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## SCOOP FROM THE PREZ

Greetings again fellow members,

Nobody can accuse this club of not doing anything, especially the last several months. Is everyone ready for a little breather? I know I am! (At least for a couple of days.) Looking back, we've had a fun filled, action packed year that somehow just flew by.

I must say I was very impressed to see the great turnout at Moore Cadillac/Pontiac for our last display of the year. I can't thank you all enough for supporting it and making it the success that it was. I know the fine people at Moore were very happy. A special thanks to Keith Potter for bringing out the race car, I know he extended a special effort. Also, congratulations for winning the title of World's Fastest Street Car at GM Nationals.

I know the weather was not very cooperative for our picnic, but those of us who went certainly had a good time and definitely lots of good food. Thanks to Tony Bezzole and Paul Middendorf for making it possible and to everyone else for coming and supplying us with the great food. On the other hand, the weather couldn't have been nicer for the GM Nationals, and Dave Weeks and Cathey Pacelli went to great lengths to see that we didn't starve there either. Thanks guys, I know it was appreciated by all. (I know, I know, I still owe the club a Diet Coke!)

Folks, I think we've been put on the map! Our Fall Cruise 92 at Bobby's Frozen Custard was definitely a great success. We got our feet wet and really gained some good experience from it. I know a lot of people really took the bull by the horns to make this happen and did an excellent job. A special thanks to Dave Kries, Michelle Risinger, Brad Piper, Ron Fiebiger, and everyone else who helped out. How about a car show next year????

I only wish I could call the drag races against the Fords Unlimited club a success too. A lot of us Goats went home with our tails between our legs! (We gotta let them win once in a while I guess, or they wouldn't keep coming back for more.) The only thing I can say about it is we just had a bad day. Let's call it practice for our drags with the Corvette Club and come back stronger than ever! In talking to the Corvette people, I think I've created a monster, they're really into this race now. I've even heard a strong rumor that Tex, the owner of the track, attended their last meeting and gave them some coaching on drag racing. We need all the racers we can get on October 18th. Let's be there in force!

Congratulations to Dan and Deb Shabel on the birth of their daughter Margaret Ann. Maggie was born on September 18th and weighed 7 lbs. 3 oz. Now that Dan & Deb have both a boy and a girl, maybe they will stop making babies and finish their 67 Convertible. Congratulations also to Mark and Donna Feldman. Their son, Dyllan Christopher, was born on October 9th and weighed 8 lbs. 3 oz.

Don't forget, if you can't make the November meeting for the elections of 1993 Officers, please mail your ballots to me so that I may have them by the meeting, otherwise they won't be counted. See you at the meeting.

Good Goating, Darrell

## FROM THE EDITOR'S BACK SEAT

Joyce & Vic Nettle are really getting a lot of national attention with their 1972 Grand Prix Convertible. Since last month's newsletter they have added two more magazine features to their collection. The car was featured in Convertible Magazine and in the latest edition of GTO Enthusiast. All the attention they are getting is well deserved, their Grand Prix is a very unique and beautiful car. Also just received my December 1992 issue of High Performance Pontiac and the now famous John Seabolt made another magazine appearance. There is a picture of him with his Sunfire Red 64 GTO and the HPP Editor's Choice award which he won at the GTOAA International Meet this summer.

The latest issue of GTO Enthusiast is out and it just keeps getting better. It is a great magazine for the hobby and I hope to see it survive and prosper. If your are interested in seeing a copy or subscribing, ask about it at our meetings or contact one of our officers.

If you are planning on attending the 1993 GTOAA International Meet in Indianapolis and want to get your room in a block with other GGTOA members, please take note. We will be staying at the Best Western. Housing Request Forms were enclosed in the August 1992 issue of The Legend and they must be sent in together to get rooms in a block. I will be collecting these forms from our members and sending them in. The deadline to get them to me is at the November meeting.

I know from talking to our members that there are a lot of unfinished and project GTOs in our club. This summer was the first season that I had my car finished enough to take to events and I had some great times showing, cruising and racing. There is nothing that compares to driving around and being seen in the Premier Muscle Car! Remember, there are many events planned for next summer, the GTOAA International Meet will be close again (Indianapolis) and we are looking into hosting the 1994 Meet. The Fall and Winter are a time when you can concentrate on working on your car, so to those of you that have the unfinished and project cars I say, get to work now so you don't miss any of the fun next year!

You may have noticed that the Old Goat Racers column was not in last month's issue of the Hood Scoop. Tony Bezzole reports that this is because the "Old Goats" haven't fared to well at the race tracks during the last couple of months. I hope that Tony and Pete's column will return next year as they did a great job on it this Summer. There is one result that is worth mentioning, however. On Wednesday, September 23rd, the All Run Bracket Purse was held at Gateway International Raceway. Scott Brohammer competed in the Top Eliminator class with his 68 Convertible running 10.70s. Out of 256 cars and after nine rounds of racing, he came out on top and took home the \$400 prize.

As always, I am in need of GTOs to feature as Goat of the Month and members to write articles for the newsletter. My job is a lot easler and we get better variety in the newsletter if other members help out. If you are interested, please contact me.

Ron Fiebiger

# TREASURER'S REPORT

By Will Bowers

Beginning Checkbook Balance 8/27/92.....	\$1,248.91
Income:	
Dues.....	\$ 108.00
Shirts.....	\$ 22.00
Can Wraps.....	\$ 11.00
50/50 Drawing (Moore Show).....	\$ 22.50
Sloppy Joe Sales at Cruise.....	\$ 66.00
Royalty from Cruise Shirt Sales.....	\$ 10.00
Check From Bobby's Frozen Custard.....	<u>\$ 100.00</u>
Total After Income.....	\$1,588.41
Disbursements:	
July, August, September Newsletters & Postage.....	\$ 213.00
October Postcard.....	\$ 19.00
Show-Me Regionals Hospitality Room.....	\$ 110.00
Picnic Prize Checks.....	\$ 200.00
Food for Picnic.....	\$ 138.19
Meat for Picnic.....	\$ 121.78
Food for GM Nationals.....	\$ 17.00
GM Nationals and Cruise Supplies.....	\$ 22.11
Sloppy Joe Fixings.....	\$ 15.00
Cruise Flyers.....	\$ 23.95
Cruise Dash Plaques.....	\$ 66.08
Photo Supplies.....	\$ 68.06
Stapler for Newsletter.....	<u>\$ 47.00</u>
Ending Checkbook Balance 10/6/92.....	\$ 527.24
Petty Cash.....	<u>\$ 64.85</u>
Total Cash on Hand.....	\$ 592.09

The GGTOA welcomes new members Wayne & Trudy Sommers (67 Convertible, 69 Judge), John & Janet Stewart (66 Convertible), Richard Skaggs (64 Convertible), Tom & Mary Beth Slaman (65 Convertible), Gus Jackson (68), Scott & Deena Simpson (67 Hardtop) and Bob & Paula Swiecicki (72 LeMans "UFO"). Total membership as of 10/08/92 is **100!**

We will order club jackets again this Fall if there is enough interest. They will probably be about \$30. So far five people have signed up. If you are interested, contact Ron Fiebiger to get your name on the list.

T-shirts, Polo shirts and can wraps are a great way to show club spirit and promote the GGTOA. GGTOA wearables and stuff are available at the monthly meetings. Get yours while the selection is good.

# MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 3RD MEETING

## Recorded by Cathey Pacelli

The meeting was held at Williker's Restaurant in St Charles, Missouri.

Darrell called the meeting to order at 7:40 after most of the members that were in attendance had enjoyed a good dinner. The club is looking for new places to hold monthly meetings. It's a nice break to have a dinner meeting from time to time. If you know of a place that would have a room and would be willing to allow us to order from the menu before our meeting, please let any officer know.

Jack Menke made up some very nice signs for the club displays, two of which are permanent and two others that have interchangeable letters. Thanks Jack!

The trip to Indy was a very eventful one for almost all of us that went. The one most prominent memory that we are left with from this and also the Chicago trip should be that no matter what happened we could be assured of having unlimited support and assistance from an always present network of fellow GGTOA members and their families. Darrell will be sending a thank you letter from the club to the garage outside of Indy that so graciously took care of Ron's car after it ate a rear axle bearing on the way to the track.

Dave Kries and Dave Weeks asked about acquiring club stationery. Ron will look into having some made up.

I hope everyone saw the layout of John Seabolt's 64 in Muscle Car Review and Vic & Joyce Nettle's 72 Grand Prix Convertible in Smoke Signals.

I hope that by the time you read this, we will have seen all of you at the Moore Show on September 12. If we did, thanks a bunch from coming out.

Dave Weeks is putting together a parts kit for trips and would appreciate suggestions on its contents. The club will be using CB's or 2 way radios on future trips.

We are all invited to the Boone Trail Corvette Club's 50s-60s Dance on September 19th in O'Fallon, Missouri. For information contact Darrell Carnal.

A sign up sheet for side dishes to be brought to the picnic on September 20th was passed around. Everyone is welcome. The club is supplying chicken, pork steaks, brats, hot dogs, sauce, plates, napkins, soda, etc. The name of the park has been changed from Maryland Heights Park to Vago Park.

Flyers and registration forms were available for the GM Nationals on September 29th. The club will have sandwiches and soda. Dave Weeks is GGTOA chairman.

The Bobby's Frozen Custard Cruise on October 3rd was discussed. This is really the first event our club has hosted. The officers and Dave Kries all have flyers available. Please talk it up. Since we are the hosts for the event, all club owned cars will be display only.

## MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER MEETING (CONTINUED)

We will be selling sloppy Joe sandwiches for \$1.00 and of course Bobby's will have specials for that sweet tooth. Tabby, Ron and Cathey will be making the food. We will be giving out dash plaques and two trophies. We want this to be a success. After all, we are tuning up to host the GTOAA International Meet in a couple of years. Please join us - you don't know what a good time you'll miss!

The GGTOA vs Ford Club races are set for October 4th at Mid America Raceway.

Darrell is still entertaining suggestions for a destination for the Wine Run on October 11th.

October 18th will be the GGTOA vs Boone Trail Corvette Club races, also at Mid America Raceway. Chris Simmons brought up the point that in bracket racing a novice has as good a chance as anyone else because it's a matter of consistency. We have several members who race every week and are more than willing to assist anyone who might wish to try it. Take it from this secretary (Grandma) who tried it for the first time last year, you just may get bit by the bug and want to keep it up as long as the car holds out. One mechanical problem after another has kept me off the track this year and now it's obvious that building a new engine is necessary before I'll be back out there. But I will be!

Don't forget to let Brad Piper know of any events that you attend so he can update the GGTOA Participation Points System.

Cathey Pacelli is making contacts in exploring the possibility of our chapter hosting the 1994 GTOAA International Meet. We will be talking to Mid America Raceway and Gateway International Raceway about the day of racing that we would like to make a part of the event. More information is coming.

Our next meeting will be October 1st at the Museum of Transport.

Ron needs articles for the newsletter and as always new Goats of the Month. He is tired of begging - so I'll do a little for him. Thanks in advance for helping him out.

Bye! I'm off to the POCI Show-Me Regionals. Hope to see you there!

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## MINUTES OF OCTOBER 1ST MEETING Recorded by Cathey Pacelli

Darrell Carnal called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM. Will Bowers was not present of give Treasurer's report.

There was discussion about Fall Cruise 92 at Bobby's Frozen Custard on Saturday, October 3rd in Maryville, Illinois. It has been advertised in the Post and we have passed out hundreds of flyers. Hosting our first cruise is going to be great fun.

## MINUTES OF OCTOBER 1ST MEETING (CONTINUED)

Sunday, October 4th, we are racing the Fords Unlimited Club at Mid America Raceway and hope to see as many members as possible there to support us.

The Fall Color/Wine Run is scheduled for Sunday, October 11th. We will be leaving from Noah's Ark Restaurant at 10:00 AM. Those who are interested in having breakfast first will meet at 8:30 A.M. We will be going to Augusta, Missouri for a leisurely fun day of GTOs wine and fellowship.

Get your helmets out for October 18th. The fiberboard - oops! - glass wonders would like to beat some GTO Butt. Come out and root for us, whether you race or not.

Anyone interested in ordering a club jacket should contact Ron Fiebiger. We are looking for a new source to make them. The club does have one blue jacket for sale.

Cathey Pacelli gave an update on progress made on the 1994 GTOAA International Meet. She is gathering proposals and room quotes from possible hotel sites and has written a formal letter to GTOAA President Eric White expressing our desire to host the event. Contact has also been made with both race tracks. Get excited guys & gals! It's going to happen in 1994, hopefully.

Darrell Carnal announced that Dan & Deb Shabel are the proud parents of a new daughter, Margaret Ann, born on September 18th. Hey Deb! That's one of each and Dan wants to know if he can stop now. Just kidding!

John Seabolt's 64 was written up in Muscle Car Review and Vic & Joyce Nettle's 72 Grand Prix had a layout in the new GTO Enthusiast. Congratulations!

Darrell put forth the nominations for officers that he had received. Here is the list after deleting those who are not able to run at this time. President: Darrell Carnal; VP MO: Cathey Pacelli, Dave Weeks, Ron Fiebiger; VP IL: Brad Piper, Paul Middendorf; Treasurer: Will Bowers; Secretary: Cathey Pacelli, Micki Schroers; GTOAA Chapter Rep: Dave Kries. An absentee ballot will be in the next newsletter and elections will be held at the November meeting. The new officers will be announced at the Christmas Party and will take over January 1, 1993.

Ron Fiebiger always has updated rosters available. Contact him if you want a copy. Please advise him of any needed corrections and your GTOAA number if it is not listed.

The November 5th dinner (if you wish), meeting and elections will be at Brinkers in Fairview Heights. A map will be in the next newsletter. Check upcoming events for details.

As always, Ron Fiebiger is looking for volunteers to write articles and provide Goats of the Month for the Hood Scoop.



## MINUTES OF OCTOBER 1ST MEETING (CONTINUED)

If you want to stay at the Best Western in Indianapolis for the 1993 GTOAA International Meet, please let Ron Fiebiger know. He will be sending in our reservations so that we can have a block of rooms together. The November meeting has been set as a deadline for getting in on this.

The Christmas Party will be at Vic & Joyce Nettle's home again this year. The date will be December 12th. Canned food will be collected as a donation for Feed My People again also. Joyce mentioned establishing a grab bag in which you would have the option of bringing a \$5 gift and putting it in the bag. You would then take a number and later anyone who participated would get a gift from the bag.

Brad Piper needs to have any of your updates for the Participation Points program. This year's points will end at the November meeting. Prizes will be gift certificates for parts from one of the aftermarket companies.

There were with 20 members in attendance. Meeting was adjourned at 8:50 P.M.

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## OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 1992 GOAT OF THE MONTH

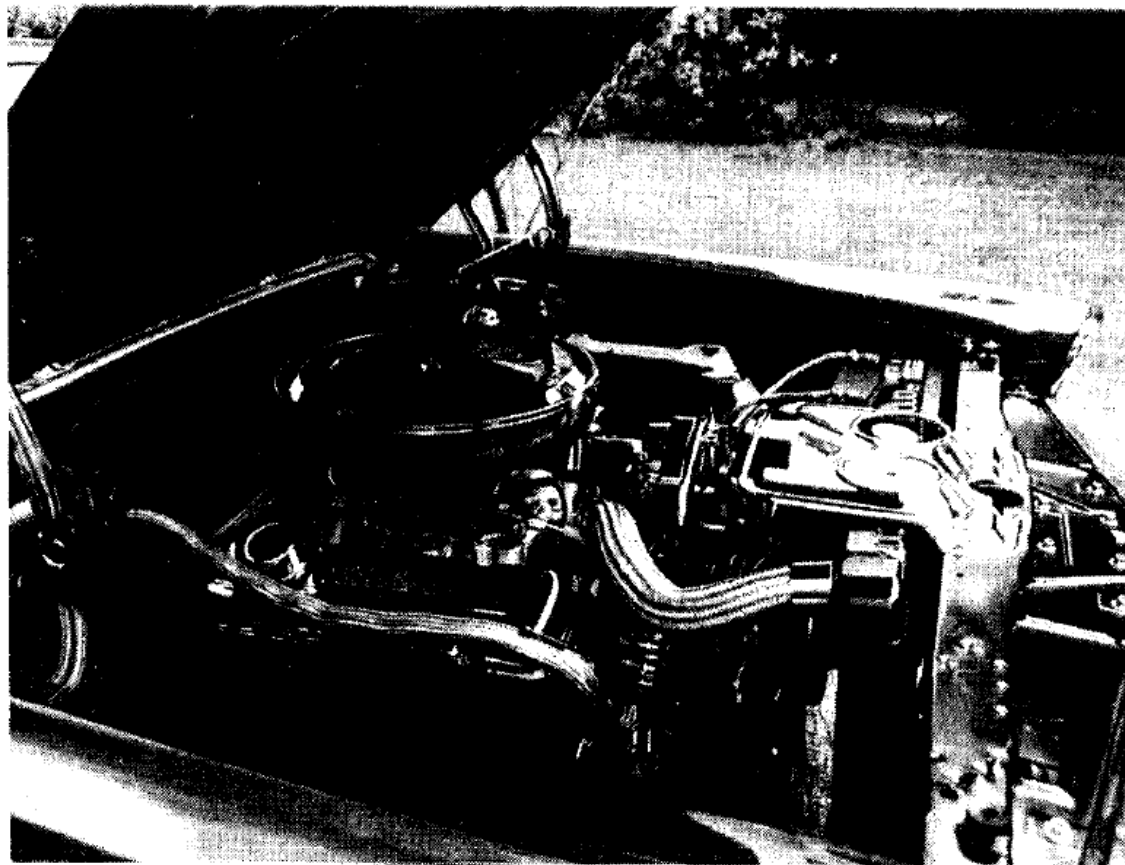
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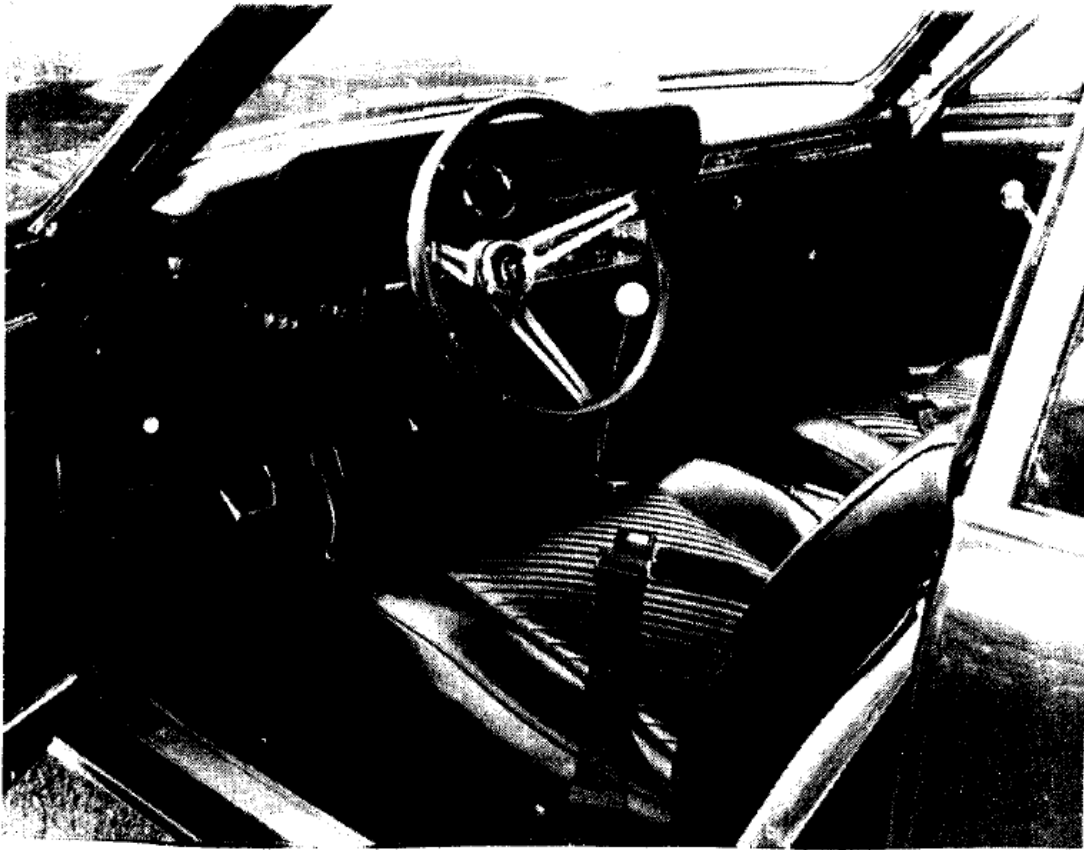
I have always had a love for old cars, street rods and street machines. After looking for some time in the car trader magazines and newspapers, I saw a red 1965 GTO for sale. My son, Paul, and I went and looked it over. The car had a good outward overall appearance. The owner received many inquiring calls while we were looking it over. We were the first to look at it. I test drove it and we cut a deal.

Once I started working on my car, it kind of snow-balled. The more improvements I made on it (with the help of my friends) the more I wanted to work on it. My dream was becoming reality before my eyes.

One day my good friend Steve Morley, who has helped me make a lot of improvements over the years, suggested that I should enter a small car show along with himself and Earl Chapman. I said, "My car is not good enough to compete." After some convincing by Steve and Earl, I went to my first car show. To my surprise, I took a second place in my class and was forever hooked.

I have been doing what I would call a frame-up restoration over the last six years and making improvements on just about every part of my GTO.





I started making improvements from the time I bought my GTO. I enjoy working on the car myself, but I also have had the help of knowledgeable friends. The changes include rebuilding the ten bolt posi rear end and many changes in the engine compartment such as custom wiring including (HEI) electronic ignition from a Pontiac Trans Am. Also included are several high performance improvements on the 400 cu.in. motor and a lot of chrome and detailing in the engine compartment. The clutch linkage had to be modified and rebuilt to work with the exhaust headers. I have replaced many of the front end parts with new parts. Everything under the car has been painted or undercoated by myself, after many hours on my back. The interior also has many new parts. These include the steering wheel, woodgrain dash, arm rests, headliner and carpet and the seats have been repaired and repadded. I added seat belts and a stereo system. The Hurst linkage was sent to Hurst and rebuilt. I had the drive shaft balanced at Mid-West Four Wheel Drive Company. I sanded and repainted the trunk trying to put it back to stock condition. After a couple of years and some trouble with the paint in the trunk cracking, I decided to have Kevin and Lee Keehn cover the trunk and spare tire with a custom auto interior of a dove gray material.

Some paint and body work was done by Suburban Auto Body and new weather stripping and glass run doorstops were added. I replaced or detailed the body emblems. I took all the rear chrome molding, tail light bezels, rear bumper, aerial, hood latches, hood hinges, springs and many motor parts to Nolan Portenberry in South County and had them chromed or rechromed.

I plan on keeping my GTO for a long time. I have more improvements planned for the future. The best is yet to come.

# THE GTO HOBBY....FOOD FOR THOUGHT, PART I

By John Seabolt

Why don't we ever see Linda Vaughn, "MISS HURST", at any GTOAA functions. I'm sure she would bring back a lot of memories for us Old Goats and Goat-ets. She is prettier and looks better in a T-shirt than Arnie, Jim and Milt combined.

Surely they wouldn't make the 1994 GTO in front wheel drive. Would you buy a front wheel drive Corvette or pick up truck? Some things are just meant to be RWD. Oh well, I guess we could always go down the 1320 backwards in reverse. WHOPEEEEDO!

Isn't it nice to see our beloved vendors coming out with more and more new goodies? This allows our GTOs to look mo better and run mo faster. Now, if I just had mo money!

Mrs. Milt Shornack makes, without a doubt, the finest tiger tails to grace your GTO. Milt will never run out of tail for his Legend.

The GTOAA is working their tails off to give the membership what they want in the way of expanded classes at the Nationals, improved and on time Legends and addressing concerns of members. This organization is the life blood of the hobby. What a difference a few years makes.

Arnie Beswick has got to be one of the nicest gentleman on the match racing tour. He always has time for anyone with a question or comment. Thank God he is a Pontiac man.

If the 1994 GTO becomes reality, wouldn't it be a nice touch if it was offered in the original 1964 colors. I could spring for a Sunfire Red, rear wheel drive 94 GTO.

The Gateway GTO Chapter is a very fortunate group of people. Several of our members have some very spiffy wheel chairs. These members hold down important and vital positions in our club and contribute commitment, courage and a car load of class to the association. These people make us better people by the example they set. Check out the quality of the GTOs they drive, show and race. I thank God for allowing me to know these men that stand so tall and their fantastic families.

Great cars, great people, great hobby. My goal is to keep it all in perspective. A trophy or dash plaque doesn't make you a better person. Good values and respect for others will allow you to grow as a person and live to be a happy "Old Goat".

Da-rell Car-nell has one bad to the bone 4th gear. For the rest of the story watch him wipe out the Ford and Corvette clubs single handedly at MAR...Where the Big Ones Are!

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# POCI SHOW-ME REGIONALS

By Joyce Nettle

Well another event has come and gone, the Show-Me Regionals, Labor Day weekend. This event was hosted by the Arch Chapter of the POCI.

I started my planning for this event by watching the weather. I didn't quite know what to expect and neither did the meteorologists. I watched and listened every night. One day they would say, "Look forward to a beautiful Friday and Saturday, with rain moving in late Sunday". I could live with this, so I started cleaning cars. Then the weather changed to possible storms Friday and Saturday and some showers Sunday. I wasn't sure if any of our cars were going out for the weekend with this forecast. Well it seemed that everything was staying to the North of us, so I decided to give in, take a chance and take our fleet out to show.

Our weekend started with a shuttle to the Holiday Inn. Vic and a friend that works for him took up the black 70 GTO and 72 Grand Prix Convertible. The black GTO was the first Pontiac on the lot, 7:05 Friday morning. We heard that John Novelli wanted to be first. Sorry John! Later Friday I took up the Suburban with the set-ups for the Hospitality room. I checked into the room, hauled in the coolers and snacks and waited for Vic to get off work. Vic got there at 11:00 and we went home to get the other cars.



Saturday was Tech inspection and pictures. Boy, after running around like a chicken with her head cut off I was ready to relax. I got the cars parked and then was off to open the Hospitality room. We had a nice room on the ground floor right by the volleyball court. We had a game with Robert Schuster, Mark Feldman and friends vs Dave Weeks and friends. It was enjoyable watching the game. The score was 31 to 30 with Dave's team being the winners.

Later Saturday, we all got together and went to eat at Show-Me's in Northwest Plaza. We had some good fellowship and food. From Show-Me's, we went back to the dance hosted by the Arch Chapter. The band was good but the crowd was dead. Vic commented that it looked like a geriatric convention. Well the Gateway GTO Association took care of that. I got Vic out there for a dance, then Donna Bowers and I got out for another and it seemed that is what it took to break the ice. The band thanked the dancers and the party was on. There were door prizes given of which Donna Bowers won a T-shirt

and Dave Weeks won the Rusty Wallace jacket. We had a grrrr-eat time. A big thanks goes out to Dave Trokey and the rest of the guys in the band, they did a fine job. Dave Trokey had a special dedication to our club, "LITTLE GTO". Dave apologized before they ever started because they had only done "LITTLE GTO" one other time and didn't know if it would sound okay. They did a really good job and we all cheered them.

Sunday was time to clean and shine before judging at 11:00 AM. It was another great day, so far no bad weather. After cleaning and shining, we viewed the other cars, there were really some good lookers. We got to spend time visiting with friends we haven't seen for awhile, it was just a whole lot of fun. If you have never gone to a big meet like this before, you are really missing out on a lot of fun. People come from all over and you have an opportunity to make a lot of friends from across the country. We had a few club members win attendance prizes, Ron Fiebiger won a window shade and I won a T-shirt that I can cut and alter. Ron also won the free drawing, a 455 block donated by Dependable Automotive Service. Tabby Piper's daughter, Jayna and her friend Ali won third place in the coloring contest.



After all this, the banquet and awards ceremony was still to come. We had more than we could eat at the banquet. There was salad, fresh fruit, mashed potatoes, cheese broccoli-cauliflower-carrot mix, fried chicken, beef with mushroom gravy, bread, and deserts. The food was delicious. Then came the slide presentation and awards. Will & Donna Bowers 64 and John Novelli's 65 took runner up awards in the GTO1 class. Darrell Carnal's 67 took third place and Will & Donna Bowers' 67, Ron Fiebiger's 67 and Brad & Tabby Piper's 66 took runner up awards in the GTO2 class. John Novelli's 70 Judge took first place and Mark Clatto's 71 Judge took third place in the Judge class. New member Wayne Sommers' 67 took first place in the SM2 class. Rich Croft's 65 took first place and Vic & Joyce Nettle's 72 GP Convertible and Cathey Pacelli's 67 took runner up awards in the Custom class. Vic & Joyce Nettle's red 70 took third place and their black 70 took runner up in the SM3 class. Vic & Joyce Nettle's 67 got a Daily Driver award. The KC Arrowheads won club participation with 17 cars. The Gateway GTO Association had 11 members showing 15 cars and 12 additional members came out in support of the show. Congratulations everyone!

The show was a great success with beautiful weather all weekend. There were approximately 120 cars registered for show. John Novelli and Bryan Taylor were swap meet organizers, Tony Bezzole and Pete Fahle helped in tech, Dave Weeks helped judge and Ron Fiebiger, Brad Piper and Will Bowers (really Donna Bowers) helped in registration.

# MOORE PONTIAC/GTO DISPLAY

By Brad Piper

To the twenty-six Gateway GTO Association members who had their Goats out of the pen on Saturday, September 12th, **THANK YOU!!!!**



We asked for your support and you guys didn't let us down. Everyone that came out to our sponsor dealership, Moore Pontiac, in Ellisville, deserves a pat on the back. Twenty-six GTOs, Tempests and Lemans'! That's a fantastic turnout for any club and we've shown that we can do it! Oh yeah, and a mere 8 Arch Chapter POCl cars turned up too.

The day started off on a great note with clear morning skies and cool temperatures and just kept getting better as the Goats rolled in, one right after another. At 10:30, we had about a dozen cars and by noon they were parking down the center of the lot. And talk about dedication, we had four GTOs that were trailered to the show. First was Dave Kries with his former "GTOAA Best of Show" blown 68 Convertible, followed by Keith Potter with the Potter/Weiss Racing Team's blown, 8 second "Worlds Fastest 65 GTO". A few minutes later, Paul Middendorf pulled in with his 66 Convertible that hadn't quite recovered from the Indy trip. But thanks to several of our knowledgeable members, Paul was able to "drive" his Goat back onto the trailer at the end of the day. The final trailer to pull in made the trip all the way from Columbia, Missouri. It was our newest member Wayne Sommers with his beautiful 67 Convertible.

Of course all of the regulars were there, plus several that we hadn't seen in awhile! Sure glad you guys dusted 'em off and brought 'em out. Here's the rest of the attendance list in no particular order: Darrell Carnal - 67, John Seabolt - 1992 GTOAA class winning 64 Coupe, Brad & Tabby Piper - 66, Greg Tombridge - 65, Aaron Burkemper - 67 Tempest, Will Bowers - 64 Convertible, Vic & Joyce Nettle - 70 Convertible, Micki Schroers - 69, Craig "Axle" Weiss - 65, Ron Fiebiger - 67 Convertible, Cathy Pacelli & Dave Weeks - 67, Rich Vie - 74, Stan Brooks - 67, Jack Menke - 67, Ken Selvey - 64 Coupe, Mark Burkhalter - 67 Tempest, Jerry Myers - 70 Convertible, Tony Bezzole - 1992 GTOAA trophy



winning 70, Mark Feldman - 69 Judge, Mark Clatto - 71 Judge, John Staff - 64, John Rolfes - 67. Future member Ed Siler had his 67 Lemans Convertible there too and we also had a few unidentified GTOs - a silver 71 Judge, an orange 68 Hardtop and a green 66 Coupe.

In addition to the excellent collection of cars for everyone to gawk at, there were plenty of hot dogs and a truck full of sodas (literally) to refresh us, courtesy of Moore Pontiac. They also provided dash plaques for the first 35 cars on the lot. Jack Menke, our newly designated "Chief of Graphic Arts" brought out a couple of very nice GGTOA signs that he designed and constructed, complete with attaching tri-powers...er...tripods! Jack was later rewarded for his efforts as his lucky ticket was drawn in the 50/50 drawing netting him \$22.50.

In the afternoon, about 20 members and officers gathered for an informal "mini-meeting" to discuss a few ideas that had recently been suggested. Since your President, Darrell, was voiceless all day (Boy, did we have fun!), Will and Brad took turns doing the interpretation chores. The main subject of our meeting dealt with our Participation Points System. We had originally planned to present a custom designed patch to everyone who accumulated a certain number of points. Since patches are quite expensive to have made and require a minimum order (usually 50), it was suggested that the club purchase gift certificates from various Pontiac/GTO vendors with the money that would have otherwise been spent on patches. The gift certificates would serve as nice prizes and would put a little money back into the pockets of those who participate most in club events. It was put to a vote and everyone in attendance was in favor of the idea. Our upcoming Picnic was also discussed and a few more people added their names to the list for bringing food.



After our meeting, the lot started to empty out, but not without the sounds (and smells) of burning rubber! Even Keith Potter & crew rolled their 65 out to the back lot and fired up one time for a burnout.

It goes without saying that the folks at Moore Pontiac were pleased with the number of cars we provided them with. They have been very generous to us and it was great to see so many GGTOA members there to show our appreciation. Once again, pat yourselves on the back for a fabulous turnout! Thanks everyone!!

## **GATEWAY GTO ASSOCIATION PICNIC**

**By Ron Fieblger**

The Annual GGTOA Picnic was held on September 20th at Vago Park in Maryland Heights, Missouri. The weather didn't cooperate (light rain all day) but the picnic was still a success. Sixteen members showed up, some with family or friends. Jack Menke, Vic & Joyce Nettle and Cathey Pacelli even brought their GTOs. Is that true dedication or are they desperately trying to make a run for the Participation Points lead? A few Boone Trail Corvette Club members also crashed the picnic again this year but none of them drove a Corvette. What were they afraid of? Their precious glass bodies would have dried out, or would they have melted?

Tony Bezzole and Paul Middendorf did a great job of providing and cooking the chicken, pork steaks, brats, hot dogs and sauce. Car care items and checks of \$5, \$10 and \$25 were given away as attendance prizes. Tickets for a 33.3/33.3/33.3 drawing were sold and the total pot was \$60. The drawing winners were Chris Simmons, Ron Fieblger and Pete Fahle, each receiving \$20. Pete ended up being the big winner of the day. Besides the drawing, he also took home \$25 and \$10 checks.

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## **GM NATIONALS**

**By Ron Fieblger**

Saturday, September 26th was to be the first day of the two day show at Gateway International Raceway but the day's events were canceled because of threatening weather and a wet race track. Sunday more than made up for the cancellation with beautiful weather and great show cars and racing.

There were 115 show cars registered to be judged and 35 cars for display only. Out of the nine GGTOA cars entered in the car show, seven took home trophies. In the 64-67 GTO Stock class Darrell Carnal's 67 took first place and Brad Piper's 66 tied for third. John Novelli's 70 Judge won first in the 68-74 class. Gateway GTO cars swept the GTO/LeMans Modified class with Bob Swiecicki's 72 LeMans UFO taking first, Wayne Sommer's 67 Convertible coming second and Tony Bezzole's 70 and Cathey Pacelli's 67 tying for third.

The day was highlighted by some of the most exciting racing seen in this area in a long time. Scott Brohammer raced his 68 Convertible in the Top Eliminator class and ran consistent 10.70s all day. He took home \$100 for winning third place out of 132 cars.

Arnie "Farmer" Beswick and Team Tiger were at the show and made several exhibition runs. They had a very successful day. Arnie's last run of the day produced his best time ever in the Pro Stock Tameless Tiger #1. After one of his famous quarter track burnouts, he posted a 7.80 at 175 miles per hour. That may have been the best run of his life. The way that car hooked up and launched down the track was awesome! Sheila, the driver of the Super Duty Tameless Tiger #2, also put up some impressive numbers running several low 10 second passes with a best of 10.04.

The biggest event of the day was the World's Fastest Street Car competition. There were 21 cars entered, all running eight or nine second ETs. GGTOA member Keith Potter worked five or six nights in a row until two to four in the morning adding weight and hooking up lights so his 65 GTO could compete.



After the qualifying rounds, the Potter/Weiss 65 GTO was 16th. This meant their next race would be against the number one qualifier, Bill Weckman's blown Yellow 1965 Corvette. Keith Potter beat him in an awesome race and then proceeded to pick off the rest of the field one by one. Along the way he posted the fastest run of the day at 173 mph. The final race came down to the Potter/Weiss GTO versus one bad 69 Camaro from Chicago. After a long wait at the line while the Camaro staged, the GTO launched down the track for its best ET ever, an 8.44 at 162 MPH vs an 8.58 for the Camaro. It was settled, the Potter/Weiss Racing Team's 65 GTO is the World's Fastest Street Car! The prize was \$1,500, a certificate and a five foot trophy. Who would have thought that these local guys in their first season of racing the car could have knocked off all those heavy hitters from around the country? That was some wild racing!

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## FALL CRUISE 92

By Will Bowers

Our October Cruise, jointly sponsored by Bobby's Frozen Custard, was a great success. It was a beautiful night and the cruisers started early and stayed late. There were nineteen GGTOA members in attendance and a total of seventy cars registered. A number of others cruised but did not sign up for judging and attendance prizes. The GGTOA members in attendance were: Jack Menke - 67, Micki Schroers - 69, Dave Kries - 68 Convertible, Ron Fiebiger - 67 Convertible, Vic & Joyce Nettle - 70 Convertible, Will & Donna Bowers - 67, Darrell Carnal - 67, Shawn Thomason - 68, Aaron Burkemper - 67 Tempest, Rich Betz & Donna Webb - 68, Bob & Paula Swiecicki - 72 LeMans UFO, John Novelli - 70 Judge, Steve & Tammy Hedrick - 69, Ron & Kathy Beach - 65, Mark & Teri

Clatto - 71 Judge, Dave Weeks - 76 Ranchero 429, Cathey Pacelli - 67 and Paul & Karen Middendorf - 66.

The DJ played a wide selection of 50s and 60s music which kept the people coming and the custard flowing. There were even event shirts and sweatshirts printed by Ultra Press Printing. They featured a yellow 1969 GTO and the club picked up a dollar royalty for each one sold.

There were dash plaques for the first 50 arrivals and two trophies. One was for GGTOA member's choice and the other was for Bobby's Staff choice. It was decided up front that GGTOA members would not be eligible for the trophies. There were a number of beautiful automobiles, however, two 57 Chevys were selected as the standouts. The GGTOA choice trophy went to Steve Creson of Belleville, Illinois and the Bobby's Staff choice trophy was awarded to Tom Tyson of Caseyville, Illinois. About 9:00 PM Prez Darrell announced the winners and both were very pleased and somewhat surprised that such nice trophies were being awarded at a cruise. We also picked up two new members, Gus Jackson and Bob & Paula Swiecicki.

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## **GGTOA vs FORDS UNLIMITED DRAG RACES**

### **By Ron Fleblger**

Our Annual competition against the Fords Unlimited club was held on October 4th, which was a very nice day for racing. The GGTOA came into the races with a great record having won the event for several consecutive years. We set up camp in the field behind the staging lanes and Prez Darrell did his best in giving us a pep talk.

After two rounds of time trials, everyone set their dial in time and lined up in the staging lanes for the first round of competition. Some good racing ensued and after the first round the clubs were tied with seven wins each. During the time between the first and second rounds of the Fords vs GTO racing, most GGTOA members tried their luck in trophy bracket racing. A former GGTOA member, John Vogel, won his class with his red 69 GTO, but luck wasn't on everyone's side. Ron Fleblger won in the first round of trophy racing but had trouble in the second round. When the lights dropped at the starting line, he punched the gas just a little too hard and broke the gas pedal linkage on his hand controls. (Ron had to drive home using his California duster to push the gas pedal.)

Before the second and deciding round of racing against the Fords, Ron talked Vic Nettle into running Joyce's 67 Convertible in his place. The only problem was that the car had never been run in the quarter mile before. After some discussion, Vic settled on a wild guess of 15.43 for his dial in. The guess was close but not close enough as Vic lost his race with a time of 15.88. As the second round of racing progressed, the GGTOA plan fell apart with our members winning only two out of nine races. The final score was Fords Unlimited 14, GGTOA 9.

The fastest GTO of the day was John Vogel's 69 which ran a 12.16. The slowest GTOs of the day (but faster than the slowest Fords - at least two were running 18s) were Ron

Fiebiger's 67 Convertible, 17.40, and Cathey Pacelli's 67 Hardtop, 17.10. Not bad considering they are both running tired and sick motors. Just wait till next year when they both will be sporting fresh power plants!

Several GGTOA members thought they saw a tears welling up in Darrell's eyes when he handed the plaque over to the Fords Unlimited President. Not to make excuses but the Fords Unlimited President was overheard saying that if they had lost for another consecutive year that there might not be too many Fords interested in racing next year. Yeah, just wait till next year, we'll get that plaque back!

The Gateway members that raced were: Darrell Carnal - 67, Tony Bezzole - 70, Pete Fahle - 69, Ron Fiebiger - 67, Will Bowers - 67, Cathey Pacelli - 67, Paul Middendorf - 66, Rich Vie - 74, Mark Burkhalter - 67, Craig Weiss - 69 and Rich Betz - 68.

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## **ANNUAL FALL COLOR/WINE RUN**

### **By Ron Fiebiger**

Our annual Fall Color/Wine Run on October 11th started out with seven GTOs meeting on the Noah's Ark parking lot. After those who had arrived early for breakfast had finished, Darrell Carnal called a driver's meeting to lay out the plans for the day. He started out by passing out copies of his "Gimmick Rally". This was another one of Darrell's ingenious ideas to put some fun into the drive to the winery. The Gimmick Rally was a list of clues that pertained to items along the way. The car with the most correct answers would win a free 1993 GGTOA membership. After explaining the rally and the one planned stop on the trip, Darrell reminded everyone to be conscious of safety and we were on our way.

Not everyone was sure about the Gimmick Rally but as soon as we hit the highway, the clues started popping up and everyone got into it. Halfway through the list was our stop. We turned into the GM Plant in Wentzville and proceeded to crash the Boone Trail Corvette Club's Autocross. The plan was to get onto the Autocross course and see how well our GTOs would handle the Corvette course. Will Bowers tried to enter the course first but was turned away by a very cranky Corvette Club official. Since they wouldn't allow us on the course we decided to have some fun repaving the parking lot with rubber. After checking out a few of the Corvettes on hand and talking to some of the friendlier BTCC members it was time for the rest of the wine run. (We didn't become friends with the Corvette officials on the way out either as most of the GTOs left in a flurry of squealing and smoking tires!)

After a leisurely drive over back roads and through several small towns we arrived at the Mt. Pleasant Winery in Augusta, Missouri. Everyone turned their Gimmick Rally sheets in to Darrell to be checked and he declared Paul Middendorf to be the winner with a perfect score. This didn't surprise many because he had six people packed into his 66 Convertible to look for clues. We sat on the terrace of the winery, had wine and snacks and enjoyed the view for a while and then everyone started to go their own way. Some ventured into town and others headed home.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**OCTOBER 18TH, GGTOA VS BOONE TRAIL CORVETTE CLUB DRAGS:** Mid America Raceway, Wentzville, Missouri, Gates open 8:00 AM, Time Trials 9:00 AM, Program starts, 1:00 PM, come early for time trails. Let's continue our winning streak against the Corvettes. This always proves to be a fun event! Let's show them that going in a straight line is what it's all about - not going around in a bunch of circles! GGTOA Chairman is Darrell Carnal (314)928-8030

**OCTOBER 25TH, ANNUAL FALL WOODSIE/COLOR TOUR:** West County Shopping Center, 9:30 AM, All special interest cars welcome, Dash plaques for all, Poker run for prizes with four stops around town, will end up at Greenfelder Park by Six Flags where there will be a BBQ with hot dogs & hamburgers supplied, Pot luck - everyone bring a covered dish and own drinks, strictly for fun - no entry fee, Produced by Roarin' 30s & St. Louis Street Rods, For more information call 391-1813 or 458-3031 after 5:30 PM

**NOVEMBER 5TH, GATEWAY GTO ASSOCIATION MEETING:** 6:30 PM, Brinker's Restaurant in Illinois, take I-64 to Rt. 159 (Fairview Heights) Exit, turn left (North) onto 159, go over the interstate to first stoplight and turn right, follow the frontage road to Brinker's, this will be the election of officers night, come early and have dinner (sandwiches \$3-\$5 and entrees \$7-\$10)

**DECEMBER 12TH, GGTOA CHRISTMAS PARTY:** To be held at Vic & Joyce Nettle's house, we will also hold our December meeting at the party, more information is forthcoming, GGTOA co-chairmen are Vic & Joyce Nettle (314)892-3639.

**JANUARY ??, WORLD OF WHEELS CUSTOM AUTO SHOW:** Cervantees Convention Center, We will have a GGTOA display again this year, more information will be given when it becomes available

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## GATEWAY GTO ASSOCIATION ADS

### CARS AND PARTS FOR SALE:

1964 GTO Convertible; rebuilt 389; tripower; new top, interior, tires, chrome, front end and dual exhaust; fresh paint; \$12,000; Scott (618)462-6258 (October)

1968 GTO, 400 engine, 6X heads, 400 Turbo, His & Hers, disc brakes, Hideaway headlights, \$1,600 obo, Tim Moll

Carter AFB, chrome louvered air cleaner lid 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; Brad Piper (618)398-4855 (October)

## **MORE CARS AND PARTS FOR SALE:**

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

**1968 GTO gas tank,** clean, \$75/offer, Scott Brohammer (314)631-6835 (October)

**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 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)

**1970 GTO Endura bumper** \$175 obo; 70-72 trunk lids & rear bumpers; 70-72 immaculate floor & trunk pans; 68 LeMans rear bumper; 67 LH taillight; 68 GTO taillights; 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; Tim Moll (314)547-1951 (December)

## **CARS AND PARTS WANTED:**

**10 or 12 bolt posi** for my 64 GTO, Brain Ecker (314)343-0464 (October)

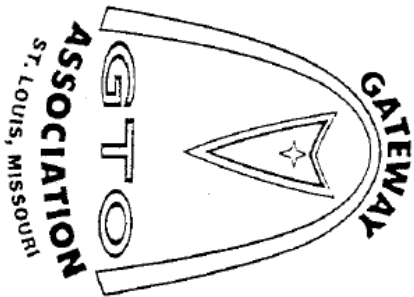
**Three 14X7 Rally IIs,** 1970 GTO hood hinges, Posi rear end to fit 1970 GTO, good 1968-70 hood, Dave Weeks (314)772-6326 (December)

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

**1969 hood tach** working or not, 66 LeMans or Tempest convertible rear clip from front seats back or complete shell, Tim Moll (314)547-1951 (December)

**Your ad could be here!** Surely you have some extra stuff to sell or need some parts to finish your project. Contact Hood Scoop Editor Ron Fiebiger to place a For Sale or Wanted ad.

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