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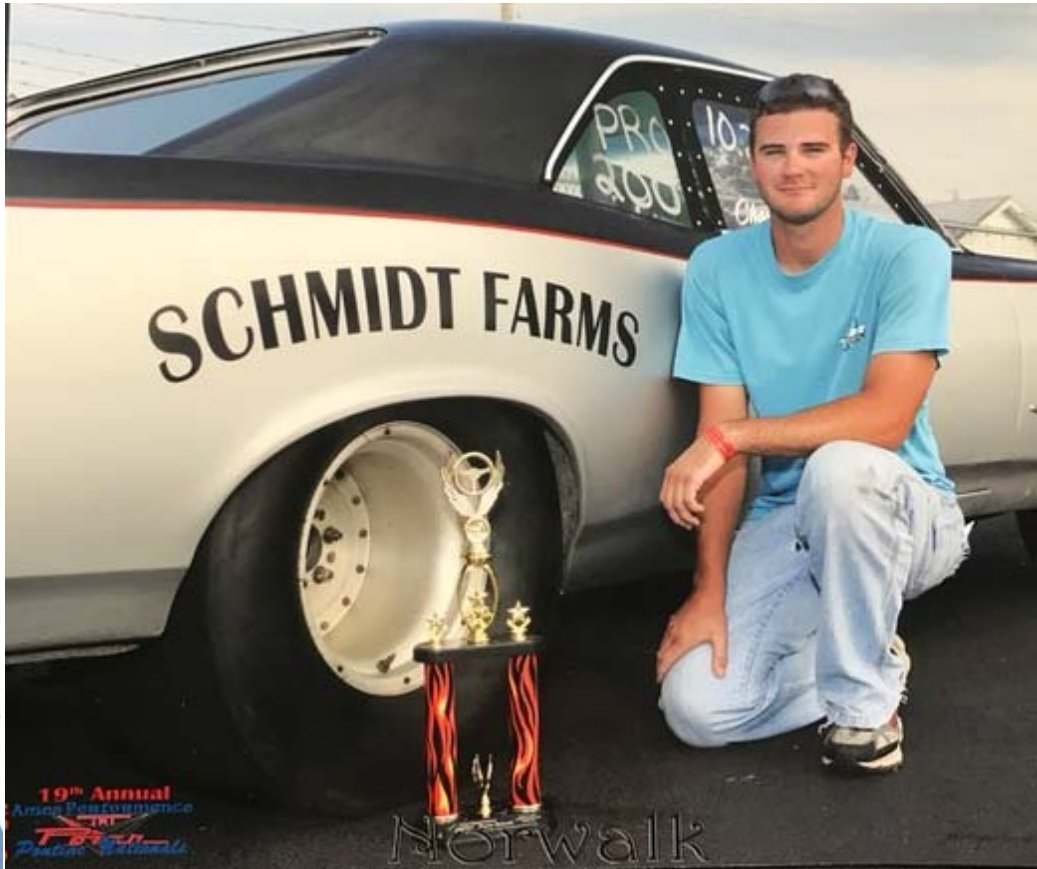


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Charley's 1966 GTO

By Danny Schmidt

Gateway GTO
Association



This story is about a 1966 GTO. Charley Schmidt (also a Gateway GTO member) was 17 years old in 2005. Still in high school, he was looking for a race car and it had to be a GTO. His mom wasn't too thrilled about the idea at the time. It was in a storage unit in St. Louis. The owner had traded for it. Charley went back and forth with the guy on the price and eventually brought her home. The car was a little rough but it was already back halved with a Dana rear and no motor or transmission.

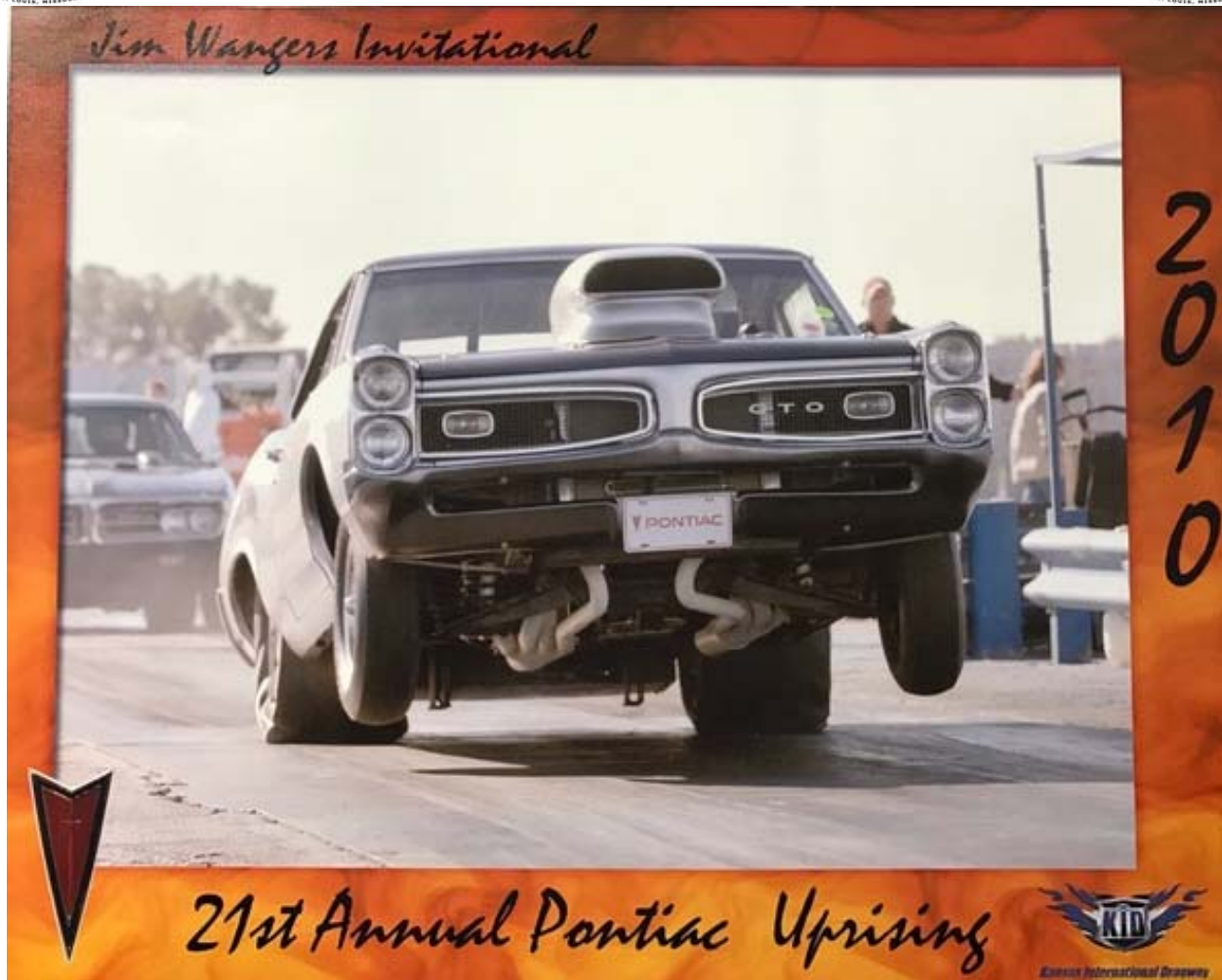
Charley built the motor himself from a 455 bored to 461. He built a 400 transmission with 4500 RPM stall converter. During his senior year in high school he took body shop trade class. He and his teacher put an awesome paint job on the GTO. That summer we did a lot of test and tune at Gateway and went to a lot of Pontiac sanctioned meets.

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THE HOOD SCOOP



When we were racing at a regular race and the hood's off, spectators walk by and see the Pontiac motor, take a step back and say that's no Chevy Rat that's a Pontiac. There's not that many around with Pontiac motors, unless you go to Norwalk. We have been there every year since 2006 except this year. We had a lot of other things going on.

Charley and the GTO have done quite well at Norwalk. In 2007, he won the Gamblers Race against all that was there on Friday night. In 2008 he won the whole works on Saturday to lose to the final winner on Sunday. Runner up is not bad when here is over 400 race cars involved.

We've been to the Pontiac meets in Tulsa, Wichita, and Beach Bend Raceway in Kentucky. The GTO has actually been down George Ray's Wildcat Dragstrip in Paragold, Arkansas. That was on a Sunday. On the way there, Saturday night, we stopped and ran the Sikeston locals at the Sikeston Drag Strip. It was all Chevy, Ford and Mopar. An out of townner brings his GTO in and won the Saturday night special.

I've watched his car pulling front tires higher and higher every year, and going from mid 11s to breaking into the 9s. You know the story, Charley wanted to go faster and bought a Haas Engineered Firebird. I asked what he was going to do with the GTO. He said he needed



GTO of the Month



to sell it to help pay for the Firebird. What was I supposed to do? I bought it. I couldn't let it go. With Charley's help, I am going to see what this 62 year old man can do.

I love the memories that were made with this GTO. It now shares the stable with a 70 GTO, 61 Catalina 2 door Bubbletop, 61 Bonneville, 64 Catalina 2 door hardtop, 75 Trans Am and a 51 GMC. Some purist might ask why make a 66 GTO factory 4 speed and A/C car into a race car. Because when this GTO came to Charley it had been altered to the point of no return to stock. This car was saved but for another purpose as you can see by the pictures. If we can just get our youth involved even more, who knows how long this will last.





Presidents Scoop

The Presidents Scoop

By Kerry Friedman

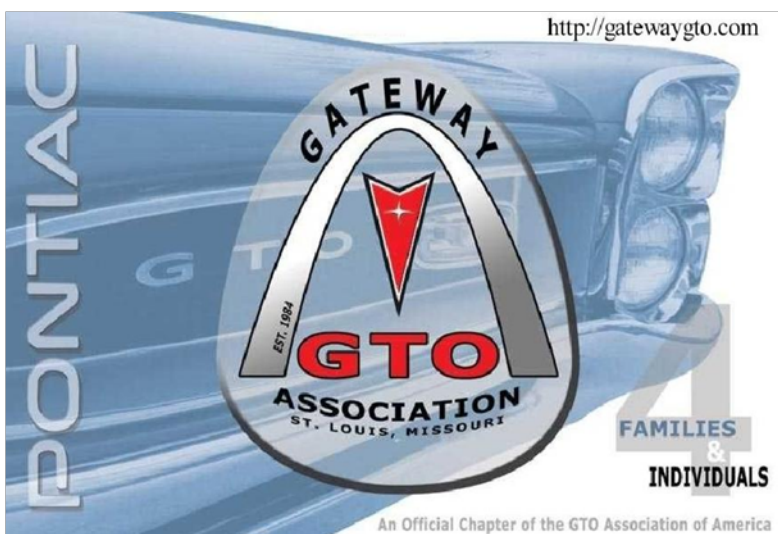
When I bought my 1969 GTO in 2002 and joined the Gateway GTO Club, I met some new friends, saw some cool GTO's and was really impressed with the activities, cruises, parties, and the organization itself.

When we went to an event, such as the "World of Wheels", there was a special, maybe even "sacred", banner that was brought out of its storage tube, the frame assembled, and stood up proudly by the entourage of members. There were white tee shirts, even long sleeved ones, that had this logo on it. To me then, this was a really special and professional looking symbol.

If you scan past the Pontiac name, over the '66 or '67 GTO, (they all look alike), across the Gateway logo and down the stacked headlights, you see something that might get missed if you are not paying attention; **4 FAMILIES & INDIVIDUALS**. How powerful is this? Just about everything that is done by Gateway can either have Family participation, like picnics, parades, and car shows. Or can be for Families and Children such as a couple of our productive Charity events, Wheels in Motion for the National Children's Cancer Society, and the St. Theresa and Bridgette Toy Drive for City Families to have a joyous Holiday Season.

But as I looked around and watched the Members at our recent Christmas Party, we *are* one big Family. Sure we may have an occasional squabble or miscommunication, but when someone asks for Volunteers to do a project, or needs help with a broken car, or asks for GTO's to show up for a display, we are there. Sometimes, there are more of us than the people we are there for.

Thank you Folks! Without all of you we have nothing. With you we have everything.





Presidents Scoop



Don't forget that Reservations for the Hotel and Convention can be done on-line, from links on www.gatewaygto.org. If you call the Hotel, don't forget to mention GTOAA.

Again: 2016 has been a growing year for both GTOAA and Gateway GTO. We now have 85 Members on the Roster. We are an All GTOAA Member Chapter. So, when you pay your \$35 annual fee, that includes the GTOAA Membership and the Gateway Membership. Please send in your application, (on-line or in this newsletter) and dues to Will Bowers. Dues are requested by January 1, and if you are paying before your expiration date, your membership will extend to the current date. If you do delay to pay, make sure you send it in to Will the month before it expires, so there is no lapse in membership. Email notes will be sent out as reminders during the year.

The 2017 Pizza Party will be held on January 15 at Pirrone's Pizza, 1775 Washington St, Florissant, Missouri 314-839-3633, from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM. Bring your appetite and 2017 dues if you haven't paid already.

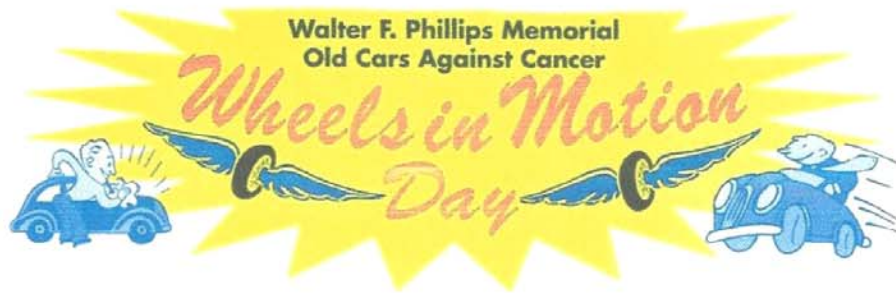
The next 2017 GTOAA Convention planning meeting is at 7:00PM on Monday, January 23 at The Sport's Café. Usual dinner at 6:00 if you want.

The first Regular Business, Meeting of Gateway GTO will be on February 2, 2017 at The Sport's Café, and of course, dinner at 6:00. We would like to schedule Guest Speakers at our meeting to inform us of anything pertaining to life, family or even cars. If you know an "expert" or at least someone you trust on a topic, let's try to put a schedule together for the meetings next year. Also, any ideas for Tours or Cruises would gratefully accepted. Don't forget, if you suggest it, you will most likely be appointed to run it.





Gateway GTO Charitable Activities



November 26, 2016

Dear Donor,

On behalf of the Wheels in Motion Committee and The National Children's Cancer Society, I wish to thank you for your participation at our car show this past September.

Throughout the year, First Capitol Classics and the many other participating car clubs and individuals raised \$15,000 for the NCCS which supports the families of children with cancer with out-of-pocket expenses associated with the disease.

This was our 20th annual event and the largest annual donation given to the National Children's Cancer Society. It is with cooperation and support from people such as you that we are able to achieve this.

Once again, thank you very much.

Sincerely,



Elliott Cytron



Gateway GTO Charitable Activities



RESULTS OF 2016 CHARITY TOY DRIVE

Editors Note:

The following email from Bob Blattel to Kerry Friedman provides the results of the toy drive for 2016. This information was also provided at the Christmas party and is provided again here for those that were not able to attend the party.

Kerry,

Many people contributed toys to the toy drive. In total 116 trash bags of toys were delivered. Also 15 large boxes of toys and at least 16 bikes. Businesses and some of my clients also made a tremendous effort. My wife Chris has been spearheading this toy drive for over 15 years. The families in the North Grand area will shop for toys on Saturday, December 17th. We expect that over 150 families will be served. We appreciate the GTO club's contributions.

Thanks for your interest. Have a great holiday!

Bob





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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Gateway GTO Activities

Gateway GTO Christmas Party By Chris Winslow

Gateway GTO held the annual Christmas Party this year at our usual location at the Webster Groves Barn in Webster Groves. As always, the party organizers had done an amazing job of decorating the room and setting the tables. The theme for this





year was starry starry night. This included star shaped centerpieces at all of the tables and pictures of all of the couples in star shaped frames.

The event was well attended by the club's members. The catered food organized by Gail Schott and Sandra Melrose was excellent and the deserts brought by everyone were outstanding.

The dress theme for this year was an ugly sweater contest. The members modeled their sweaters table by table with those members who had not worn an ugly sweater required to read a joke for the room. After all of the sweaters were modeled, the voting began as we started working our way through the deserts. The winners for best sweaters were Terrie Oxler, Terry Schott, Earl Lewis, and Barb Lewis.

The next event was our annual rob your neighbor gift exchange. The most popular gifts this year was a Hurst banner, a bottle of Crowne Royal, and a set of gear wrenches. Unfortunately for Mark Melrose, he wound up on the losing end at the completion of the final round when his bottle of Crowne Royal wound up robbed and replaced with a bag of kettle corn and some movie tickets.

After the gift exchange, Kerry announced that Earl Lewis had come in first for the club points contest and Joe Mayweather had come in second.



As usual, everyone had a great time at the party. Credit goes to Gail and Sandra for all of their hard work putting it together.





Year Of The 7's



Calling all owners of 1967 GTO's!

**This year, in celebration of:
50th Anniversary of the 1967 GTO**

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

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!

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Gateway GTO Association
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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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- Sign up a new GGTOA member (25 Points) _____
- Have GTO featured in a National Pub (40 Points) _____

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To access form from GatewayGTO.com, click below
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2016—2017 GATEWAY GTO CALENDAR OF EVENTS

December

10 - Gateway GTO Christmas Party at the Webster Groves Barn (CLUB SPONSORED)

January

15 - Pizza Party at Pirrone's Pizza, 1775 Washington Street, Florissant MO 63033 1-4 (CLUB SPONSORED)

23 - Convention Planning Meeting 7PM at Sports Cafe

February

2 - GTO MEETING 7PM at Sports Café (CLUB SPONSORED)

24 - 2nd Annual Classic Car Trivia Night at the Moolah Shrine, 12545 Fee Fee Rd. 7PM - 11PM.

March

2 - GTO MEETING 7PM at Sports Café (CLUB SPONSORED)

June

27- July 1 - 2017 GTOAA National Convention. Everyone's help will be needed. (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 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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Gateway GTO Association Photo Album

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