

# THE HOOD SCOOP

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THE HOOD SCOOP is published as an informative news bulletin to keep our members up to date on past, present and future events.

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GATEWAY GTO ASSOCIATION MEETINGS are held monthly. Dates, times and locations are listed in the UPCOMING EVENTS section of the newsletter.

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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, please put your name, the date and description of event on back and send to the Photo Album Editor Joyce Nettle.

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The GATEWAY GTO ASSOCIATION is an official chapter of the GTO ASSOCIATION of AMERICA

## PREZ SCOOP

Hi Club members and friends,

It is only the beginning of March and we are having fun already! Moore Pontiac has graciously chosen to be our club sponsor again this year. Our August party is lined up; our Christmas/holiday party is set up. We are looking forward to the Nationals at Niagara Falls, the American Roadhouse cruise, the Labor Day show in Kansas City, the Fall Winery run, drag racing against Fords, Corvettes, and MOPARs, various swap meets and local cruises. It seems as if the year is leaping by so fast!

Last month was the World of Wheels in Kansas City and we had a first place trophy go to one of our own. Wayne Sommers went home with first place in the Post War Convertible class for his 1967 Tyrol Blue GTO. Congratulations Wayne!

By the way, how many of you saw the letter and picture of Ray Logsdon's 1970 Judge in Hemming's Motor News (page 2579). Ray gets points for having his car in a national magazine! Hemming's is a good resource, and Ray took the time and put out the effort to write them a letter acknowledging their good work and thanking them.

It has been noted that Buster Murphy's will be reopened under the name Maryland Yards, but it is not clear if they want to have meetings there as in the past. Berrie's Sub was suggested as a possible meeting location. Berrie's Sub normally closes at 8, but they said if we were to have our meetings there, they would stay open for us. So we will need to discuss this and make a decision at the next meeting. Be at the next meeting at Joe Hanon's on April 6th to vote on this.

Our Nationals celebration party is history. The party was held at Joe Hanon's on March 4. Fifty workers attended. The food was good, the band was loud, door prizes were won by Jerry Raglani, Chris Simmons, Diana Johnson, Greg Tombridge and the grand prize was won by Paul Middendorf. The 50/50 was won by Don Bright (\$40). We all had a good time!

Good GTOing,

*Vic*

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## Club Jackets

For those of you that would like to have a Club Jacket we will be compiling a list. You may order yours by contacting Darrell Carnal at (314)928-8030 or 1458 Arapahoe Way, St. Charles, MO 63304-7310. These jackets are satin type with our club logo embroidered on back and 6.5 GTO crest embroidered on left front \$42.50, with name embroidered on right front \$45.00. State color, size and how your name is to appear if ordered with name. Send check to Darrell, **jackets will not be ordered till paid in full.**

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Our Members this year equal 64 with 32 belonging to GTOAA also. No new members this month.

## **Minutes of the March Meeting as recorded by: Micki Monnig**

The March meeting of the Gateway GTO Association was held at Joe Hanon's Restaurant on Dorsett Road at Highway 270 on March 2nd., 1995. There were nineteen (19) members present.

The meeting was called to order at 7:16 PM by our President, Vic Nettle. He introduced our guest Jim Weaver and welcomed all of the members.

Vic then requested a treasurers report. Will Bowers was present and stated that we had received a check from our sponsor, Moore Pontiac, of \$500.00. We currently have a balance of \$4800. There are sixty-one members renewed to date.

Vic again took the floor and asked for nominations for the newly vacated position of Missouri Vice President. There being no other nominations than Chris Simmons, Chris was elected unanimously.

Question of race days went out and Darrell will follow up on this soon. Joyce stated that she has talked with the MOPAR club and they want to schedule a date in August for our competition. Joyce will follow up on this.

Vic again took the floor and mentioned that Axle Weiss assisted in the acquisition of the Moore Sponsor check. Thanks Axle. Also, Darrell has a Jacket sign up list, if you want a jacket, pay now, get jacket later.

Subject of Nationals in New York came up. July 10th., through July 14th., printed info passed around the meeting.

Videos sold to date equal 126 and Darrell threw in that he had received a request for one that afternoon. This is testimony of the great job that Margo did for us. Thanks again Margo!!!!

Joyce took the floor and questioned if we had considered the POCI and GGTOA unity. She stated that we have to determine what kind of relationship we want to have with them. Share the cost of events? Just crash their events? She went on to suggest that we just put events in the newsletter and you can voluntarily show up.

Marty Howard took the floor and stated that he has talked with the American Road House and we must pick a weekend soon. July 8th is the only weekend already taken. He suggested that we book for June 10th.. It was decided that Marty would be responsible to set up this cruise and that we would sponsor it and invite POCI to participate. ALL DISPLAY CARS MUST BE THERE NO LATER THAN 3:30 PM. Marty will be there early to organize things. It was also suggested that we have a joint wine run with POCI. The next POCI event is the Don Darr car show April 22nd.

Tony and Shirley Bezzole are in charge of the picnic and will take care of the arrangements for the caterer for August 27th.

### **New Business:**

We received a letter from Mr. Bob Maher. If you worked at the Nationals last year, your renewal or new National membership is free this year. Send a letter with your renewal or send a request for your complimentary membership. If you have already sent money, check to see if they renewed you for two years. Look on your label.

## Minutes cont.

Joyce passed out new member applications and stated that to get points, your name must appear on the application.

Jim Weaver mentioned that the POCI Kansas City Swap Meet and Car Show is coming up Labor Day weekend.

Joyce stated that the Carlisle (Pennsylvania) swap meet is planning to have a meet in Bloomington Illinois for 1996. This is supposed to be an enormous meet. Joyce will keep on top of this and keep us posted.

A request for a current roster was received and they will be printed and sent out with the newsletter soon.

Tony Bezzole took the floor and announced that Mid-America is scheduled to have a "Test and Tune" day March 25th (last Saturday in March). Free Bar-B-Q to everyone provided by Mid-America Raceway. Gateway opens Sunday March 5th.

John Sample announced that he is going to be a dad!!! Congrats Margo and John.

Steve Hedrick took the floor and brought us all up to date on the GTOAA changes.

1. New GTOAA Hotline: 1-800-GTO-1964 this number is for people who want to know more about the National organization.

2. Change in format of Legend and mail procedures. All to save money so that the dues can remain the same.

3. Clunker Bill committee: Randy Ray Phone: 708-249-1190

4. GTOAA is accepting nominations for officers.

5. Dave Barsky is organizing a program for GTOAA members to get discounts from vendors.

Next meeting will be a Joe Hanon's, Thursday April 6th.

Will Bowers and John Novelli suggested that in good weather we have our meeting at Berrie's Sub Shop on Dorsett Road. Great parking lot (lots of room for burn outs). Consider this at the next meeting.

50/50 drawing and Darrell (how did you rig that?) won AGAIN. Congrats.

Motion to adjourn, seconded, 8PM.

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## **EASTER IN THE PARK**

Soon it will be Easter 95. The club is planing on getting together in the park (Forest Park) for the big show hosted by the Horseless Carriage Club. In the past we have had some pretty nice weather and lots of fun. If you would like to come please call Marty Howard for more information. (314) 946-8641

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## **CARLISLE SWAP MEET NEWS**

If the Carlisle Swap Meet is not big enough, the owners of this huge swap meet in the heart of Pennsylvania, Carlisle Productions, Inc., are near finalization of a new mega facility to cater to the mid-western swap meet market. The new facility will be in Bloomington, Illinois, and will triple the size of the Carlisle facility. Plans are to host the first event sometime in 1996.

The above information was obtained from Tiger Tails who obtained it from an article in the Jan 1995 issue of "Classic Auto Restorer"

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## **MEMORIES**

### **A COLD DAMP DECEMBER NIGHT - 1964**

**by: John Seabolt**

It wasn't what you would call snow, sleet, ice or even rain but rather a combination of all. It wasn't coming down heavy, it was extremely light like a fine mist. Constant traffic in St. Charles was actually keeping the streets somewhat dry. The lack of traffic on interstate 70 was allowing the highway to become a little slick. Not wet, just slick.

Midnight was closing in on a very boring Friday evening, not much was going on. As I sat at the top of the parking lot at Jay's Hamburger Stand, I watched an unfamiliar car working the lot below. It moved from one hot car to the next. The 1965 Buick Riviera Gran Sport stopped in front of a 1964 Dodge 383 4 speed car. After a few minutes of conversation the Dodge followed the Buick out of town. The Dodge was pretty quick. I guessed to myself that the Buick would not be seen again. I was surprised when after a short time the Buick and Dodge returned. The Dodge found his old parking spot and the Riviera continued looking for another race. Someone walked over to my 1964 GTO and told me what had happened. The Dodge had observed tail lights at about four car lengths. In spite of the slick highway the Gran Sport had hooked well and taken an early lead. He held on to shame the Mopar. With renewed interest I watched a red 1964 390 Ford leave the lot with the Buick. As before the Buick lead the way as they returned to the lot a short time later. Same Results!

## MEMORIES cont.

The Riviera resumed his search. I continued to watch. He had my attention. A 1963 white 409 Chevy started his engine. He left the lot with tires smoking. The Buick followed. Fifteen minutes later the 409 trailed the Buick into the parking lot. The Gran Sport was taking on anyone and everyone. This was serious. I watched and waited.

Through the mist on my windshield, I could see him moving in my direction. Slowly he approached. The car had a distinct rumble and a custom paint job. The car was beautiful with its hidden headlights. We didn't talk about the weather. He said he was running the 425 cube Super Wildcat engine with two Carter AFBs, good for 360 HP. I was beginning to understand why he was spanking the competition. Everyone wanted me to put this guy in his place. I was eager to send him to the Promised Land with his tail between his legs.

He lead the way to the interstate. I tested the road surface as we drove onto I-70. It was a little slick. I'd have to ease it out of the hole, get traction and then open it up. We lined up and his man started counting. It was a fair and even start. The Buick got me off the line real bad though, about three car lengths! Folks, I was in deep doo-doo. My trusty whitewalls finally grabbed and I started reclaiming lost interstate foot by foot. With each shift I pulled closer and closer. I hit fourth and the little GTO was coming on strong. My 325 horses were pulling like a deranged dentist with a pair of pliers. The pain was about the same when I realized the quarter mile was finished and all I could see was his rear quarter when I looked out my window.

The powerful Buick had put another notch on his gear shift knob. With my tail between my legs, I followed him into Jay's parking lot. We parked and began to talk about the race. I felt little comfort when he told me I had given him the best race of the evening. I told him it had been a good race and that he beat me fair and square, and that I'd like to see him again when the streets were on the dry side. The old GTO had never taken it in the shorts before. I had been spanked like a naughty child. The Gran Sport never came back when road conditions were more desirable. It was a night that will live in infamy.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

**MARCH 25 MID AMERICA RACEWAY:** Test and Tune. Free Bar-B-Q.  
info: Tony Bezzole (314) 878-6892

**MARCH 26 SWAP MEET:** Altamont, IL., Effingham County Fairgrounds, exit 80 on I-70

**APR. 2 APRIL'S FOOL SWAP MEET:** Monroe County Fairgrounds, Waterloo, IL

**APR. 6 GGTO MEETING:** Joe Hanon's, Dorsett & 270, northeast corner. Meeting starts at 7:00 pm. Come early for supper

**APR. 8 AMERICAN ROADHOUSE CRUISE:** St. Charles, MO

**APR. 8 HOOTER'S CRUISE:** Maryland Heights

**APR. 15 HOOTER'S CRUISE:** Manchester Rd.

**APR. 15 HARDEE'S CRUISE:** Mid Rivers Mall & Mexico Rd. 5 pm

**APR. 16 EASTER IN THE PARK:** Hosted by Horseless Carriage Club. In Forest Park

**APR. 22 DON DARR SHOW:** Hosted by POCL. info. Dave Trokey (314) 942-3511

**APR. 23 ROARIN 30'SSWAP MEET:** Boatman's Bank, St. John's, MO

**APR. 23 WATERLOO SPORTMAN'S CAR SHOW & SWAP:** Waterloo, IL

**APR. 30 27th MODEL T SWAPMEET:** Riverport Amphitheater. All makes. info: 638-2198

**MAY ??? SAM'S SOUTH COUNTY SHOW:** info. Dave Trokey (314) 942-3511

**MAY 4 GGTO MEETING:** Location to be announced. Meeting starts at 7:00 pm. Come early for supper

**MAY 6 SUPER CRUISE NIGHT:** B.T.Cruise'N Park, Bonne Terre, MO. 5pm. 11:30pm.  
info: 314-3583493

**MAY 20 7TH ANNUAL COBBLESTONE NATIONALS:** Laclede's Landing,  
St. Louis, MO. info: 314-2987469

**MAY 21 4TH ANNUAL PARKMOOR SPRING CRUISE:** info: 314-2987469

**MAY 21 AUTO FEST SWAP MEET:** Show & Swap. Rain or Shine. reg. 8am. noon  
O'Fallon City Park, O'Fallon, IL. info:314-3554864 or 618-6322753

**JUNE 1 GGTO MEETING:** Location to be announced. Meeting starts at 7:00 pm.

**JUNE 2 - 4 NOSTALGIC DRAGS:** Wentzville, MO. '71 & older models  
Cruise night & Car Show



## **EVENTS cont.**

**JUNE 4 RIVERPORT SWAP:** Swap meet and car show.

**JUNE 3 SUPER CRUISE NIGHT:** B.T.Cruise'N Park, Bonne Terre, MO. 5pm. 11:30pm.  
info: 314-3583493

**JUNE 10 AMERICAN ROADHOUSE:** GGTOA Hosted, 1215 S. Duchesne, St. Charles, MO  
GGTO club members on lot by 3:45 for preferred parking. Info: Marty Howard (314) 946-8641

**JULY 3 & 4 4TH ANNUAL CRUISE & CAR SHOW:** Troy, MO at the Plaza  
info: 314-2987469

**JULY 6 GGTO MEETING:** Location to be announced. Meeting starts at 7:00 pm. Come early  
for supper

**JULY 10 - 14 GTOAA INTERNATIONAL MEET:** Holiday Inn Grand Island Resort, Grand  
Island, New York. info: 716-6521911

**JULY 22 6TH RIVERFRONT NATIONALS:** Laclede's Landing, St. Louis, MO  
info: 314-2987469

**AUG. 3 GGTO MEETING:** Location to be announced. Meeting starts at 7:00 pm. Come early  
for supper

**AUG. 19 2ND ANNUAL LEVEE NATIONALS:** Laclede's Landing, St. Louis, MO  
info: 314-2987469

**AUG. 27 GGTO PICNIC:** Vago Park, Maryland Heights, MO.

**SEPT. 4 1ST KORNER POCKET SPORTS GRILL & BAR CAR SHOW:** Troy, MO.  
info: 314-2987469

**SEPT. 2 & 3 PONTIAC SHOW-ME REGIONAL:** Car show & swap Labor day week-end  
Hosted by Arrowhead POCI club info: Bob Wolf (816) 353-3771

**SEPT. 7 GGTO MEETING:** Location to be announced. Meeting starts at 7:00 pm. Come  
early for supper.

**OCT. 5 GGTO MEETING:** Location to be announced. Meeting starts at 7:00 pm. Come early  
for supper.

**NOV. 2 GGTO MEETING:** Location to be announced Meeting starts at 7:00 pm. Come early  
for supper.

**DEC. 9 GGTO CHRISTMAS PARTY:** Joe Hanon's in the Atrium. Dorsett and 270,  
Northeast corner

## GATEWAY GTO ASSOCIATION ADS

1966/67 GTO nose pieces \$35 to \$50; tail lights \$25; 1967 GTO steering column, floor shift \$75; Tri-powers 64, 65, 66 buying, selling, or yours restored to show quality; 69 muncie close ratio trans \$300; power antenna masts \$45; 65-67 GTO fiberglass hood \$100; 66-67 cruise control call. Darrell Carnal (314)928-8030 (may)

EdelBrock Pro-Flo 1000 air filter \$10; pair of original 71 LeMans front fenders w/inner wheel wells, some rust, no dents, (repairable), will fit 70 - 72 LeMans/GTO \$150; Auto Meter Sports-Comp Monster 5" Tach #3980, originally \$80 sell \$50; Meter Sports-Comp 2 5/8 water temp gauge, originally \$40 sell \$25, all wiring and senders included, new, still in original box, never used. Don Bright (314)240-2229 (may)

1964 GTO HDTP (Correct Numbers) 4 spd, posi, Tri-Power, \$4,500;  
1965 GTO HDTP (Correct Numbers) PS, PB, AC, AT, and Tri-power, \$8,500;  
1966 GTO HDTP 4 spd, Tri-Power, Red/Parchment int, gauges, \$9,500;  
**PLUS** 1964 - 1967 Parts and Cars. Jim Weaver (913)872-3445 (may)

400 short block make offer; 73 400 2 bbl complete \$150; 64 GTO bent frame, parting out; 65 GTO Parchment seat cover set best offer; 65 rear red seat base cover best offer.  
Chris Simmons (314)397-8710 Hm, (314)739-0221 Wk. (may)

5 rally II rims 14x7 restored to show quality; 5 new PMD blk on red center caps; 5 beauty rings (4 new, 1 used); new set lug nuts (red centers); set locks;  
call Don Riley (812) 474 - 0327 (may)

1969 YH 428 motor & trans complete, motor is in a 69 Bonneville. \$500  
Bruce Rutherford (314) 471-1271 (may)

70-72 GTO quarter panels NOS new still in box \$800; 4 Outlaw II mag wheels 15X7 for \$250 (2 w/tires mounted); NOS nitros spread bore (complete) 125 shot \$200.  
Tony Bezzole (314)878-6892 (may)

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## PARTS WANTED

65 GTO Parts, ignition switch w/key; wiper switch w/washer; lower dash chrome; grab bar handle; dash pad; mirrors-door and rear view (inside); 65 389 engine, (date code prior to and close to 3rd week of Feb). Darrell Carnal (314)928-8030 (may)

66 GTO cvt. restorable; Lynn (314) 731-1707 Mon.-Fri. 9 to 6 CST (may)

1964 Tempst/GTO front fiberglass bumper, also rear bumper and deck lid. Have excellent like (steel) parts for trade. My Tempest has been put on a diet. (Dr.s orders)  
John Seabolt (314) 447-7801 (may)

Need for 64-65 conv. pair sun visors, rear seat both cushions and one bucket seat, condition or color of covers unimportant. Will Bowers (618)288-4187 (mar)

## Gateway GTO Club Information:

The Gateway GTO Association was initially formed in the summer of 1984, by a group of seven. They all had a common interest in the Original Muscle Car, the Pontiac GTO. As a form of communications we publish a monthly newsletter called "The Hood Scoop" The purpose of this newsletter is to keep our members informed of all upcoming activities as well as providing interesting event coverage.

Membership dues are \$18.00 per year, all renewals required to be paid by December 31. You are allowed to have one associate member.

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