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The Gateway GTO Association newsletter is published monthly as an informative news bulletin to keep our members up to date on past, present and future events. Classified Ads are free to all members. All articles and classified ads should be submitted to Ron Fiebiger before the 15th of the month.

GATEWAY GTO ASSOCIATION MEETINGS

Gateway GTO Association meetings will be held monthly. Dates, times and locations will be announced in the newsletter and on the Gateway GTO Association Hotline, 4-GREAT-1 (447-3281).

SCOOP FROM THE PREZ

Greetings! I can't believe it's time for another newsletter already. I hope Spring and Summer don't fly by as quickly as this month did.

Has anyone come up with an idea on what we can do for the club display we discussed at the last meeting? Please call me if you have any ideas.

I would still like to have some feedback, positive or negative (hopefully constructive), on how you like the GTO Association Hotline. Please call it and leave a message, it doesn't have to be long but if you do call, please leave some kind of message. Remember, the number is 4-GREAT-1.

We are still working on the membership recruitment/reimbursement idea. When all of the details are worked out, I will pass the information along. I think it will be a great way for members to save on dues, while building the number of club members at the same time. Speaking of dues, we need to get them in from those of you who haven't renewed your membership for 1991. I know that some of you are not to happy with the increase in the dues, but if you think about it, it's not that much for what you are getting. We have an improved newsletter (bigger, better and more often), the GTO Hotline and some other new things plus ideas for more. I really feel that we can put the extra money to use in many ways to benefit the club and its members. The Christmas party is just one of those ideas. When we really get going, with some outside advertising and other means of fund raising, we may be able to drop the dues significantly. Time will tell.

Good Goating,
Darrell

FROM THE EDITOR'S BACK SEAT

This is the second newsletter that I have put together and by the comments I have received so far, the first one was well liked. I want to take this opportunity to thank those who helped with the March issue.

My goal is to turn this newsletter into a quality publication that members will look forward to receiving and enjoy reading. In order to do this, I need your input because the newsletter belongs to you, the members. Please give me a call or drop me a line to let me know what your opinions and suggestions are.

Ron

GATEWAY GTO ASSOCIATION GOAT OF THE MONTH

By Ron Fiebiger and John Seabolt

The Goat of the Month is a new feature in The Hood Scoop. It will be in the newsletter every month with a picture of the car on the cover and an article on the car and its owner(s) inside. If space permits, another picture may be put inside with the article. The April Goat of the Month is a 1964 and, if possible, each following month will feature the next model year up to 1974 and then start over again with 1964. Anyone who is interested in having their car featured as Goat of the Month should contact Ron Fiebiger as soon as possible.

The April Goat of the Month, a 1964 GTO Sports Coupe is the pride and joy of John, Ann, Teresa and Garrett Seabolt. It is a reincarnation that has led to John's second childhood. In 1964, at the age of 19, John purchased his first new car, a 1964 GTO Hardtop. Eight long weeks passed between ordering and delivery of his dream car. The Pinehurst Green Goat finally arrived and John was the first kid on his block (St. Charles) to have one. After a year of successful street duty, Uncle Sam and Vietnam made necessary the sale of this Goat. John and Ann had their first date a week before the car was sold. John truly loved that GTO and the memory of it remained in the back of his mind.

John and Ann's son, Garrett (Top Gun), in December 1985, made mention of musclecars and how he thought Mustangs (choke! gag!) were "cool". When asked if he had heard of GTOs, Garrett replied "GT What?" This was too much for John and the search was on for a 1964 GTO that would revive the past glories of the "Green Goat."

Three and a half years later, the Seabolts, after much searching, finally found what they were looking for in Ohio. A rough but totally original Sunfire Red 1964 GTO Sports Coupe with 62,000 original miles. Like the "Green Goat", it had no power steering, power brakes, or air conditioning to rob power from the engine. It had an identical power train with a 389, four barrel, 4-speed, 3.23 posi gears, console and wood wheel.

John, Garrett and Vince Tosto, trailered the car home from Ohio. Tony Tosto rebuilt the suspension, four barrel, 4-speed and rear end and tuned the 389, which allowed the car to run a best of 13.95 at 99.9 mph in the quarter mile at Gateway International Raceway. This was without headers and with stock ignition and whitewall tires.

Jim Novelli performed the body and paint restoration work. John feels that Jim is "the best in the business." The GTO took first place in its class in the only show in which it has been entered. Teresa is impressed with the looks and quickness of the "Old Goat" and never thought that the car trailered home in July 1989 would ever look as it does today.

MINUTES OF MARCH MEETING

Recorded by Liz Schultheis

Meeting started at 7:15 PM.

Tony Bezzole gave the Treasury Report, balance of \$698.00, Earl was not present.

Will Bowers talked about advertising in the newsletter. He is still working on setting up deals with aftermarket companies and others.

John Novelli gave information on the Museum of Transportation Car Show, the Don Darr Car Display, the Easter Concours D'Elegance Antique & Classic Auto Show, and the St. Louis Street Rod Association Easter Show.

John also talked about getting black and white pictures of all members cars and the cars in action for future uses such as a club brochure, posters, calendars, etc. The question was brought up about what happened to the two 35mm cameras that the club had. Someone said that Steve Hedrick might have them.

Rich Vie gave a presentation on the GTOAA Nationals, GTO Northern Nationals, and Dennis Kirban's GTO Reunion. He said there are opportunities for members to be judges or volunteers in the GTOAA Nationals.

Next, Rich said that the Gateway GTO Association's Constitution and By-laws have been located but they need to be updated. He also discussed insurance coverage for the club and talked about having a membership drive to get our members to join the GTOAA. The Gateway GTO Association receives a \$5.00 rebate for each member who joins the GTOAA. The last things Rich talked about were calendar and banner prices.

Ron Fiebiger talked about the Gateway GTO Association and the POCI attending a St. Louis Cardinals baseball game as was suggested at the March meeting. The decision was made to attend the game on August 8th. A sign-up list was passed around and a total of 27 tickets were requested.

Ron then talked about the newsletter. He said that all articles and ads should be submitted to him from now on.

Darrell Carnal talked about the GTO Hotline and asked those who call to leave a message. He also said that the new Gateway GTO Association cards were in and anyone who wanted some could take them after the meeting.

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MINUTES OF MARCH MEETING (CONTINUED)

Darrell then discussed some suggestions for a membership recruitment/reimbursement program and for a reduction of 1992 dues to those members who pay them early. Darrell also said that we might run an ad for the club in some of the local newspapers.

It was stated that if anyone is interested in T-shirts or jackets, they should get in touch with Earl Chapman. Some members said they knew of some companies who could give us a better deal on jackets. This will be checked into.

Someone suggested renting a drag strip for a GTO night. This also will be checked into.

Muscle From the Past applications were passed out.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:25 PM.

APRIL 1991 GATEWAY GTO ASSOCIATION MEETING

The April meeting will be held at the Museum of Transport on Thursday, April 4th, 1991. The meeting will start at 7:00PM so try to be there a little earlier than 7:00PM. The museum is located at 3015 Barrett Station Road, West of I-270 between Big Bend Blvd. and Dougherty Ferry Road. All members are encouraged to attend.

TREASURER'S REPORT

By Earl Chapman

Beginning Balance.....	\$650.34
Deposits.....	<u>\$216.00</u>
Total After Deposits.....	\$866.34
Expenses:	
New Business Cards.....	\$ 28.77
Stamps & Mail.....	\$ 43.50
Refreshments for March Meeting.....	\$ 17.46
Flowers for Kevin Shabel.....	<u>\$ 23.46</u>
Ending Balance - 3/17/91.....	\$753.15

New Members: Jeff & Sarah Oberman
 Harvey & Marti Ferdman

As of 3/17/91 there are 56 paid members. Members who have not paid their 1991 dues are encouraged to do so soon.

Gateway GTO Association Accessories for sale:

Gateway GTO Association Iron-on Transfers
Hooded Sweatshirts
T-Shirts
Beerwraps

If anyone is interested in ordering a jacket, please call Earl Chapman at 282-2203. So far four people want jackets and the minimum order is twelve.

UPCOMING EVENTS

By John Novelli

MARCH 31: EASTER CONCOURS D'ELEGANCE ANTIQUE & CLASSIC AUTO SHOW

Chairman: Gene Luning, 532-2169
Sponsor: Horseless Carriage Club of Missouri
Where: Muny Opera, Upper Lot, Forest Park
Show cars: Preregistered \$8.00, Show Day \$15.00 (1966 & older)
Display cars: Preregistered \$6.00, Show Day \$12.00 (up to 1976)

Everyone participating will receive a silk screen artist rendition poster. The Easter show is the season kick off and always proves very interesting. Cars at this show are some of the Horseless Carriage Club's finest. Get there early for good parking, 10:00AM to 5:00PM

The St.Louis Street Rod Association will hold it's custom show on the Lower Lot. Preregistered \$7.00, Show Day \$10.00. For information call 776-3193.

APRIL 7: APRIL FOOLS SWAP MEET, CAR SHOW AND CAR CORRAL

Swap Meet: call Jack (618)398-5369, advanced \$10.00, otherwise \$15.00
Car Show: call Jean (618)234-0310, \$10.00
Car Corral: call Dennis (618)632-8521

This is one of the largest swap meets in the area and where many deals are found. It is held on the Monroe Country Fairgrounds in Waterloo, Illinois. To get there, take Highway 255 to Route 3 South to Route 156 West, 1.5 miles and you are there.

APRIL 14: MUSEUM OF TRANSPORT CAR SHOW

Produced by: The Museum of Transport and The Show Me Corvair Club
Location: Museum of Transport, 3015 Barrett Station Road, West of I-270, between Big Bend Blvd. and Dougherty Ferry Road

Registration and Judging: 8:00AM - 1:00PM, Trophy Presentation: 3:00PM,
Registration Fee: \$10.00, General Admission: \$3.00, Food and Drinks Available at Concession Stands, Special Awards for Costumes, Dress, Club Display, etc., Trophies in 21 Classes and Special Show Dash Plaques to All Participants. For more information, call (314)677-3251.

APRIL 20: DON DARR PONTIAC CAR DISPLAY

This is an annual spring get together held by the Gateway GTO Association and the POCI. Dash plaques are available to everyone. Popcorn, hot dogs and drinks are provided by the dealership. Located at 6303 S. Lindbergh.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- March 31:** Easter Concours D'Elegance Antique & Classic Auto Show and the St. Louis Street Rod Association Easter Show, Forest Park
- April 4:** April Gateway GTO Association Meeting, Museum of Transport
- April 7:** April Fools Swap Meet, Car Show and Car Corral
- April 14:** Museum of Transport Car Show
- April 20:** Don Darr Display - Club Event
- May 4-5:** Muscle From the Past, Gateway International - Club Event
- May 11:** Behlmann Car Show
- May 19:** O'Fallon Car Show - Club Event
- June 19-23:** GTOAA Nationals, Louisville, KY - Club Event
- July 10-14:** POCI Nationals
- Aug. 2-4:** Nostalgia Drag Race & Rod Run, Gateway International - Club Event
- Aug. 8:** St. Louis Cardinals baseball game with POCI - Club Event
- Sept. 15:** Gateway GTO Association Picnic - Maryland Heights Park
- Oct. ?:** GTO vs. Ford Drag
- Oct. ?:** Wine Run - Club Event
- Dec. ?:** Gateway GTO Association Christmas Party
- Jan. ?:** Cervantes Convention Center Custom Auto Show - Club Event

Club Event - All members are encouraged to attend and participate

PONTIAC PARTS UPDATE

By Tony Bezzole and Rich Vie

GTO parts are still available from your GM Dealer. The Next newsletter will run a new-old GM parts list that can be used on GTOs. One item that is still available is Head Bolt Sets for Pontiac V-8s. Quantities and part numbers in these sets are: (4) #538303, (5) #9787075 with studs, (4) #538306, and (7) 3788417. Complete sets will cost about \$21.00. Contact Bruce at Feld Chevrolet, (314)291-2213, and tell him you are with the Gateway GTO Association. He will take care of your order.

LET'S GO RACING!

By Ron Fiebiger and Craig Weiss

The 1991 racing season at Gateway International Raceway opened with a GRRRRROWL! as Craig Weiss and his 1965 GeeTO Tiger took 1st place in all around trophy bracket racing on opening day, Sunday, March 10th, by beating the 1990 Track Champion (a guy named Randy in a 340 Dodge Dart Swinger). The win even amazed Craig because he brought his car directly from its Winter hibernation to the track without even checking the oil or the tire pressure. Craig ran a 13.66 on his first pass of the day down the quarter mile. On his second pass, after just lowering the tire pressure, Craig brought his time down to 13.41 at 98 mph and then ran consistent mid 13s through the next 5 rounds of elimination. Craig had a bye in the 6th round and then dialed in at 13.59 for the final against the Dodge which was dialed in at 13.00. The lights on the Christmas tree dropped and the race was on. Down at the end of the track, the Dodge red lighted by -0.03 and Craig and his GTO took the victory with a time of 13.61.

Craig runs a 1967 0.30 over 400 with Tri-power and 350 Turbo transmission with a 9", 3500 stall converter.

Racing at Gateway International is every Sunday in March (weather permitting) with a full card including two trophy bracket racing classes (12.50 & under and 12.50 & over) and ET racing for money. The cost for racing is \$12.00 for bracket racing and \$25.00 for ET with prizes averaging \$250.00 to \$500.00 depending on the number of cars entered. Gates open at 11:00AM. Racing days change in April to Wednesday nights (Grudge), Friday nights (1/8th Mile), and Saturday nights (1/4 Mile).

The safety rules are: all cars must have seat belts, overflow cans for radiators, double springs on throttle returns, and DOT approved tires or slicks, 13.70 and faster must have helmets, cars faster than 12.70 must have full roll cages, and all manual transmission cars must have drive shaft loops. For more information on racing at Gateway International, call (618)482-5501.

ST. LOUIS CARDINAL'S BASEBALL

By Ron Fiebiger

The Gateway GTO Association, along with the POCI, will be attending the August 8, 1991 St. Louis Cardinal's baseball game as a group. Discounted ticket prices are \$5.50 for \$8.50 seats. A sign up list was passed around at the March meeting and 27 tickets were requested. The sign up list will be passed around again at the April meeting. If you are interested, either sign up at the April meeting or call Ron Fiebiger at (314)892-4712. Either way, make sure you get your request in soon because tickets are limited.

WHAT'S NEW FOR GTOS

By Will Bowers

DENNIS KIRBAN'S DATED SPARK PLUG WIRES

It is hard to believe, but GTO restoration seems to be approaching that of Corvettes regarding matching numbers and date codes. Dennis Kirban is now offering date coded spark plug wires for those attempting to reach the ultimate restoration. The dates on these wires break on a quarterly basis. The wires on original cars have been found to run several quarters prior to their assembly date. The coding is very simple, 2-Q-67 means the second quarter of 1967. Actually, these wires should have appeal to others who are detailing their engine compartment. These are custom length sets made from the correct Packard wire. The 1964-67 wires are one set of lengths and the 1968-72 wires are another. Anyone who has used an aftermarket set of spark plug wires has experienced the problem of extra length on these universal sets. These date coded wires are available for all Pontiacs of the above years including both A body and full size cars. The Gateway GTO Association has received a sample of the wire and it is available for inspection by members. The cost is \$59.95 per set, however there is a special price for orders placed prior to March 30, 1991. In quantities of one, two and three sets, the prices are \$45.00, \$75.00 and \$105.00 respectively. Any members wishing to group their orders may do so.

LITERATURE: HOW TO RESTORE YOUR MUSCLECAR

There is a new book out entitled "How To Restore Your Musclecar" by Greg Donahue and Paul Zazarine. As most of you know, Paul Zazarine is the author of "The GTO Restoration Guide." The new book covers sample restoration on 12 different musclecars including Paul's own 1966 GTO. It contains a lot of pictures and details regarding the restoration.

WIN A PAIR OF 1967 GTOS!

Enter the E-Z Cut Legendary Ham Sweepstakes, no purchase necessary. Print "E-Z Cut Legendary Sweepstakes" and your name, address and phone number on a 3" x 5" piece of paper and send it to: E-Z Cut Legendary Sweepstakes, PO Box 88CY, Bridgewater, VA 22812. Entries must be received by June 30, 1991 and winners will be drawn at random. It is very important to follow the above instructions exactly. For 29 cents, it's worth a shot!

GATEWAY GTO ASSOCIATION ADS



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(314) 928-8030

1458 Arapahoe Way

St. Charles, MO 63303

Carburetor Restoration: Tri-powers and Quadrajets rebuilt, recolored and replated. Special discounts for Gateway GTO Association members. For sale: 65 Tri-power, restored, includes intake and carburetors with fuel lines, \$650. Other units also available for sale. Darrell Carnal (314)928-8030

L & S Cores: If you are looking for Pontiac engines, heads or cranks, for the best price in town call Luke Smith (314)383-1111

For Sale: 1968 GTO, green on green, 400/400 Turbo, His & Hers, hood tach, rally cluster with clock, Ram Air exhaust manifolds, hideaway headlights, Lee (314)647-4295

For Sale: 1970 GTO, Jade Green with green interior, 400, Automatic, Air, P/S, P/B, Very Clean, Dan Ilges (314)631-1565

Wanted: Pair of 1970 GTO doors and a deck lid. Must be in very good to excellent condition, For Sale: pair of complete 670 heads \$150.00, Tony Bezzole (314)878-6892

Wanted: 1967 GTO RH fender, rust free; 1967 four speed stabilizer bars for rear end; 1966-67 posi rear end, Dan Shabel (314)225-1100

Wanted: 1970 GTO or LeMans seat bottom, any color, must be perfect, John Novelli (314)653-1051

Wanted: 1967 GTO parts; gas tank, complete wood wheel, manual antenna, miscellaneous '67 parts, Brad Piper (618)398-4855

Wanted: 1966 389 Tri-power engine, code WS, Stan Balsman (314)788-2590

GATEWAY GTO ASSOCIATION ADS (CONTINUED)

ATTENTION GATEWAY GTO ASSOCIATION MEMBERS: Are you in the middle of a restoration project? Does that matching serial number block and heads worry you? Have you thought, "Where can I go to get the parts I need at a good price?" Matt Johnson's Performance Center can make your life a lot easier! Present your Gateway GTO Association I.D. card and get "JOBBER" on ALL of your automotive needs! We have a complete Parts and Service Department and Machine Shop under one roof. All of our people are car enthusiasts themselves. We appreciate the importance of your project and the concern you have. Give us a call or come by, we're here to HELP! Matt Johnson's Performance Center, 6910 St. Charles Rock Road, St. Louis, MO 63133, (314)725-8746, Order Line Only 1-800-397-RACE



APPLICATION FORM

Send Completed Application to:
GTO Association of America, Inc.
1634 Briarson Drive
Saginaw, MI 48603

 New Renewal

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____

Zip _____ Country _____

Telephone (____) - _____

Names of family members for whom Associate
Membership dues are enclosed:

List GTO Ownership

Year	Body Style	Engine Size
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

I agree that, if elected to membership, I will conform to all
rules of the Association and conduct myself in a manner that
promotes the goals and purposes of the Organization.

Signed _____

Please check method of payment:

Check Money Order Mastercard Visa

Card # _____

Expiration Date _____

Interbank # (Mastercard) _____

NOTE: A \$2.00 bank processing fee will be added for cards.

Signature _____

Renewals Only:

GTO Association Membership # _____

Dues: Member \$30.00, Associate Member \$5.00

GATEWAY GTO ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

(Please print clearly)

Name: _____

Associate Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip _____

Home Phone:(_____) _____ Work Phone:(_____) _____

Occupation: _____

Year & Body Style of Car(s) _____

Auto related interests, hobbies or talents: _____

If you are a current member of the GTO Association of America please list your membership number: _____

Referred by: _____

Send completed membership application along with a check payable to the Gateway GTO Association to:

Earl Chapman, Treasurer
Gateway GTO Association
5000 Country Ridge Dr.
Imperial, MO 63052

Membership dues are \$18.00 per year, which includes you and an associate member (spouse, girlfriend, etc.). All dues are required to be paid in January. Dues for new members are pro-rated \$1.50 per month if they join after January.

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