

# THE HOOD SCOOP

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# Association Association



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# Our 1970 GTO Convertible Two and a Half Decades of *FUN?!*

by Terry and Gail Schott



Sometimes when I read stories of peoples' cars, they talk about taking 7 or 8 years to complete a project. While they think that was a long time, I wish I could get one done that soon.

The story of our 70 convertible goes back a long way. Gail and I attended the GTOAA Nationals in 1993 at Indy. While walking thru the popular vote cars, we found a 1970 red convertible with Judge stripes. Although it wasn't a Judge, it was a great looking car. Gail told me that she thought we needed a 70 convertible like that. Although I was not in the market for another car, I did start looking for a 70. We used our "Google Search" which, back then, was the St. Louis Post Dispatch classified ads. (That's how we really did things back then!) Almost 2 years went by and then one weekend I saw an ad that looked interesting. There was a 1970 convertible for sale in Affton, MO, about 25 miles from our house. Those ads were strictly a few lines with a vague description and no pictures. I called the number and set it up to look at the car on a Sunday afternoon.

When we pulled into his drive, I saw it sitting beside the garage. ... They never look quite like you think they will. Our first impression of it was that it was "a little rough". It was a numbers matching GTO; that was good. The car had the original Cardinal Red paint and a black convertible top. Both the right and left side of the top had beautiful gray duct tape sealing them up, a LOT of duct tape. The hood was intact but a little sprung and didn't close all the way. It had a new black right front fender and the original left front fender had quite a bit of rust around the wheel opening. It matched the rust on the left rear quarter around the wheel opening and to





the rear of the quarter. The right rear quarter wasn't quite as rusted because most of it had been knocked off when the car had side -swiped a telephone pole! The right side really looked bad.

The deck lid was black primer with rust along the bottom edge and a dented area where the lock cylinder had been broken out. The frame was solid, and the floor pans and trunk did look good, so that was a plus.

The engine was correct, although the Quadrajet was long gone and had been replaced with a



650 Holley carb. It had an after-market air cleaner, as well. The engine was intact and would start and run. It had power steering, power brakes, and A/C (not working). Gail really wanted a car with A/C since we didn't have a GTO that had it. I thought it was an odd option on a convertible, but it had it. It didn't sound too bad for a car with 115,000 miles on it. It had a turbo 400 automatic transmission with a console and the car would move, so that always helps. I could not drive it because the rear brake lines were rusted through and there was very little pedal.

Another plus for the car was that the owner had a lot of parts that he was planning to use to restore it. He had camshaft, lifters, rockers, remanufactured stock connecting rods, and TRW forged pistons. He also had a new Mellings oil pump. (More on that later.) He had a new rear bumper and both rear quarters for hardtop. After a little discussion, we finally decided to buy it.

The following day, May 15, 1995 (our 19<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary) we picked up the car. (Happy Anniversary, Honey!) I was able to drive it on the trailer in spite of the fact that both front wheels were pointed to the center. He had replaced the tie rods and had it way out of ad-

justment. I had enough brakes to get it stopped and hauled it home.

The first job was to replace the brake line to the rear. Since it runs with the fuel line, by the time I got them both loose, the fuel line had broken, too. He had a replacement steel line for the rear brakes, and I fabricated the fuel line myself. After that we were able to drive the car, at least up and down the driveway.

The car was a local car, purchased by Ronald Mason, on







July 6, 1970, from Vincel Pontiac at Kingshighway and Fyler in South St. Louis. I've got the bill of sale and "Protect-o-plate" for the car. The original sale price was \$4,706.00. I purchased the car from Peter Mason, his son. He told me his brother had the car for a time while stationed in Texas, and that he was the one who hit the telephone pole.

In September of 1995, I hauled the car to a friend of mine, Dave Ross, who taught auto body at the vocational technical school in Washington, MO. He

put it in the shop and taught the kids how to repair it. The frame was checked and found to be straight and true. He cut off most of the rear quarters and cut up the hardtop quarters to fit properly. No convertible quarters were available at that time. After getting it apart, I had to get him both rear wheelhouses to replace the old ones. Dave and his students did a great job and in May of 1996, I picked the car up with rear fenders in primer. Dave also worked on the hood while the car was there. He got it fixed and primed it. I parked the car in the garage at home and got busy with work and other projects.



It was almost 2 years later, in May of 1998 that I worked on it again. There was some minor floor pan rust in the front on both sides. I cut out those sections and welded in new metal to repair it. I reinstalled the sound deadening and carpets and reinstalled the seats to get the interior intact.

My parents were both starting to have health issues and my priorities had to change. The car sat from 1998 to the end of 2004. In late November 2004, I finally had some time to work on it. I pulled the motor, pressure washed the front end and rebuilt the A-arms and steering linkage. Both fender wells, not available aftermarket, were removed from a salvage yard donor. I reassembled the front end again and trial fit the fender wells.





In 2006, I got a 1975 400 block and had it bored .030. I assembled the short block and double bagged it to keep it clean. It sat on the engine stand awaiting completion.

With the help of Chris Simmons, the convertible top was removed. We removed the folding top framework, I sandblasted it and with the help of Leroy Brune, painted it.



I found some rust by the front body mount at the firewall and determined the only way to fix it properly was to pull the body off the frame. The body mounts looked pretty bad anyway, so I decided to go ahead and replace them all. I started the process of removing fenders, steering column, brake booster and all the wiring and steel lines under the hood. I removed the fuel tank, doors, deck lid and the dash and all

the wiring throughout the car interior and trunk. By the end of March 2006, I pulled the frame out from under the car. After removing the frontend steering linkage and suspension, I removed the rear end and trailing arms. I sandblasted, primed and painted the frame.

I reassembled all the lines, front suspension and rear end back to the frame. In a little less than a month, I had the frame



















back under the car and new body mounts installed. I hung the doors and fenders back on the car and hauled it to Dave for the stripping and repainting. He had the car for about 3 months and did a beautiful job on the body and paint. By the end of 2006, I had the convertible top frame installed as well.

In April of 2007, Chris finished installation of the convertible top. I started cleaning up and installing all the rest of the parts and pieces. This slow process went on through 2008 and 2009. In 2010, I disassembled the dash and went through it. I replaced all the vacuum lines for heater and A/C and by the end of the year got it installed back in the car.

2011 involved more wiring throughout the car, steering column work and braking system work. More work continued, although not consistent, thru 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, and

2016. During that time, we had daughter Kelly's wedding, an Honor Flight for my dad and uncle, planning for our second daughter Jennifer's wedding, and LOTS of planning meetings for our 2017 Nationals. There were lots of things in life that were more important than the car.

In 2017 I did start to gather up, clean and paint engine parts. In my







spare time, in 2017 and 2018, I did get the engine assembled and installed on my motor test stand. In April of 2018, the motor ran. I got it installed in the car. Despite a few small problems, I finally got to drive the car to the alignment shop in August of 2018. It did fine on its 10-mile journey! The next day when I went to pick it up, it had no power steering, at all... It worked fine on the trip over. I had it hauled home by AAA. The power steering pump had absolutely no pressure even though I had had the pump and gear box rebuilt by a great rebuilder several years before.

After getting the steering gearbox and pump rebuilt again, it was up and running. I had really wanted to take it on the Route 66 cruise in September of 2018. I just didn't have enough time to break it in. However, I did drive it to the Big Chief Restaurant, (3 miles from home) when the group came through.

By the time the 2019 GTOAA Nationals came around, I had continued to drive it a little and work on lots of little problems. I had about 80 miles on it and I hauled it to Lawrenceburg, Indiana for the show. We did get the car teched in and a picture taken. The next day, with the Duryea's in their car and Wildebrandt's in their '69, and Donna Bowers in the backseat of our convertible, we left for the Neon Sign Museum in Cincinnati, Ohio. About 10 miles into the drive I lost oil pressure in the car. I caught it pretty quick and shut it off and rolled to the shoulder. Thanks to Don and Janice, I got a ride back to the trailer lot and picked up the truck and trailer. Loading on a narrow shoulder of the Interstate is never good. I started the engine long enough to load into the trailer. I've always heard that if you're going to have problems after a re-build, that it will be in the first 100 miles... and in my case, it was right.





#### **Presidents Scoop**



#### The President's Scoop

**By Chris Winslow** 

With April right around the corner, it is time to officially get our cars out of winter storage. The official beginning of the car show season are the Easter Car Shows and they will be here in a few weeks. Between Gateway GTO and the Arch Chapter of POCI, we are going to have 13 cars at the Easter Car Show in Forest Park. This includes, for the first time, New Gen GTOs. For those who have signed up to attend that show, we will be meeting at the McDonalds on Hampton at 8:00 and plan to roll out to the show by 8:30. For those planning to attend the show at the Family Arena in St. Charles, the plan is to meet Marty at the gas station at 2311 Upper Bottom Road (same place as last year) at 9:30.

For May, we will once again be participating in the parade for Immanuel Lutheran Church. This year it is on Saturday the 6th. We will need between 5 and 7 cars for the event. We will be transporting veterans and church officials similar to what we have done the last few years.

June will be a busy month for us. First up on the 10th will be the Hannibal Cruise. We will cruise in our GTOs from O'Fallon, MO on the "Little Dixie Highway" (Route 79) to Hannibal for lunch and afternoon activities. We will then attend a cruise on the Mark Twain Riverboat that will include dinner and dancing in the evening. The details are on the flyer included with this newsletter. Please note that everyone must make their own reservations for the Mark Twain Riverboat dinner cruise. These can fill up quickly so if you are planning to attend you will want to make your reservation soon. I have also included a hotel recommendation for those who decide to stay the night in Hannibal. You will not want to sleep too late the next morning, however, because Terry and Gail's church (St. Thomas United Church of Christ on 17842 Wild Horse Creek Road) will be hosting their annual Chicken Dinner on that Sunday. You don't want to miss that!

And, of course, the big event for June is the GTOAA National Convention. If you have not already, now is the time to get registered and book your rooms. We also do still need to fill a few worker slots, so if you have not already signed up, please contact Dan Jackson to pick up a few slots.

Finally, Gateway GTO dues for 2023 were due in January and we do still have quite a few members who have not renewed. I have included the membership renewal form here. If you have not already renewed for 2023, please do so as soon as you can.





#### Gateway GTO Meeting Minutes



#### **Minutes** 3/2/2022

#### 7:03 PM – Meeting Start – Chris Winslow Lead

#### **Old Business**

New Members- Not in attendance Tom Arzberger Marty Rhine

#### 7:05 – New Business

Pinball Wizard Tournaments? New Date 3/12 \$15/person. You can bring drinks & food

St. Patrick's day Dance? In Arnold (see flyer) Funds go to honor flight/Marine Corp Bring food but beer/soda is included \$20/person

Easter Car shows (Forest Park & Family Arena)

Immanuel Lutheran parade (May 6<sup>th</sup>)

Shaffer oil order - Let Terry Schott know if you are interested in ordering

Spring Cruise-Cruise up to Hannibal at lunch on the riverboat and have an over night stay.

Chris Winslow presented a power point of the itinerary. June 10<sup>th</sup>

Would Gateway like to join the RTE66 for \$57.

Group confirmed-OK

July 21-23 Norwalk-Will Bowers talked about going.

#### 7:32-Scheduled upcoming Events

John Grissom is hosting a car cruise up to Salem where he has family property on 10/07

#### 7:50 GTOAA

Planning for 2023 has started for Spring-field IL. Tom Oxler talked about volunteering and to sign up.

Only 12 ½ days slots left to volunteer. Sign up for any excursion as they are filling up fast.

#### 7:52 Tech

Old and New GTO tech issues Chris & Paula Winslow got a new car but it's in the shop b/c the e-brake wouldn't release.

#### 8:03 Club Personnel's

Donna Bower is having knee replacement surgery 3/15

Jon Havens is still have trouble with his long covid

#### 7:35 Adjourn

Brian O'Sullivan/Steve Hedrick

## Next club meeting will be Thursday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, at Ginghams. 2023

50/50 won by Jim McCarthy \$27 50/50 tumbler cup- Jim Snider







Pontiac-Oakland Museum • 205 N. Mill Street - Pontiac, Illinois 61764 • Phone - 815-842-2345 • www.pontiacoaklandmuseum.org

#### ST. LOUIS STREET ROD ASSOCIATION

**37TH ANNUAL** 

# THE REAL EASTER SHOW

APRIL 9TH, 2023 - THE FAMILY ARENA - ST. CHARLES

PARTICIPANTS USE SOUTH GATE - SPECTATORS USE NORTH GATE (\$5.00 PER CAR)

SET UP: 8:00AM - NOON

AWARDS: 2:30PM

PRE-REGISTRATION BY APRIL 4TH - \$20.00 DAY OF SHOW - \$25.00 T-SHIRT AND DASH PLAQUE WITH EACH ENTRY

NO CLASS CONTAINERS

#### CATEGORIES

CLASSIC 1900 - 1969 CLASSIC 1970 - DATE

CUSTOMS

**FULL SIZE TRUCKS** 

MINI TRUCKS

MUSCLE CARS 1964 - 1972

MUSCLE CARS 1973 - DATE

PONY CARS 1964 - 1993

PONY CARS 1994 - 2007

PONY CARS 2008 - DATE

RAT RODS

SPECIAL INTEREST

SPORTS CARS

STREET MACHINES

STREET RODS THRU 1934

**STREET RODS** 1935 - 1948

UNFINISHED

ST. LOUIS STREET ROD ASSOCIATION RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REMOVE ANYONE ON THE BASIS OF OBJECTIONABLE BEHAVIOR

ALL TRAILERS MUST ENTER THRU THE SPECTATOR GATE AND BE PARKED IN THE BACK OF SPECTATOR PARKING LOT

For more information please call: (314)315-1712 or (636)244-0316 after 5:00pm

# SEND ENTRIES TO: Barry Gan, 25 Hutchinson Road, Ellisville, MO 63011 Make checks payable to St. Louis Street Rod Association

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### GATEWAY GTO HANNIBAL CRUISE JUNE 10, 2023

#### **Cruise Schedule**

- Leave from the Deer Run Library in O'Fallon (1300 N Main)- Meet at 9am, depart at 9:30am
- Take Main Street to Highway 79 North
- Mid Cruise Stop Clarksville Lock and Dam Arrive by 10:30am, depart by 11:00 (Restroom on site)
  - If needed, there is a Shell gas station 10 miles from Clarksville in Louisiana, MO (Not currently planning mid cruise gas stop - Cruisers are strongly encouraged to arrive with a full tank)
- Lunch will be at Fiddlestiks in Hannibal at 12:00pm Address - 8945 US-36 - Gateway has reserved a room for the lunch, cruisers will pay for their own lunches
- After lunch activities will be at cruiser's choice
- 2 Hours Riverboat Dinner cruise on Mark Twain Riverboat: 6:30 – 8:30 - Members wanting to attend the Dinner Cruise MUST make a reservation in advance - To make a reservation contact Mark Twain Riverboat at <u>573-221-3222</u> - Tell them you are with the Gateway GTO Car Club, Cost is \$54.95 per person
- For those that want to spend the night in Hannibal after the cruise, the recommended hotel is the Quality Inn - For reservations call (573) 221-4001





#### **GATEWAY GTO HANNIBAL CRUISE**

#### **Possible Afternoon Activities:**

- Mark Twain Boyhood Home and Museum www.marktwainmuseum.org
- Mark Twain Cave and Winery www.marktwaincave.com
- Shopping in Downtown Hannibal www.historichannibalmo.com/shopping
- Rockcliffe Mansion www.rockcliffemansion.com
- For other options see: www.visithannibal.com

# Gateway GTO Membership Renewal

Gateway GTO Dues for 2023 are \$20 and are due by the annual Gateway GTO Pizza Party.

 Send dues to Will Bowers by mail or pay in person at the Next Meeting

Will's Address:

4213 Napa View Lane

St. Charles, MO 63304

• In order to Renew with Gateway GTO, members must be members in good standing with GTOAA.

Contact Chris Winslow if you have any questions on renewing your Gateway GTO membership



#### **GATEWAY GTO ASSOCIATION**

#### Membership/Renewal Form

(Please print clearly)

New	Renewal	Returning					
Name:		Date:					
Associate Name (Spouse/Signi	ficant Other):						
Address:							
City, State, Zip:							
Home Phone: ( )	Cell Phon	ne:_()					
E-mail Address:							
Occupation:							
Year & Body Style of Car(s) ALL PONTIACS:							
Auto related interests, hobbies	or talents:						
GTO Association of America	membership number:	<u>~</u>					
GTO Association of America							
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#### PLEASE FILL IN ALL FIELDS

And mail to:

Will Bowers, Treasurer Gateway GTO Association 4213 Napa View Lane St. Charles, MO 63304

Membership dues are \$20.

You are allowed one associate member (spouse, significant other, etc.).

All Gateway GTO Members must also be members in good standing with GTOAA

Go to WWW.GTOAA.ORG to join or renew GTOAA membership

# **GTOAA Membership Renewal**

# GTOAA Dues are to be paid directly to GTOAA

- Do not send GTOAA dues to Will Bowers. Instead renew directly with GTOAA by mail or at www.gtoaa.org.
- All Gateway GTO Members must be GTOAA members in good standing.
- Please contact GTOAA Chapter Representative Tom Oxler with any questions:

# **Tom Oxler Contact Info:**

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# 2023 GATEWAY GTO CALENDAR OF EVENTS

#### April

- 2 April Fools Car Show at GCS Credit Union Ballpark
- 6 GTO MEETING 7PM at Gingham's
- 9 Easter Car Shows See website for details
- 15 Wings and Wheels Fly In at St. Charles Regional Airport (See flyer in this newsletter)

#### May

- 4 GTO MEETING 7PM at Gingham's
- 6 Parade at Immanuel Lutheran Church in St. Charles
- 7– Model T Swap Meet at GCS Credit Union Ballpark

#### June

- 1 GTO MEETING 7PM at Gingham's
- 2-4 Pontiac at Pigeon Forge
- 2 Route 66 Festival in Lebanon, MO
- 10 Gateway GTO Hannibal Cruise (See flyer in this newsletter)
- 26 July 1st GTOAA Nationals in Springfield

#### SEE THE FULL CALENDAR AT WWW.GATEWAYGTO.ORG

**Gateway GTO Classifieds** 

(314) 838-5533

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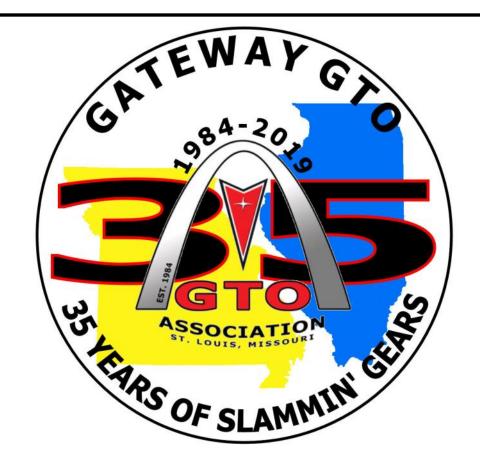
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#### **Gateway GTO Association Photo Album**

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 is free for members in good standing.

#### Advertising rates for non members are:

\$100 – Full page (Color or Black and White) ad in monthly *Hoodscoop* newsletter for 12 months, your logo on our Website Sponsor page, and a link to your website from our Related Website Link space.

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#### **Advertising Guidelines**

Classified ads are free to members. Classified ads up to 50 words for non-members are \$5.00 per issue.

#### **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 Gingham's, 1566 Country Club Plaza Drive, St. Charles, MO 63303

The yearly dues for Gateway GTO is \$20. The dues are due by the Pizza Party in January. All Gateway GTO members must be a member in good standing with GTOAA. You are allowed to have one associate member.





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