

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.

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.

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

Gateway GTO Club Information

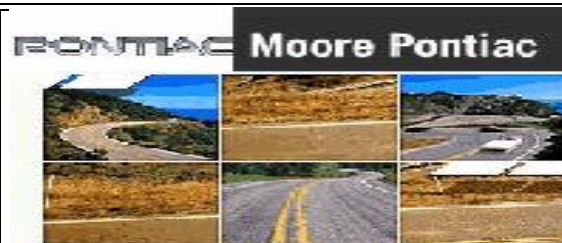
The Gateway GTO Association was initially formed in the summer of 1984 by a group of seven. They all had a common interest in the Original Muscle Car, the Pontiac GTO. As a form of communication we publish a monthly newsletter called "The Hood Scoop". The purpose of this newsletter is to keep our members informed of all upcoming activities as well as providing interesting event coverage. The club meets every first Wednesday of the month at Culpeppers Restaurant St. Charles Mo. 3010 West Clay 636-916-3105

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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Gateway GTO Association Ads

For sale

Literature:

1964-1972 GTO Restoration Guides
New from club store \$15.00
Contact Chris Simmons @ 636-456-3653

Die Cast:

GMP 1:18 Die-Cast GTOs ? 1970 Black Judge, 1972 Red GTO, 1972 Gold GTO, 1971 Tropical Lime each \$89. 1970 Blue Judge convertible \$109. Will trade for a 1970 Orbit Orange Judge or a 1971 White Judge.

Contact Harry Smelcer @ 636-230-6120 or email Harry71GTO@charter.net (Dec)

Voting reminder

Included with the mailed newsletter is the ballot for the 2006 year. Please make your choices and mail to Will at address on ballot as soon as possible.

Renewal Reminder

Just a reminder that the dues for 2006 are now due. Please send them into Will along with any changes to your address, Phone or e-mail. You can get a form off the Gateway GTO web page.

Wanted

Lionel Trains

American Flyer Marx. Ho-N-G Gauge, Rail road. Books and memorabilia, Free appraisals.
Contact John Novelli @ 636-925-9916 or 314-495-0332

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 @ 636-724-8641

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Contact Cecil Morton@618-452-9553

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#13 Hawks Nest Plaza
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Contact Pat Loy @ 314-550-8745



PRESIDENT'S SCOOP

So, do you want to be a GTO club member? If so, you're probably wondering what is involved and will you have to volunteer.

I was reading an article recently about a gentleman that belonged to a car club. It started out small and was great for everyone. Then something happened and everyone started to go in his or her own direction, people started fighting and the club fell apart. He then explained of another car club with hundreds of members and with continued growth. What is the difference in these two clubs? Why does one flourish and the other die?

As a President you have to think long and hard on these subjects. I have tried to make the GTO club fun for everyone. I hope no one feels that they have been left out or neglected. I know some things we've tried have failed but some have been fun and have become tradition. I want to assure you I will keep putting forth an effort to make the club a fun time for all.

So, let's get back to the original questions. Do you want to be a GTO club member? I hope you say, "yes" for all the right reasons. One great reason to say "yes" is because you like GTO's and want to have friends that like GTO's. What's involved? Pay your dues and hold on! You will need to let your officers know what it is you want to do and remember, we're all friends that like GTO's but that's not the only thing we like to do. Will I have to volunteer? That's totally up to you. We want to have fun and sometimes you might be asked to help. If you can that's GREAT! If not, that's okay too.

I think by now everyone knows how fast life moves. Hopefully, the GTO club will help with the time outs from our busy lives. So, if you've read this far, by now you're saying, "What is he rambling about?" I just want everyone to know that each of you make this a great club and each of us add to the fabric to make the club what it is and what it will be. As the year draws to a close and you think about what we've accomplished, I hope each of you know that you were a part of it. I also hope you will join us in 2006 for a great year with our GTO's and great friends.

Steve

BUILD A VALVE COVER RACER

As you probably know, our club built a valve cover racetrack for the 2005 GTO Nationals. And our club took the top 3 places in a field of 14 valve cover racers.

Everyone who built a racer or participated in the racing event had a lot of fun.

So we want to encourage everybody to build a valve cover racer (or racers) for the GTO Nationals in Louisville 2006. We will be bringing the valve cover racetrack and setting it up there hopefully.

We are planning to have a valve cover party at our house so everybody can test their racers (and improve their design if necessary). The thought is that you build your racers over the winter and we test and tune in the spring. The sooner everybody builds their racers, the sooner the party will be scheduled. Hopefully by March or April 2006.

By the time we go to Louisville, we should be invincible (ha ha).

I will be making improvements to our racers and to the electronics based on what we have learned at the 2005 event.

GUIDELINES TO USE FOR BUILDING YOUR VALVE COVER RACER

1. All entries are subject to a tech inspection.
2. The racer shall have no power added; all motive force is provided by gravity.
3. Racers shall be based on an actual rocker cover that could have been used on a Pontiac.
4. Wheel base shall be no more than 24 inches.
5. Wheel track shall be no more than 10 inches.
6. Wheel diameter shall be no more than 6 inches and must have 4 wheels (not all of which need be on the ground at the same time).
7. The racer can weigh no more than 10 pounds.

The course shall consist of an incline 16 feet long, followed by a level run of 4 feet. Racers will run in heats of two cars each. The racers are to be launched with their front wheels on the starting line. The first racer to have its front wheels cross the finish line is the winner. If neither racer makes it to the finish line, the racer going the farthest in its lane wins.

BEST OF LUCK TO EVERYONE & START YOUR VALVES!

Christmas /Holiday Party of the GTO Club December 10, 2005

Notes taken by Vic Nettle

The party was held at the Historic Christopher Hawken House in Webster Groves. A tour of the house was given starting at 6:00. The actual party began at about 7. Sixty six persons attended (70 had signed up but there were 4 no-shows).

Delicious food was arranged by Sandra Melrose. There was more than enough for everybody. Thanks Sandra.

At 8:18 Steve Hedrick began thanking the women of the club for setting up the party. He then mentioned the years activities which included wine runs, cruises, all the meetings, and the GTO Nationals in June of this year, thanking everybody for all the participation.

Next month is the Pizza meeting with FREE PIZZA at Alfonzo's in Maryville IL on January 15th at 3 PM. Check the gatewaygto.com website for directions in the calendar section.

Steve then thanked Jim Kiburz for canvassing all the Pontiac dealers and soliciting their sponsorship and for the fine banners which he provided to the club. He has been a big factor in the club's growth and a great Missouri Vice President. Thanks to Harry Smeltcer for being Secretary the past couple of years.

The officers for 2006 are as follows:

President	Steve Hedrick
Vice President MO	Tom Oxler
Vice President IL	Cecil Morton
Treasurer	Will Bowers
Secretary	Mark Melrose
Newsletter Editor	Don Bright
GTOAA Rep.	Jim Kiburz
Web Mistress	Joyce Nettle

Awards were given to Brian Ray in recognition for all the work he has done for the club especially with the National event, Mary Ann received a St Louis Christmas ornament and a goat towel, and Eric received a GTO CD holder. Sadly for us Brian and family are relocating to Little Rock AR.

Next was a hat giving ceremony for the 8 members who have been in the club for 20 years (time flies). Steve Hedrick, John Novelli, Will Bowers, Rich Vie, Tony Bezzole, Darrell May, Vic Nettle, and John Johnson (who was unable to attend).

There is a new points system for club attendance, meets and events. This years top three places are: 1st, Brian Ray; 2nd Earl Lewis, and 3rd, Mark Melrose. Then we had a short intermission.

A gift to the American Cancer foundation was made by the women for a bracelet with orange in it which is their color for leukemia commemoration. (Joyce says "Thank you").

Arrowhead Performance will be giving a gift certificate for a centerpod of new GTO gauges.

Then at 9 PM we went on to ROB YOUR NEIGHBOR which had 2 rounds, and was MC'd by Marty Howard and Sharon.

In round 1 the presents were opened by persons whose names were drawn. The person either opens a present or takes a present away from someone who has opened a present already (in which case the robbee gets to open a different present. After round 1 is finished, then in round 2 after names are

drawn, the person can choose to keep his present or swap it with somebody else.

Round 1 (9 steals)

Sue Vie	Route 66 Book + an ornament
Rosie Obukowitz	Mirror 12 x 16 oval
Don Bright	Tiger Footstool
Linda Kehrein	69 GTO and Hurst Olds models
Terry Schott	Candles
Brian O Sullivan	White Gold Necklace
Andy Friedman	Remote 05 GTO
Jenna Folluo	Remote 05 GTO
Mary Ann Brian	Stole Don Bright's footstool
Don Bright	wheel clock
Eric Ray	Remote/GTO
Leroy Brune	B&W TV
Terrie Oxler	U-Lose GTO sign, 65 GTO model
Sharon Howard	Electric impact wrench
Barb Lewis	2 Tigers
Will Bowers	Pampered Chef server
Mark Melrose	65.66,71 match cars, 68 GTO red
Mark Obukowitz	Stole SueVie's Route 66 book
Sue Vie	Nissan and 05 GTO
Darrell May	2004/2005 GTO models
John Kehrein	Pamper bath accessories
Cecil Morton	Stole Will's Pampered Chef
Will Bowers	Pneumatic stool
Earl Lewis	1 gal Mobil 1, AC oil filter
Joyce Nettle	Candle and a top
Bill Kirk	Michelob (case)
Shirley Bezzole	GTO thermos and Pontiac glasses
Jim Kiburz	Clock Radio Stereo
Gina	St Louis Cardinals Santa
Tootie May	GTO sign, Nationals pic and calendar, Tiger boxer shorts
Doug Wohlgast	GTO Stein with tachometer
Donna Bowers	Tiger + \$25 Mobil cash card
Tammy Hedrick	64 GTO + Musclicar book
Brenda Novelli	GTO Plaque, metal GTO sign
Tony Bezzole	Auto Safety kit
Beverly Mayweather	Tiger stocking, goatmilk lotion, + a goat
John Novelli	GTO Shirt large
Linda Massey	2006 calendar, \$15 Steak n Shake card
Rick Massey	Pontiac watch
Vic Nettle	Glass Wizard brush, \$20 Home Depot card
Brian Ray	Stole Brenda's sign
Brenda	Route 66 Boardgame
Annette Morton	Tiger stocking, goatmilk lotion, + a goat
Joe Mayweather	5.5" B&W TV
Rich Vie	Stole Tootie's calendar, sign, shorts

Tootie	Silver candle
Bob Blattel	Milk Shake mixer
Tom Fox	Tiger blanket and a bottle of Reisling wine
Kerry Friedman	6 types of coffee
Chris Blattel	Best garage in town book
Steve Hedrick	Stole the Stein from Doug Wohlgast
Doug	75 years of Pontiac book
Buzz Simpson	Jeff Gordon blanket
Sharon Howard	Gas pump/clock
Deanne Folluo (Amanda)	Groovy Grader model
Tom Oxler	Stole Brian Ray's GTO sign
Brian Ray	GTOAA GT-37 book
Darrell Guth	Stole Andy Friedman's GTO
Andy	\$25 gift cert. for restaurants
Denise Kirk	64 GTO and a C2500 Chevrolet

Round 2: (41 steals)

Rick Massey	sticks
Joyce	Stole blanket from Tom Fox
Andy	Stole \$25 Mobil card from Donna
Sharon	Stole Steve's Stein
Eric Ray	Stole Marty's gaspump
Marty	Stole the necklace from Brian O
Doug	Stole the pneumatic stool from Will
Brian R	Stole Tom's sign for his GT-37 book
Tom Oxler	Stole Brian's sign back for the GT-37 book
Will	Stole the case of Michelob for his book
LeRoy Brune	Stole Sharon's stein for his TV
Tammy Hedrick	Stole the stein from Leroy
Donna	sticks
Tony	Stole Tom's sign for his safety kit
Bob Blattel	sticks
Beverly Mayweather	sticks
Joe Mayweather	Stole the sign for a tiger
Brenda	sticks
Sue	Stole route 66 book for 2 models
Bill Kirk	Stole tiger blanket & wine for Pontiac book
Shirley Bezzole	Stole necklace for GTO glasses
Rich Vie	sticks
John Kehrein	Stole tiger stool for bath stuff
Don Bright	Stole gas pump for tiger clock
Linda Kehrein	Stole the sign for models
Jim Kiburz	Stole 2 tigers for the radio
Rosie Obukowitz	Stole the watch for 2 remote control cars
Terrie Oxler	Stole the board game
Gina	Stole the watch

Darrell G	sticks
Tootie	Stole the watch
Steve H	Stole the impact for his candles
John Novelli	Stole the route 66 board game
Kerry Friedman	Stole the gas pump
Linda Massey	Stole the watch
Barb Lewis	Stole the 2 tigers
Mark Melrose	Stole the sign for 2 model cars
Amanda Follou	Stole the 2 tigers
Buzz Simpson	Stole the Radio
Annette	Stole the sign for the goats milk
Darrell May	Stole the pneumatic stool for models
Brian O Sullivan	Stole the stein for models
Tom Fox	Stole the stein
Cecil	Stole the 2 tigers
Vic Nettle	Stole the tiger blanket and wine
John Folluo	Stole the 2 tigers
Chris Blattel	Stole the best garage in town book
Denise Kirk	Stole the sign for 2 models.

Most popular items (by number of times stolen):

Sign	10
Stein	6
2 Tigers	5
Pontiac watch	4
Tiger blanket	3
Gaspump	3
Tiger footstool	2
Pneumatic footstool	2
Route 66 board game	2
Route 66 Book	2
Necklace	2
Pampered Chef	1
Calendar, sign, shorts	1
GTO remote control	1
\$25 Mobil card	1
Michelob	1
Impact wrench	1
Radio	1
Best garage book	1

After the gift exchange we socialized until after 11:30PM and people began to go home.

Thanks to all who worked to make the party a success



**May your holidays be filled
with joy and good cheer.**

**The entire Gateway GTO Club wishes
all members a joyous and safe holiday season**



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