

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.

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 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.

The club meets every first Thursday of the month at Barry's Sub Shop on Dorsett Road in Maryland Heights Mo. at 7 PM.

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

Gateway Gto Association Ads

For Sale Wanted

Parts:

Hays Competition Flywheel

166 tooth ring gear, 1/2" bolt holes
2 3/4" center hole stamped Hays 3-133
Riveted center section

Contact: John at 314-355-4864

Intakes:

1963 Tri-Power #162, 1964 Tri-power
L63, 1966 AFB # C236

Exhaust Manifolds:

Round Port #478141LH, H240, 9799721RH
B231

Heads:

#670, #061, #46, #6H
1970 GTO Rt front fender, 70 LeManns
valance, 67 GTO passenger door & trunk
Lid, 66-67 dash pads (needs repair or
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for 12 bolt posi, high performance, or 1964
GTO parts

Contact: Chris Simmons at 636-397-8710

1965 GTO

2 Spinner wire wheel hub caps \$150.00

Contact: Jeff Bond at 618-467-1834

3 Sets traction bars, 4-15" Mag wheels
(Outlaw) w/ tires. 2-275-60-15, 2-245-60-15
\$275.00

Contact: Tony Bezzole at 314-878-6892

GM 12 bolt posi rear end to fit 68-72 A
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Contact: Tom O'Hara at 314-947-9508

1969 GTO Conv. Top frame rail. Complete
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Contact Marty Howard at 314-946-8691

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2123 East 23rd street Granite City Il.

Contact Cecil Morton at 618-452-9563

Card Services Inc.

#13 Hawks Nest Plaza St. Charles Mo.

Contact Craig Glenn at 636-946-9892

Minutes Of The GGTOAA Meeting Held On August 5th, 1999
By, Marty Howard CEO (Club Events Officer)

The meeting was called to order by our President, Chris at 7:05 pm There were 7 members excluding John Folluo's team of 3 women. Members present were: Marty Howard, John Folluo, Chris Simmons, Craig Glenn, Steve Hedrick, Tom O'Hara and Will Bowers. The weather was perfect. Why didn't we think to have the meeting outside? Let's remember and consider it for next time.

Some miscellaneous stuff. If interested, call Chris:

- Chris may get a discount on Restoration Guides if enough are ordered
- Great reports of Chris' new electric cooling fan for his GTO. He can't say enough good things about this product. Good news for 'overheaters'. Real Cool!

Chris got some bags for our Club's banners. Now we'll just have to bring them to our gatherings. Please remember to phone me to remind me to bring the banners before our events take place. I need all the help I can get. Chris showed us some Arnie The Farmer Beswick memorabilia he purchased such as old black and white pictures of Arnie with his old drag racing cars and station wagons and some other misc. stuff. If you want to see any of this, call Chris and, I'm sure, that he will be happy to bring it to the next meeting or the picnic. Chris joined The Hot Rod Power Club and brought in some items he received when he joined. He had quite a bit to say about these items and what the club is about. He also brought in 2 die cast models along with some teeny ones. The 2 models were a white '69 Judge that is available from Performance Years (really nice car) and a '66 GTO available at Target. Will decided that he is 'Collected Out' and didn't purchase either one of these, for a change (I can hear Donna saying, 'Thank Goodness').

Here is a suggestion to all of our membership. Our Annual GGTOAA Picnic is scheduled for September 19th. Why not bring any memorabilia, collectibles such as car models, tigers, goats, etc. for everyone to share (look at). We can have a picnic bench filled up with our favorite or newly acquired items. I see them at each of our meetings, but for most of you that don't attend, it would be cool to see them all together. There's so much stuff to look at! Our club members have some really cool stuff that's hard to get, expensive or just great to own and look at. Think about it.

The Woodward Cruise in Detroit was a GRRRRreat event (See the letter I wrote to the Woodward Club in this newsletter). Our members that attended were:

Marty Howard/'69 convertible (and his tiger assortment), John Folluo/'69 Judge Hdtp and his dad, Rich & Norma Lauber/'68 Hdtp (trailer), Mark Obukowitz/'66 Hdtp, Will & Donna Bowers/'70 Hdtp (didn't show it, didn't register it, just brought it - our club lost out to 3rd place 'Most Club Participation' <how you feelin' now, Will?>) did the 'swap meet' thing along with ex-member John Novelli and his wife Brenda, Cecil Morton/'72 Hdtp(?- don't quite remember). Mark, John Fulluo and I drove there together. We left at about 6:00 pm on Thursday, 7/23, slept out at a motel that night and arrived at the event on Friday, 7/24 at about 5:00 pm. It had just rained, poured would be more like it, and the Woodward Tiger's plan for 5 pm was to go on a cruise to a restaurant. We didn't make this one. Too wet and too tired. Cleaned up our cars, hung out for a while then went to our rooms. Saturday, the weather was gorgeous. Got the cars clean, again. Went on a 'poker-type' run to a few places such as a classic car museum/sales place, restaurant, then gathered in a park where awards were given out to people who had matching tickets which were handed out at each rest stop. Top prize was a neon lighted Pontiac clock. Really beautiful piece. We didn't win nothin' here. But we had a blast cruisin' and racing down Woodward Avenue. Watta sight and an experience!!! Saturday night I went to dinner with

Will/Donna and John/Brenda. Our waitress was really attractive so I turned on the charm. WOW!! BIG story here! If interested, see me at the next meeting or picnic and I'll tell you all about it. After that it was back to the host hotel for the parking lot party. Great music and great fun. Sunday was the show. Read about it in my article. Car problems: John Folluo couldn't get his car started on Friday morning as we were checking out of the hotel on our way to Detroit. Got real lucky anyway. Called AAA. Got his GTO to the repair station and they worked on it right away. No Spark. Changed the distributor (Mark just happened to have an extra one with him- GTO People, we got it all), points, etc. Car started right up. Connected the dash tach. Wouldn't start. Seemed to be a short in the tach. Disconnected the tach and we were on our way. My GTO was also having a slight starting problem. Sometimes, I have to wiggle the steering column while turning the key in order to get the engine to turn over. (Tony, T. - let's discuss). But, at least I made it there and back. Couldn't believe it but I took 2nd place in my class. Boy, what a rush! Who woulda thought? Just goes to show, you never know. All in all, it was terrific. Hope to go again and, with more members please.

A bunch of us joined the American Roadhouse Car Club located in St. Charles since we usually attend their monthly cruises. Parking is limited and difficult at best, but for members, there is reserved parking. Just another perk to a really good 'working', involved club. See my latest list of events in this newsletter. Any other members interested in joining, please let me know.

The 50/50 was won by John and he collected \$11. John was wearing his new Year 2000 GTO T-shirt that was being sold at the Woodward Cruise. It's really cool! Come see it at the Picnic. The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 followed by fun in the parking lot. Captain Video signing off.

1999 CAR EVENTS CALENDAR

- **AUG 07/SAT – Sponsored by Show World Promotions:**
 Strassenfest German Festival @ Downtown St. Louis. Move in @ 8:00 am – noon or until filled. Awards @ 5:00 pm.
Open to everyone.

- **AUG 14/SAT – Cruise @ The American Roadhouse Restaurant/JJ's Bar & Grill:**
Open to everyone.

- **AUG 15/SUN – Sponsored by American Roadhouse Car Club:**
 Family day @ M.A.R. Mid-America Raceway in Wentzville. Gates open @ 8:00 am. Time trials begin @ 9:00 am. Meet at American Roadhouse Restaurant @ 7:00 am. Leave @ 7:30 am sharp.
Open to everyone.

- **AUG 15/SUN – Sponsored by St. Peters Lions:**
 All Car Show @ St. Peters City Centre. Registration 8:00 am – noon.
 Judging, noon – 4:00 pm. Trophy presentation 4:00 pm. Info 636-397-4487.
Open to everyone.

- **AUG 21/SAT – Sponsored by American Roadhouse Car Club:**
 Cruise to the Skyview Drive-in in Belleville, Il. Meet at American Roadhouse Restaurant @ 6:00 pm. Leave @ 6:30 pm sharp.
Open to everyone.

- **AUG 28/SAT – Cruise @ Capital Mall, Hwy 50 W. & Truman Blvd, Jefferson City:**
 1999 Super Cruise for MDA. Last Saturday of each month.
Open to everyone.

- **SEP 04/SAT – Sponsored by American Roadhouse Car Club:**
 Cruise to the Skyview Drive-in in Belleville, Il. Meet at American Roadhouse Restaurant @ 6:00 pm. Leave @ 6:30 pm sharp.
Open to everyone.

- **SEP 06/MON/LABOR DAY – Sponsored by St. Louis Independent Car Klub:**
 Located @ Clayton Elks Club, 12481 Ladue Rd., Creve Coeur, 1 mile west of I-270.
 Info, Mel/731-2567 or Cliff/519-0990.
Open to everyone.

- **SEP 06/MON/LABOR DAY – Sponsored By Show World Promotion:**
 St. Louis County Fair & Air Show, Chesterfield, MO. Info/298-7469.
 Move in 6:00 am – 9:00 am. NO entries after 9:00 am. Awards @ 4:00 pm.
Open to everyone.

- **SEP 11/SAT – Cruise @ The American Roadhouse Restaurant/JJ's Bar & Grill:**
Open to everyone.

1999 CAR EVENTS CALENDAR

- **SEP 12/SUN – Sponsored by American Roadhouse Car Club:**
American Roadhouse Car Club picnic @ Terrie & Johnny's house. Details to follow.
American Roadhouse Car Club members ONLY.
- **SEP 12/SUN – A cooperative effort of all St. Louis Area Car Clubs:**
Wheels In Motion Day. Car show and bands. Info/241-1600.
Open to everyone.
- **SEP 19/SUN – Sponsored By Gateway GTO Club:**
Gateway GTO Club's Annual Picnic. Details to follow.
Gateway GTO Car Club members ONLY.
- **SEP 19/SUN – Sponsored By Golden Triangle Auto Club:**
Car display @ Noah's Ark Motor Inn, 5th St., St. Charles, MO
Open to everyone.
- **SEP 25/SAT – Cruise @ The American Roadhouse Restaurant/JJ's Bar & Grill:**
Open to everyone.
- **SEP 25/SAT – Cruise @ Capital Mall, Hwy 50 W. & Truman Blvd, Jefferson City:**
1999 Super Cruise for MDA. Last Saturday of each month.
Open to everyone.
- **SEP 26/SUN – Sponsored by Horseless Carriage Car Club:**
Swap meet @ Queeny Park
Open to everyone.
- **OCT 3/SUN – Car Show:**
Octoberfest Car Show @ Main St., St. Charles, MO.
Open to everyone.
- **OCT 9/SAT – Sponsored by American Roadhouse Car Club:**
Hayride. Details to follow.
Open to everyone.
- **DEC 12/SUN – Sponsored by American Roadhouse Car Club:**
Christmas party at JJ's Bar & Grill. 3:00 PM – 9:00 PM. Details to follow.
American Roadhouse Car Club members ONLY.

Mr. Bill Schultz, President, Woodward GTO Tigers

8/3/1999

Dear Bill,

It is been 1 week since I attended your Woodward Tiger's 10th Annual GTO Classic Weekend. It has taken this long for me to 'calm down' and get my thoughts together. This was my 2nd trip to The Motor City and my first time at this event. It was truly GRRRREAT ! Probably the best event I have ever attended.

I was very impressed with the professional and courteous ways you and your Club put this deal together. It showed on both days and nights from the parking lot parties to the trip to the car show. The valve cover racers were fabulous. What fun everyone had. I figured that maybe 2 or 3 people would participate. Boy, was I surprised with the number of entries in this event. And, the detail and work(wo)manship that went into each 'cover'. Wheels, tigers, Barbie, etc. How about the job that it must have taken to put together the 'racing ramp' that had a real dragstip feel to it. The dj and entertainment were excellent both at the hotel and at the show. Saturday, tooling down Woodward Avenue, coming and going to the various places you had made arrangements for us to visit was exciting. It was just too, too much for only 2 days. How I wished that it could have been extended to 3 or 4 days. There was just so much to see and do. Kinda hard to take it all in within such a short period of time.

I couldn't believe that more GTO's attended your Sunday show than the 1998 GTO Nationals at Witchita. What an awesome display of the most beautiful GTO's I have seen. Winning 2nd Place in my class with my 1969 convertible was only the icing on the cake. The cake itself was delicious. The trophies were awesome. I took mine to my office to 'show off'. Couldn't quite contain the (Pontiac) excitement within myself so I had to share it with my coworkers, some of which are very much into the classic car hobby. I will be taking my Woodward Tiger's trophy to my Gateway GTO Club and Gateway Fiero Club meetings in the next few weeks.

As we all know, not everything goes as smoothly as we would like. For the following examples of my, and my friends, experiences, sometimes we are a lot better off looking at the glass as half full instead of half empty. Saves a lot of aggravation and stress. Some of us take much too long to learn this. Here are my experiences that we could have lived without:

- Thunderstorms for the last 2 hours of driving to get to the host hotel/Fairfield Inn on Thursday night. Slowed us down but cooled us off. Got the cars dirty but who expects the cars to stay clean on a 600 mile trip? Some of us cleaned them when we arrived while others waited until Saturday morning. Boy, you guys got some storms in the Detroit area. Saturday night storms, too. We all lived through them.
- The host hotel had an "ice" problem. Seems that the 2 ice machines just couldn't accommodate all of us. This was reported to the management and I'm sure that you and your Club heard about that. Oh well, I just took walks to the neighboring hotels. I needed the exercise. 'Nuff said.
- For my own personal sob story, I lost a very sentimental hat that I had taken with me. After checking out at the Fairfield Inn on Sunday, I drove a few blocks to get gas for the trip home. When I started to fill up, I realized that I didn't have my hat with me. I realized that I must have left it at the hotel. I went back to the hotel and the clerk said that someone had just picked it up and took it with them about 2 minutes before I came back. So, I am asking anyone that may have picked up this hat to return it to its rightful owner, me. It cannot be replaced! It is black with a black and white checkerboard brim, like a racing flag pattern. It has racing flags on both sides and the word "Official". It was given to me by one of my friends at the Witchita Nationals as a memento. If you have it or know who has it, please



have it returned. I am sure that if you send it to Bill Schultz, it will find it's way back to me.
No questions asked.

Since these items were the worst of the entire weekend, I'll continue to be thankful that the rest was so pleasurable. When I phoned home in St. Louis, Missouri and found out that the temperatures were over 100 with almost as much humidity, I didn't mind the temp in the 90's where we were. And, the humidity was much less which made it much more tolerable.

Cruising down the infamous Woodward Avenue in my GTO was a gas. What made it spectacular was seeing all of these GTO's (150?) all in the same area and all being driven on the street. I even had a drag race or two. Of course, I kept within the posted speed limit!?! What a great place to put the pedal to the floorboards.

The Sunday Show site was beautiful. Pulling into the park, I couldn't believe how many rows and rows of GTO's were there. They were everywhere! So many cars, so little time. The event t-shirts are beautiful. I bought 4. Had to share them with friends. And, what a great idea to sell the past event t-shirt at a bargain price. The event t-shirts were also priced to sell. No rip-offs here, thank you. The park itself had a bit of history to it what with the army tank and plane sitting right in front of us. Sorry I didn't get a chance to see much else.

Already, I'm looking forward to next year's 'Weekend' and hope to see a lot of the friends I made, most of who are from your club and neighborhood. Can't wait, so maybe I'll just come back to Detroit before then and see you guys. Thanks again for your hospitality.

Sincerely,

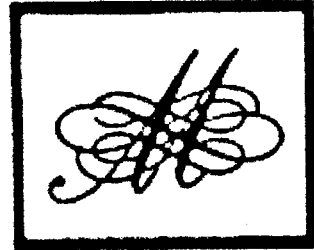
Marty Howard, member of:
(GGTOAA) Gateway GTO (St. Louis, MO)
(GNYGTOAA) Greater New York (New York, New Jersey)
GTOAA (National)
Soon to be a member of Woodward GTO Tigers (membership application enclosed)

p.s.

If you like, please print my letter in Redlines. I think that most people will identify with what I have written here.

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