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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.

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



<http://www.gtoaa.org>

**Already a member, please send your GTOAA
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Visit us at www.gatewaygto.com

Gateway GTO Association Ads

For Sale

Literature:

1964-1972 GTO Restoration Guides
New from club store \$15.00

Contact Chris Simmons @ 636-456-3653

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\$110.00 call Tony Bezzole @ 314-878-6892

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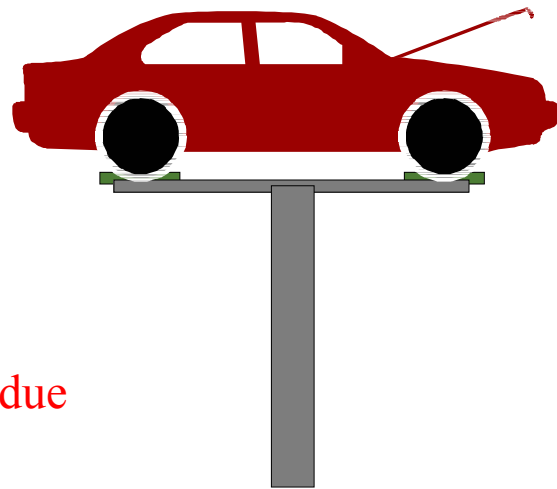


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Cee – Jay Auto Body

ASE & I – CAR Certified shop
2123 East 23rd Street
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Contact: Cecil Morton @ 618-877-8254

2006 Gateway GTO Christmas Party

(By Vic Nettle)

The Party was once again held at the Hawkin House. Most of the 70 attendees arrived by about 7 PM and after talking and mingling for a while everybody dug into the delicious food and desserts. The tables were set with Hershey's GTO chocolate bars (I ate mine).

Outgoing President Steve Hedrick started the activities at 8:40.

Jim Kiburz was called to the front where he received a crown and birthday cards for his impending 40th birthday. We sang "Happy Birthday" to him.

The results of the officer elections were announced and the 2007 officers are:

President	Tom Oxler
Vice President Mo	Mark Melrose
Vice President Ill	Darrell May
Secretary	Vic Nettle
Treasurer	Will Bowers
Chapter Rep	Steve Hedrick



(from left to right) Will Bowers, Darrell May, Mark Melrose, Tom Oxler, Steve Hedrick
(front) Vic Nettle

Steve passed the torch to Tom who then reminded us of the tremendously good job that Steve has done for the last 4 years.

The winners of the Points Awards for the last year were announced and plaques awarded:

3 rd place	Brian O'Sullivan
2 nd place	Kerry Friedman
1 st place	Vic and Joyce Nettle (lacking a GTO to drive, he wrote newsletter articles to earn points, sneaky)

Don Bright was given an award in recognition of the 11 years that he diligently published the newsletter every month

Chris Winslow was given an award for his photography at all the events.

An award was given to Steve Hedrick for work as President for 4 years (and thanks to Tammy too).

Terrie Oxler was recognized for all the time and effort she puts into the club scrapbook and other activities (centerpieces, etc.).

Thanks were given to Joyce for her web-mistress activities.

Thanks to Marty our CEO, DJ, 50/50 administrator, party host, etc. for the last 13 years.

Thanks to the dessert makers for tonight's party: Tootie, Sandra, Joyce, Terrie.

A break was taken:

9:18 PM Attendance prizes were given out:

65 GTO	Bill Kirk
65 GTO	Terry Schott
65 GTO	Paul Jenkins
GTO Model	Cecil Morton
Club t-shirt	Saundra Melrose
Club t-shirt	Marty Howard
T-shirt	Annette Morton



Steve reminded everybody that Joyce needs our GTOAA membership numbers and expiration dates for the club roster.

1st Round of Rob your neighbor started with Abby Fox picking the names:

Amanda Folluo	3 Tigers in Cage
Tom Fox	Polishing cloth, 67 GTO hot wheels, cleaning clay, wheel brush, polish, final touch brush
Harry Smeltzer	6 DVD set muscle cars, 73 TA 1/18 model
Tony Bezzole	Riesling wine, another bottle of wine and chocolate
John Folluo (Deanna)	Pontiac dealers' plaque, "Be There" CD
Steve Hedrick	Route 66 picture and a tiger
Sue Tosto	64,68 GTO models
Mark O'Bukowicz	gold 66 GTO 1/18 model
Gail Schott	Tiger and GTO "toast" bag
Gina Wanick	Maintenance repair travel kit
Donna Bowers	04 Purple GTO model
John Kehrein	metal 67 sign and \$15 Steak and Shake gift certificate
Earl Lewis	Shift knob coat rack
Linda Kehrein	Love Bug DVD
Mark Melrose	Gold 66 model 1/18 scale
Terrie Oxler	Emergency repair kit and little 66 GTO
Don Bright	Salsa and Mexican spices
Tootie May	Halogen lights
Marty Howard	Route 66 ornament, Speed Racer t-shirt
Debbie Friedman	Sweatshirt with red 65 GTO on it
Kerry Friedman	65 GTO 1/18 scale and little 65 GTO
Tom Oxler	Tiger purse, white tiger
Brian O'Sullivan	Rocket blender
Shirley Bezzole	GTO throw towel
Bob Blattel	Big Heineken cooler
Rosie O	Judge Christmas ornament
Cecil Morton	GTO coasters
Joyce Nettle	4 mugs and 4 desert plates
Abby Fox	Indy speedway picture
Chris Winslow	GTO emblem, Pontiac sign
Mike McNeil	XXX gift = lamp
Darrell May	cleaning supplies and purse
Virginia Anderson	GTO sign
Sue Vie	66 GTO model
Barb Lewis	Radio control GTO
Will Bowers	2 way radios (14 mile range)
Rich Vie	Winchester tools
Tammy Hedrick	Book and Santa ornament
Ralph Anderson	drag racing alarm clock
Vic Nettle	GTO wristwatch
Debbie Brune	Baileys



2nd Round

Abby took Amanda's 3 tigers
Debbie B took the 65 quarter panel picture
Tom Fox took a car picture
Terry Schott traded the "toast" bag for the Pontiac arrow sign
Debbie F traded for the coat rack
Terrie O traded for Joyce's dishes
Bob Blattel kept his Heineken (for now)
Rosie O an anthology for Vic's GTO watch
Bill Kirk traded his sign for the dealers' sign and CD
Gina traded the emergency kit for Mark O's Baileys
Sue Tosto traded 2 models for the lamp
Ralph traded his drag race clock for a tiger and plaque
Tom O traded his tiger purse and tiger for TA model and CDs
John Kehrein kept his \$15 gift certificate
Shirley traded her towel for 3-d sign
Brian traded the blender for the tiger purse and tiger
Cecil traded mouse pad and coasters for coat rack
Harry traded the blender for TA model and CDs
Linda K kept her Love Bug DVD
Earl Lewis traded his sweatshirt for the coat rack
Marty kept his ornament and Speed Racer t-shirt
Rich Vie has tools
Vic traded ornament and CD for the GTO watch
Will Bowers traded walkie-talkies for Bob's Heineken
John Folluo traded his sign for the Speed Racer t-shirt
Tammy traded her book for the 3-d sign and tiger
Mark O traded an emergency kit for the drag race alarm clock
Sue vie traded a 66 model car for the coat rack
Tony B traded 2 bottles of wine for the lamp from Tony T
Joyce traded an emergency tool kit for Shauna's candles
Steve traded tools for the coat rack
Donna traded the 04 purple GTO for the coat rack
Darrell traded polish and carrying case for the lamp from Tony B
Tootie kept her halogen lights (for now)
Don traded his salsa and spices for the coat rack from Donna
Shauna traded her emergency tools for a poster and sign
Virginia traded car pictures for the lamp
Chris traded tiger and "toast" bag for Tootie's halogen lights
Kerry traded 2 65 models for Christmas tree alarm clock
Amanda Folluo traded a travel kit for the TA model and CDs
Barb Lewis traded the RC model for the coat rack
Mark M traded the 66 die cast gold GTO for the tiger and "toast" bag
Mike M traded 64 and 68 models for the 04 purple GTO from Steve



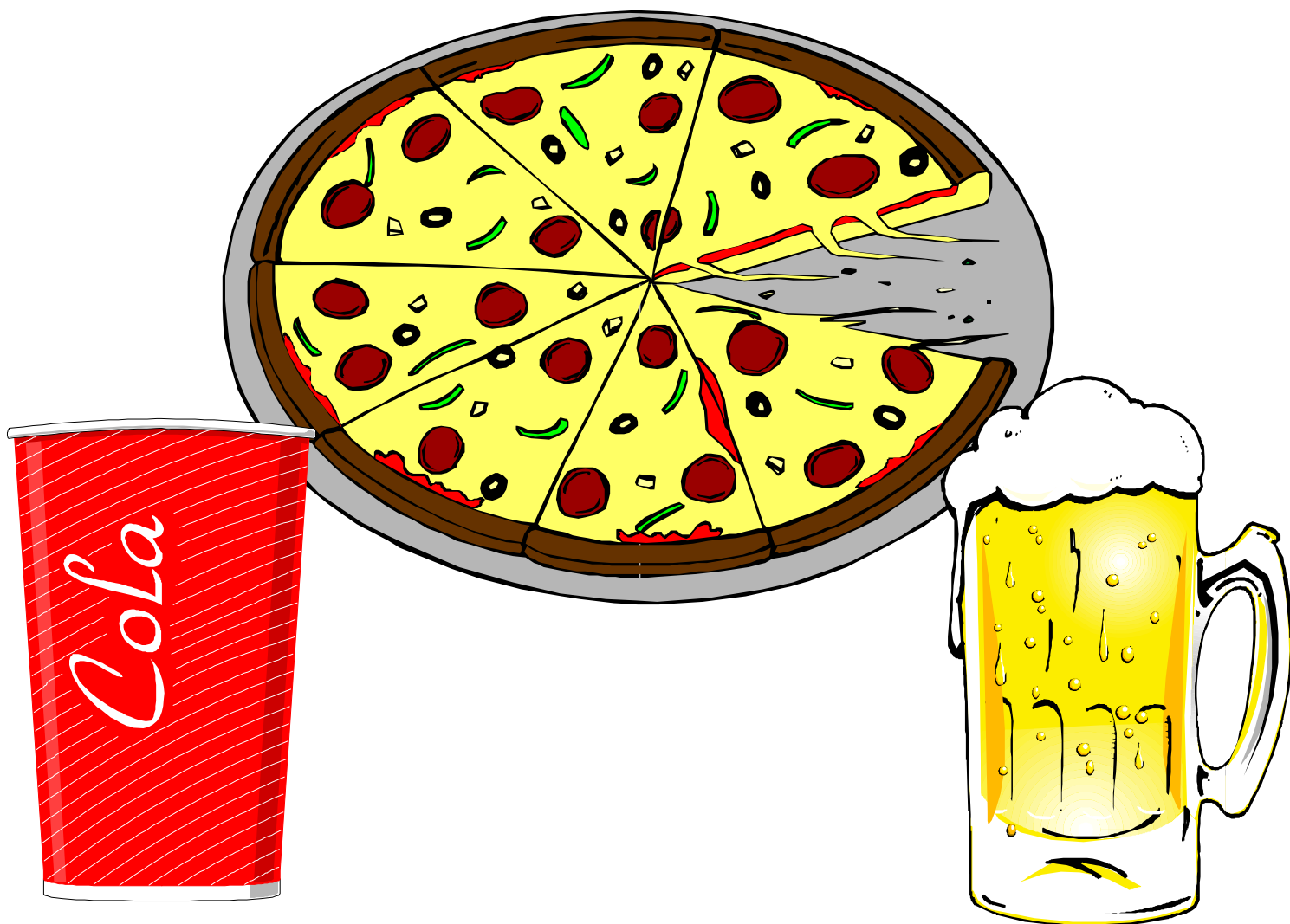
And so it went. Afterwards we talked and enjoyed each others' company for another hour or so and left with smiles on our faces, presents under our arms, food in our stomachs, lots of good pictures for the scrapbook and website, and many pleasant memories from tonight and from all the 2006 GTO activities.

Gateway GTO Club

Pizza Party

January 21, 2007 from 1-5 pm

Serra's Pizza 12218 McKelvey Rd
McKelvey and Creve Coeur Mill Roads close to I-270 and I-70 in Maryland Heights
(314) 739-0881



Schedule of Events 2007

JANUARY:

21st **GTO PIZZA MEETING** Serra's Pizza, 12218
McKelvey Rd., Maryland Heights from 1 - 5

FEBRUARY:

7th **GTO MEETING** Culpeppers St Charles 7pm

MARCH:

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APRIL:

4th **GTO MEETING** Culpeppers St Charles 7pm

MAY:

2nd **GTO MEETING** Culpeppers St Charles 7pm

JUNE:

6th **GTO MEETING** Culpeppers St Charles 7pm

JULY:

4th **GTO MEETING** Culpeppers St Charles 7pm

AUGUST:

1st **GTO MEETING** Culpeppers St Charles 7pm

SEPTEMBER:

5th **GTO MEETING** Culpeppers St Charles 7pm

OCTOBER:

3rd **GTO MEETING** Culpeppers St Charles 7pm

NOVEMBER:

7th **GTO MEETING** Culpeppers St Charles 7pm

DECEMBER:

??? **HOLIDAY PARTY**

JANUARY:

??? **GTO PIZZA MEETING**



G.T.O

(Sung to Jingle Bells)

By Mike Bien

Spinning through first gear with a 6-speed on
the floor Glancing in the mirror
Listen to the roar.

Pushing in the clutch
When the shift light says it's time
I did this so much
Back when I was prime.

Passing sixty-five
Now it's time to shift to third
It's so fun to drive Now I'm not a nerd. Into 4th we go
What do I see over there
Tell me it ain't so
I think it says D.A.R.E.

Off to jail I go
With my car up on the truck
It's for sure I know
I ain't got no luck! Refrain: GTO, GTO
Throttle to the floor
Oh what fun we all will have
Smokin' Mustangs, Vettes, and more. OH

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Tribal News



THE FARMER IS BACK IN THE SADDLE

COMPILED BY THOMAS A. DeMAURO



Photo by: MIKE GARLAND

A drag-race fans who attended the 53rd annual World Series of Drag Racing cheered as Arnie "the Fanner" Beswick made his historic and triumphant return to the quarter-mile in his reincarnated race car, "Tameless Tiger Jr." While Arnie has made 12 and even 10-second passes in other Pontiacs since recovering from the fire of three years ago, it seems only fitting that the first time back in his beloved '64 GTO "Tameless Tiger II" would be at his home track in Cordova, Illinois. Arnie and the Tiger were booked into the World Series to run against long-time rival "Animal Jim" Freurer driving his familiar Mercury Zephyr.

Arnie's signature long, smoky burnout coupled with the familiar bazillion-mile-an-hour backup was exciting to watch. While he received congratulations for the 7.50s and 7.60s runs that were made over the August 25-26 weekend, he wasn't satisfied. After all, his e.t.'s had been in the 7.20s and 7.30s before the devastating fire he experienced in Wentzville, Missouri, in August of 2003.

His goal within reach, Arnie made the short hop to Great Lakes Dragway in Union Grove, Wisconsin, for the Time Machine Nationals the following weekend (Labor day). The entire crowd was on its feet to witness the spectacle as, "the Fanner" and crew chief John Holmes obviously had found the missing horsepower from the week before. All were in awe as he clicked off 7.21 and 7.23 e.t.'s at 196-plus mph.

Though it would be great just to have a growling or even snarling Tiger back, based on these e.t.'s, it appears that we have the ROARING "Tameless Tiger II" back! -"Dyno" Dean Fait

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