



THE HOOD SCOOP

June 2015

My GTO

By Will Bowers

Gateway GTO Association



When I was growing up, my Dad was fishing and hunting buddy with the local Pontiac dealer. Before it was popular to lease a car, my dad had an arrangement with the dealer that he would purchase a car and trade often. This would give the dealer the option of having a low millage vehicle for resale and Dad would get the latest model to drive for a year. If I recall correctly, we had almost every Grand Prix from 1962 to 1969. This is where my love affair with Pontiacs began. I have been the owner of a number of GTO's dating back as 1964 when I purchased my first one. Since then I have owned a '64, '65, '66, two '67's and a '70.

Obviously, I was very excited when I heard that Pontiac was bringing back the GTO in 2004. Honestly, I was underwhelmed by its styling, as were many others. I always thought Pontiac could have gone a little more retro with its styling and advertising to give more of a tribute to its heritage. Ford and Chrysler did a much better job with their tribute to the past styling, performance and advertising. Even though the styling was not my favorite, I was impressed with its performance even though it had the corporate (Chevy) motor. Pontiac did however pick up the styling and performance in 2005 and 2006. At least the hood scoops and spoiler were back!

After selling my 1966 Corvette coupe, I started giving consideration



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GTO's lines and sonic profile to even sportier dimensions, these items will attract a certain amount of attention. On the other hand, a 400 – horsepower car is not for sneaking up on people. The GTO Sport Appearance Package comes either in Red, Black, Silver or primed, it is available through your local Pontiac dealer ship parts department and is covered under the car's GM New-Vehicle Limited Warranty."

to purchasing one of the "new" GTO's. St. Louis had been experiencing several really hot summers and I thought it would be great to have a GTO with comfort, handling, performance six speeds and most of all, ice cold AC!

I was aware that Pontiac offered the SAP or Sport Appearance Package installed through its dealers and started looking for more information on the package. There was a brief mention in the basic GTO brochure for 2005. It is described as follows:

"The opposite of stealth: Sport Appearance Package"

"With a car that makes 400 horsepower and has hood scoops standard, "accessories" takes on a special meaning. From the school of automotive design that brought ground effects to motor racing, the GTO Sport Appearance package includes a front fascia with a new lower valance and recessed grille insert, rocker extensions, a custom high spoiler, a rear facial extension, and a deep-sounding mufflers with dual/dual chrome exhaust outlets. In extending

I decided that if I were going to start looking for a new GTO, it had to be one with extra styling cues. In January of 2013, I found a silver 2005 with the full SAP package located in Louisville with just 38k miles. It was one of those few nice sunny days early in the year and Donna and I decided to make a road trip. I knew from discussions with the owner that he had made a few modification including a ripper shifter, ram air intake, dash mounted gage package, aluminum skid plate and heavy duty stabilizer bar between the strut towers. The owner had retained and included the original parts to put back to stock. After a little ne-



GTO of the Month



a MAGNAFLOW by Walker.

The package was discontinued by Pontiac in early 2006, making SAP parts very difficult to locate. (However, the recessed grille inserts are now being reproduced, due to their popularity, and are being added by owners to their standard GTO's).

negotiation on price we were ready for the trip home.

Because the SAP package was a rare option, information was hard to come by. I started my research by looking through back issues of the "Legend" until I found a Silver SAP GTO on the cover. It was owned by Vic Schreck, President of the SVGTO chapter. I contacted him and he was very helpful by providing additional information on the SAP package. I learned there was actually a small (difficult to locate) separate brochure on the SAP package. Fortunately, I was able to locate one on EBay.

Vic Schreck had purchased the complete package from the dealer when he ordered his 2005 GTO. He said that individual pieces of the package could be purchased separately and that the complete package listed for about \$3,500! He also stated the exhaust system in the package is

Interestingly, Vic mentioned that, in 2005, there were major delays with the GTO deliveries from Australia and problems at the dock. As a result, the SAP package arrived ahead of the car at the dealerships. He actually became so tired of waiting he had the dealer find another GTO that was already in the States.

Overall, I am very pleased with the car and have put about 6k miles on it without any issues. It is great for those club events during the hot St. Louis summers.





Presidents Scoop

The Presidents Scoop

By Kerry Friedman

The 2015 GTOAA National Convention is right around the corner, location wise and time wise. Columbus, Indiana, an hour south of Indianapolis. It will be the best opportunity to go to one before we host the 2017 Convention in Springfield, Illinois. If you can't come for the whole time, try to go for a day or two. The convention is from Tuesday, July 7 through Saturday, July 11. Caravans will form and the final details will be out by the July meeting. There will be plenty for all to do. From Cruises to tours to speakers. Details can be found on the Convention Website, <http://www.posiclub.com/2015-gtoaa-convention.html>

We are looking at Sept 12 as the date for a make-up GTO show to replace the rained out St. Charles Heritage Museum GTO Car Show. Let me or Terry know if this date will work for you.

The June 13th, 2nd Annual Gateway Buick GMC Car Show had good weather and good attendance from the Gateway GTO Club. Don Koch, our Gateway Buick contact, had over 120 pre-registration contacts. But, including the GTO Clubs 14 cars, there were only +/- 52 cars that were present. It was a nice time, but the lack of attendees made the day a little slow. Don is also planning another show in the Fall. Let's hope that one is as well attended as last year's show. Thanks to all of the Orange Shirt Volunteers who showed up and helped.

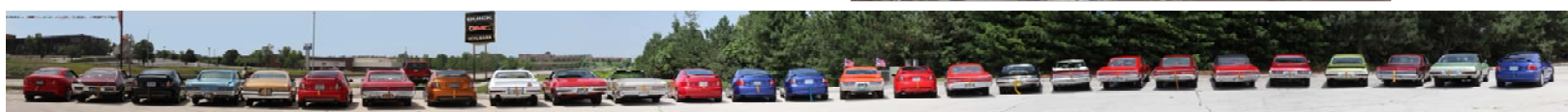
Per a raise of hands at the May meeting, we are planning a fun cruise in Jefferson County on August 8. Put this on your calendars. It will be a follow the instructions cruise with questions to fill answer, time and mileage to be recorded, and a 5 minute delay between starts. We will need some people to manage a couple of check-in stops along the way. Please let me know if you can volunteer for one of these. The cruise will take at least 2-3 hours and cover around 100 miles. In case of bad weather we'll set up the 9th or 15th as rain dates.

Due to a very busy September, our Annual Club Picnic at Vago Park will be on August 30, and the Wheels in Motion Show at Westport is on Sept. 13. So start hitting up businesses for items to put in our Charity Raffle. Remember this for the Children with Cancer.

Also keep September 19 and 20 open, and get your hotel reservations for the 4th Annual All Pontiac Regional Car Show to benefit the Pontiac-Oakland Museum in Pontiac, Illinois. Besides our cars and local clubs, this is how the History of Pontiac will live on. We must support it and keep it going.

A cruise down Route 66 to Lebanon, Missouri, stopping along the way to eat, is scheduled for October 24 and 25, with an overnight stay at The Munger Moss Motel. The overnight is optional but reservations should be made soon if you care to do that.

The next regular Gateway GTO meeting will be July 2, at The Sport's Café, in Bridgeton. See you there.



GGTOA Minutes: 6/4/2015

7:11PM – Meeting start – Shauna Wollmer-shauser was present at the meeting. She updated everyone on how her schooling was going. She said that her GTO is running well, so well that it got the attention of Mustang in Detroit...that just so happened to be a police car.

7:21 – Old Business – The St. Charles Heritage show was cancelled due to weather. The Dyno day went well on the rain date. Fords Unlimited Rascals game was fun. We had a few members show up, but we didn't get to drive on the field due to weather. We had a good Car of the Month article from Harry Timmermann for his 1965 LeMans. Chris Winslow received a gift card from the club for recognition of his hard work on the website and award winning newsletter.

7:25 – Gail Schott talked about the Luau party.

7:27 – New Business – Our new sponsor Gateway Buick GMC is holding their second annual car show and has asked us to help and pass out flyers. The show is on June 13th. We have a band contract for the 2017 Nationals.

7:29 – Upcoming events –

GTOAA Nationals in Columbus, Indiana.
July 7th-11th

August 15th – Veterans Car Show at Purina Farms in Gray Summit. 11:00-3:00. CSE

August 30th – Gateway GTO Club Picnic at Vago Park. CSE

September 13th – Wheels in Motion Charity Car Show at Westport Plaza. Need raffle items. CSE

September 19th-20th – GTOAA Regional. Pontiac, Illinois. Pontiac Museum fund raiser.

September 26th – Olivet Missionary Baptist Church car show.

October 24th – Lebanon, MO Route 66 Car Cruise. Overnight at Munger Moss Motel. CSE

7:32 – 2017 Nationals update from Tom Oxler. We have a 9 piece band signed up called "Everyday People".

7:37 – Chris Simmons mentioned two cruises

7:38 – No GTOAA news

7:39 – Kerry Friedman talked about putting together a Road Rally for later this year. Possibly the 8th of August.

7:41 – Kerry said that Earl Lewis is trying to put together a Cottleville Car Show in October. Gateway GTO would help out, but not be responsible for the show

7:46 – Tech – Nothing New

7:47 – John Novelli talked about a Corvette show at Pur Performance

7:52 – Club Personals – Darryl May has been sick lately so his cancer treatments have been delayed. Mike McNeal's mother passed away. Earl Lewis is getting pancreas treatments. Anne Gunn's brother Bill Fox has passed away. No news for GTO Tiger.

7:55 – Kerry wanted to make sure that club members attend the Gateway Buick show.

7:58 – Motion to adjourn by Tony Bezzole, seconded by John Taylor.

50/50 of \$31 won by John Hunt





Convention Corner



2017 will be here before we know it. As we prepare to host the GTOAA convention, Tom Oxler has put together a tentative set of committee assignment. These are intended as a starting point, so please take a look at your assignment and if you would prefer to be in a different group, please let us know.

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Fuel Rail Cover Modification

By Chris Winslow

As many of you know, there have been a few of the new GTO's lost to engine fires. Many of us believe that the source of these fires is the failure of the fuel line that routes under the left hand fuel rail cover. On the 2004 GTO's specifically, and to a lesser extent the 2005 and 2006 cars, this line is a bit too long and tends to ride against the fuel rail cover. Since one end of this line is fixed to the firewall and the other to the fuel rail, this line is constantly rubbing against the edge of the fuel rail cover as the engine shifts left and right during normal driving. Obviously, more aggressive driving causes even more relative motion and consequently more rubbing.



Over time, the interaction between the fuel rail cover and the fuel line can result in a cut forming in the fuel line. This can eventually lead the fuel line to fail causing gas to spray all over the inside of the engine compartment. GM apparently recognized this problem because for the 2005 model year, they shortened the fuel line and changed the opening where the fuel line enters the fuel rail cover to make it considerably larger. These two things helped a bit, but I would still recommend that those of you with 2005 and 2006 cars check your fuel lines for damage.

So the question is, what can one do about this? Some people have actually just removed the fuel rail covers altogether. I am not a big fan of that look myself, so I did not go that route. The other mod I have seen is the ever popular shade tree mechanic trick of taking a short length of hose, splitting it down the middle, and securing it in place in the area where chaffing is a concern to act as the sacrificial layer. While this option will work, it leaves the end of the hose sticking out past the fuel rail cover, which is something that I was not prepared to live with.

In my case, when I first heard about this problem, I inspected my car and found that it had the condition. I immediately took the car to the Pontiac dealer to get the line replaced under warranty. The dealer I went to was surprisingly difficult to deal with on this issue and only reluctantly agreed to change the hose. Once I had the new hose installed, I needed to figure out a way to prevent the problem from occurring again.

After giving it some thought, I came up with a solution. It is basically a modified ver-



sion of the split hose option. What I did was take a short section of hose and split it down the middle. Instead of installing it on the fuel line, however, I used silicone adhesive and glued it to the underside of the fuel rail cover. I was careful to position it such that the end of the hose is just shy of flush with the edge of the cover. The result is that there is no relative movement between the hose piece I installed on the fuel rail cover and the cover itself. Essentially I end up with rubber on rubber contact between the hose section and the fuel line.

The result can be seen in the photo below. When the cover is installed, the hose section glued onto the underside of the cover cannot be seen. This solution allows the hose to be fully protected, but in a way that is not visible once the cover is installed.



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GATEWAY GTO LUAU

By
Gail Schott



Saturday, June 6, 2015 proved to be a perfect day for an outdoor party. For several years now our unofficial Party Planner, Sandra Melrose, has been spearheading numerous and various types of parties for the club and they have always been a blast. It seems one type of party she had been hoping to have was a Luau. After talking with us and a little arm twisting, she got us to agree to host the Luau.

Sandra had already accumulated various decorations and paper goods with a Hawaiian theme, she came up with an announcement/invitation, and off we went to see if we had enough interest and time to plan it all. As it turned out we had 33 people in attendance.



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There was food aplenty with smoked pork and smoked beef from Bandana’s Barbecue, and various side dishes and desserts, most of which were of a tropical theme, that everyone brought to share. There were also several Hawaiian beverages on hand to try!



As with any party there were also games! The first game up was “Pass the Coconut”, similar to “hot potato” or “musical chairs “. The coconut was passed from person to person, and when the music stopped, the person with their hands on the coconut had to sit down in elimination.



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After a few more refreshments, the next game was to toss or roll the coconut to see who could come the closest to the pineapple, similar to bocce ball.



After a few *more* refreshments, (did I say that once already?!) the last game played was prefaced with a comment about, “Have you ever wanted to ‘wring his/her neck’?! Well, here’s your chance!” In keeping with the Hawaiian theme, Hula Hoops were placed on the ground, your spouse or significant other had to stand within the confines of the hula hoop. Then your spouse, from 15 paces away, had to toss another hula hoop towards you, in hopes of “wringing” you! Not as easy as it sounds, as some of us found out! Great fun was had by all!



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We also had a photo op with a great prop from Hawaii. Terry was fortunate enough to be able to ship home his “long board” (surf board) from his stint in the Army while stationed in Hawaii. Everyone was afforded the opportunity to have their picture taken with the board.



There were several who took the opportunity to dress up Hawaiian style. Be it the “tacky tourist”, the “creative use of coconuts” persons, or the “Princess Leilani” and her accompanying “King Kamehameha”... they were all quite the sight!

Thank you to all who attended! The Gateway GTO Association proved once again that **Fun, Food** and **Friends** are the perfect ingredients for a great organization.

Aloha!





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Gateway GTO Buick-GMC Car Show

By
Chris Winslow

Gateway GTO's primary sponsor Gateway Buick GMC, hosted a car show on June 13th. Gateway GTO stepped up to help with the show by managing the parking and providing the judging.

Despite a questionable weather prediction for that Saturday morning, the rain held off and the sun actually peaked out at times during the show.

Also despite that weather report, 50 cars and their owners ventured out to take part in the show. This included 14 Gateway GTO's (and one Gateway GTO member who left his GTO at home and brought out Dodge!!!!).



As is the custom for Saturday shows at Gateway, the dealer supplied hot dogs and sodas and some attendance prizes as well as trophies.

This event was open to all car makes as well as custom cars so there was a wide mix rolling stock in the parking lot for all of us to view.



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There has been some talk of bringing back the North County Cruise nights at Gateway next year. The turnout on Saturday shows that there are great cars in the area and that this is a good location for such an event. The hotdogs and sodas at events such as this helps to bring out more participants and should be considered as part of any project to bring that event back to this location..



Year Of The 5's



Calling all owners of 1965 and 2005 GTO's!

**This year, in celebration of:
50th Anniversary of the 1965 GTO
10th Anniversary of the 2005 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





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

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:
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To access form from GatewayGTO.com, click below
<http://www.gatewaygto.org/clubpoints.html>



ROUTE 66 CRUISE TO THE MUNGER MOSS HOTEL IN
LEBANON MO

WHEN: SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2015

WHERE: Meet at 8:00 a.m. at the Route 66 State Park, 97
exit 266 (Lewis Rd) off I-44 just east of Eureka.

Travel Route 66 to Devil's Elbow Bridge on the Big Piney
River where we will have lunch at the Devils Elbow Inn and
afterwards proceed to the Munger Moss Hotel in Lebanon
where we will check-in and then have dinner.

INFO: MUNGER MOSS HOTEL

417-532-3111 / Ramona Lehman

Room Prices: Rooms with 2 beds are \$60 plus tax

Queen : \$53.50 plus tax

King: \$56.50 plus tax

Ten (10) rooms are being held under Gateway so get your
reservations in as soon as possible.

2015 GATEWAY GTO CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July

- 2 - GTO MEETING 7PM at Sports Café (CLUB SPONSORED)
- 7-11 - GTOAA Convention in Columbus IN (CLUB SPONSORED)

August

- 6 - GTO MEETING 7PM at Sports Café (CLUB SPONSORED)
- 8 - Route 66 Classic Car Cruise, 8800 Watson Road, Crestwood, Mo 63119, Line up for the parade at 8:30
- 15 - 6th Annual Veterans Charity Car Slow Purina Farms, 200 Checkerboard Drive, Gray Summit, MO 63039 11:00am to 3:00pm (CLUB SPONSORED)
- 23 - Cedar Hill Elks Car and Motorcycle show, 8430 Industrial Drive, Cedar Hill, Mo 63016, 9am to 4pm
- 30 - Gateway GTO Annual PICNIC at Vargo Park (CLUB SPONSORED)

September

- 3 - GTO MEETING 7PM at Sports Café (CLUB SPONSORED)
- 13 - Wheels in Motion Charity Car Show at Westport Plaza (CLUB SPONSORED)
- 19-20 - GTOAA Regional Meet in Pontiac, IL. (CLUB SPONSORED)

October

- 1 - GTO MEETING 7PM at Sports Café (CLUB SPONSORED)
- 24 - Route 66 Cruise at Munger Moss Hotel

SEE THE FULL CALENDAR AT WWW.GATEWAYGTO.ORG

Gateway GTO Classifieds

GATEWAY GTO 30th ANNIVERSARY TEE SHIRTS



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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.

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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 Thursday of the month at Sports Café 3579 Pennridge Dr, Bridgeton, MO 63044

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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