



# THE HOOD SCOOP

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## My GTO Adventure

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Before I begin, I would like to tell everyone this is not going to be a glamorous story. I did not know that trying to get a new “sports car” could be so complicated. I would also like to share that I am really not much of a car enthusiast. I like trains more than cars, but there has been a way for me to combine both worlds. I will say that my horizons expanded when I purchased my GTO.

I was residing in Quincy, IL at the time. My closest encounter with a “sports car” was owning a Chevy Lumina Z34 that I bought back in 1993. Since my home was in a neighborhood a few miles out of the city limits, I decided to trade that car for an SUV. I needed something with a 4-wheel-drive. After I paid off that vehicle, I decided to get a car and a truck. My parents wondered if I could afford payments on two vehicles. Being a pharmacist in the area, I did some careful planning. I had no problems finding a pickup truck. I found one at the local Chevy dealer that would suit my needs for hauling and still have 4-wheel-drive. Deciding on a car was a challenge. I wanted a fairly nice cruising coupe and checked all the models. There were a few that I liked more than others. When I discovered that the GTO was going to come back from Pontiac, I did not think twice about wanting one.

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*Attending a cruise-in with the Midwest Cruisers car club at Hooter's in Peoria, IL.*

Now here is where the adventure begins. It was not as easy as it appeared. My parents also resided in Quincy and had a neighbor who was a car salesman at one of the local dealers. He actually helped me get my Chevy Blazer when I bought it in 1999. I asked him if he could assist me with getting the GTO. Since he was at the Chevy dealer, and this dealership dealt exclusively with that make, the salesman sent to the Pontiac dealer in Quincy to see one of his salesman buddies. I ventured over to the Pontiac dealer to see this salesman and told him that I wanted to get a GTO. He said he could order it for me. I chose the Metallic Blue color at the time and wanted an automatic transmission. I was then asked to provide a deposit, so I complied with his wishes. After getting the funds to the dealership, the waiting process began. I was hoping to have my car delivered to the car dealer showroom before Christmas. It would have been a nice gift to myself. I checked in at the

car dealer periodically and was later told my car would be arriving in February. In the meantime, a letter arrived in the mail from Pontiac. It stated that I was going to be the owner of the new GTO once it came back. I had planned to keep the letter in the glove box of the car once I took delivery. That letter would have been a good selling point should I ever decide to part with the car. The month of February arrived, and I went back to the car dealer. On this visit, my salesman told me they were ready to build my car, but it

was dropped from production. What?! I do not think he had any reasons or answers at the time. I then asked him to help me find a car. I did not know if it would be easy or not. My salesman thought maybe the car would eventually get built and possibly arrive in April. He could no guarantee anything. That is when I told the salesman in a little firmer voice to find me a car, or there was the possibility of visiting someone else.

On a previous car buying experience, I took my father with me. This time I was





*Cruising US 66 on Memorial Day in 2013. Parked at the nostalgic gas station in Odell, IL.*

alone. I later told my father what was happening, and he said to tell the dealer to make them find me a car. I started to make some phone calls to Pontiac dealers in St. Louis and Chicago. When conversing with salespeople at these dealers, I was told that GTO's had arrived on their lots about a month ago. Here is where another flag was raised. I tried telling my salesman where I discovered some GTO's on dealer lots. I decided on other colors and encouraged him to call these dealers and try to do a 'trade'. He did not seem to work too hard with me in this area and later said he did not want to call Chicago dealerships. I was later informed by him that a Black model was being delivered to the Quincy dealership, and that car would be their 'floor model'. I was given first choice to buy that model if I wanted. I ordered a Metallic Blue car and was not going to give up on it. Since tracking down that particular Blue model was becoming difficult to find, I settled on some other colors. The next challenge was getting a fellow Pontiac dealer to cooperate in a 'trade'. Dealers contacted by my Quincy salesman either did not have the car delivered yet or would not part with it if it was actually there. After several phone calls, the Pontiac dealer in Jacksonville, IL finally decided to help us and let me have the their 'floor model'. It was a Torrid Red car. The

details regarding the 'trade' were arranged, and my salesman later called me to tell me that I would have a new GTO by the weekend. Most of this action happened on Friday. Later that day, I was called by the salesman who confirmed that I would have a GTO before the weekend came to an end. I had plans for the weekend, so I told him that I would pick up my car on Monday. A vehicle was chosen for the 'dealer trade', and my salesman personally went to Jacksonville to pick up my GTO. On my lunch break that following Monday, I finally drove my new GTO off the lot. My salesman complimented that he never drove a smoother driving car.

Now I am sure everyone has received the survey from the manufacturer when he/she buys a new vehicle. I received one later and decided to share the truth with General Motors on this one. I indicated my feelings and submitted a formal letter along with the survey to GM. I stated in the end that I was happy to finally have my new GTO but not satisfied with the events that transpired. Someone from General Motors must have seen my letter and attempted to contact me. I never did reach him. All we did was play 'phone tag'. I think he wanted to offer me something for free. Once this 'adventure' was completed, I vowed



and told GM that I would never order a new vehicle again. Since then, I have stuck to my guns. Now I ask, shouldn't people who placed orders for a new car been given priority? It did not seem so in this case.

Since getting the GTO, my horizons have expanded. My father encouraged me to go to cruise-ins. I started off my visiting the car gatherings in Quincy and then traveling to other communities to park and show my car. One of my railroad clubs in Chatham, IL decided to host a cruise-in one year in conjunction with a particular celebration one year. Since then, that event keeps happening and growing.

Someone later asked me if there were any clubs devoted to GTO owners. I did not know at the time. My parents belonged to a Corvette club in Quincy, so there had to be some GTO clubs somewhere. After having my car for a couple years, I decided to research the subject. I discovered two clubs in IL and also found the group in the St. Louis area. Since I was in Central IL, I decided to join the Heart of IL GTO club. My friendship circle expanded at that time.

While a member of the HOIGTO club, I participated in quite a number of interesting and fun events. I attended a couple of picnics. My car went for a drive on historic US66 from Lincoln to Pontiac, IL with some other members one autumn. I even organized an event myself and invited members to go on a Mississippi River drive. Several of us drove down to Louisiana, MO on the IL side and then had brunch at the Eagle's Nest Bistro. Afterwards, we took in some sights along the river. Heading back toward Quincy, we drove the highway on the MO side. We made one last stop to view the river from Lover's Leap. I even traveled to Clinton, IL

a few times to dine with club members at Ted's Garage restaurant.

In the summer of 2009, the GTO and I went on vacation together. I decided that year to visit Nebraska. On my agenda were plans to see different railroad landmarks. During my planning, I discovered interstate highway speeds were 75 mph. If I was going to cruise at that speed, I decided to do it in something meaningful. What better way to put the GTO through some paces. I stayed in Grand Island and ventured to different places each day. One day, I traveled out to North Platte to see Union Pacific's Bailey Yard. To get there, I took Interstate 80 and was able to cruise the highway at 80 mph! After spending the day at the Golden Spike Visitors Center, I headed back to Grand Island. I decided to take my time and chose US30 to travel back. The highway parallels the railroad almost all the way across the state, so here I was able to chase and pace trains. It was not a dull trip.

I can not believe it has been ten years since I drove that GTO off the car dealer lot. The car has gone on various weekend road trips with me. I have also attended numerous cruise-ins and gatherings. It has traveled on US66 in IL about three times and helped me chase a few trains. Everything on the car is still original, but the tires were replaced several years ago. As of right now, I do not plan to part with it. I hope we have a long future together.





# Presidents Scoop

## The Presidents Scoop

By Kerry Friedman

My gosh, where has the summer gone? Next weekend is Labor Day Weekend, and school has started.

Because of work load, work around the house, and weather, I have been to very few car shows or cruises. I did decide that I was going to go to the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Veteran's Car Show at Purina Farms. Saturday was raining and the phone number on the show information sheet had a recording that it was called off due to the weather. I got up Sunday and it had rained, but was not raining at my house. I washed the dust of the Goat, and took off for Gray Summit. Along the way it was misting and wet. I just kept going, stopped for gas, got a little lost, and was really not in a hurry to get there. The Guard at the gate said the show was going on. There were about 12 cars there, I was too late to register, and they were giving out the door prizes. Then they went right into the ribbons for the car awards. Kind of reminded me about the Complete show last fall. All the cars there got the best of for their type of car. Well I did get a good ride in.

The other Gateway event since my last Scoop was the bus ride to Springfield to check out the hotel and city for having the 2017 GTOAA Convention there. The turnout was very good as expected, and the property appears to be an excellent location for a car show. This hotel, The Crowne Plaza, is getting a good reputation for specializing in car shows. The food was good also. The representatives of the City and the Hotel were all very accommodating, and we are looking forward to this being a great convention.

In this newsletter, you will find the first or second go around of the Convention assignments and committees. Please let Tom or Myself no if you want to be on a different committee or duty.

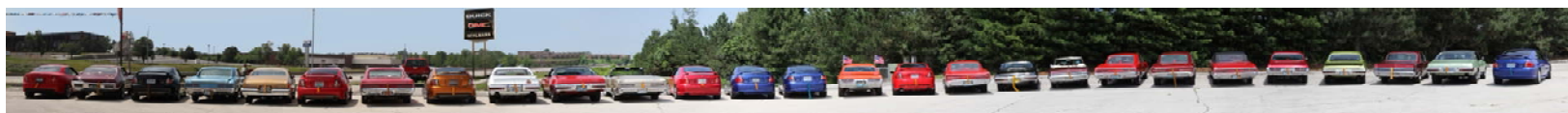
Get ready for September. Labor day Weekend, then the next Sunday is the Annual Wheels in Motion show for kids with cancer. Get as many donations as you can for the raffle and deliver them to Terrie Oxler, Bob Blattell or bring them to the meeting on Sept. 4.

The next Sunday is our annual Club Picnic, and we will be cooking up a storm of club supplied meats, Harry T's famous Brats, and salads, veggies, and deserts by All. The teams will be chosen, and the Washer Tournament will go on as usual. Oh yea, bring your GTO's, if it is not raining.

The next weekend is the third annual GTOAA Regional in Pontiac, Illinois. About 200 miles up I-55. This is a must go to show if you like awesome small towns, with friendly people, good scenery, and great food (especially the fried chicken at the dinner).

During a weekend to rest, come to the Olivette Baptist Car Show on Saturday, Sept. 27th and get some terrific food, October 4 will be another Poker Run in Illinois, hosted by Frank and Cheryl Chapman. After meeting at the Gateway Classic Cars' new location, we cruise to Germantown to visit the site of an 1800's Fort. Then off to Wally's for lunch of his famous burgers in Breese, IL. After lunch, we cruise to the Jail House Rock for an Elvis Presley impersonation performance by Jeff Caldwell. Sounds like a great time. Let us know at the next meeting if you are going. Only \$10 per car, which includes a poker hand and Elvis.

Our next monthly meeting will be on September 4, 7:00PM at The Sports Café. See you there.



## GGTOA Minutes 8-7-2014

7:10PM – Meeting Start – Brian O'Sullivan brought in video from Poker run, and displayed possible designs for a Gateway GTO Association 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary logo. We plan on using these for T-shirts/decals/etc.

7:30 – Old Business - Bob Blattel talked about the Wheels in Motion show coming up. We are still looking for donations to be used in the raffle.

7:45 – The Springfield bus trip went well. The host hotel looks like it will do nicely for the nationals. We are still negotiating the contract.

7:50 – The Pontiac Museum show is coming up in September. Register and get hotel rooms as soon as possible if you plan on spending the night, as they will fill up quickly. There is a cruise on Saturday followed by a chicken dinner and a show. The car show will be on Sunday.

7:56 – We are talks with Gateway Buick GMC about sponsorship. The club will discuss later this year about car shows and cruise nights. We may be looking for someone to volunteer to be the club coordinator for these events.

7:58 – We plan on making new shirts for the club. We are looking for new designs and suggestions.

8:01 – Upcoming events

Friday night cruises, Kirkwood at Lindbergh and Big Bend every Friday and at Gravois Rd Grace Church 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the month.

5<sup>th</sup> Annual Veterans Charity Car Show, Purina Farms, 11:00-3:00 August 16<sup>th</sup> (CSE)

Wheels in Motion Charity Car Show, Westport Plaza. September 7<sup>th</sup>. (CSE)

Gateway GTO Club Picnic, September 14<sup>th</sup>, Vago Park, Second Pavilion. (CSE)

GTOAA Regionals, September 20-21, Pontiac

Illinois. (CSE)

Olivette Baptist Church Car Show, 12200 New Halls Ferry Rd, Saturday September 27. (CSE)

Gateway GTO Poker Run and Elvis Cruise, October 4, 9:00AM at Gateway Classic Cars in Shiloh, IL. (CSE)

8:09 – Frank Chapman spoke about the October poker run. It will be \$10 per car and it's a rain or shine event.

8:13 – Mark Melrose mentioned that there will be a car show at Gateway Classic Cars in September.

8:14 – Chris Simmons spoke about a safety product called Fireaid.

8:15 – Tom Oxler talked about the different committees for the 2017 Nationals. We need volunteers, please let us know if there is any aspect of the show that you would like to help organize. The current list volunteers and their work details should be included in the newsletter.

8:17 – Tech – Tom Oxler brought in an example of the new Vintage Air controls. They look much nicer than previous versions.

8:19 – If anyone has an exhaust system laying around for a 1985 Parisienne, please contact Marty. He recently had his muffler and catalytic converter replaced and doesn't like the noise that the new system puts out.

8:24 – Steve Hedrick talked about the Norwalk show. He says that it's definitely worth the trip for a Pontiac fan.

8:34 – Club personals - Last we heard the GTO Tiger was in Springfield.

Kerry Friedman's wife recently had surgery to remove polyps from her vocal chords.

8:35 – Motion to adjourn by Kerry Friedman, seconded by Mark Melrose.

50/50 of \$23 won by Tom Fox's daughter



# Convention Corner



2017 will be here before we know it. As we prepare to host the GTOAA convention, Tom Oxler has put together a tentative set of committee assignment. These are intended as a starting point, so please take a look at your assignment and if you would prefer to be in a different group, please let us know.

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## Poker Run 2014 By Will Bowers

In 2013, the Poker run to Grafton was cancelled due to flooding along the river. The poker run did not get re-scheduled until 2014, when the weather was much better? It started out at the Confluence Tower on a bright sunny day. Twenty plus GTO owners showed up for a fun filled day. The trip up the tower to view the confluence provided some spectacular pictures. After the trip up the tower, each person was given an envelope with a playing card.



The second stop was at the Alton museum where our guide was kind enough to give a brief history of Alton's most famous resident, Robert Wadlow. The tallest man to ever live. There is also a life size statue across the street from the museum, which the group gathered for a picture. We were also given a brief history of Elijah Lovejoy who was a social activist, Presbyterian minister and newspaper editor that was killed by a pro slavery mob who also destroyed his printing press by throwing into the Mississippi River.

In keeping up with the Elijah Lovejoy theme, the group made its third stop at the Lovejoy Monument. It is the tallest monument in Illinois. Since the monument is located in a graveyard, we were concerned about losing a few members. But, not to fret, we eventually found them and they were able to retrieve their third card.







The fourth “planned” stop was on top of Christian Hill, in Alton, that has a beautiful overlook of the Mississippi River. It is such a beautiful place a couple had decided to have a wedding there. Needless to say, there quite the traffic jam . GTO’s were starting to overheat so we scrambled to find another location for our fourth stop. After a little back-tracking, the made it back down the Hill and along the Mississippi River until they found a turnaround spot, where the likeness of the Piasa Bird, hangs proudly along a cliff. The Piasa Bird is a bird-like monster painted along the cliffs of the Mississippi River. The creature was given its name by the Illini Indians (Meaning a bird that devours man). This is where the 4<sup>th</sup> card was handed out.

The fifth stop was in the little town of Elsau along the Mississippi River. Elsau is a small village which has retained its historical character. It is the also the home of Principia College, the only Christian Science College in the World. After a brief drive through the town, the 5<sup>th</sup> Card was handed out.

The sixth card was given out in the town of Grafton Illinois, in the parking lot of the “Loading Dock”. This Bar and eating establishment is famous for its indoor parking for motorcyclists. The Loading Dock is known for its view of the river, and entertainment. It is a perfect spot to stop, relax and have a drink of your choice.

The drive continued from Grafton, along the Mississippi River to a beautiful historic Lodge, named for “Pere Marquette”. The lodge has built by hand during the great depression by the Civilian Conservation Corps. It is on the grounds of the beautiful Pere Marquette State Park. The lodge has a small winery where we sampled local wines.

The group received their last and 7<sup>th</sup> card, at the little wine tasting room. The winner of the best poker hand was Joanna, Marty Howard’s date (now the former future Mrs. Howard) who won \$100.00. The second best hand was held by Sandra Melrose, who won \$50.00. All

in all, it was a good day for the women.

After we opened the cards, and awarded the winners, the club enjoyed a wonderful dinner in the Lodge. That is when the real fun began. As we were eating dinner, a group of ominous clouds moved down the river and approached the lodge. The group scrambled to “beat” the storm and get their GTO’s out of the area as quickly as possible. Unfortunately, no GTO was spared. The heavens opened up and the rain and lightning came fast and furious. If you own an old GTO, especially a convertible, you are aware that



the cars are not as tight as they used to be. There were several accounts of flooding, windshield wipers that did not want to work, and defrosters that had not been used in years.

In one account, Barb Lewis, the brave wife of Earl Lewis, jumped out of their '67 and removed a tree limb from the road so they could pass. Fortunately, no one's car sustained any damage, there were no accidents, and with the exception of a few wet interiors and wives, everyone seemed to have a great time!





# Where is Gateway Tiger?

## *The Adventures of Gateway June 2014 By Annette Morton*

In June I headed off to the airport this time in the care of the Morton's with twelve days planned ....destination Alaska. Hmm... Alaska....sounds like bear country to me! Three flights to get there and I hoped my frequent flyer account was capturing all this activity. Arrived in Anchorage, Alaska and met up with our other Alaskan explorers that included two more Morton's and friends the Durkee's. Picked up our two RV's and headed out for our adventure. I think we could fit two GTO's in this thing!



We headed north out of Anchorage with our first stop in the town of Talkeetna, Alaska. The town folks have voted Stubbs (the cat) in as Mayor for the past 8



years. Further north we arrived at Denali National Park. We found grizzly bears that were bigger than me and within three feet of the bus we were riding in as we ventured deep into the national park on a 13 hour

ride. Don't think I am doing any GRRRRing while that bear is anywhere in sight.



Onward to the North Pole where a mandatory stop at Santa's house was in order. Santa was interested in hearing who has been naughty and nice so I gave him a quick update from our membership roster then outside to meet the reindeers.



Since the guys I am hanging out with really like racing we decided to hit the North Pole Speedway for some fast dirt track action. Racing in these parts could last all night since we had 23 hours of daylight each day we were there. photo taken at 10 pm)





# Where is Gateway Tiger?

The following night it was more racing action at Fairbanks Raceway that claimed to be the furthest north race track in the world. With that kind of bragging rights we had to investigate it. The cars were fast and racers friendly. I did do a few hot laps in one of the cars and the guy I was riding with hit the wall. I really don't remember too much after that other than looking up at the two paramedics. With a laceration to my neck I was quickly evaluated and my wounds sutured with real Alaskan fishing line.



In Fairbanks, we found a wonderful auto museum with many beautiful cars and displays.



On to Valdez where we boarded the Alaskan Marine Highway ferry for an eight hour excursion over to Whittier. Saw lots of whales and sea lions during our excursion. Once there we explored the fishing village of Whittier then on to Portage and Barion Glaciers for a little glacier climbing.

A total of 1600 miles driven across the great Alaskan wilderness! What a great trip!



Adventures took us as far south to Seward where we found mile marker 0 for the Iditarod Race. Back north to Wasilla where I met Fay Palin who is Sarah Palin's mother in law.

## Tech Article

### PYPES SS EXHAUST INSTALLATION

**TOM OXLER**

My 1966 GTO had a hodge podge of various exhaust components. First the Hooker Super Comp headers with 3 inch collectors. These fed a 2 ½ inch steel exhaust pipe into a Y-pipe where my electric cut outs attached. From there, the 2 ½ inch pipes fed the 2 ½ inch Flow Master 40 mufflers then out through 2 ¼ inch steel pipes. Although the exhaust system sounded pretty good, it was causing a lot of restriction and dropping horsepower by 40 with the cut outs closed.

I had been researching various exhaust systems and was very impressed with the Pypes system. I had talked with Chris Casperson and several of his sales people at several events and decided upon a 3 inch stainless steel system with their X pipe from the headers to the mufflers and 2 ½ inch from the mufflers back. With the 2 ½ inch tail pipes, I could get the 66 GTO chrome tips while a complete 3 inch would require some other type of chrome tips.

With the help of Will Bower and Mark Melrose, and the use of John Novelli's lift and shop, we began by cutting out the old exhaust with a sawsall. We stripped out everything since





the new Pypes kit included everything from pipes, mufflers, hangers and clamps. I saved the old 2 ½ inch electric cut outs since Marty Howard had been asking for them for over a year. He wanted them for his 1969 GTO.

Once everything was removed, we began hanging the tail pipes working from the rear forward. Everything fit great. The new hangers were installed and the pipes were just hung finger tight. Next came the mufflers which fit perfectly. The X pipe and the extensions required a little pre-assembly on the bench with the clamps again finger tight. As we got to the collector adapters I realized I had ordered 3 ½ inch adapters and needed 3 inch. A quick call to Pypes and the new ones were ordered. So much for the day. However, we were able to see that everything was going to fit very well with little or no cutting of any pipe.

The next week, the new collector adapters arrived and Will was able to help again. We got all of the pipes, mufflers, hangers and clamps installed and tightened down to what we thought was tight. We fired up the engine and found several leaks. Another call to Pypes and we were told you really need to tightened the clamps down to where the two ends are almost touching. We decided to get some muffler sealer and retighten all the clamps. Once the sealer was installed, all the clamps tightened, everything was sealed and quiet.

The last thing we installed was the new QTP 3 inch electric cut outs. This was extremely easy as I already had all of the wiring and connectors from the old 2 ½ inch cut outs so it was just 6 bolts and 2 twist connectors. Later I ordered 3 inch turn down pipes for each cut out directing the exhaust down and to the back of the GTO. This keeps the soot off the underside of the car. I do not think I could live without these. I have entirely too much fun opening these especially next to a Honda with one of those stove pipe exhausts.

I would highly recommend the Pypes Exhaust System. Everything was of the highest quality with mandrel bent stainless steel pipes. The clamps were also stainless with grade 8 bolts for strength. The system required just 2 cuts, one at the collector adapter since the headers are of different lengths and one at a tail pipe as one chrome tip was about ½ inch longer than the other when fully installed and tightened.





## Year Of The 4's



**Calling all owners of 1964, 1974, and 2004 GTO's!**



**This year, in celebration of:  
50th Anniversary of the 1964 GTO  
40th Anniversary of the 1974 GTO  
10th Anniversary of the 2004 GTO**

**The Hoodscope will be featuring Car of the Month articles  
on the anniversary years**

**If you own one of these special cars, please get to work on  
your article(s) and get them to Chris Winslow**





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# ***GTOAA Regional All Pontiac Cruise and Show***



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October 4, 2014



Poker Run and Car Cruise

Hosted by Gateway GTO Club

ALL CARS AND CLUBS INVITED

Meet at Gateway Classic Car at 9:00

Meet at Gateway Classic Cars, 1237 Central Park, O'Fallon,IL(Exit 16 off I-64) @ 9:00. From Gateway Classic we will travel to the Germantown area to visit the site of an 1800's stone fort. After that to Breese for a meal at Wally's. Then on to Jail House Rock for an Elvis presentation by Jeff Caldwell.

Entry fee is \$10 per car which includes one poker hand and free admission to the Elvis presentation.

The cruise starts at 9:00 and should be over by 5:00.

Call Frank at 618-795-8890 with any questions.

SEE YOU THERE





# 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!**

**Still looking for a 2005 Automatic Car - All other slots have been filled**

## 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) \_\_\_\_\_
- Have GTO featured in a National Pub (40 Points) \_\_\_\_\_

### Total Points for Month

Submit completed form at GGTOA monthly meeting or to:  
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To access form from GatewayGTO.com, click below  
<http://www.gatewaygto.org/clubpoints.html>



## 2014 GATEWAY GTO CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### August

- 7 - **GTO MEETING 7PM at Sports Café (CLUB SPONSORED) (Note new day and location)**
- 9 - JJ's Cruises at 1215 S. Duschene in St. Charles second Saturday of the month April-October
- 16 - Veterans Charity Car Show 11:00am to 3:00pm at Purina Farms 200 Checkerboard Drive, Gray Summit, MO 63039

### September

- 4 - **GTO MEETING 7PM at Sports Café (CLUB SPONSORED) (Note new day and location)**
- 7 - Wheels in Motion Charity Car Show at Westport Plaza (CLUB SPONSORED)
- 13 - JJ's Cruises at 1215 S. Duschene in St. Charles second Saturday of the month April-October
- 14 - Gateway GTO Annual Picnic at Vargo Park (CLUB SPONSORED)
- 20 - 21 GTOAA Regional Meet in Pontiac, IL (CLUB SPONSORED)
- 27 - Olivet Baptist Church Car Show, 12200 New Halls Ferry Rd. (CLUB SPONSORED)

### October

- 2 - **GTO MEETING 7PM at Sports Café (CLUB SPONSORED) (Note new day and location)**
- 4 - Elvis Poker Run and Car Cruise (CLUB SPONSORED)
- 11 - JJ's Cruises at 1215 S. Duschene in St. Charles second Saturday of the month April-October

### November

- 6 - **GTO MEETING 7PM at Sports Café (CLUB SPONSORED) (Note new day and location)**

### December

- 6 - **GATEWAY GTO CHRISTMAS PARTY** - Hawken House in Webster Groves, MO, details to follow (CLUB SPONSORED)

## Gateway GTO Classifieds

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### For Sale

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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 Thursday of the month at Sports Café 3579 Pennridge Dr, Bridgeton, MO 63044

Membership dues are \$35.00 per year and all renewals are required to be paid by December 31st. You are allowed to have one associate member.

## Club Sponsor

**We are actively looking for a new club sponsor. If you are interested, please contact Kerry Friedman.**

## 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.

**The Hood Scoop** is published as an informative news bulletin to keep our members up to date on past, present, and future events.

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