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Gateway GTO Association Photo Album

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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 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 Wiliker's Restaurant, 1566 Country Club Plaza, and St Charles, MO 636-9471441

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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For an on-line preview of **The Legend**, go to www.gtoaa.org.

To become a member of **GTOAA** fill out the application form, or go to www.gtoaa.org and go to Membership App. link.

The **GTOAA National Meet** is hosted by various local chapters and is held annually in various cities across the United States. The acclaimed Concours and Popular Vote Car Shows bring some of the finest GTOs together for superb viewing. Other highlights include many renowned Technical and Special-interest speakers, multi-day swap meet, drag racing, cruises, and other great events.

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$35.00 US starting January 2008

www.gtoaa.org/

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State _____ Zip _____ - _____

Phone (_____) _____

Your GTO Ownership

Year Body Style Engine

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Individual Membership Fees

USA	$35
Canada	$40
Overseas	$50

(Canada & Overseas in US funds)

Additional family members (associate membership) $5 each

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THE PRESIDENT'S SCOOP

This months President's article has some good news and some bad. First for the bad news, I regret to inform you that Vic and Joyce Nettle have decided to step down from their positions as Secretary and Web/Newsletter Editor. Mark Melrose has assumed the temporary Secretary position until we can hold a Special Election in November. Also, Chris Winslow has graciously volunteered to be our new Newsletter Editor and we are looking for someone with Web site experience. We will miss Vic and Joyce and appreciate all of the hard work they have done for the club.

Now for the good news, the Gateway GTO Club was represented at the GTOAA National Convention in Saratoga Springs, New York by John and Diana Johnson, Steve, Tammy, Krista and Lucas Hedrick, Mark and Saundra Melrose, Kerry, Debbie, Ryan and Andy Friedman and Tom and Terrie Oxler. There were plenty of things to do and see in what must be the most beautiful section of New York State. Mark Melrose has written an article about our trip and the things we did and enjoyed so I will not repeat but rest assured, we had a great time. Mark and Saundra made excellent "Tour Directors."

The Gateway GTO Club reserved our own table at the Awards Ceremony and as you can see from the picture, the table was having trouble holding all of the awards our club received.

The first award we received went to Lucas Hedrick for his 3rd place in the GTO Model contest. The next award went to yours truly for Longest GTO Driven award. Mark Melrose still thinks I should cut the trophy in half since he thinks Webster Groves is just as far away as St. Charles. Next came the Autocross and Drag Racing awards. Mark Melrose took 1st place at the Autocross in the 2004-2006 stock class and yours truly took 1st place at the Drag Races in the 11.00 second and up GTO class using Mrs. GTO's 2006 GTO. When the Popular Vote results were announced, our club did quite well again with Kerry Friedman taking 2nd place in the 68-69 mild modified class, Steve Hedrick taking 3rd place in the 2005 mild modified class and Mark Melrose taking 2nd place in the 2006 mild modified class. Next on the Awards agenda were Chapter awards where our club was recognized for Outstanding Newsletter and the Bronze Award for Club Participation in GTOAA.

The final award was **CHAPTER OF THE YEAR** and it was awarded to the Gateway GTO Club. This is a very significant accomplishment for our club and something each and every member should be proud of. The Board of Directors of GTOAA chose our club above all of the other clubs to be recognized for our accomplishments. This award is a testament to the vitality and enthusiasm exhibited by the members of the Gateway GTO Club. **Well done Gateway GTO Club!**

GATEWAY GTO MEETING MINUTES FOR AUGUST 2008
GATEWAY GTO ASSOCIATION MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 6, 2008

Tom Oxler called the meeting to order at 7:00PM. Officers present were Tom Oxler, Mark Melrose, Darrell May, Will Bowers and Steve Hedrick. The meeting roster was not returned to me but I believe there were about 40 members in attendance including new member Jeff (I put his last name on the roster) proud owner of a 1969 LeMans.

PRESENTATIONS:

John Culiberk of Apparel Plus brought a handout with instructions for navigating and ordering club apparel off his website www.companycasuals.com/gto . He accepts PayPal.

Mark Tosto of Wise Performance presented new products from Auto Meter and MSD. Auto Meter now offers gauges with changeable backlight colors and a new temperature gauge with an adjustable warning light. MSD is introducing their new 6AL2 control box featuring both High and Low rev limiters, timing retarder and accommodation for Nitrous systems. Mark also showed new a MSD Coil, Distributor and Plug Wires along with a new shift light for the new cars. Wise can also install any/all MSD and Auto Meter products in standard or custom locations.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Tom Oxler reported on the GTOAA Nationals held in Saratoga Springs, NY 7/15-7/19. The Club and its attending members brought home 10 awards/trophies – all are detailed in Tom's article in this newsletter.
- Vicki Simpson talked about the Springfield, IL cruise 7/19. The group travelled up old Route 66 to about Litchfield and then decided to take I-55 for the balance of the trip. The group spent about 1-1/2 hours at the Lincoln Museum and lunched at the Cozy Dog restaurant. A good time was had by all.
- Tom talked about the Club Dyno Day on 7/26. Only seven cars were run on the dyno. I don't know if the club was provided with a printout of all the results but I was very happy to learn that the new carburetor I put on my '68 is giving me at least another 40 bhp at the rear wheels. Wunderbar!
- Cory Jenkins talked about the Cobblestone Nationals at Fast Lane on 8/2 (rain date). Four members' cars were shown and all took home awards in their classes. Earl Lewis presented the club with a show trophy awarded to Gateway GTO for Best Club Participation.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Tom announced that , after discussion with GTOAA officials and consultations with several attorneys, GGTOA will pursue re-organization as a Missouri Not-For-Profit Corporation in order to protect officers' and club assets in the event of any liability suits.
- Tom announced the resignations of Vic Nettle as Club Secretary and Joyce Nettle as Newsletter Editor and Website Administrator. Many thanks to Vic and Joyce for their outstanding efforts on the club's behalf. Chris Winslow will take over as Newsletter Editor and I (Mark Melrose) will assume the duties of Club Secretary until a special

election in accordance with Club Bylaws can be held. The Club expects to appoint a new Website Administrator shortly.

- Mike Bien raised questions about the Nettles' resignations and a spirited discussion ensued. The resignations were attributed to differences in policy matters and management styles. Mike went on to recommend the Club evaluate re-organization as a 501C2 LLC – Will and Tom are to meet with an attorney on 8/21 and will investigate and report findings back to the officers.
- The Motorexotica Auction is 8/8 and 8/9
- The Carlyle "Cruz-In The Dam" Car Show is 8/8
- The Hazelwood Drive-In Movie Night is 8/9
- The Pontiac Rendezvous at the Museum of Transport is 8/17
- The Westport Charity Show is 9/7 – we need more items for the raffles, please contact Kerry Friedman with donated items, questions and to help Kerry compile a list of raffle items.
- The Bowling and Wise Speed Cruise on 9/27, it includes a drive to the Wise shop and demos of performance components. Marty will post details on the website.
- The Halloween Costume Party is 10/25, flyers were passed out which show cost as $20/person, should say $10/person, $20/couple.
- Steve Hedrick talked about the GTOAA/POCI National "Co-Vention" for 2009 on the Wright State University campus in Dayton, Ohio. As a combined event expectations are for 1,000+ show cars with Concours vehicles displayed indoors. Steve passed out hotel listings and recommends we sign up ASAP to avoid being shut out of some events. See www.gtoaapocinationals.com and/or contact Steve for additional info.

TECH DISCUSSION

- Shauna talked about her 2006 radiator plastic tank failure and is having an aluminum tank replacement radiator fabricated for less cost than a direct factory replacement. It's just taking more time than she bargained for.
- Darrell had his original '65 AM-FM radio refurbished to as-new condition. The work was done by a man in Illinois who will only work on 1970 and older radios. Contact Darrell for info.

The 50-50 drawing worth $38 was won by John Taylor who can use some extra cash to get his '65 back on the track.

Next meeting is 9/7/08 at Willikers.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:07PM.

Respectfully submitted 8/7/08 by:

Mark Melrose
VP-Missouri and Acting Secretary

GATEWAY GTO FINANCIAL RESULTS

GATEWAY GTO ASSOCIATION
INCOME AND EXPENSES
AS OF JULY 31, 2008

CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE 12/31/07		4,992.36
INCOME		
DUES	1,587.00	
GGTOS GEAR SALES	77.00	
SPONSORSHIPS	500.00	
50/50 DRAWINGS	268.00	
DRAD DAY	1,245.00	
ADVERTISING	250.00	
MISC. INCOME	130.00	
TOTAL INCOME	4,057.00	4,057.00
EXPENSES		
PARTIES, PICNICS, AWARDS	790.23	
PRINTING	12.78	
DRAG DAY	1,064.00	
BEHLMANN SHOW	80.00	
SCRAP BOOK	167.00	
DYNO DAY	58.00	
HOLLOWEEN PARTY	275.00	
MISC.	87.50	
TOTAL EXPENSES	2,534.51	-2,534.51
CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE 7/31/08		6,514.85

2008 GTOAA Nationals in Saratoga Springs, NY
By Mark Melrose

Since I joined Gateway GTO and GTOAA in 2003 I have attended four of the six GTOAA National Meets – I missed Columbus in 2003 and Louisville in 2006. In 2004 Mark Obukowicz, Tom & Terrie Oxler along with Saundra and I drove our GTOs to the Nationals in Detroit. We caravanned up old Route 66, sidestepped Chicago and went on into Mark O's old stomping grounds in Wisconsin and then on by ferry to Michigan and the meet. In addition to seeing and doing much more than we would taking the interstate there is safety and security in numbers. In the succeeding years I have also traveled to the Nationals in caravans with club members and have had the misfortune of breaking down on several trips and the good fortune of traveling with fellow members with lots of tools, know-how and inclination to help get me going again.

So it was that this year those of us going to the Nationals in Saratoga Springs, a distance of about 1,100 miles from St. Louis, were looking to caravan again. As GTOAA Convention Coordinator, Steve Hedrick needed to be at the meet several days before the rest of us so he dusted off his Chevy Kodiak tractor and hitched up his 53" trailer to haul the family and the '67 and '05 GTOs to the meet. John and Diana Johnson also made the trip early as they were both GTOAA helpers at the meet. That left three members to caravan in a separate group – Tom & Terrie Oxler, Mark & Saundra Melrose and Kerry, Debbie, Andy and Ryan Friedman. The Oxlers and Melroses traveled in their 2006 GTOs while the Friedman's trailered their '69.

Since 1,100 miles is more than the average driver can handle in one sitting (Steve is not average) we decided to break the trip up into two days of travel. We left St. Louis at about 8AM on Monday and drove to the Akron, Ohio area where my daughter just started her residency at Summa Health Care. She joined us for a casual dinner at a joint called The Winking Lizard in Richfield, Ohio. We had a nice meal and visit and then spent the night there in Richfield. The next morning found us back on the interstate headed to the Buffalo, NY area (my old stomping grounds) and, while we had originally intended to skirt Buffalo and keep heading east, it was around noon and hunger pangs were announced over our short-range radios. So we exited off the Thruway in Buffalo's eastern environs and sought out an Anderson's location – Anderson's is the Ted Drewe's of Buffalo. They also serve a sandwich only found in the Buffalo area and introduced by German immigrants – the Roast Beef on Kimmelwick Roll. We all partook lustily of the delicious beef on the Kaiser-type roll coated with caraway seeds and chunks of salt with some horseradish added for good measure. In homage to Mark O. we also downed some frozen custard treats before heading

back onto the highway.

About five hours later the GPS took us off the interstate and onto two-lane blacktop for the last leg into Saratoga Springs – just north of Albany. What a beautiful, scenic and relaxing drive compared to the interstates. As we approached Saratoga Springs we were all immediately taken by the preserved late 1800s architecture, which is evident in the beautifully maintained buildings in the area and particularly in downtown Saratoga Springs. We arrived in town in time to partake of the dinner cruise to the Old Saratoga Brewery and feasted on BBQ chicken and pulled pork with all the trimmings – not to mention some excellent micro-brews. We enjoyed socializing with other meet attendees and somehow the discussion turned to GTOs.

Wednesday morning found us cruising to the Saratoga Auto Museum to check out their GTO display – one car from each model year including a 1974 GTO Hatchback with the "Camper Tent" option – an option I did know was even offered and had never seen before. A number of other vehicles including dirt track racers from the '40s and '50s, a one-of-a-kind Ferrari and a beautiful Pierce Arrow were also on display. There was a BBQ lunch served to us at the Auto Museum. After lunch we decided to take the self-guided Saratoga Battlefield Tour – at least in part to work off some of the BBQ. The Battlefield is now a National Park with an information center providing maps and historical presentations of this Revolutionary War battle where the British defeat signaled the turning point in the conflict as the French and Spanish then entered the war on the colonists' side. Wednesday evening found us back at the host hotel for the Ames Performance Reception (free burgers, dogs, salad, cookies and beer) and later a round table discussion with GTO greats including Jim Wangers, Milt Schornack, Arnie Beswick and John Sawruk. Everybody slept like a proverbial rock Wednesday night after all the day's activities.

Thursday found us at the Lebanon Valley Dragway for guess what? Bracket Racing was the format and after four runs I left my dial-in on the low side and was blown away on my first run by a 2005 GTO that was running in the mid-11s. I then got to watch Tom win the over-11-second class – at least he was waxing somebody's butt besides mine. Thursday night we had signed up for the Lake George Fireworks Steamboat Cruise – what a terrific time we had. Our boat was named the Minnie-Ha-Ha and was an honest-to-God steam propelled paddle-wheeler. An Italian style dinner was served on the boat and then we kicked back as the sun set and waited for the fireworks to begin. After a good fireworks display we made our way back to Saratoga Springs, but again in homage to Mark O. stopped for ice cream in the town of Lake George. I'm sure everybody slept well Thursday night too.

On Friday morning Tom and I attended the GTOAA Council of Presidents Meeting with GTOAA Officers and Presidents/Representatives of Chapters in attendance at the meet. I was a little anxious to get out of meeting and over to Wilton Mall where the SCCA had setup an

Autocross course in the mall parking lot. I had pre-registered for the event and, never having run Autocross before, did not want to miss any of the instructions, directives, tips, etc. It was HOT and we finally got started with a walk-through on the track. When it was time to actually drive the course, there were to be two four-run heats. There were several classes including "Stock 2004-06 GTOs" where I was entered. In my first run of the first heat I missed a turn and had to stop and backup – resulting in a high 40 second time. On my second run I had a control problem (I lost it) in the decreasing radius final turn before the straight shot to the finish line taking out 6-8 cones at a two-second penalty per cone – now I'm in the still higher 40 second times. The next two runs in the first heat as well as all four runs in the second heat found me progressively working my times down with no cones disturbed. My best run of the day was my second last at 30.551 seconds. I had heard others talking about sub 30 second times and decided it was a lot of fun, I want to do it again and I probably finished back in the pack and would have to wait until Saturday night's awards dinner for the actual results. Friday Night was the Parking Lot Party, which was a good time even though the food ran out after the first hour (the beer stayed plentiful and was free from the Old Saratoga Brewery we visited Tuesday night).

Saturday was Popular Vote day, ballots had to be in by 1PM so everybody was on the show field early – washing, waxing, buffing, etc. There were about 150 Popular Vote cars entered and some real beauties I had never seen before. The Gateway GTO contingent was seated together at a large round table at Saturday night's Awards Banquet. The meal was good and as we finished our dessert and coffee the awards presentations began. What a night for Gateway GTO – we came away with no less than 10 awards. Somehow my 30.551 run in the Autocross was good for 1st Place in the Stock 2004-06 GTO Class – I was happily amazed. Tom is writing an article listing all the awards Gateway GTO and its members received so I will not detail them here. Needless to say we were thrilled as we filled the center of our table with trophies and plaques, but after awhile it almost became embarrassing as those around us wondered just who we were and a look around the room found no more than three trophies on any other table – but it was only *almost* embarrassing.

Sunday morning found us scampering to get out of town early as we headed back toward Buffalo where Tom and Terrie joined Saundra and I for lunch with my family. During the afternoon I led a cruise through the Buffalo area providing a narrative over our short-range radios to the Oxlers and Friedmans. We traveled past my old homestead, past my high school (same school Tim Russert graduated from two years before me), through the "Elmwood Strip" entertainment district and past City Hall, the Buffalo Naval Park, HSBC Center (where the Buffalo Sabres play) and Sportsman's Ball Field (where the AAA Buffalo Bisons play) and by Frank and Teresa Terranova's Anchor Bar – birthplace of Buffalo Chicken Wings. Since the Anchor Bar is in a decidedly dicey neighborhood, we all decided on chicken wings at Duff's – a suburban establishment specializing in wings and brew – along with our Buffalo friends Russ and Maria Christopher. Russ and Maria treated us to dessert at their home after the wing feast.

Sunday night was spent in Buffalo and Monday morning we drove to Niagara Falls with the Christophers as “guides”. First stop (for obvious reasons) was Goat Island situated between the American Falls and the Canadian Horseshoe Falls. Tom Oxler and the Friedmans went on the Cave of the Winds Tour, which takes you to the base of and behind the American Falls. Later we grabbed some lunch on the Canadian side and then we all rode on the Maid of the Mist boat to the very base of both Falls – absolutely awesome with the Falls pounding the rocks just yards away. Sunday night the Friedmans stayed in Niagara Falls, Canada while the Oxlers and Melroses returned to Buffalo for dinner with the Christophers at Frank’s Sunny Italy restaurant. The food was excellent and the portions enormous, the Christophers went home with six foam clamshells filled with Italian delicacies and are probably still feasting.

Tuesday morning we parted ways, the Melroses needed to be back in St. Louis Tuesday night to get back into the swing of business on Wednesday morning. The Oxlers drove back up into Canada and joined up with the Friedmans for the trip back to St. Louis on a route that took them through southern Ontario to Windsor/Detroit and then on to St. Louis, which added several hours to their journey.

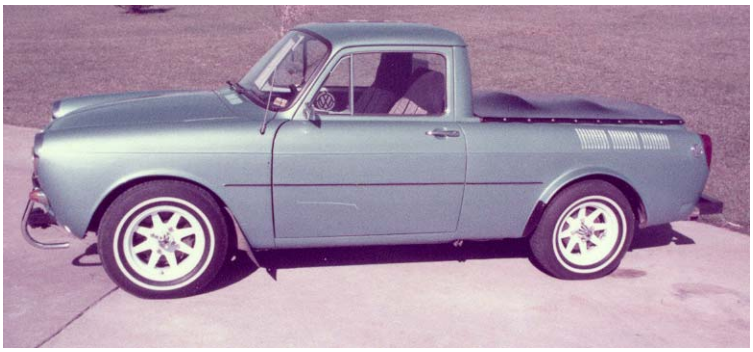
It was a great trip (no breakdowns in our party) and a great all-around experience. The Nationals were superlative – a terrific venue at Saratoga Springs and loaded with wonderful activities. It was the nicest GTOAA Nationals I have been to so far, everything was top-shelf with no real disappointments. The fact we were able to share the trip with good friends and family was a real bonus.

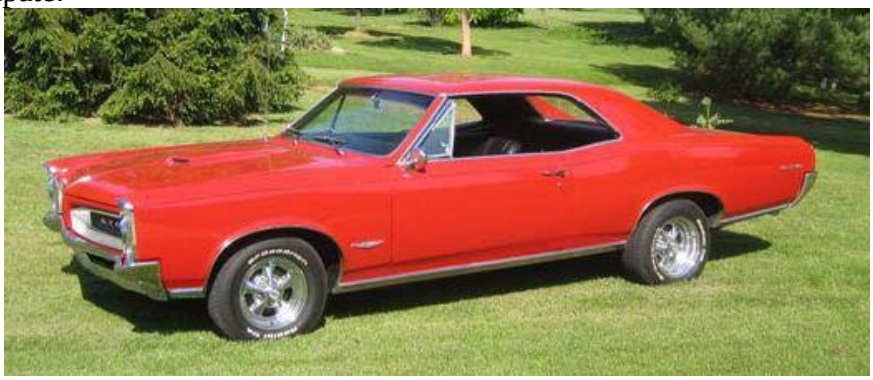
Before we left Saratoga Springs we made a point of registering for the 2009 GTOAA/POCI National “Co-vention” in Dayton, Ohio – I recommend you register too, it’s shaping up as the major Pontiac event for 2009.

GATEWAY GTO CAR OF THE MONTH

Ray Brunkhorst's 66 GTO

I'm a retired carpenter since 1995 and have been a member of the GTO club for just a few years. I've always had and interest in cars but couldn't afford one as a hobby until late in life. My wife Ida and I have been married for 54 years and have 2 girls and a boy. As the kids got old enough to drive, out of self-defense I took a couple of auto body courses at Lewis and Clark Trade School. After that it was a lot of trial and error. I cut off the back of a 68 Volkswagen and made it into a sort of clone El Camino. My wife liked it because it was easy to drive and got good gas mileage. (Could use that now) Next I bought a very rough 31 Ford pick up and made a street rod out of it. It had independent front suspension with power disk brakes, automatic transmission, power windows, and 302 V8. It took me 9 years and much trial and error to do, but it was very interesting to build. After 2 knee replacements I needed something with more legroom. My neighbor bought a 66 GTO and I had to have one too. It needed a lot of little things and a few not so little things to get it up to standards. I hope to put in a 5 or 6 speed transmission and a/c but it may be a while, as my wife doesn't seem to understand these things. I enjoy the GTO club and their activities and am very impressed with the with the large number of members that attend functions and a surprising number of Ladies that also participate.





TECHNICAL ARTICLE OF THE MONTH

2004-2006 Rear Spring Install Guide
By Shauna Wollmershauser

The day couldn't have been better. The sun was shining. The temperatures weren't too hot and there was a slight breeze. Enter my GTO with sagging stock rear springs. It was time for a change. Thanks to Pedders USA and a few other manufacturers there's a solution for us. I chose to go with the 0 drop springs in the rear. In theory I should get better rear tire wear with the new springs. Note: Tire wear has a lot to do with whom I'm following and just how fast we're going at the time.

This is what the car looked like before the new spring install:

Yes, I know the car is dirty at this point, but it won't be for much longer.

The tools that were used were:
1 really beefy pry bar
1 impact wrench
Either an impact gun or a 17mm box end wrench (sorry ladies and gents forgot the exact size).

Step 1. Remove the stock plastic lug nut caps.
Step 2. Remove the lug nuts.
Step 3. Find your jack and jack stands.
Step 4. Jack the rear of the car up and place the jack stands under the car.

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Step 5. Be sure to take the e-brake OFF. This will save you a lot of headache and curse words later.

Step 6. Remove the bolt that holds the shock in place

Step 7. Once this bolt is remove grab your really big pry bar and proceed to pry the stock spring out of place.

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Step 8. Push the new spring into place. No, it doesn't matter which direction you place the rear springs in.

Step 9. Clean the insides of your wheels and then apply a layer of wheel sealant or wax to make it easier to clean the brake dust off the wheels.

Step 10. Place the wheels back on the car.
Step 11. Make sure to tighten the lug nuts on both wheels.
Step 12. Install the plastic lug nut covers back onto the lug nuts.
Step 13. Raise the car up with your jack so that you can get the jack stands out from under the car.
Step 14. Lower the car so that it's resting on all 4 wheels again.
Step 15. Admire the new look of your dirty car.
Step 16. Wash your car and then take a picture of the clearance you now have.

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Total time invested in installing the springs: roughly 45 minutes. Total time in trying to fix a leaky radiator 6 hours, but that's another article.

GATEWAY GTO SOCIAL EVENTS

DYNO DAY 2008

Hosted By Mid Coast Performance

Mid Coast Performance hosted a Dyno Day for Gateway GTO on Saturday July 26th at their shop in St. Charles. Several club members attended including Vic Nettle, Tom Oxler, Mark Melrose, Shauna Wollmershauser, Buzz Simpson, Gene and Brian Borton, Mike Bien, John Lally, and Chris and Paula Winslow in addition to several people who are not yet in the club, but hopefully will be soon.

It was a hot day so most of the attendees stayed in the shade either under the tent where Jon Havens was cooking brats and hot dogs or inside the shop to watch the dyno runs and take advantage of the fans Mid Coast had running.

A total of 5 cars did dyno runs. All of these were pre 1970 Pontiacs except for Chris Winslow's 2004 GTO. Tom Oxler ran his freshly painted 66 GTO and used the run to try out a few different timing settings. Mark Melrose ran his 68 GTO to try out his new carb and tires. (Mark left most of his last set of rear tires at the track on Drag Day).

Shauna was not able to run her 2006 GTO since it was down waiting for a new custom all aluminum radiator to replace the factory radiator that had failed with a split in one of the plastic tanks.

After the 5 cars had done their dyno runs and the attendees finished off the hot dogs, brats, and sodas, everyone headed for home to beat the afternoon heat.

GATEWAY GTO SOCIAL EVENTS

Springfield Illinois Cruise

The GTOAA Nationals were in New York for 2008. The distance and cost of the trip kept many Gateway GTO members home this year. In order to give the members who remained behind an activity for Saturday July 19th, Vicki Simpson and Brian O'Sullivan organized a cruise to Springfield Illinois to visit the Abraham Lincoln Museum.

The morning did not start out very promising. Vicki and Brian had arranged for everyone to meet at the Phillips store at highway 157 and 270 at 9:00. Just as everyone gather, a light rain began to fall. Despite the weather, several members came out for the cruise. Those members included Buzz and Vicki Simpson, Chris, Paula, and Chuck Winslow, Ray and Ida Brunkhorst, Vic and Joyce Nettle, Paul and Cory Evans, Brian and Amy O'Sullivan, and Andrew O'Sullivan with Denny and Cindy O'Sullivan along for the ride. All of the cruisers were driving late model GTO's with the exception of Ray and Ida. They had brought their red 66 GTO (See GTO of the month article). Unfortunately, due to a wheel-bearing problem, Paul and Cory decided not to go on to Springfield.

The route that Vicki had chosen took the group up old Route 66. Buzz Simpson led the cruise, which eventually transitioned over to I-55 for the final leg of the journey to Springfield. The group parked the GTO's at a parking garage near the museum and walked a few blocks to the entrance.

The museum was a surprising mixture of collections specific to Abraham Lincoln and his family and presidency and historical memorabilia from other presidents and presidential campaigns. These included campaigns from both before and after Lincoln's time. The group toured the displays and watched a dancing display until about 1:00. At that point everyone headed back for the cars for lunch.

Vicki and Brian had planned to visit the Cozy Dog for the lunch stop. This was a restaurant famous for their corn dogs and Route 66 memorabilia. It was a great slice of Americana and everyone thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

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Being that this was a Gateway GTO event, ice cream was on the agenda. The group left the Cozy Dog and headed back towards St. Louis. On the way, everyone stopped at Litchfield for gas for Ray and Ida and ice cream for everyone. The local Dairy Queen seemed a bit overwhelmed when the crew rolled in, but they eventually got everyone served.

After the gas and ice cream stop, everyone headed for home. The St. Charles contingent took 270 and the south county contingent took 255. Everyone had a great time. Thanks to Vicki and Brian for a great outing!

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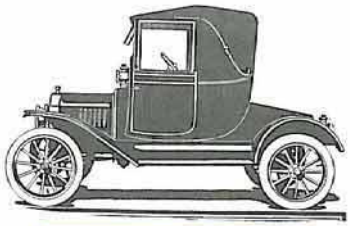

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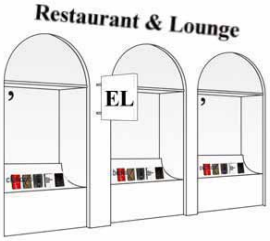

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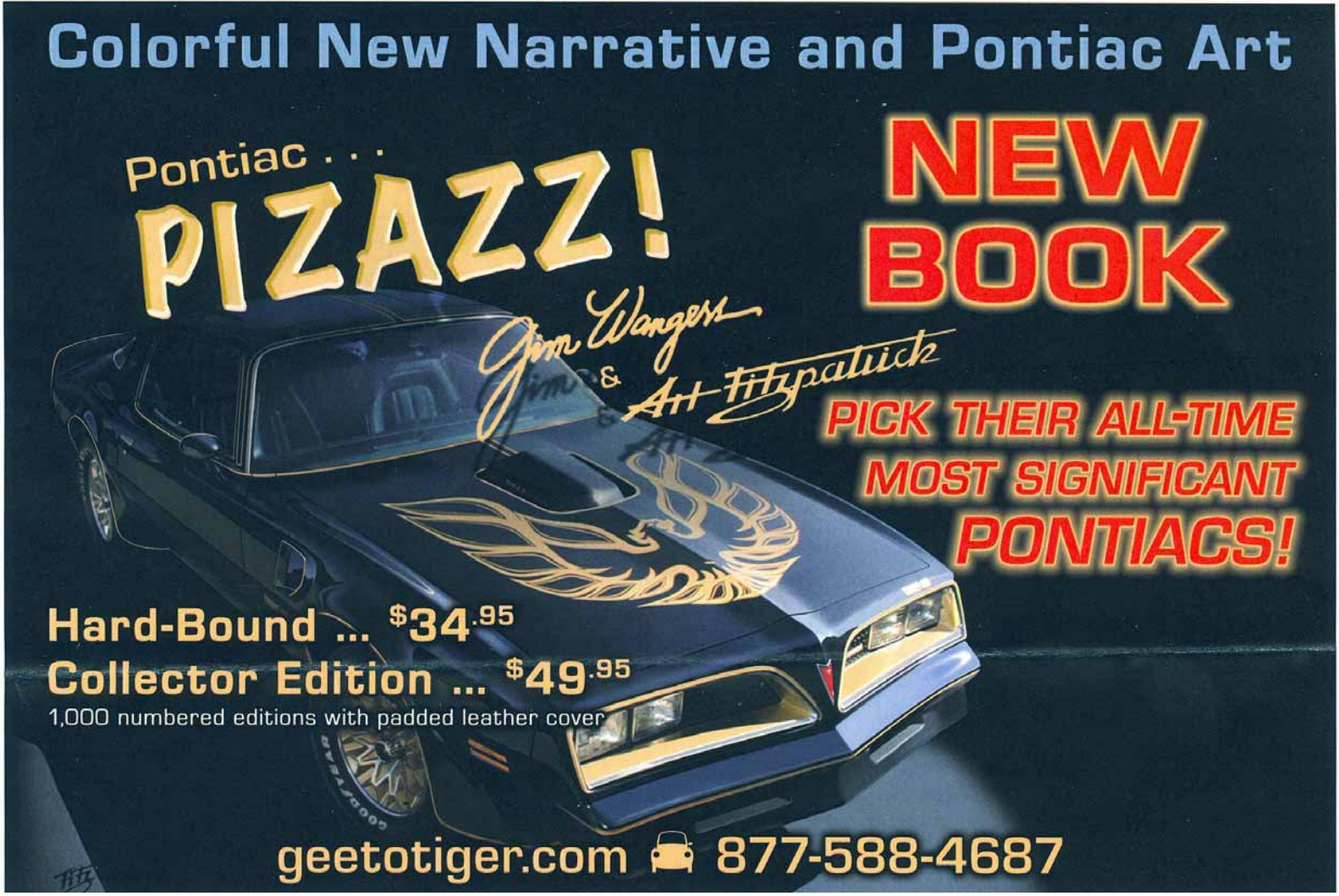

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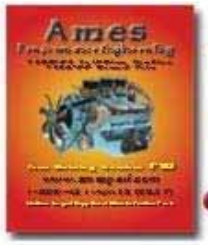

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6th GTO MEETING 7pm Wiliker's Restaurant, 1566 Country Club Plaza, St. Charles, MO (CLUB SPONSORED)
8 - 10 AMES PERFORMANCE TRI POWER PONTIAC NATIONALS
8 - 9 MOTOREXOTICA CLASSIC CAR AUCTION August 8-9 2008
9th DRIVE INN MOVIE CRUISE NIGHT Hazelwood Sports Complex
17th MUSEUM of TRANSPORT All Pontiac Show (CLUB SPONSORED)
23 rd SKYVIEW DRIVE INN

SEPTEMBER:
3rd GTO MEETING 7pm Wiliker's Restaurant, 1566 Country Club Plaza, St. Charles, MO (CLUB SPONSORED)
7th WHEELS IN MOTION (CLUB SPONSORED)
13th POCI WAGNER
21st GTO PICNIC Vago Park (CLUB SPONSORED)
26th - 28th ROUTE 66 CRUISE Springfield IL
27th CRUISE TO BRUNSWICK BOWLING & WISE SPEED SHOP

OCTOBER:

1st GTO MEETING 7pm Wiliker's Restaurant, 1566 Country Club Plaza, St. Charles, MO (CLUB SPONSORED)
4th QUALITY CAR SHOW Bluff City sponsored show
11th PALISADES CHARITY SHOW (CLUB SPONSORED)
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NOVEMBER:
1st HIDDEN LAKE WINE CRUISE
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DECEMBER:
13th HOLIDAY PARTY Hawkins House (CLUB SPONSORED)

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July 2008

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- □ July 2nd GTO Meeting with GTO
- □ July 2nd GTO Meeting without GTO
- □ July 8th POCI Nationals with GTO
- □ July 8th POCI Nationals without GTO
- □ July 15th GTOAA Nationals with GTO
- □ July 15th GTOAA Nationals without GTO

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