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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 the photo album, put your name, the date and name of the event and maybe a short description on the back and send them to Brad Piper.

The Gateway GTO Association is an official chapter of the GTO Association of America

SCOOP FROM THE PREZ

Greetings again fellow members,

With not much going on these days, does everyone remember that we do have a club? I think the break is good for most of us. It gives us a chance to sit back and take a breather after the busy schedule we've had this season and right now we've got to focus our attention to the holiday season with Christmas right around the corner. My how time flies!

I want to personally thank those of you who took time out to nominate and vote for our 1993 officers. We need member participation because this is your club and it is what you make it. If nobody puts forth any effort we really don't have a purpose or a need to be together. I also want to thank those of you who did consent and commit to running and becoming an officer in the club. I would like to see more people getting involved that way, but on the whole, I think we have a great bunch of people to be associated with. I know I've certainly had a lot of fun and enjoyed everything we've done, and each year it just keeps getting better with new ideas and plans.

Let's look forward to 1993 and make it our best year yet. We've got a lot of work to do with our preparations for hosting the 1994 GTOAA International Meet. We'll be calling on certain people for different jobs I'm sure, but it will all be worth it. My hat goes off to Cathey Pacelli for the tremendous research and effort already put forth. It's dedication like this that makes you proud to be a part of this whole thing.

See you at the Christmas Party! And, don't forget, 1993 dues are due!

Good Goating,
Darrell

FROM THE EDITOR'S BACK SEAT

Our club is in need of a new photo album editor. If you are interested, contact Brad Piper as soon as possible. Photos are needed from two 1992 events to complete the album for the season, if you have pictures from the GM Nationals or the Fall Color/Wine Run please give them or send them to Brad Piper.

Scott Brohammer's 1968 GTO Convertible is known for getting a lot of air time at the race-track. But on Friday, November 21st between 9:30 and 10:00 PM, it got some air time of a different sort. His car was featured on KPLR Channel 11 in a show called "The Need For Speed". They filmed Scott's GTO at the GM Nationals this Fall and used pictures of it on title screens leading to and from commercial breaks. There also was a short action shot at the beginning of the show. The car appeared a total of about ten times. Scott said he will bring a videotape of the show to the Christmas Party.

Ron Fiebiger

MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 5TH MEETING

Recorded by Cathey Pacelli

Darrell Carnal called the meeting to order at 7:45 PM.

We welcomed three new members: John Stewart who has two 1966 Convertibles, Jeff & Deborah Bond who are starting on a 1968 Hardtop and Ken Edwards and family with a 1955 Starchief Convertible.

Thirteen members voted in the election for 1993 officers. These votes were added to the six absentee ballots that had been received. The 1993 officers will be announced at the Christmas party.

The last several events of the season were reviewed.

Our first annual Fall Cruise at Bobby's Frozen Custard was a success. We had a good turnout and all had a good time while enjoying sloppy Joes & chips and Bobby's delightful specialties.

The GGTOA vs. Fords Unlimited Drags were a drag! We won't bore you with the lurid details; but have you ever seen a herd of goats with their collective "Tiger Tails" between their legs. Congratulations to the Fords who beat us handily. It was decided that both clubs would keep a plaque commemorating the event and that they would be updated each year. See you next year fellas!

The GGTOA vs. Boone Trail Corvette Club Drags were a different story. Even though we were greatly outnumbered, we certainly were not out-gunned. All the details are in the Hood Scoop articles on these events. Thanks to everyone from all the clubs that participated in and supported all of the events.

Seven cars met at Noah's Ark for the Fall Color/Wine Run to Augusta. It was a beautiful day and we took in some wonderful scenery when we weren't straining our necks looking for answers to Darrell's trivia game! Paul Middendorf will receive a free 1993 club membership for winning. It was a nice relaxing afternoon once we were sitting on the hillside enjoying our wine, bread, sausage and cheese. After socializing and enjoying the scenic view (which included a group of "adults" having a Teenage Mutant Ninja theme birthday party) we all scattered into the quaint town and left for home at our leisure.

Ron Fiebiger may be getting a copy of the videotape of the GM Nationals from Len Greco. We will show tapes of several of this past year's events at the Christmas Party.

Ron Fiebiger went on the Fall Woodsie/Color Tour on October 25th. It was sponsored by the Roarin' 30s and the St. Louis Street Rods and included a gimmick rally and poker run through South County and Jefferson County. The run ended at Greensfelder Park where a Pot Luck Barbecue was held. Ron won the poker run with a spade flush. He showed the plaque he won and suggested that this would be a fun event for us to attend as a club next year.

MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 5TH MEETING (CONTINUED)

Darrell Carnal went on a Corvette Club Road Run up through Elsberry and Hannibal and back down through Alton. It was a very scenic drive and is something our club might want to consider next year.

Cathey Pacelli was voted in as proposed Chairperson of the 1994 GTOAA International Meet that we want to hold in St. Louis. She gave an update on the information that has been gathered thus far and is in the process of putting together our proposal for the GTOAA Board of Directors. The GTOAA Officers will be touring the proposed sites for the event in the near future.

Ron Fiebiger said that he had spoken to Mike Harding of the Indy GTO Association and Mike told him that he will keep us updated as to how we can be of help to them in putting on the 1993 GTOAA International Meet.

Will Bowers gave the Treasurer's Report. We had \$440 on hand.

Membership renewals for 1993 were discussed. Offering discounts was brought up as a possible incentive to encourage early membership renewals but it was decided that this would not be done. It was also decided that members that do not renew will be dropped from the roster and receive their last issue of the Hood Scoop in February.

Ron Fiebiger is in need of Goats of the Month for the Hood Scoop. Your car doesn't have to be a perfect show winner to be featured. Please remember that all GTO lovers are just as interested in seeing & reading about cars that are in progress.

The upcoming Christmas Party, which will be held December 12th at Vic & Joyce Nettle's house, was discussed. Joyce will be sending out invitations with all the details. We will announce officers for 1993 and the winners of the Participation Points System.

Darrell Carnal said that we were still looking for a place to hold our annual Sunday afternoon pizza meeting in January. A couple of suggestions were made.

We will have a club display at the World of Wheels Custom Auto Show at Cervantes Convention Center January 2nd & 3rd.

Anyone wishing to order a GGTOA jacket should contact Ron Fiebiger as soon as possible. He is getting an order together.

It was decided that we will be promoting GTOAA membership in the Hood Scoop as part of our preparations for hosting the GTOAA International Meet in 1994.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:25 PM.

1993 GGTOA MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

It is time once again to renew your Gateway GTO Association membership. Enclosed you will find membership applications for the GGTOA and the GTO Association of America. We hope that if you are not a GTOAA member, you will consider joining. There are many benefits to membership. Also keep in mind that the 1993 GTOAA International Meet will be close (Indianapolis, IN) and there is a good chance that we will host the 1994 meet. (You must be a GTOAA member to participate in the International Meets.) If you do join the GTOAA, please let Ron Fiebiger know so he can keep our roster up to date. The deadline for renewing your Gateway GTO membership has been set for the end of February. Please get your renewal in as soon as possible so you won't miss any of the great times that are ahead.

TREASURER'S REPORT By Will Bowers

Beginning Checkbook Balance 10/06/92.....	\$ 527.24
Income:	
Dues.....	\$ 54.00
Jacket.....	\$ 20.00
50/50 Drawing.....	\$ <u>6.50</u>
Total After Income.....	\$ 607.74
Disbursements:	
October Newsletter and Postage.....	\$ 154.00
Ending Checkbook Balance 12/2/92.....	\$ 453.74
Petty Cash.....	\$ <u>64.85</u>
Total Cash on Hand.....	\$ 518.59

The GGTOA welcomes new members Daniel & Ellen Maloney (67 Hardtop), Ken, Lisa & Little Kenny Edwards (55 Starchief Convertible) and Jeff & Deborah Bond (68 Hardtop). Total membership as of 12/06/92 is 103.

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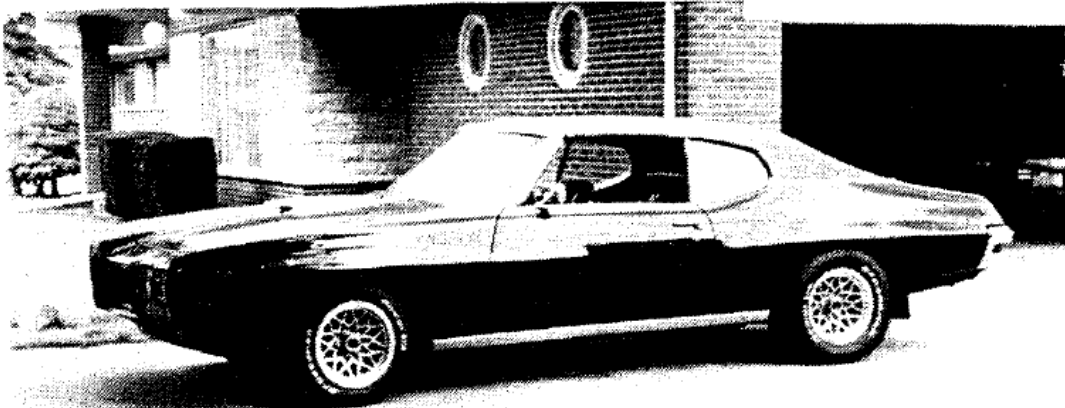
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DECEMBER 1992 GOAT OF THE MONTH

By Joyce Nettle

Vic has owned this black 1970 GTO since 1977. It came to Vic's knowledge one day while he was having his red 1970 GTO Convertible serviced at Vincel Pontiac on King-highway. Vic received the history of the car from the serviceman. The GTO was purchased by a young man just out of the service and home from Vietnam. This man was killed in a non related auto accident three days after he had taken delivery of the GTO. His parents couldn't see getting rid of the GTO, so they kept it and drove it once a year on vacation and to Vincel for service. The time came for the father to retire and he felt it was time to part with the GTO. Vic got the name and address of the parents, Mr. & Mrs. Gary Smith of Affton, MO.

Vic went to their house and explained how he found out about the GTO. Vic asked the price and Mr. Smith said he had to get \$4,000 for the GTO. Vic was pleasantly surprised at the condition of the car, it had 7,111 miles and no dings anywhere. The car came with 455 HO engine, TH 400 transmission, 12 bolt 3.08:1 differential, power steering, power windows, power brakes, tinted windows, air conditioning, map lights, rear defogger and heavy duty suspension. The papers were still on the carpets and the GTO still smelled new! Vic thought to himself, where was he going to find a "new" 1970 GTO for \$4,000 today (1977)? So without hesitation Vic gave Mr. Smith \$500 down and hoped he would hold the car till the next day. The next day Vic went back and picked up the GTO.



Vic later found out that the heavy duty suspension gave a rough ride, but it did the quarter mile in 15.5 seconds at 95 mph. Today the car has the same gear ratio and engine, but the addition of SD 455 heads yields 14.70, 99 mph quarter mile performance.

In the summer of 1990 Vic decided to have the GTO restored. Vic and I disassembled the GTO and then sent it to Custom Jim's. He striped the car, painted it with Cromax Base and then clear coated it. The GTO still has the original vinyl top but I have installed new carpet, seat covers and door panels which were purchased from Year One. The GTO was driven daily, rain or shine, even in snow and ice until the redo. Now that really nice GTOs are getting harder to find, it has become a fair weather GTO. It has made it to a couple of shows at Cervantes Convention Center, the GTOAA International Meet, some POCI shows, and many other shows. If you are out and about, come and see us at the World of Wheels Show at Cervantes this January 2nd & 3rd.

THE GTO HOBBY....GENESIS

By John Seabolt

The sky was on fire with lightning...Thunder crashed in the night...Clouds were ominous as they parted...And DeLorean said, "Let there be might!"

And there was might. As the Hurst shifter yanked, a burning spank to the rear end, second gear. The Carter AFB gasped for its first copious quantities of cool dense night air. Yes, might screamed in the night and came to life. Born as a baby Super Duty, the 1964 GTO was alive.

And the might was good. Being armed on the street with a GTO equaled being an Airborne Ranger in Vietnam, armed to the teeth. If someone thought they had a ride with enough testosterone to do combat with one of these "Parkway Pirates" they soon found their heart ripped from their innards and fried by the GTO's dual exhaust. No quarter was asked for and none was given.

The street wars had begun. At little known burger joints across America like Jacks in Winter Haven, Florida (great onion rings), Jays in St. Charles, Missouri or Richardsons or The Always in Hagerstown, Maryland, the GTO introduced itself to the then Bad Boys of the Boulevard. Introductions were short and the memories long as the GTO shredded the mystique of the classic 327 Corvette and destroyed the myth of the famous 409 Chevrolts, hard charging Mopars and what ever Ford could muster up. (Bless their hearts.) @TOS were for men, Mustangs were for...well...Sally.

Well folks, that's the way it was in the beginning. I know, I was there. I had a new 1964 GTO.

And DeLorean said, "Let there be might," and there was might. DeLorean saw that the might was good, and he separated the might from the weak. DeLorean called the might "GTO".

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GGTOA vs BOONE TRAIL CORVETTE CLUB DRAGS

By Ron Fiebiger

Sunday, October 18th was a great day for drag racing. The weather was cool which made conditions good for some fast times. The Boone Trail Corvette club turned out in force to see if their practicing and coaching was enough to overcome the GTOs. When the first round of racing started, there were eighteen Corvettes and nine GTOs so all the GTOs ran twice. After the first round, the GTOs were in a comfortable lead, ahead fourteen to five. The second round only reinforced the dominance of the GTOs with the final results being GGTOA 22 and BTCC 9.

Keith Potter brought the Potter/Weiss 1965 GTO to the track for a couple exhibition runs. His first run was indeed a wild one. After pulling the front end about three feet off of the ground at the start, he finished with an 8.65 second ET at 155 mph, but it wasn't over yet. His parachute failed to open and the car ran off the end of the track. After an inspection of the car revealed no damage and some adjustments were made to the chassis, Keith took the World's Fastest Street Car back to the line for run number two. This time the front end lifted up about six feet and the car registered a 60 foot time of one second flat before Keith shut it down early.

There were several other highlights during the day. Axle Weiss ran his best time ever with tripower on his 1965 Hardtop, 12.66 at 107 mph. Cathey Pacelli and Ron Fiebiger both bettered their times from the races against the Fords. Cathey ran a 16.65 in her 1967 Hardtop and Ron was again the slowest GTO with a best of 16.90 in his 1967 Convertible. Tony Sezzole had the fastest GTO of the day turning in a 12.34 in his 1972 "LeGTO".

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UPCOMING EVENTS

DECEMBER 12TH, GGTOA CHRISTMAS PARTY: Vic & Joyce Nettle's house, we will hold our December meeting at the party, Vic & Joyce Nettle (314)892-3639.

JANUARY 2ND & 3RD, WORLD OF WHEELS CUSTOM AUTO SHOW: Cervantes Convention Center, we will have a GGTOA display again this year, for applications or show information call (618)281-4322 or (314)343-9159

JANUARY 17TH, GATEWAY GTO ASSOCIATION ANNUAL PIZZA MEETING: 2:00 PM, Tulanya's Restaurant, 276 N. Skinker, parking in rear, we will have a private room, we will be planning 1993 activities and discussing other items, maps will be in the next Hood Scoop, for more info call Brad Piper (618)398-4855 or Ron Fiebiger (314)892-4712

GATEWAY GTO ASSOCIATION ADS

CARS AND PARTS FOR SALE:

1974 Super Duty Trans Am body, wrong motor but car is restorable, blue, column shift auto, needs trans, 350 engine runs good, nice dash, clear title, Pontiac Historical Services info \$750, call or leave message, Dale McCurdy (314)677-4789, High Ridge (December)

Carter AFB, chrome louvered air cleaner Ild and base for 66 GTO \$150; exhaust manifolds - one pair each of 67, 69 & 71 \$25 pair; 66-7 instrument cluster \$30; 66-7 heater controls with face plate \$15; set of 15X7 Rally IIs \$50; harmonic balancer w/ pulley \$15; 66-7 headlight bezel \$10; 65 2bbl intake \$15; 74 4bbl intake \$20; car jack \$5; Best offer or trades on all parts; Brad Piper (618)398-4855 (January)

Carburetor Restorations: Tripowers and Quadrajets rebuilt, recolored and replated. Show quality. Repro parts available. Special discounts for GGTOA members. Buying tripowers complete or parts. 64-5-6 tripowers for sale, various conditions, price depends on condition and completeness; Darrell Carnal (314)928-8030 (January)

Four 15X7 Rally IIs \$40 obo, new 1968-72 left & right heavy duty dual exhaust pipes from Walker (will not fit RA manifolds) \$45, Dave Weeks (314)772-6326 (December)

1969 GTO hideaway headlight covers \$15 each, 1969-70 underdash A/C ducts \$30 each, 1968-72 heat riser \$70 obo, two 15X8 deep dish Firebird Honeycomb wheels \$100 pair, James Frame (618)465-8999 (December)

One set of 6X heads, \$60 obo, Tony Bezzole (314)878-6892 (December)

1969 GTO black buckets and rear seat \$150, 1969 rocker molding \$25, 455 crank \$75, 1972 455 heads \$100, 1967 intake \$30, 4.56 12 bolt posi rear end with 4 series carrier \$400, 4.56 10 bolt posi \$250, 1965 2.93 10 bolt posi \$250, 3.08 10 bolt posi for TA \$250, 3.73 10 bolt posi for TA \$300, Ron Beach (618)288-5536 (December)

MORE CARS AND PARTS FOR SALE:

1970 GTO Endura bumper \$175 obo; 70-72 trunk lids & rear bumpers; 71 floor & trunk pan in very good condition; 68 LeMans rear bumper; 67 GTO LH taillight \$50; pair 68 GTO taillights \$125; 67 C4 3 speed manual trans \$50, 69 GTO dual snorkel air cleaner \$125; 68 3.23 ring & pinion \$100; 66 GTO IN.HG manifold vacuum gauge; 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72 gas tanks; 9 pairs of bucket seats: 67 - 2 black pairs & 2 blue pairs, 68 black pair, 69 white pair, 72 - white pair & black pair; many miscellaneous knick knacks; obo on all parts listed; Tim Moll (314)547-1951 (December)

Heads for sale, one 94 (L180), one 143 (D207), one 6X (E076), one 4X (E033), one 4X (L082), one 4X (K302), two 7J2 (H181), Tim Moll (314)547-1951 (January)

1970 400 YD engine, 290 HP, 2 bbl, complete motor but needs rebuilding, best offer, Tim Moll (314)547-1951 (January)

1967 GTO Hdtp passenger door and trunk lid, Chris Simmons (314)278-8710 (January)

Convertible tops, vinyl tops & headliners installed at your location, Chris Simmons (314)278-8710 (January)

1970 GTO 400 engine, YS, E70 date, 350 hp auto, runs good \$425; 70 GTO/Firebird #12 Ram Air III heads \$175; 66 GTO bare block, WT (4bbl manual), cast #9778789, F296 date \$75; 65 GTO bare tripower intake, A65 date \$105; one 67 GTO #670 head \$45; one 71 GTO #96 head \$45; 67 NOS GTO taillight panel \$100; 68 GTO 3.90 ring & pinion \$150; 70 T/A hood fair condition \$50; Pontiac 80 amp alternator \$45; 72 GTO/LeMans Owner's Manual \$5; 70 GTO auto trans \$125; 68 Pontiac/GTO/Firebird Owner's Manual \$5; 73 Firebird front license plate bracket nice \$10; 75 Firebird console, red, auto \$30; 77 Firebird console, black, auto \$30; (4) 57 Pontiac tripower rods, forged, bushed, w/oil hole on top \$30 each or \$100 for all 4; 73 Firebird Formula fiberglass hood, some chips but fixable \$30; call or leave message, Dale McCurdy (314)677-4789, High Ridge (December)

CARS AND PARTS WANTED:

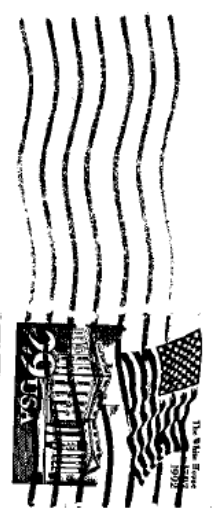
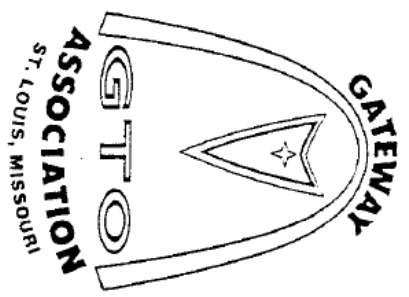
10 or 12 bolt posi with 3.23 to 3.55 gears for my 67 GTO; also want misc 66-67 air conditioning parts (ductwork, vents, brackets, etc.); Ron Fiebiger (314)892-4712 (January)

Three 14X7 Rally IIs, 1970 GTO hood hinges, Posi rear end to fit 1970 GTO, good 1968-70 hood, Dave Weeks (314)772-6326 (December)

1966-67 GTO Convertible RH quarter window, tinted glass preferred, Brad Piper (618)398-4855 (December)

1968-72 hood tach working or not, 69 rear window defroster, 69 rear bumper, 66 LeMans or Tempest convertible rear clip from front seats back or complete shell, Tim Moll (314)547-1951 (January)

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