



THE HOOD SCOOP

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GTO of the Month My 2005 GTO By Kyle Keith



Gateway GTO
Association



As a young boy, cars fascinated me. My dad was an excellent mechanic and owned two service stations. He especially enjoyed working on race cars during the week preparing them for dirt track racing on Saturdays in Savannah, Georgia. Racing damaged their motors and tires, so they were back to be re-repaired on Mondays. At times he would let me drive them into the service bays—I was hooked on the speed and power they represented. He owned a 1966 Chevelle 396; a 4-speed with a 375hp positive traction—super fast.

As I matured, Mustangs were my special cars and included a 1968 Shelby Cobra. As much as I liked the Mustangs—they do not compare with my now favorite—my 2005 GTO. I saw one on a street and was very impressed with the way it looked. I then went to Suntrup Motors and they had one; however, it was an automatic and I wanted a 6-speed. One was located

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in Quincy, Illinois, which I purchased. It remained “stock” for about a year before I decided to make it unique. After much waiting to get it just right, it now has a 408 LQ9 Truck motor with a super charger and intercooler motor which was installed by Doug from AMT Motors.

The underside of the car was done by Paul and Jessy from Speed and Specialties. The stock drive shaft was changed to 4” aluminum—good for 1000-HP, and front coil over shocks were added to



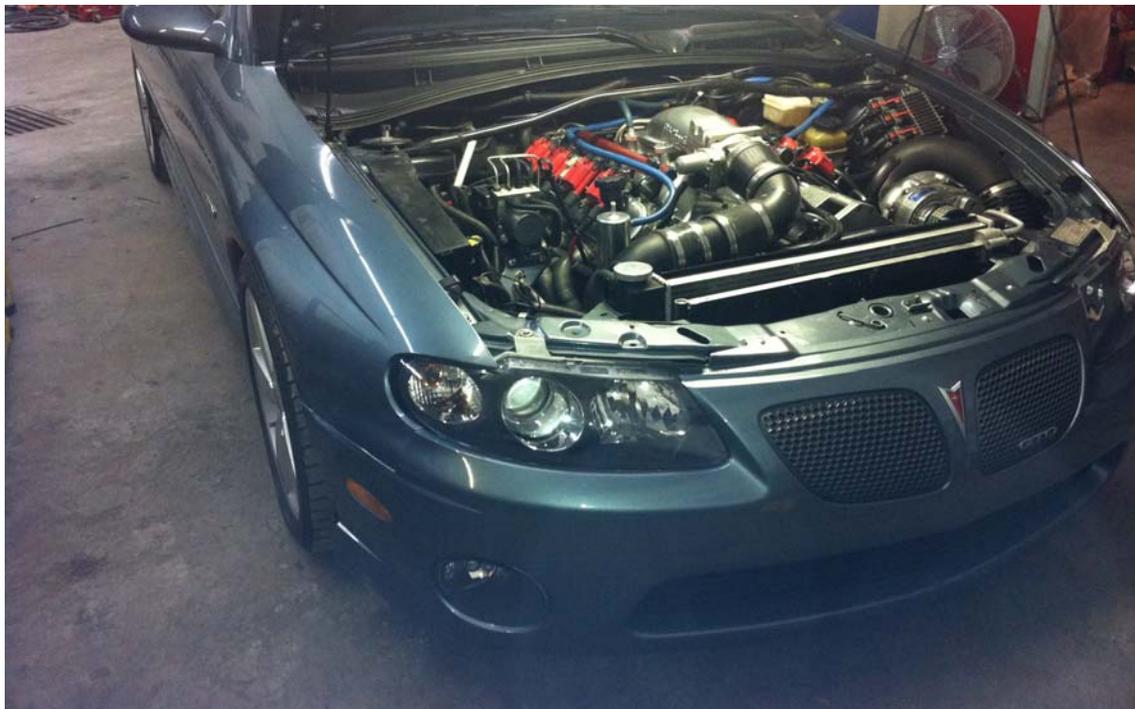
help support the 300 extra pounds from the new engine.

The back end has a new control arm system (which keeps the car from “fish tailing”); moved shocks to the control system so if I decide to “tub out” for 12” tires, it can be done (a good friend of mine, Don Dixon, who also has a ’05 GTO suggested that I not cut up my GTO as his car runs a 9 second ¼ mile time, so for now, I am not considering this); installed a stage 3 clutch system and aluminum flywheel; transmission work was done by Wise Speed Shop,

Ben, from Pure Performance setup a new fuel system (really great) to get gas to the new parts and includes a 3 stage system: a



constant fuel regulator to keep 70 pounds of pressure even under boost; other stage for STD driving, so when pedal is going down, the 2nd motor kicks in; for full power, the motor has 80 pound injectors (I try not to do that very often because as the old saying goes, “watch the gas gauge go down”); other-wise the car gets great gas mileage.





Presidents Scoop

The Presidents Scoop By Mark Melrose

2012 Gateway Membership

As I review membership renewals it is apparent that about two dozen members have not yet renewed for 2012. Those who do not renew before April 1, 2012 risk loss of official Club communications (newsletters and emails), inclusion in the Club Roster and the ability to officially participate in Club Sponsored Events (Easter Shows in Forrest Park, GTOAA Regionals in Pontiac, IL, etc.) Please see the Membership Application in the following pages and get your renewal to Will Bowers so you don't miss any of this year's activities.

So, what's the plan for 2012? So far members have enjoyed the Club Pizza Party, the Eagle Watch Cruise and the Murder Mystery Theatre. Upcoming events include repetition of last year's North County Cruise Nites along with expansion of the big Behlmann Charity Show from All-GM to All-American vehicles (to include Fords and MOPARs), a bowling party in March is planned, the Ranken Car Show and Dyno Day in April, a May driving cruise to the Loafer's Car Show in Hannibal, GTOAA and POCI Nationals in July, the GTOAA Regionals in Pontiac, IL and Club Picnic in September, Drag Day in October, Club Wine Cruise in November and the Christmas Party in December. See the calendar on the website for more info, flyers, etc.

We are also working on a number of additional events – at least three more driving cruises in Missouri and Illinois, a Poker Run, Pinball and more. If these events don't fire you up please let me know what does.

Now is also a good time to pitch GTOAA Membership. Aside from the award-winning magazine *The Legend*, their National and Regional Meets and technical resources, GTOAA provides liability insurance coverage for all of Gateway's driving events. GTOAA is a partner in the GTO hobby's and their Chapters' success. Please give serious consideration to returning their support by becoming a GTOAA member – it's only \$35 per year and will help ensure the health and vitality of our Club as well as the GTO hobby.

The Club exists for your enjoyment and membership is the key to unlocking the good times. My "door" is always open so please don't hesitate to contact me with your thoughts, comments and suggestions.



Meeting Minutes



GATEWAY GTO FEBRUARY MEETING MINUTES FEBRUARY 1, 2011

The monthly Gateway GTO meeting was held at JJ's at 1215 South Duchesne in St. Charles, MO. Members began arriving by 6:00 PM for dinner and conversation.

President Mark Melrose called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM. Officers in attendance: Mark Melrose, Will Bowers and Kerry Friedman.

NEW MEMBERS:

36 Members and 2 Guests were in attendance. No new members were in attendance. Guest Tony runs a computer shop next door to JJ's. He has a '04 Purple daily driver and a '06 Red/grey. Both are automatics.

OLD BUSINESS:

The annual Pizza Party was held last month at Ravenelli's Pizzeria in Granite City. 60 members were in attendance and there was room for more. The club furnished Pizza and salad. Thanks to Annette and Cecil for organizing the event.

NEW BUSINESS:

The annual D&O, Directors and Officers, Insurance Policy has come due. The cost is \$884.00 and GTOAA has agreed to pay \$400.00 towards the cost. This insurance protects the Club from legal suits such as the ongoing one.

John Taylor made a motion to renew. Karen Ewens seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion to renew the insurance was passed.

Behlmann Car Shows: Mark has spoken to Behlmann GMC, and they were pleased with last years All GM Car Show and our monthly

North County Cruise Nights. So we will be continuing the efforts in hopes of getting more participation from the community.

2nd Annual ALL American Car Show: All American brands will be welcomed this year. Saturday, June 16 will be the scheduled date, with a rain date of June 23. Funds raised will be donated to Friends of Kids with Cancer. Das Plaques will be looked into, and Marty Howard and Kerry Friedman will help organize the car show. At Behlmann.

North County Cruise Nights: Will again be held at Behlmann GMC on the second Friday night of each month. There will be music and some sort of snack. The first Cruise will be April 13, 2012. 6:00 to 9:00 PM

Eagle Watch Cruise: Saturday February 4, weather permitting. We will meet at the Pit Stop at Hwy 94 and Hwy 67, at 9:45. Mark will post weather advisories.

Murder Mystery Dinner: Will be held on Saturday February 25 at Crestwood Plaza. The event is always fun-filled with a catered dinner. Tickets are \$23 per person and there is a cash bar. Please get your money to Steve Hedrick as soon as possible. Price is based on at least 10 people in our group.

2012 GTOAA NATIONAL MEET: 2012 GTOAA convention will be in Loveland, Colorado, from July 3-8th. The event will be held at The Ranch. All concourse judging will be inside, with Popular vote on grass or pavement. There are only two group for each class this year. Modified or stock. Make sure you register properly to get your spot on the field. If they have to change you, you might be in the wrong location for the Popular vote.

An Autocross event will be held next door to the hotel. Drag racing will be at the famous



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Mile High Dragstrip.

The main hotel is the Embassy Suites with rooms at \$119.00/ night with free breakfast and drinks. The hotel is within walking distance of the events. The car show will be on Friday. A convention link will be on the GTOAA website soon, for registration and information. Contact Steve Hedrick if you have any questions. Online registration is available at GTOAA.org with links to hotels.

Several Gateway Groups will be caravanning to the Convention. It is always good to travel with others in case of problems. The Schotte's and Lewis's will be leaving after work Monday night, stopping in Kansas for the night.

2012 POCI National Convention: Will be held in St. Charles, IL, hosted by Cruising Tigers. July 10 thru 14th. Flyers available.

Wheels IN Motion: The annual charity show for National Association of Kids with Cancer, will be held September 9, at Westport Plaza. Put that date on your calendar. Raffle and giveaway items will be needed.

Gateway GTO Club Picnic: Sunday, Sept. 16, at Vago Park in Maryland Heights.

Regional GTOAA Show: A show will be held September 29 and 30th at the Pontiac Museum in Pontiac, Illinois. The event will be co-sponsored by the Heart of Illinois GTO and Gateway GTO.

Ray Brunkhorst Drag Day: Will be held October 20th, with a rain date of the 21st. Use of Gateway International will be investigated, and MAR will not be ready, if it is to be built. Arnie Beswick is scheduled to participate. Everyone and all cars are invited.

Wine Cruise: To be held in November

Annual Club Christmas Party: December 8, 2012.

Mark asked for volunteers to coordinate at least one Illinois Cruise, and 2 Missouri Cruises, a Poker run, and other activities such as bowling, pinball, etc.

Dyno Day: Will be held at Omer's if 8-9 people are interested. Cost will be \$40-45 fore three pulls. Brats and hot dogs by the Club. Notify Mark Melrose if you are interested.

TECH ISSUES:

Earl Lewis explained that he has had a lot of problem with parts bought from Performance Years. The Hood Tach has never worked, and he is not getting the help he expected from PY. Also the wood grain on the dash and console is shrinking and peeling. Performance Years will not stand by these products either. Earl is very upset about this.

Marty Howard is converting the taillights on his '69 to a 3 light sequential turn signal as the had on Mustangs and Cougars. He has replaced the white back-up light section with a piece of red plastic from his old lenses. The lamps will be LED's. Should be interesting and make at least one good Newsletter article.

CLUB PERSONALS:

Gail Schotte shared Terry's birthday cake with the Club.

Jim and Mary McCarty won the 50/50 drawing of \$42.

The meeting was adjourned.



Gateway GTO Activities



Gateway GTO Eagle Watching By Sandra Melrose



February 4th was a drizzly day but it did not put a damper on the six people who ventured to Afton, IL to see the bald eagles. Frank and Cheryl Chapman, Terry and Gail Schott and Mark and Sandra Melrose began the day at the new Audubon Center also called the Riverlands Migratory Bird Sanctuary. A live bald eagle named Liberty was there for viewing. The bird expert said this eagle is about 20 years old and will never return to the wild because of detached retinas due to twice being hit by cars.

A brief stop to the Rivers Museum did not improve our search for the eagles so we continued down the Great River Road. High up on the bluffs, perched in the treetops were several eagles that appeared for us – flying, circling and playing. We peered through binoculars and to our surprise think we observed an “obscene” mating ritual know only to the eagles.

We drove through the quaint town of Elsah to our next destination, The Treetop Wildlife Sanctuary, in Dow, IL. There we saw rescued owls, a turkey vulture and another live bald eagle. Their eagle, named Hope, was minus $\frac{3}{4}$ of a wing from a gunshot. The caged eagle allowed us to watch the bird’s movements and antics up close. The cage strewn with shredded feathers also



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alerted us to its steady diet of chicken carrion – 1-2 pounds per day. With some creative coaxing the eagle came closer to us for our photo-op.

The Grafton Winery was our choice for lunch and lively conversation left us eagerly anticipating our next GTO Club outing.



GATEWAY GTO ASSOCIATION
Membership / Renewal Form
(Please print clearly)

Name: _____ Date: _____

Associate Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Home Phone: () _____ Cell Phone: () _____

E-mail Address: _____

Occupation: _____

Year & Body Style of Car (s) **ALL PONTIACS:**

Auto related interests, hobbies or talents:

GTO Association of America membership number: _____

GTO Association of America membership renewal date: _____
(found on address label of Legend)

PLEASE FILL IN ALL FIELDS
and mail with check to:

Will Bowers, Treasurer
Gateway GTO Association
1 Goshen Woods Lane
Edwardsville, IL 62025

Membership dues are \$20.00 per year,
which includes you and one associate member (spouse, girlfriend, etc.).

ALL NEW MEMBERS AFTER MARCH 1, 2009 MUST BE GTOAA MEMBERS IN ORDER TO JOIN GATEWAY GTO



NEW AGE GTO CONCOURS PROJECT

The GTO Association of America has initiated a project to create a set of photo records on the 2004 to 2006 GTO in anticipation of a time in the future when these cars will participate in the annual GTO Association of America Concours car show.

Gateway GTO has been chosen as the chapter to assemble these photo documentaries.

The project requires six **BONE STOCK** new age GTO's - One manual transmission and one automatic transmission car from each model year.

Ground Rules for Eligible Cars:

- Car must be bone stock with NO aftermarket parts or modifications. The only exceptions are batteries and tires.
- Factory parts, such as the sports appearance package and 18 inch wheels, are allowed.
- All parts the car was originally supplied with, such as the spoiler, must be installed. (Exception: Parts removed to install other factory parts such as the sports appearance package or 18" wheels.)

Once the cars are identified, a photo session will be scheduled.

If your car meets the requirements of the ground rules and you are interested in participating, please contact Chris Winslow.

**This is your chance to make your GTO the standard
against which all new age GTO's will be judged!**

Gateway GTO Association Points Submission Form

Member Name _____

Month _____

Club Sponsored Events and Monthly Meetings

Event	With GTO (40 Points)	Without GTO (20 Points)

Total for Club Sponsored Events _____

Non Sponsored Events

Event	With GTO (10 Points)	Without GTO (5 Points)

Total for Non Sponsored Events _____

Other Activities

GTO Regional/National Event	With GTO (100 Points)	Without GTO (70 Points)

- GGTOA Event Worker/Helper (50 Points) _____
- Car Featured as GTO of the Month (50 Points) _____
- Write an Article for *Hood Scoop* (50 Points) _____
- Sign up a new GGTOA member (25 Points) _____
- GTOAA Member (200 points*) _____
- Have GTO featured in a National Pub (40 Points) _____

Total Points for Month

Submit completed form at GGTOA monthly meeting or to:
 S. Wollmershauser
 1948 A Sidney Street
 St. Louis, MO 63041

*Report on points form submitted month of GTOAA registration or renewal.

2012 GATEWAY GTO CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- March 7 GTO MEETING 7pm J.J.'s 1215 S. Duchesne, St Charles, Mo, 63301 (CLUB SPONSORED)
- April 4 GTO MEETING 7pm J.J.'s 1215 S. Duchesne, St Charles, Mo, 63301 (CLUB SPONSORED)
- 8 Easter Car Show at Forrest Park. Classic cars on the upper lot, new age GTO's on the lower lot. (CLUB SPONSORED)
- 13 North County Cruise Night sponsored by Behlmann Buick/GMC and Gateway GTO Association at Behlmann on the 2nd Friday of each month April-October (CLUB SPONSORED)
- 14 JJ's Cruises at 1215 S. Duschene in St. Charles second Saturday of the month April-October
- 21 Dyno Day at STL.Tuners, LLC, details to follow. CLUB SPONSORED
- May 2 GTO MEETING 7pm J.J.'s 1215 S. Duchesne, St Charles, Mo, 63301 (CLUB SPONSORED)
- 11 North County Cruise Night sponsored by Behlmann Buick/GMC and Gateway GTO Association at Behlmann on the 2nd Friday of each month April-October (CLUB SPONSORED)
- 12 JJ's Cruises at 1215 S. Duschene in St. Charles second Saturday of the month April-October
- 12 Cruise to Hannibal, MO & Loafers Car Show. CLUB SPONSORED
- 28 23rd Annual Cobblestone Nationals at Fast Lane Classic Cars

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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 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 J. J.'s Restaurant, 1215 S. Duchesne Rd, St. Charles, Mo. 63301.

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 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 send them to the newsletter editor.

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