



GTO of the Month



MY 2006 GTO By Frank Chapman



Before I begin to talk about my 2006 GTO a little of my Pontiac history seems to be in order. While growing up my family always had Pontiacs and my first one I personally purchased was a 1957 convertible in 1964. There were several others between 1964 and today and currently we own five GTO's and one Firebird. The story on the other GTO's is one to be told later.

Back to the 2006 GTO. We were in Louisville, Ky. at the national show in our 1970 Judge. My wife and I were sitting by the car when a 2006 Brazen Orange GTO drove in. I had been looking at purchasing a 2006 for my daily driver. My wife made a comment that she liked the color and if I was to purchase one it needed to be that color. And since I have been married a long time and feel that I can read the actual meaning into such comments she makes I assumed she was saying go ahead and buy one if you can find one in that color.

I started looking for one in this area and could not locate one at any nearby dealers. My only requirement was the color and a manual transmission. The search continued in a half serious manner until December of 2006 and we were visiting my in laws in Nebraska. While there for an extended stay I had some time so I conducted a dealer search between central Nebraska



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keep waiting on the wife to keep up, I still don't understand why, after all I was just learning how to run it thru the gears.

The car is truly my daily driver as I drove it everyday to work until I retired in 2011 and still drive it almost everyday. The GTO has around 135,000 miles on it and working on its fifth set of tires and what I feel is normal maintenance. It still looks good and gets a lot of comments from people who just walk up and admire the car. We take it on most of our longer trips as it rides and drives better than the Mustang my wife drives.

and St. Louis to see if any dealer had such a car in stock. To my surprise I found three of them, two in Kansas City and one in Columbia, Mo. We decided to take a look at them on the way back home.

I have never taken the 2006 to a car show as I reserve that time for my older GTO's although it was used as an example of a stock 2006 to be used in points judging during future national show . I will probably continue to drive the 2006 until it quits breathing or get

The first stop we made in Kansas City and the car was what I was looking for plus it came with the 18" wheel option. After some serious negotiating the car was purchased and we were on the road by late that afternoon. Myself and one of my sons were in the GTO and the wife and his wife were following. On the way back I had to





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extremely short winded. The car is a joy to drive and enjoy and to me that is what was intended for it. We have come to know many people that have GTO's, both old and new and enjoy both the people and the cars and hope

everyone else does also. As a last note, the plates on the 2006 Read "BRAZEN 6", I say it notes the color and year, my wife says its my attitude, you can be the judge of that. Having a GRRRRREAT time drive our GTO's.

