

# The Hood Scoop

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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 for of communication 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 McDonalds Bar & Grill at 12523 Missouri Bottom Road at 7pm. 314-291-1998.

**Membership dues are \$20.00 per year and all renewals are required to be paid by December 31st. You are allowed to have one associate member.**

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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 our Photo Album, please put your name and date and a description of the event on the back and send them to the Photo Album Editor.

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

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### Advertising Guidelines

Classified ads up to 50 words are free to members, add 10 cents per word for any ad over 50 words. Payment is due upon submission. (members need to update ads at 3 month intervals or ads will be dropped).

Classified ads up to 50 words for non-members are \$5.00 per issue. Advertising rates are: full page \$25.00, 1/2 page \$15.00,

1/4 page \$7.00 for three (3) months running time. Payment is due upon submission, discount of 10% for one year pre-paid. Acceptance is at the sole discretion of the editor. All ads should be submitted to Don Bright by the 10th of the month.

# Gateway GTO Association Ads

## FOR SALE

### Parts:

#### Intakes:

1966 AFB #C362 and Quadrajets

#### Heads:

#670, #061, #66, #46 (74 GTO), #6H  
64 fenders, 64 trunk lid, 70 LeMans valance,  
67 GTO passenger door & trunk lid, 66-67  
dash pads (needs recovering), 64 bell hous-  
ings, sell or trade for 12 bolt Posi., high  
performance or 1964 GTO parts.

Contact Chris Simmons @ 636-456-3653

#### Black Dash Pad for 1970-1972 GTO

Non air in excellent condition

#### 4 Speed Bell housing with fork

Contact Don Bright @ 636-240-2229

#### 15 inch Honeycomb Wheels (set of 4)

Off a 1971-72 GTO \$125.00

NOS Set of center caps Honeycomb wheels  
\$150.00

Contact Mark @ 314-353-6308

## Cars For Sale

## WANTED

### 1966 GTO Body Parts

L. Front corner, radiator support w/o  
air, bumper, L. Front fender complete  
grille panel, L. grille, rear bumper, L.  
quarter mldg. Rear (deck lid ext. mldg)  
Contact Bill Philipps @ 636-947-91

1966 Turn Signal Assembly for non-  
tilt steering column. I think a 64-66 w  
work

Contact Tom Oxler @ 636-928-554  
Or e-mail to: toxler@prodigy.net

## Services Available

### Tony's Carburetor Rebuilding

Call Tony Bezzole between 9am-1pm  
@ 314-878-6892

### ABC DJ Productions

All types of occasions from weddings  
to retirement parties. Disc Jockey &  
Video.

Contact Mobile Marty Howard @  
636-946-8641

### Cee-Jay Auto Body

ASE & I-CAR Certified shop  
2123 East 23rd Street  
Granite City Il.

Contact Cecil Morton @  
618-452-9563

### Card Services Inc.

#13 Hawks Nest Plaza  
St. Charles Mo.

Contact Craig Glenn @ 636-946-981

## **2001 Upcoming Events**

The following events are a copulation of events from several clubs. GGTOA Sponsored events will be marked with an \* and Co-Sponsored events will be marked with \*\* next to the listing.

### **December 2001**

\* 1st **Christmas/Holiday Party @ Steve Hedrick's Home.**

### **January 2002**

**Pizza Party**

### **February 2002**

### **March 2002**

**16th-18th World of Wheels at America Center  
your car must be in on Thursday the 15th. To display only is  
\$15.00.**

### **April 2002**

### **May 2002**

**10th-12th Races at Gateway International sponsored by  
Arnie the farmer Beswick**

\*= Sponsored Event

\*\*=Co-Sponsored Event

***Don't forget the Holiday Party***

***See Flier***

***Don't forget to VOTE***  
***MUST BE RECEIVED BEFORE***  
***DECEMBER***

## **Meeting Minutes** **November 1st, 2001**

*The November meeting was held at McDonalds Bar & Grill. There were 14 members present. We had an old member rejoin, John Hunt has moved back. Welcome back John!*

*Several cruises/car shows were discussed. There was a report by Jim Kiburz on the progress of the newly formed Events Committee.*

*One upcoming event we are going to do again this year is the World of Wheels March 16-18 at the America Center. Your car must be there Thursday night, the 15th. Display only is \$15.00.*

*There is more information on the race date next year that Arnie Beswick is putting together at Gateway International. It looks like the date will be the 2nd weekend in May 2002. Anyone that can help or attend, contact Chris Simmons.*

***Elections are to be held at the Holiday Party. Enclosed in this newsletter is your ballot. You must mail it back so it is received before December 1st, so they can be brought to the party and counted.***

***Enclosed also in this letter is a flier on the party. You must RSVP before Thanksgiving, by calling Steve or Tammy Hedrick @ 636-942-4020.***

### **Old Business**

*We are still working on a sponsor( Moore), We also have several dealership showing some interest, and we should know soon.*

### **New Business**

*The GTOAA has come up with new changes to their membership and the chartering of chapters. As of 2002, to be a chartered chapter, 25% of our membership must belong to the GTO Association of America (GTOAA). In response to this, we are needing to find out who are members of the GTOAA and get their membership numbers, I have some but not everyone's. There will be a membership drive to get new members this year. Not only the GTOAA but our club. Please call Don Bright with this information @ 636-240-2229*

### **The Points System**

*New changes have been proposed and will be voted on at the Holiday Party. Some of them are going back to getting points for going to non-sponsored events. The amount of points you receive will be much less, but the points system was set up as a reward for the members that participate in our club's events. This way those members that like to cruise at various places can still get points for those events. See the enclosed Points sheet.*

***Next Meeting December 1st, 2001 Hope to see you at Steve's.***

***Club Web Sight***

**[WWW.MEMBERS.AOL.COM/THEHOODSCOOP](http://WWW.MEMBERS.AOL.COM/THEHOODSCOOP)**

# Chapter Requirement Changes

## The 25% Solution

Let me start and finish this article with the same statement: the main reason the GTOAA charters local chapters is to promote membership in the national organization. This should be obvious to anyone who thinks about it for a second or two. Our goal is to increase membership, "grow the franchise" as they say, and we expect that local chapters will get us more national members. Guess what? It doesn't always work that way.

### Crunching The Numbers

Let's examine some facts and figures. The total national membership of the GTOAA is around 3,200. The total number of people in all local GTOAA chapters is right around 4,000. Only about 1,000 of these people belong to the GTOAA. Very simply put, if the other 3,000 people who belong to local chapters were to join the national organization, the GTOAA would almost double in size overnight.

Maybe nobody at the national level has ever made this clear. Perhaps we just assumed that it was obvious that we expected local chapters to get their local members on board with GTOAA. Instead, we find that time and again, chartering a local chapter actually decreases national membership in the area where a chapter is formed. Not everywhere, and not every single time, but enough to make it worth mentioning. Where chapters should be recruiting for GTOAA, they seem to be "decruiting."

By now, many of you are thinking, "Well, what does GTOAA do for the chapters, and why should we help you guys out?" Well, GTOAA does for its chapters what any other national club can do, and a little more. We provide national exposure in our magazine (and most recently on our website) of all local chapters so that anyone accessing those media can find a local club to join. We provide national recognition for articles written in local chapter newsletters by publishing them here in *The Legend*. We offer free classified listings for local club-sponsored events. Plus we provide liability insurance for those events, something that is a real dollars-in-your-pocket savings. In return, we expect chapters to get their members to join GTOAA. (Just as a point of reference, POCI requires all local

chapter members to belong to the national organization, and there is no free event-insurance. This is pretty standard for national-level clubs.)

All new chapters admitted to the GTOAA since 1999 have been required to maintain 100% national membership. Many of our chapters have a significant percentage of their membership in the GTOAA already. Many do not. Some chapters do not even know how many of their members belong to the parent organization. It's a new century. It's time to make an improvement.

### The 25% Solution

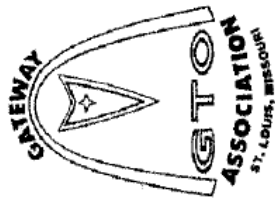
So here's the plan. In 2002, all chapters that were chartered previous to 1999 will be required to have at least 25% of their members (but no less than 10, including officers) belong to GTOAA. To put it another way, chapters with 40 or fewer members must have at least 10 GTOAA people and chapters with more than 40 members must have at least 25%. With the 2002 Chapter Survey, chapters will be required to submit a roster, showing GTOAA numbers and expiration dates for their people who belong to GTOAA. This will be checked against the GTOAA national list.

### What You Need To Do Right Now

If you don't already know, it's time to find out which of your club members currently belong to GTOAA. You can certainly do this by asking for the info in your club newsletter, or on your yearly membership renewal form. Recognizing from my own local chapter that half the membership does not actually read the newsletter, you might have to split up the roster among the officers and make a bunch of phone calls. You have until January to accomplish this. Once you know what your club's percentage of GTOAA members is, you can (a) breathe a sigh of relief because you have plenty of GTOAA members, (b) start figuring out which of your people need to join GTOAA, or (c) call me up and holler at me. Operators are standing by.

Why are asking our chapters to do this? Because, as I said at the beginning of this article, the main reason the GTOAA charters local chapters is to promote membership in the national organization.

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