

# 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**

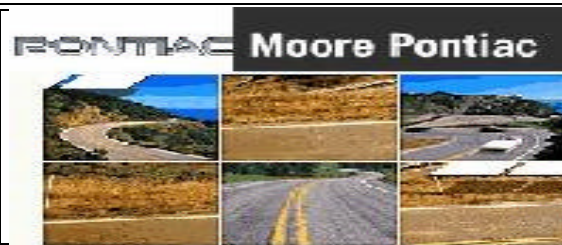
The Gateway GTO Association was initially formed in the summer of 1984 by a group of seven. They all had a common interest in the Original Muscle Car, the Pontiac GTO. As a form of communication we publish a monthly newsletter called "The Hood Scoop". The purpose of this newsletter is to keep our members 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](mailto: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.

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St. Charles Mo.

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Meeting minutes Nov. 2 2005

7:07 Steve Hedrick started the meeting.  
Jim and Kathy Kiburz are sick (so Steve told them to stay home)  
Will Bowers the treasurer was present  
Don Bright the newsletter editor/publisher was present  
Cecil Morton Illinois Vice-president was absent  
Harry Smeltzer the secretary was present.

A list of those present (except for 2 that I missed) includes: Carl Fisher 65 GTO, Brian Ray 65 GTO, Will Bowers 64 67 67 GTOs, Mark Frye Sponsor Firebird, Mike and Erin Bein 2004, Chris Winslow 2004, Buzz and Vicki Simpson 2004, Brian Osullivan and brother 2004, Rick Massy 70, Earl Lewis 67 GTO, Sue and Tony Tosto 64, John Brenda and Emily Novelli 64 67 GTOs, Bob Blattel 68 GTO, Tom and Terrie Oxler 68 GTO, Kerry Friedman 69 GTO, Gail and Terry Schott 67 67 68 70 GTOs, Tom Fox GTOless at present, Vic and Joyce Nettle 70 78 87 GTOs 89 and 99 Trans Am pace cars, Mark and Soundra Melrose 68 GTO (7 cylinders), Darrell and Tootie May 64 GTO, Marty Howard 67 Lemans 69 GTO 2006 Solstice, Chris Simmons 64 GTO 76 Pontiac Wagon, Harry Smeltzer 71 GTO, Mark Obukowitz 66 GTO 66 2+2, Don Bright 71 GTO 2001 GTX.

Steve commented on good attendance at the Behlmann car show (31 cars), and on the Louisiana Mo cruise and on the GTO Nationals “workers party”.

Steve passed out fliers for this coming Saturday’s Wine run meeting at Will and Donna’s home at 10 AM. Will described the cruise route and the winery details. Other events the same day include a car show at Westport for the Salvation Army Tree of Lights and an auto auction at Metropolis Illinois (home of Superman)

Election ballots will be coming so we can elect new officials. We need new ideas for events. The 2 year president limit has been amended to allow Steve to continue if there are no other interested candidates.

Our Holiday party will be Dec 10<sup>th</sup>. Directions are on the gatewaygto.com website in the calendar section.

Saundra Melrose told us that the 2 goats bought by the club will be going to Mozambique to help poor and handicapped people start a goat farm.

Saundra also proposed a theme for the World of Wheels car show next March. It has to do with muscles, GTO muscle and GTO owner/muscle builders with exercise machines.

Steve has 2 copies of Burning Rubber DVDs to sell. The club paid \$20 each and would like to get \$20 each for them. It is a good video of 2005 GTO Nationals events.

Motor Trend did a 2005 GTO (400 hp) comparison to a 2006 Dodge SRT Magnum (425 hp). The GTO cost about \$5000 less was faster across the board because it weighed about 475 pounds less, but MOTOR TREND liked the sunroof and satellite navigation system so they rated it better.

St Louis Car Cruise (by Matt Heimerdinger) was fun. He is setting up another for next spring. We will make sure it will be on the GTO calendar.

This is the last meeting at Culpeppers until next February.

The December meeting will be at the Christmas party December 10<sup>th</sup>.

The January meeting will be the Pizza Meeting at Alfonzo's in Maryville Illinois.

February meeting will be back at Culpeppers the first Wednesday.

Steve has assembly manuals for 67 and 70 models which show how the cars were put together on the assembly line. In case you need some of that information.

Chris Simmons said he heard that putting mint leaves in your car when it is in storage will keep the bugs out (unless they happen to like mint?).

A collection was held for our waiter Aaron.

Brian Ray put in a plug for all of us to join GTOAA. If you are a member of GTOAA and your membership number is not shown on the roster, please let Steve or Joyce Nettle know what your number is so it may be listed.

Buzz and Vicki Simpson brought a \$50 gift certificate from Tiburon Motor Sport to be given to the 50/50 drawing winner. The winner was Bob Massey won \$36 + the certificate.

Bill Kirk mentioned that people with SLP modified cars are having warranty problems with chrome plating peeling off of SLP wheels. And the factory does not warrant them.

Sandra told us we may dress up in period clothes (long skirts for women, and I don't remember what for the man).

Steve ended the meeting by thanking all for coming

## November 2, 2005 GGTOA Meeting at Culpeppers 28 Members 10 GTOs

Summer just seems to hang on. It was a beautiful night weather-wise and the meeting was well attended. Steve Hedrick called the meeting to order and asked everyone to stand, introduce them, and tell everyone about their car. Details were provided about the November 5<sup>th</sup> Wine Cruise that Will and Donna Bowers put together. Elections will be held soon. Watch your mailboxes for the official ballots. The club purchased two dairy goats to send to Mozambique. Thanks to Sandra Melrose for putting this together. Does it take a village to drive a goat? World of wheels will be held March 10-12, 2006 at America's Center. Make plans now to enter your car. We are looking for members to submit technical articles to The Hood Scoop. Contact Don Bright if you have an interest in being published. The St. Louis Power Tour was a lot of fun and their plans to do it again in the spring. We reserved the room at Culpeppers for 2006. There will be no meetings at Culpeppers in December or January. The Pizza Party will be held at Alphonso's (Maryville, IL) in January. Check the website for the date. If you are planning on attending the Gateway GTO Holiday Party on December 10<sup>th</sup>, be sure to RSVP by November 18<sup>th</sup>. Invitations were sent by mail. The 50/50 raffle (worth \$36) was won by Rick Massey. I hope you have an opportunity to cruise those GTOs before winter sets in. Next meeting will be at the Holiday Party.

Harry

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**GATEWAY GTO CHRISTMAS PARTY**

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2005

7:00 - Midnight

WEBSTER GROVES BARN  
1155 South Rock Hill Road  
Webster Groves, MO 63119

Catered Dinner - \$5 per person

Bring your own beverages

## **Gateway GTO Gives the Gift of Goats**

If you look up "goat" in your Funk & Wagnalls, you won't find any reference to "automobile, Pontiac or GTO" in the three accepted definitions. The number one accepted definition? "A hollow-horned ruminant, related to and of nearly the size of the sheep." (A ruminant is an even-toed hoofed animal having a stomach with four complete cavities.) So what relation does a hollow-horned ruminant have to the fire-breathers residing in our garages?

'Tis the season of giving and the Gateway GTO Association in St. Louis, hosts of the 2005 National Convention, did just that. Two dairy goats were purchased through Heifer International for placement where most needed.

Did you know goats can thrive in extreme climates and on semi-arable land? Dairy goats can provide up to four quarts of milk per day and, because they often reproduce in twins or triplets, Heifer partners can start small dairies. These dairies generate revenues that eventually can fund food, health care and education – in essence helping the community become more self-reliant.

Gateway GTO's goats are headed to Mozambique, Africa where they will help in an ongoing program aimed at supporting widows, orphans, handicapped persons and lepers.

Our goal is to put a small dent in world hunger rather than in our hot cars. If your GTOAA Chapter is interested in supporting this program call 800-422-0474 or go online at [www.heifer.org](http://www.heifer.org) for details

## GTO Club cruise to Lebanon and Hidden Lake Winery in Aviston

November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2005 started with a threatening dark gray sky in the West as we drove North up I-255 towards Will and Donna's home where we were meeting for the cruise. But aside from a light sprinkle the storm never materialized.

At about 11 we left from Will and Donna's for the pleasant ride to Lebanon over some interesting 2 lane roads without center stripes. At Lebanon we inspected the quaint shops and restaurants (and ice cream parlors for some). The Victorian Tea Parlor had French Onion soup, King Edward sandwich, cookies and blueberry scones with tea or soda –unlimited refills- for \$7.50. It is a good thing we don't live closer or I'd put on another 20 pounds.

The group had grown to 20: Will and Donna Bowers, Jim and Kathy Kiburz, Tom and Terrie Oxler, Don Bright and Gina , Vic and Joyce Nettle, Mark and Soundra Melrose, Darrell and Tootie May, John Latty, Brian and Mary Ann Ray, Frank and Cheryl Chapman, and Mark Obukowitz .

At 1:30 we drove around McKendree College and proceeded on to Aviston Illinois where the Hidden Lake Winery. It was quite well hidden, but fortunately Will and Donna knew how to get there.

Once there we tasted wines to see which were most appealing. Then we went down to the lake to relax in the 70-degree weather and listen to a performer who sounded like Willie Nelson (or was it Ricky Nelson? ha ha). We shared several types of wine, cheeses, sausages, crackers, and bread.

Many couples strolled around the lake. It was an opportunity for those of us with large zoom lensed cameras to do some camera testing.

About 5:30 some of the group went to Cool Cats Diner for food and Ice Cream and malts. "Eat drink and be merry for tomorrow we diet" about sums it up.

Summary: a perfect cruise with a great bunch of old and new friends.

Vic Nettle





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