoop.

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



WANTED!

**WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 5TH EACH AND
EVERY MEMBER NEEDED. ON THE AGENDA
WILL BE FUTURE EVENT LIKE NO OTHER.**



**ALL MEMBERS ARE ASKED TO ATTEND THE
FEBRUARY MEETING TO RELIVE THE BEST
TIME YOU EVER HAD IN 2005.**

**THE GATEWAY GTO STAFF HAVE BEEN
ASKED TO BRING TO THE MEMBERS THE
PLANS AND IDEAS FOR A FUTURE
CONVENTION TO BE HOSTED BY THE
GATEWAY GTO ASSOCIATION. YOUR
THOUGHTS AND INPUT ARE REQUESTED.**



Year Of The 4's



Calling all owners of 1964, 1974, and 2004 GTO's!



This year, in celebration of:
50th Anniversary of the 1964 GTO
40th Anniversary of the 1974 GTO
10th Anniversary of the 2004 GTO

The Hoodscoop will be featuring Car of the Month articles
on the anniversary years

If you own one of these special cars, please get to work on
your article(s) and get them to Chris Winslow

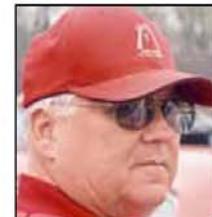




Gateway GTO Finances for 2013



GATEWAY GTO ASSOCIATION			INCOME
INCOME AND EXPENSE SUMMARY AS OF 12/31/13			ACCRAULS
CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE 12/31/12		\$34,034.85	
INCOME			
DUES TO GTOAA	2,198.00		
50/50	344.00		
CHRISTMAS PARTY	540.00		20.00
EASTER SHOW	135.00		
SPONSORSHIPS/ADVERTISING	500.00		
REGIONAL MEET	6,836.64		
BOONVILLE	370.00		
FIRST RESPONDER CAR SHOW	474.00		347.83
JACKETS	814.20		
MISC. INCOME AND CHECK BOOK	-1.45		
TOTAL INCOME		12,210.39	367.83
EXPENSES			EXPENSE
			ACCRAULS
PIZZA PARTY	458.59		
CARS AND STARS	4,884.74		
EASTER SHOW	180.00		
SCRAP BOOK	125.00		
SOUND EQUIPMENT	715.32		
CHRISTMAS PARTY	837.72		1242.5
INSURANCE	793.00		
FIRST RESPONDERS CAR SHOW	867.33		
DUES TO GTOAA	2,170.00		
PICNIC	290.71		
BOONVILLE	373.00		
REGIONAL MEET	7,065.14		
WHEELS IN	835.15		
JACKETS	1,074.00		
MISC. EXPENSES	303.74		
TOTAL EXPENSES	20,973.44	-20973.44	
CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE 12/31/13		\$25,271.80	\$25,271.80
INCOME ACCRUALS			\$367.83
EXPENSE ACCRUALS			-\$1,242.50
CHECKING ACCT. BAL. AFTER ACCRUALS			\$24,397.13



Chapter Chat

With GTOAA President G. Thomas Oxler

Our Chapter Coordinator, Bill Vantuono, and I have been discussing methods to relay what various GTOAA chapters are doing with the other GTOAA chapters and our membership. Many of you are very active and have proven very innovative in getting your chapter members involved with GTO activities. Bill and I would like you to send us articles describing some of your more successful activities that seem to get the most attendance from your membership. We will put these together into one of our Chapter Chats to share with all of the other GTOAA chapters. We will also try to publish some of these activities in *The Legend* to showcase some of the exciting things going on in our GTOAA chapters.

My experience when I was an officer in the Gateway GTO Association in St. Louis was a takeoff of the old saying from the movie, *Field of Dreams*: "If you build it, they will come." I changed it to: "If you plan it, they will come." We tried planning many different activities that would appeal to the three types of members we had in our club: members who liked to cruise, members who liked car shows, and members who liked racing such as autocross and drag racing. Although we never had even close to 100% participation in any of these events, we had close to 75% participation in one or more of the three types of activities. Not every member likes all three, but

the more types of activities you offer, the more likely you will find something that everyone likes to do.

One of the reasons I wanted to start this sharing of information between chapters is based on an email and a phone call I got a couple of months ago from Denny Deal of the Cactus GTOs in Phoenix, Arizona. Denny and his chapter are working on a charity project to help disabled veterans attain a tracked wheelchair (below) to



help with their mobility. They hope to raise enough money to purchase one of these tracked wheelchairs for a deserving veteran who, due to injuries sustained defending our great country, can no longer get around without help. The tracked wheelchair allows these veterans to go places that normal powered wheelchairs just will not go. Denny is working with the Independence Fund, which is a 501c3 Not-for-Profit, and 99.5% of all funds collected go to purchasing the chairs, since all of the workers are volunteers.

Denny will be contacting all of the GTOAA chapters to see if you want to help with this worthy cause.

This is the type of activity that many of our GTOAA members and chapters do not know about and that Bill and I would like to share. I know there are many great charity works going on and many great and fun things you are doing with your members and their GTOs, so send them to me (president@gtoaa.org) and to Bill (chapters@gtoaa.org).

2014 is the 50th Birthday of the GTO, and the Greater Pittsburgh GTO Club has planned an absolutely spectacular birthday celebration over the 4th of July. Please extend an invitation to all of your members that they are all invited, including *all Pontiacs*. For more info, go to www.gtoaa.org and click on the 2014 Convention tab. I hope to see all of the chapters represented in the Chapter Display area. Here each GTOAA chapter can show the membership some of the things they have been doing to enjoy their GTOs and contribute to their communities.

Remember that 2014 Chapter Surveys, which were emailed to all chapter officers prior to Thanksgiving, are due to Bill Vantuono by mid-February. This will assure that chapter officers receive their 50% discount on the annual GTOAA dues.

See you in Pittsburgh!



Gateway GTO Activities



ANNUAL GATEWAY GTO PIZZA PARTY By Chris Winslow

Gateway GTO Association held our annual pizza party at a new location, Pirrone's Pizza in Florissant. As it is typically, the event was very well attended. The new location and Pirrone's reputation for making great pizza probably helped.

The GTO turnout, however, was not so good because the rough conditions of the roads due to the recent bad weather! Despite that, a few new age GTO's came out to play.



The party was a great chance for everyone to catch up on what happened over the holiday and what projects are in work the club garages. There were also a few new members who were not with us last year.

During the party, Barb Lewis introduced Gateway GTO's new "Elf on the Shelf" Gateway Tiger. Expect to see Gateway showing up in a lot of interesting places during the year.



With Easter not until April this year, folks were making plans for a few events between now and the official beginning of car season in St. Louis. Stay tuned to the newsletter and the website for the new activities.

Finally, if you have not already done so, be sure to send your membership renewal to Mr. Bowers as soon as possible. The form is included in the newsletter.



Where was Gateway Tiger This Month?



The Gateway Tiger makes his appearance in 2014 at the pizza party. He is here making sure no one is tardy. Now who will be the member who steals him today and makes sure he shows at the next foray. Use your imagination and your GTO and have the tiger travel with you wherever you go. He can help fix the car or shine the chrome, just do not leave him home alone. He likes to cruise and eat at diners, just do not let him become a whiner. Take a picture for the newsletter and send to Chris as we follow the adventures of the Gateway Tiger and not be remiss.





Where was Gateway Tiger This Month?

UPDATE ON THE GATEWAY TIGER

Hi Members! I just returned from a whirlwind weekend get-away to Birmingham, Alabama with Mr. and Mrs GTO. Mr. GTO, the president of GTOAA, was invited to the first meeting of a new GTOAA chapter, Heart of Dixie, in Birmingham, Alabama by their president, Mr. Charley Morton. As some of you know, Charley has been a member of Gateway GTO since some of our members met him at a Route 66 event in Springfield many years ago. So the club has lost a member but GTOAA has gained a new chapter.

In traveling with the Oxlers, you know they are early birds so we left St. Charles at 5:30 Saturday morning, January 18 and arrived in the small town of Altona, Alabama where Charley and his wife Carol live, out in the country about an hour from Birmingham. The meeting was held at a barbecue place and attendance was good for their first meeting, about 20 people. Great people, good food. Had a quick breakfast with Charley and Carol Sunday morning the 19th and off we went to Memphis to meet up with an old high school friend of the Oxlers. More barbecue for lunch (we were in Memphis you know) and finally on the road and arrived in St Charles later that evening.

I had a good time. Now I am wearing a lanyard with my own identification card courtesy of Mrs. GTO. I was barely able to get some rest when I discovered I would soon be "on the road" again. Wonder where I am going ???





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KEEPING UP WITH THE GTO TIGER

Hey everyone! No sooner did I catch my breath from the whirlwind trip to Birmingham with the Oxlers, I found myself in a box and spending some time with UPS heading south. I arrived on the doorstep of the club's snowbirds, Darrel and Tootie May in Florida. It was a short visit but I wanted to see where they spent the winter months, but they too were having some cold weather so no ocean dipping this time. Looking forward to seeing everyone at the February meeting.



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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
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
Edwardsville, IL 62025

Membership dues are \$35.00 per year, which includes you and one associate member (spouse, girlfriend, etc.) and your GTOAA yearly membership.

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) _____

Have GTO featured in a National Pub (40 Points) _____

Total Points for Month

Submit completed form at GGTOA monthly meeting or to:
B. O'Sullivan
10637 St. Phillip Lane
St. Anne, MO 63074

2014 GATEWAY GTO CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January

12 - Gateway GTO Pizza Party at Pirrone's in Florissant, Mo. (CLUB SPONSORED)

February

1—Eagle Watching at Pallisades starting at 2pm. 1670 Riverview Drive, Portage Des Sioux

5 - GTO MEETING 7PM at JJ's Restaurant (CLUB SPONSORED)

March

5 - GTO MEETING 7PM at JJ's Restaurant (CLUB SPONSORED)

29 - Gateway GTO Pinball Night—Details to follow

April

2 - GTO MEETING 7PM at JJ's Restaurant (CLUB SPONSORED)

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

20 - Easter Car Show at the Muny (Classic GTO's in the upper lot, New Age GTO's in the lower lot (CLUB SPONSORED) Details on registration for Classic GTO's to follow

SEE THE FULL CALENDAR AT WWW.GATEWAYGTO.ORG

Gateway GTO Classifieds

For Sale

Heads

#13 I099-I099 \$300

#16 B198-B198 \$300

#62 C199-D199 \$300

#64 J099-J139 \$600 Cleaned & magged

#96 H240-H240 \$300 "" ""

One 6X-4 \$150 "" ""

400 crank #4813 \$150 Fresh 10-10

'75 455 std. block & crank \$450

"69 428 std 2 bolt block, cleaned & magged with used forged pistons & SD rods.

Crank needs turned. \$800.

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3.08 \$300

3.23 \$300

3.42 \$300

3.73 Richmond gears, rebuilt posi. \$600

Chebby short shaft 400 turbo \$100

Contact Tony Bezzole
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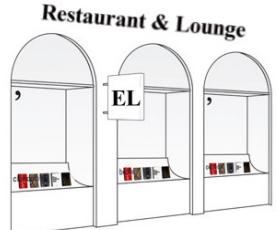
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Gateway GTO Association Photo Album

If you have photos of past events or if you take pictures of future events that you think would be good for our Photo Album, please send them to the newsletter editor.

The Hood Scoop is published as an informative news bulletin to keep our members up to date on past, present, and future events.

Advertising rates are:

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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.

Club Sponsor

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