



THE HOOD SCOOP

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GTO Joe

By Joe Mayweather

Gateway GTO
Association



I have always loved to drive. One of my first jobs was driving a city bus in Chicago. Next was driving a UPS delivery truck and then a UPS tractor-trailer truck.

My father had a 1949, 1957 and 1972 Pontiacs. I got my first car at the age of 19, a 1954 Mercury. It was slow but I learned a lot about cars from it. My next car was a 1958 Oldsmobile, which was fast for a big car. I would always beat my friend who had a 1960 Chevy 348 three-speed car. Then I traded to a Buick Special V6 three-speed. It turned in the low 16s at 88 mph in the quarter mile. Then the guys were talking about a Pontiac LeMans with GTO options. The total price of the car was \$2700, so I ordered a red fourspeed and picked up my 1964 GTO in the spring of 1964.

I raced it at the US 30 drag strip in Indiana. It turned in the 13 seconds. I kept that car until the 1966 GTO came out and then traded the 1964 for the 1966 that I kept until my wife and I started our family.

I decided a Buick Station wagon would be a more practical family car. Gas started to go up, cars were getting smaller; the motors were losing power, so I settled down to family and work. I had a lot of gas friendly cars over the years, but my love for high horsepower cars or GTOs never left. By 1995 I had 30 years service with UPS and retired at the age of 58 years old. Bev and I decided to move from the Chicago area to St. Louis in 1996. We

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GTO of the Month



found a nice 3 bedroom brick ranch in North County.

I started hearing rumors that the GTO was coming back. I made a promise to myself if they ever brought the GTO back I would get one. So in August 2003 I ordered one sight unseen. On January 12, 2004 we picked up the

2004 Metallic Blue GTO automatic.

I had shifted gears long enough in the tractor-trailer, sometimes 13 speeds. A nice salesman named Mark Fry gave me information about the Gateway GTO Club, which I joined and the rest is history. I LOVE MY GTO!





Presidents Scoop

The Presidents Scoop

By Kerry Friedman

Debbie and I have just returned from a work/vacation trip. In the 17 days we were gone, I worked in Ottumwa, IA, Omaha, NE, Colorado Springs, Portland, OR, and Overland Park, KS. While we were hearing about 100 degree temperatures, we were wearing pants and jackets. Except for the scheduled work projects, we were on a “see as you go pace for our sight-seeing excursions.”

Most of my previous work related travel has been go – work – and return. This was a special trip with time to enjoy the country. I have always heard about places, or seen other people’s pictures and listened to their stories. Now we have our own and other than enjoying it so much that we might want to go again sometime, these place can be removed from our “bucket lists.”

Where did we go? In Colorado we climbed all over the Great Sand Dunes. Then we were off to Utah and visited “The Arches” National Park near Moab. The amazing red rock structures were breathtaking. Moving thru Utah, through back roads, and into Idaho, we saw the Shoshone Falls, on the Snake River. The Snake River, wasn’t that where Evil Kneivel tried to jump across the gorge? Of course I had to walk 2 miles each way, uphill, it seemed both ways, to get a distant glimpse of the ramp that Evil used to project his rocket powered cycle to the unsuccessful jump. Meeting other tourists, they said we had to see the Perrone Bridge near Twin Falls. This is a bridge from which it is legal to jump from anytime you want. We saw a fellow with a backpack on and then after he put a helmet on, we realized it was a parachute and he was going to jump. And he did. I would guess somewhere around 4-500 feet.

Traveling through the Columbia Gorge, I think, there was at least 4 or 5 hydro-electric dams on the same river.

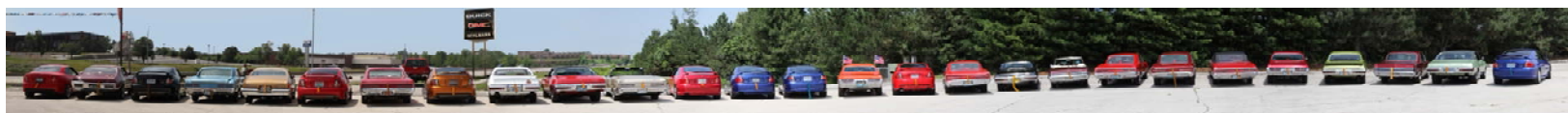
After my obligations in Gresham, OR, a suburb of Portland, we visited: Antelope Island, Mt. St. Helens, Glacier National Park, Yellowstone Park, Devil’s Tower, Crazy Horse Memorial, and Mt. Rushmore.

We did a lot of driving, not in the GTO, in the Ford Pickup. 5996 miles to be exact.

If you haven’t seen these sights, we highly recommend spending a little of your kid’s inheritance and do it. You won’t regret it.

As I said last month, please send us some of your stories, about cars, growing up, travels, etc. We would love to get to know you better.

If only we had had Gateway the Tiger with us, he would have a lot to tell.



GGTOA Minutes 6-5-2014

7:09PM – Meeting Start – New Member introduction – John Schiffko who is an AMC enthusiast has decided to give GTOs a shot. He bought a 66' Tri-Power, 4 speed convertible. It will need a full restoration, but he says that he's optimistic since parts for GTOs are much easier to come by than AMC parts. – Elliot Cytron was present at the meeting and he spoke about the Wheels in Motion show. He brought flyers. The show will be held on September 7th. He said that last year they raised about \$9000, even with bad weather and low turnout. – Friends of Marty's named Ed and Terry attended the meeting and may be interested in acquiring a GTO.

7:16 – Old Business – The Dave Sinclair show turned out well. – The St. Charles History Museum show held on May 24th was excellent. There were 10-12 cars from the club present – The cruise to Bob's Gasoline Alley was a great time. 10 GTO's with a total of 29 people participated.

7:20 – New Business – We are still looking for people to write articles for the 64, 74 and 04 GTOs. – The director and officer insurance policy is ending soon. The policy would cost \$1500 for 2 years of coverage. The officers decided not to renew.

7:23 – July 26th is the date set for the club trip to check out the hotel in Springfield. Details to follow by e-mail. Steve Hedrick, Tom Oxler and Kerry Friedman will present our bid to host the 2017 Nationals at this year's National event in Pittsburgh. The tentative dates for our event are June 25th through July 1st or July 10th through the 15th.

7:30 – Kerry mentioned that Chris Simmon's mother's nursing home (The Meadowlands) holds car shows. They have asked if we were interested in hosting a show there. We are considering a cruise-in style show. – Gateway Buick GMC has not yet responded to our offer to put on a car show for them.

7:35 – Upcoming Events – Friday Night Cruises, Kirkwood at Lindbergh and Big Bend every Friday night, and Gravois Rd, Faith Church 1st Friday of the Month - Saturday June 21st is the Poker run, starting at Confluence Tower in Alton, Illinois at

1:00PM – July 1st-5th GTOAA National Convention in Pittsburgh PA – August 16th 11:00 to 3:00 is the 5th Annual Veterans Charity Car Show at Purina Farms – Sept 7th is the Wheels in Motion Charity Car Show at Westport Plaza. Need to start thinking about raffle items. – September 14th is the Gateway GTO club picnic at Vago Park second pavilion. – September 20-21 GTOAA Regionals in Pontiac, Illinois.

7:45 – Tech Session – Shauna painted her rear bumper insert. She did not enjoy the prep and sanding. – Chris Simmons talked about the Street Machine Nationals.

7:47 – Club Personals – Marty spoke about SEMA. He gauged club interest in getting together on July 11th to take pictures and submit them to a magazine. Details to follow. – Dave Huesgen mentioned that he had spoken to Brian Behlmann, who expressed interest in sponsoring the club from Pogue Chevrolet in Wentzville.

7:55 – Shauna Wollmershauser let everyone know that she will shortly be moving to Detroit to attend an automotive program at Lawrence University. She will be away for a minimum of five years. She will be back to visit, hopefully for the Holidays.

8:00 – Terry Oxler said that they are planning a chapter display for the Nationals next month. She is asking for pictures of club members and their cars.

8:02 – Rich Vie had knee replacement surgery and he is doing well. – The GTO Tiger is getting ready for a trip to Alaska.

8:03 – Sorry, No 50/50 this month, as Kerry forgot the tickets. Oops!

8:08 – Motion to adjourn by Mark Melrose, seconded by Shauna Wollmershauser.





Gateway GTO Activities



BOB'S GASOLINE ALLEY REVIEW

By

Gail and Terry Schott

Saturday, May 31 disproved the weatherman and we did NOT get any rain as we had been getting almost daily the week prior. GTO's started showing up at the Schott's at 8 AM just as soon as the biscuits & gravy (courtesy of Barb Lewis) were ready. Everyone enjoyed the biscuits, egg casseroles and donuts (courtesy of Oxler's) and we were ready to start our cruise by 9:45. There were 10 GTO's and 5 other personal vehicles that made the cruise.

GTO's

Schott

Oxler

Melrose

Wollmershauser

Jackson

Bower

Mayweather

Timmerman

Chapman

Friedman (who caught up with us at "Mr. Fuel" at Hwy. 100 & I-44)

Non-GTO's

Lewis

Winslow

May

Hedrick

Morton

These are all photos taken by Chris Winslow. These and many more can be seen on the Gateway GTO website





Gateway GTO Activities



Our first stop was less than 2 miles away at the former site of Schott's Pontiac, on historic Rt. 66. We had asked Chris if he could use a photo supplied by us that was taken in 1985 (at the closing of the Schott's Pontiac business), and work his magic fingers to superimpose the new photo with the 1985 photo and the results are amazing! Thank you so much, Chris! (Again, check out the website.)



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We continued along the Historic Rt. 66 byway for the rest of the cruise, stopping at the Mr. Fuel truck stop so that the Jackson's could get gas, (it's a long way from Greenville, IL to Franklin County, MO with an inoperable fuel gauge!) and to hook up with the Friedman's.



We reached our final destination at 12:15 and herded the goats at the entrance to Bob's for more photos.



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“Darlene’s Diner” was open for business and she and her friends were ready to serve their delicious lunch in an open and air conditioned room that was covered on every wall, floor to ceiling, with memorabilia such as thermometers and neon signs, obtained from gas stations, diners, motels, grocery and hardware stores, feed stores, etc. It’s absolutely amazing the assortment that Bob and Darlene have accumulated in only 12 years of collecting. And this was just the “Diner” portion of the property! Again, if you check out the photo gallery on the website, it is incredible.

After our lunch, we got to explore the rest of the buildings and with each one, the jaw-dropping sights were unbelievable. From an extensive collection of gas pump globes, to pedal cars, to an on-loan John Deere toy tractor collection, everything was amazing.

We left Bob’s and headed a few miles further west to Fanning, MO and the home of the “World’s Largest Rocking Chair”. From there we headed back into Cuba to the Wagon Wheel Motel. Those of us who were spending the night were able to check-in and others took the opportunity to visit the many murals in town or check out the local flea markets. This historic and refurbished motel hosted 6 of the couples in attendance that day. We had dinner at Frisco’s Restaurant and came back to the Wagon Wheel’s covered pavilion area for a lively game of “Catch Phrase”, guys vs. gals, and laughed till midnight. Our game ended when we were blinded by about 7 Harley Davidson motorcycles pulling into the pavilion. They were staying there also and the owner had said they could park their bikes under the pavilion. At first somewhat startled, we soon learned they were a great group of guys. As it turns out, they were all touring Rt. 66 from Springfield, IL to California on the 16th birthday request of one of their sons, also on the tour. We shared some refreshing beverages with them and shared a few laughs as well.

I think everyone enjoyed the breakfast, the cruise, the lunch, and touring Bob’s Gasoline Alley and the Cuba, MO area. Thank you to everyone who participated!



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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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:
 B. O'Sullivan
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To access form from GatewayGTO.com, click below
<http://www.gatewaygto.org/clubpoints.html>

2014 GATEWAY GTO CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June

- 5 - **GTO MEETING 7PM at Sports Café CLUB SPONSORED) (Note new day and location)**
- 14 - JJ's Cruises at 1215 S. Duschene in St. Charles second Saturday of the month April-October
- 21 - Gateway GTO Annual Poker Run (CLUB SPONSORED)

July

- 1-5 GTOAA Convention in Pittsburgh, PA (CLUB SPONSORED)
- 10 - **GTO MEETING 7PM at Sports Café CLUB SPONSORED) (Note new day and location)**
- 12 - JJ's Cruises at 1215 S. Duschene in St. Charles second Saturday of the month April-October

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.

SEE THE FULL CALENDAR AT WWW.GATEWAYGTO.ORG

Gateway GTO Classifieds

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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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