



THE HOOD SCOOP

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The Elusive and Rare 1974 GTO

By Chris Winslow

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Association



In this year where we have celebrated the 50th anniversary of the 1964 GTO, the 40th anniversary of the 1974 GTO, and the 10th anniversary of the 2004 GTO we have run multiple articles on cars from these years. For the 1964, we have run articles on some great cars, including two that were used by model companies to make 1964 GTO models. The 2004 GTO owners in the club have also stepped up with some great articles. One of these articles was recently re-run in *The Legend*.

The one article missing from the pages of *The Hoodscope* for this anniversary year is one on the 1974 GTO. The 1974 is indeed a very rare model. Pontiac officially canceled it mid year in 1974 and based on their published totals, only 7058 of the cars were produced (1723 hatchbacks and 5335 coupes).

The 1974 GTO was an option on the 1974 Pontiac Ventura. The Ventura itself was essentially the Chevrolet Nova adapted with some Pontiac styling cues. The Ventura was an early volley in what would come to be called badge engineering later in the decade. This was also part of an overall move by the US automobile industry towards smaller, safer, more fuel efficient cars in the wake of the double whammy of skyrocketing gas prices and climbing insurance rates. In this case, Pontiac realized that they needed a smaller car and found the chassis they needed over at Chevy in the Nova. Pontiac's sister divisions Oldsmobile and Buick also followed suit in this trend, Oldsmobile with the Omega and Buick with the Apollo.

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GTO of the Month

(Anyone get the sensing a space theme in car names here?).

Styling wise it is arguable that Pontiac did the best job adapting the Nova platform to their genre with the GTO option. They put on a front grill reminiscent of the 1965 GTO, albeit it with a single head light on each side as opposed to the stack headlight pairs from the 1965.

Under the hood, Pontiac fitted the 200 net HP 350V8. This was a direct contradiction to John DeLorean's promise from 1968 that "I will never allow a GTO to have anything less than 400 cubic inches" but it reflected the reality of the times and the dramatic changes that were underway in the automobile market. Many Pontiac enthusiasts were disappointed with the engine choice, hoping instead for the 455 Super Duty from the Trans Am. Unfortunately, that coupling was not to happen, at least not from the factory.

The 1974 did have a rear facing shaker hood scoop. The hood scoop was in keeping with all previous incarnations of the GTO (if not all subsequent ones!). In addition, it came with GTO decals on the grille, fenders, and rear decklid, Rally II wheels without trim rings, E70x14 tires, dual exhaust, front and rear stabilizer bars, outside sport mirrors and a firmer suspension tuning than the Ventura n which it was based. This option added \$461 to the cost of a base Ventura. This brought the cost of most 1974 GTO's to well over \$4500.

The performance of the 1974 GTO was reflective of the 350 V8 engine of that year. That engine, like most from that time frame, was hamstrung with a reduced

compression ratio and a number of devices designed to reduce emissions. That, combined with the increased weight of the vehicle as the car companies complied with a variety of government mandated safety requirements (the GTO version of the Ventura weighed in at just over 3700 pounds), resulted in a decrease in performance. Car Craft's test of the 1974 GTO found a 1/4 mile time of 16.14 at 85.87mph. This was actually quite good relative to many of its peers, although it did lag behind one of its direct competitors that year, the Dodge Dart. The Dart, which was both lighter and had a larger and slightly more powerful engine, was clocked at 15.1 seconds in the quarter.





GTO of the Month



Largely because of the lack of demand for muscle cars by 1974, Pontiac shut down production of the GTO option by the middle of the model year. This is despite the fact that by that point the 1974 had already outsold the 1972 (5673 sold) and the 1973 (4312 sold) models. Had Pontiac allowed sales to continue throughout the model year, the car may well have rivaled the production total of the 1971 GTO (10, 532).

Because of the relatively small production run, finding a 1974 GTO in good condi-

tion is rare. There is one such car in our club owned by Rich and Sue Vie. The photos in this article are of Rich's car, a 1974 coupe.

Rich's car represents the end, for a while anyway, of the great run of the GTO. Pontiac had invented and then dominated a new car segment, the muscle car. By 1974, however, the market and the economy had changed and it would be three decades before Pontiac would bring back The Great One.





Presidents Scoop

The Presidents Scoop

By Kerry Friedman

Time flies when you are having Fun. That’s what they say. It seems like time flies by the older you get, no matter what happens. Here it is almost the end of my first year as President of the Gateway GTO Association, and it seems like it was January a couple of months ago.

It has been a very productive year and if you want to call it so a Prosperous Year! I won’t go through all the successful events we had but I will mention what I feel were the highlights of the year. My first duty was to send the Chapter Survey to Bill Vantuano, the GTOAA Chapter Coordinator. Along with listing the new Officers, and the fact that we were had 100% of our Members belonging to GTOAA, it gave me great pleasure to write about what the Chapter did in 2013 and previous years for our community. We held the North County Cruise Nights, had a Car Show for Back Stoppers and First Responders, provided parking services and a rained out raffle at the Wheels in Motion Car Show, and topped off the holiday season by helping to provide gifts for under privileged children through St. Theresa and Bridget’s Church. The prosperity comes to being, when at the GTOAA Convention in Monroeville, we took home the Chapter of the Year Award, surely because of these activities. That was the beginning of the numerous awards we received; Newsletter and Website Award, Thanks Chris Winslow, Social Media Award, thanks Tod Leible, Gold Award for GTOAA Membership, thanks to All, Chapter Display Award, thanks to the Ladies, and numerous personal trophies for very nice cars. If I missed something, thanks to you also.

When I first joined the Gateway Chapter, I was intrigued by the banner we had. The front end of a GTO in the shadow of the Arch, with the words “4 Families and Individuals.” It has become very evident that there is so much more to this Hobby and this Club, than GTO Cars.

It might be the smaller room we have at the Sport’s Café for our monthly meetings, but I feel that we had very good attendance at all of the meetings this year, and the food and service was just as good. We have renewed our arrangement and will hold our meetings there again in 2015.

The annual Christmas Party is just around the corner in a couple of weeks, at the Webster Groves Barn, where it has been for the last few years. We always have a good meal, good times and fun. If you haven’t made your reservations yet, please get it in now.

The Pizza Party in January will be at Pirrone’s Pizza in Florissant on January 18. Put that on the calendar also.

As we have done last year, your \$35 dues for GTOAA will get you free membership in our Chapter. Please send in your renewals now.

Have a safe and Happy Holiday Season and please send me any thoughts or ideas you have for next year



GGTOA Minutes 11-6-2014

7:04PM – Meeting Start – Car show report – Frank Chapman talked about a car auction that he and Will attended in Warrenton. Neither came home with a car.

7:06 – Gateway Car Show – Good showing with about 100 cars. For a \$500 sponsorship we will be running the Cruise Nights for Gateway Buick GMC next year. Kerry will be finalizing everything with them soon.

7:08 – Wine cruise was a great time with excellent weather. Around a dozen GTOs showed up.

7:09 – Steve Hedrick brought flyers for the 2015 GTOAA Nationals and for the Pontiac U.S. Nationals. GTOAA will be in Columbus Indiana (which is about 30 miles south of Indianapolis) on July 7th-11th. Online registration is now up and running. The Pontiac U.S. Nationals drag race and car show is near Bowling Green Kentucky on June 12-13. \$30 entry fee for car and driver, additional passenger for \$10. There will also be Corvette Museum and Factory tours.

7:15 – As of the meeting, we have signed contracts for the hotels that we will be using for the 2017 Nationals.

7:16 – We still need a 64, 74, 04 article for the December newsletter. We will soon be requesting articles for the 65, 05 cars next year.

7:17 – The new T-Shirts have arrived. The club is donating a few shirts to Brian O'Sullivan for his work on the logo design. (Thanks guys!) Talk to Kerry if you are interested in purchasing one the shirts. They are available in Grey and White.

7:19 – Upcoming events – The Christmas party will be held on December 6th at the Webster Groves Barn. Dinner by Russo's. \$15 for one person, \$25 for two.

No Club meeting for December

Officer's meeting for 2015 to be announced.

January Pizza Party will take place on either the 11th or the 18th. Location to be determined.

7:21 – Gail Schott talked about Motown the Musical

7:23 – Marty mentioned a free concert at the Family Arena. It's a tribute band for Crosby Stills Nash and Young.

7:24 – John Schifko talked about a Muscle Car and Corvette show that will be taking place near Chicago.

7:25 – Tech Session – John Havens warned everyone about a serious problem that he had with an A/C Delco oil filter. The holes in the filter are too small and are causing problems for older cars that require thicker oil. He suggests switching to Wix.

7:29 – GTO tiger went on the wine cruise and went trick or treating on Halloween.

7:30 – Chris Simmons brought in a Hemmings Muscle Machines with GTOs on the cover.

7:32 – Earl Lewis had some stickers made with the new 30th Anniversary logo on them. Since there are several club members that are getting their car insurance through him, he is donating the stickers to the club free of charge.

7:33 – Kerry has an open invitation for anyone with ideas for next year's club activities.

7:34 – Motion to adjourn – Brian O'Sullivan

Seconded by Steve Hedrick

50/50 of \$33 won by Chris Simmons.



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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October 10, 2014



The REVERB

With GTOAA Recruitment and Public Relations Coordinator *Vic Schreck*

Greetings chapters! Our fearless leader, GTOAA President G. Tom Oxler, has a quarterly newsletter, *Chapter Chat*; our Chapter Coordinator, Bill Vantuono, gets to pester you (just kidding, Bill) with the annual Chapter Survey; and my good friend Tom "Spellcheck" Szymczyk publishes an entire monthly magazine, *The Legend*. So I thought, why not me? Can I have my own GTOAA publication? Something else for you to read and distribute to your members?

Well, here it is: Welcome to the first issue of *The Reverb* (yes, like the radio option in the GTO), the unofficial, produced-as-needed newsletter from me, your GTOAA Recruitment and Public Relations Coordinator. There's no set schedule, so don't expect one next month (though I might get inspired and send another one out next week!).

On to business: All of you have been made aware of the GTOAA getting more proactive in promoting this organization. Part of this initiative is to utilize social media, namely Facebook, and chapter websites. We are now featuring every chapter who has a Facebook page and/or an active website on the GTOAA Facebook page. By doing so, we are directing traffic and attention to your chapter in hopes people will get acquainted with you and perhaps consider becoming part of your club. Most of our chapters have

a website or a Facebook page, and as we promote those chapters, they will see an increase in attention directed to them (on Facebook, lots of "Likes"). For those who do not, we'd like to help you to start getting the attention your chapter deserves.

Establishing a Website

As outlined in the most recent *Chapter Chat* from Tom Oxler (the one with my smiling face), creating a website for your chapter would be a very easy way to get you publicity. If you or one of your members is on the Internet, perhaps you can have those individuals create a website for your chapter. This is free and easy to maintain.

For those who do not have a website for whatever reason, we'd like to offer you a chance to look into a web host provider who can create for you a basic website at a reasonable cost.

We are doing this as a service to our chapters; we are not affiliated with this provider nor are we getting any kind of financial benefit. We have searched for a website provider who could offer our chapters a website and domain who would maintain your site at a very reasonable cost. If you already have a website and are looking for ways to reduce costs to maintain your site, you will want to check this provider out. at this link (click on it to connect):

www.ociwebservices.com

The special introductory rate for GTOAA chapters for a basic website will include:

- Home Page
- About Page
- Contact Page
- Events Calendar
- Membership Information

The setup cost for this is only \$395.00. Each chapter can contact this provider and discuss other options and additional features along with references they will provide you. Email them at:

gtsite@ociwebservices.com

As we get more proactive in growing the GTOAA, we want to include our chapters and provide you an opportunity to grow your chapter as well. For those who are desiring a website or are looking to reduce costs, we hope you consider looking into this offer, which is only available to GTOAA chapters.

Getting Started on Facebook

For those chapters who do not have a Facebook page but would like to know how to go about creating one, follow these easy steps and in a few short minutes you will be cruising on the social media highway! Simply click on this link, or copy it and paste it in your address bar:

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/create>



A series of Page options will open up. Choose one of the options displayed; you may want to consider the Cause or Community option. After you select your option, a new dialogue box will open, Tab 1. Type in the name of your chapter (which will be its Facebook name), then click the Get Started button and a new page will open up, Tab 2. This is the About page. Follow the directions. In the dialogue box, type in information about your chapter. (This is to get you started; you can modify your About page once your page is created.)

Beneath that box, type in your chapter's website address, if you have a website; if you don't, then select the Skip option. Repeat it in the other dialogue box beneath the one you are on if you have a website. Next, select the Yes option to the question, "Are you a real organization or event?"

Proceed to the Profile Tab. There you can upload a picture for your page; you'll probably want to use your chapter's logo. Tab 3 is the Favorites Tab; you can check the Add Favorites button. You can skip the 4th tab, the one for paying to reach more people. You do not need this. Click "Skip."

Presto! You have just created your Facebook page!

Now you are ready to begin promoting your chapter! You may want to browse other chapters' Facebook pages for ideas on how they set their pages up. You may also want to get familiar with the settings and security features of your page. You can upload pictures, and share them to the GTOAA Facebook page. You can also as list your upcoming events.

The more creative you get in promot-

ing yourself, the more traffic you will generate to your site and the more known you will become. The more you work on your page, the more proficient you will become.

One last thing: Don't forget to inform us so we can help you promote your chapter. Email me, publicrelations@gtoaa.org with your Facebook link, and we will help get your chapter the attention it deserves!

Happy Motoring!

Vic



The GTOAA Introduces our: REFER A FRIEND program

Would you like to receive a FREE year's membership to the GTOAA? Here's all you do:

Refer a friend to join the GTOAA and receive a FREE 6 month extension to your existing GTOAA membership. Refer 2 friends receive a FREE YEAR extension to your existing GTOAA membership. Thats it!!

Simply have your friend write your name on the Referred By line on the GTOAA electronic or downloadable application and submit.

With the holiday season approaching, a GTOAA membership would make an ideal gift!

Not a GTOAA member? Check us out: www.gtoaa.org

**** Free membership is limited to two referrals (1 year free membership per individual per year). Referred member, if renewing, must have been an inactive GTOAA member for a minimum of one year.**





Gateway GTO's 30th



Gateway GTO Celebrates 30 Years By Will Bowers

Where were you in 1984?

The US Bell System was broken up (for you Tom). In the Reagan Mondale presidential race Reagan takes 49 states and Mondale barely takes his home state of MN. Thriller, Born in the USA and Purple Rain were among the top songs. Terminator, Ghost Busters and Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom were among the popular movies. In a way, it was the year of the Tiger as Detroit won the World Series beating the Padres. 1984 was also the year that the Pontiac Fiero was introduced. Believe it or not, John De Lorean also played a role in its development. The Fiero based on his prototype Banshee. It was also a good year for John personally, as he was acquitted of 8 charges of possession of cocaine!



While all these events were shaping the world, there was also a small, but intrepid, group of automotive enthusiasts in St. Louis who were about change the course of events for local GTO owners. This was the year that a new chapter of the GTO Association of America was formed. For the next 30 years it would be come to be known as the Gateway GTO Association and would remain in continuous operation through good years and, occasionally, some lean years. Included in this article is a copy of the original petition to GTOAA listing the original seven members requesting chapter membership. Note at the top there is a sketch of our logo that has remained relatively unchanged for 30 years. Interestingly "Association" may not have been part of the first name considered as it was scratched out. Unfortunately, I was unable to determine the other name under consideration.

From here the information gets a little sketchy; however, there was an ad in the St. Louis Post Dispatch classic automotive section announcing a request for interested parties to meet at a Midas Muffler Shop in South County across from Crestwood Plaza (where the big stores used to be). I remember being excited. I couldn't wait to get there to find out what was going on in the GTO world. Somehow in my excitement I locked up the 4 speed in second gear! Fortunately, there were knowledgeable people, and a lift. Allowing me to drive home using all four gears.

The pictures show a few of the cars and people in attendance. The one that stood out the most, to me, was a red '70 with a black top and Ram Air System. I had only read about and had never seen a real Ram Air System before that day. It was owned by this cool dude wearing a base ball



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style cap (It may have even had a GTO Logo on it), sporting a goatee and smoking a pipe. This cool dude was later determined to be Tony Bezzole (still a cool dude). Sorry to say I can't identify any of the other cars or people pictured.

Back in the day (before the internet) communication was a real problem for the club. The newsletter was sent by mail and that was our only method for communication. (Of course there were



GTO ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA
CHAPTER PETITION

We the undersigned, hereby petition the Board of Directors of the GTO Association of America for a Chapter Charter. We are enclosing a copy of our chapter by-laws and constitution, and have meet all initial chapter requirements as set forth in the chapter organizational kit provided to us by the Association.

The name of the chapter will be:

GATEWAY GTO ~~ASSOCIATION~~ ASSOCIATION

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5. Rick Houska 4727 Music Ln. MEMBER # 1447
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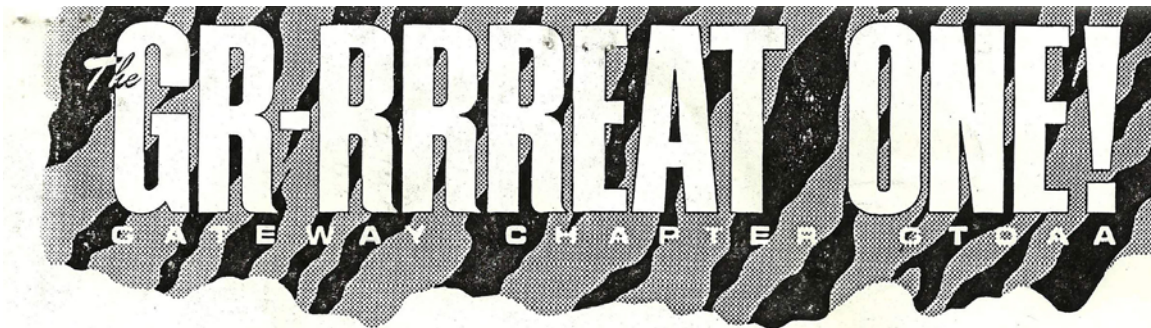




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also telephones hardwired in our homes) Our newsletter has really come a long way. It was called the "Great One" with a tiger logo across the top. It was photo copied so the picture quality wasn't the best. Included is a sample copy of the "Great One" from April 1986. It was fairly basic; however, even then we were trying to include the occasional tech article like the one showing the proper location for installing the '67 hood tachometer.



APRIL 25, 1986

EASTER SHOW

It was a warm Spring day in St. Louis. Forest Park was the scene for our 2nd annual participation in the Concourse De'Elegance. Cars in attendance were: Jack Brandl - 69' - Ton Bezzole-70' Ron Beach - 65' - Geoff Nowlin - 66' - Scott Behm - 66' - John Vogel -69' Vic Nettler70'.

DON DARR PONTIAC

This was the best turn-out we have ever experienced as a club. A total of 19 GTO's came out on a over-cast sunny day. Special thanks to all club members that made a showing.

NEXT SHOW DATE

Will be held on May 10th, beginning at 9:30 am. This one will be at Sapaugh Pontiac, which is located off I-55 in Pevely, Mo. We will drive down as a group. If you would like to join our parade of vintage GTO iron, be at the upper parking lot of West County Center I-270 & Manchester Road at 9:00 a.m. SHARP. We will depart at this time. Looking forward to another great day of idea sessions and show & shine for the car that started the muscle car revolution.

DRAG NIGHT

The first race night for competition will be held on Wednesday night, May 7th, at St. Louis International Raceway. Gates open at 6:00 P.M.. We will present a trophy for top eliminator, based on your E.T. dial in. -Remember, in order to compete for an award event, you must have a bonified GTO, and be a current paid member. The decision of the judges will be final.

Judging panel: Ron Beach
Tony Bezzole
Rich Vie

O'FALLON ILLINOIS SHOW

The enclosed flyer describes the show sponsored by the Archway Olds Club. An entry blank is enclosed if you plan to attend.

*Special Note: The Club will pay for \$5.00 of your entrance fee. This will be reimbursed by presenting your registration packet to Tony Bezzole.

STREET MACHINE NATIONALS

Will be held at the DuQuoin State Fair-Grounds on June 27th, 28th, & 29th. Details will follow.

GTO JACKETS

You can pick-up your jacket at the race track on May 7th, or at Sapaugh Pontiac, on May 10th.

WATCHES

Ron Beach has Pontiac watches for sale. (Mens and Ladies). If interested, give Ron Beach a call. (618-288-5536)

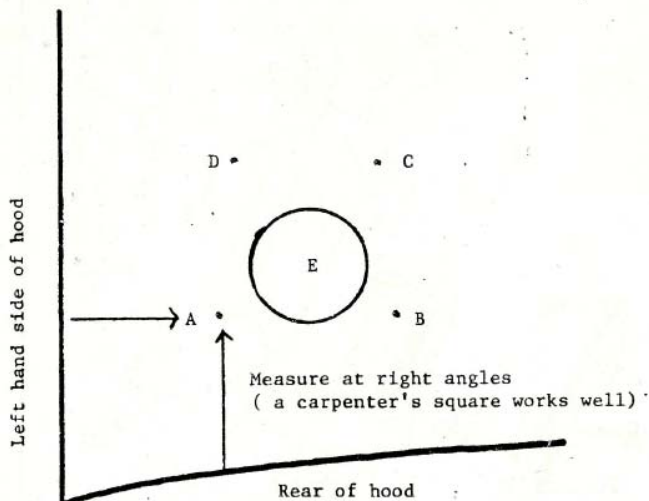
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PRESIDENT

HOOD TACHOMETER SPECS

1968-1970

Since many new and used hood tachometers are surfacing, it is important to have the correct specifications for locating the tachs on the hood. As we cannot present the full size templates in the Newsletter, we have done the next best thing, taking the measurements from them and reproducing them on a smaller scale. These specs should allow you to be able to mount the tach to almost perfect Factory locations.

1967

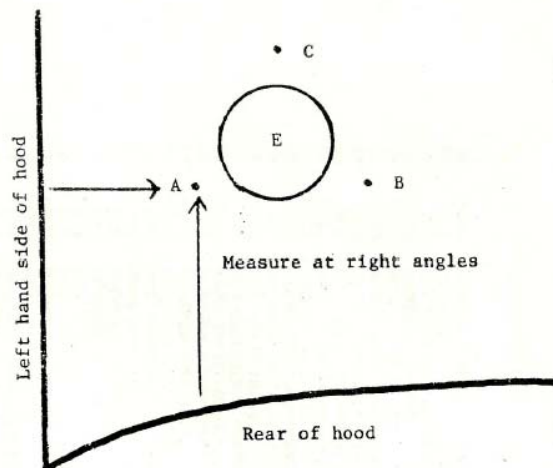


E is 3.50" diameter hole, center of which is 10.0" from left side of hood and 8.125" from rear of hood

A, B, C, and D are .218" diameter holes

A is 7.5" from left side and 7.875" from rear of hood
 B is 12.188" from left side and 7.50" from rear of hood
 C is 11.563" from left side and 10.75" from rear
 D is 8.125" from left side and 11.0" from rear

After cutting hole E with a hole saw and marking the locations of A, B, C, and D lay the tach down and check the locations to ensure all your measurements are correct.



E is 3.50" diameter hole, center of which is 9.75" from left side of hood and 13.125" from back of hood

A, B, and C are .218" diameter holes

A is 7.438" from left side and 12.875" from rear
 B is 11.875" from left side and 12.375" from rear
 C is 9.625" from left side and 16.625" from rear

After cutting hole E with a hole saw, check your markings and measurements before drilling the stud holes.

The hood tachs used a thin rubber gasket underneath them from the Factory. This type gasket material is easily obtained in sheet form. You can use this in a 1/32" thickness or a 1/64" thickness if the 1/32" sets the tach too high off of your hood. This gasket will assist in keeping water from getting under the tach and entering the tach where the Factory silicone sealer has deteriorated or is not fully sealing the two halves. In addition, Do Not tighten the nuts too tightly as they will cause low spots in the top of the tach from overtensioning of the plastic.

This year Gateway GTO Association is celebrating its 30th anniversary. As part of the celebration, Brian O'Sullivan did a great job designing an anniversary logo incorporating the original arch design; as well as, our "30 Years of Slammin' Gears" slogan from our 1994 GTOAA Nationals. Also included in this article is a copy of the cover from the convention program. The art of graphics has certainly come a long way.

After 30 years, the club is still going strong and growing. We currently have over 70 members. I am certain we are all looking forward to many more years of fun events, great friendships, and Slammin' Gears!



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15th ANNUAL GTOAA INTERNATIONAL MEET

June 22- June 25 1994



Courtesy of Your Host.....
Gateway GTO Association
St. Louis, MO

3rd Annual GTOAA Regional All Pontiac Cruise and Show by Mark Melrose

While the Schedule of Events for 2014's 3rd Annual GTOAA All Pontiac Cruise and Show read very much as it did for the two preceding years, the events themselves were notably different. Hosted by the Gateway, Heart of Illinois and Windy City GTOAA chapters, the Pontiac-Oakland Museum and Resource Center and the City of Pontiac, Illinois, 2014's events brought new perspectives, entertainment, show classes and fun thanks to the hard work of the hosting organizations.

Held on the third weekend of September, Day 1 of this two-day event featured tours of the Pontiac-Oakland, Route 66 and War Museums and since Route 66 runs through Pontiac, each year a cruise on parts of Old 66 is organized to include historic stops, photo-ops, lunch and plenty of scenic driving (see Chris Winslow's 66 Cruise article immediately following for details). Later that afternoon attendees congregated at the main pavilion in the city's Chautauqua Park for a presentation by Bill Porter, Chief Designer of the Pontiac Studio. Bill was the lead designer of the second generation GTO which went into production in 1968 and



carried into the 1972 model year. The 1968 GTO nabbed Motor Trend's Car-Of-The-Year award based on its technical advances in performance, safety and styling. You gotta love the Endura front bumper and the hideaway headlights – arguably making the 1968 GTO the sexiest and most muscular looking vehicle of its era. Bill discussed the whys and wherefores of the new for '68 A-Body's restyling including a PowerPoint presentation of concept drawings, clay models and GM archival photos and data. Bill's presentation was outstanding and more than fascinating to a 1968 GTO owner/lover such as myself.

Immediately following Mr. Porter's presentation was a catered fried chicken and pasta dinner with all the trimmings, an Ice Cream Social and "On The Road Again – Mother Road



That Is”, a thoroughly entertaining musical revue performed by Pontiac’s Vermillion Players. Day 1 ended with exhausted smiles as everyone retired to their rooms in anticipation of Day 2’s Car Show held in and around Pontiac’s city square.

There was concern among the organizers as to the turnout for Sunday’s car show since we had a 5-10 minute rain sprinkle Saturday afternoon and some violent thunderstorms had tracked through northern Illinois and Indiana overnight. While some potential attendees may have stayed away due to weather concerns, Sunday was dry and mostly sunny and by 10AM there were 200 cars on display in the show field – most in superlative condition. In response to calls for Firebird/TransAm and Fiero show classes some previous classes were consolidated and new classes created including four Firebird/TransAm classes and a Fiero class – resulting in 17 Trophy Classes, 6 more than 2013’s event. GTOs of all years were here in force as were sub-



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stantial contingents of Firebirds/TransAms and Fieros as well as full-size Pontiacs. A total of 51 Popular Vote and 3 Special Award trophies were bestowed on proud Pontiac owners. As was the case following previous events, the organizers will review the listing of show cars with an eye on massaging the classes to accommodate the numbers of those attending or wishing to attend.

As one of the lead organizers of this event, I have not heard anything other than praise from attendees at this annual event which benefits the Pontiac-Oakland Museum and Resource Center with the 2014 Event yielding \$3,500 in proceeds for the Museum. Take a look at the photo taken in just one automobile and memorabilia storage area in Chris Winslow's accompanying article and it becomes clear that cataloging, restoring, maintaining and displaying Pontiac-Oakland history is a major undertaking. While everyone filing out of Pontiac late Sunday was smiling let's not lose sight of Tim and Penny Dye's need for the support of we Pontiac-Oakland aficionados for their preservation endeavors.

Finally, kudos are in order to Tim and Penny Dye; GTOAA; the Gateway, Heart of Illinois and Windy City Chapters; Pontiac Mayor Bob Russell; Pontiac Chamber-of-Commerce Event Co-Ordinator Ellie Alexander and the hard-working members of these organizations for staging such an enjoyable event benefitting the preservation of Pontiac – GM's "Excitement Division". Work is already underway for 2015's Event to be held September 19-20 in Pontiac, Illinois – mark your calendar now, DON'T MISS IT.





The Route 66 Cruise by Chris Winslow

One of the best parts of the annual GTOAA regional event in Pontiac is the Route 66 cruise. Each year, a new cruise route is mapped out with new destinations. This year, a relatively new GTOAA chapter, the Windy City GTO's, organized the event. This group of GTO enthusiasts knows how to put together a cruise. They provided maps and directions to each stop and then scattered their members and a few other folks that knew the area throughout the cruise group so that no matter where you were, there was always somebody close that knew how to get to the next stop. In short, it was the best organized cruise I had been on.

The first stop on the cruise was the storage building for the Pontiac Museum. I had gotten side-tracked helping set up the old Pontiac balloon on the town square, so I was a bit late getting there. Tim already had the rest of the crowd in the building by the time I squeezed in. The number of cars and the amount of Pontiac memorabilia Tim had squeezed into that building was amazing. The photo at the left only shows one room of the building. There was lots more in the adjacent rooms.

After everyone had checked all of the great Pontiac cars and parts and memorabilia, it was time for the next stop. We lined up the cars and headed north on Route 66 to Odell. Our destination was the Standard Oil Station on South West Street. The station is on the National Historic Register of Historic Places. It was built in 1932 and was in use until it was closed in 1975. It has since been restored by the Illinois Route 66 Association's Preservation Committee.

As we rolled up on the old station we were all taken by how nicely the restoration had been done. It was like traveling back in time to the 1950's.

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The local folks on the cruise told us that root beer that they sold in the station was awesome, so we had to try some and they were right. After everyone toured the building and had a few sodas, we were on our way to the next stop.

This time we were headed north on 66 again to Dwight. Our destination was the Oughton House Country Mansion Restaurant for lunch. Like everything else on the cruise, this stop had been planned to the last detail, including the organizers getting our orders before we left Tim's shop so they would be ready for us.

For this part of the cruise, I actually go there first. I had been at the very back of the line and realized that most of the group had taken a right instead of a left, so I took the left and wound up the first car at the parking lot. They had blocked off an entire section of the lot for our cruise, so when we arrived, they waived us right into the designated parking area. The rest of the group was right behind us a few minutes later.

The staff at the Oughton House had prepared the outdoor patio area for our group. As soon as we arrived they got us seated and started serving lunch.

After lunch we spent a bit of time looking around the grounds of the grand old house. It had been originally built as a boarding house in 1891, but had been converted to a



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home for John Oughton. Eventually, in 1965, Oughton's grandson had converted the building into the restaurant. In addition to groups like ours it also does other events like weddings and graduations.



After everyone had eaten and taken some time to tour the grounds, we were back in the cars and back on our way. This time to the Ambler/Becker Texaco station, which was also in Dwight on North Franklin Street.

We rolled up on the Texaco Station a few minutes later and everyone got out to look around. Once everyone got there, I got them all to line up and wave for a group photo.



While we were enjoying this stop, the weather began to look really threatening. So, although there was actually one more stop planned, most of the participants made a bee line back for Pontiac after this stop.

Everyone that went on the cruise had a really great time. I can't wait to see what they line up for us in 2015.

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**





Gateway GTO Christmas Party

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2014, 5:30-10:30PM

BRING A "ROB-YOUR-NEIGHBOR" GIFT (\$20-\$30)

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Webster Groves, Missouri 63119

Buffet Meal, BYOB, \$15 per person, \$25 per couple

For Reservations send a check by November 22nd to:

Will Bowers
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on a Christmas tree...

the light in the eyes of a needy
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Christmas is a time of joy and magic for us all – but especially for our children as they anxiously await the arrival of December 25th and the presents they whispered in Santa’s ear. Sadly, many less-fortunate children in our community never get what they’ve wished for.

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Gateway Classic Cars

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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) |
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Total for Club Sponsored Events _____

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Total for Non Sponsored Events _____

Other Activities

| GTO Regional/National Event | With GTO (100 Points) | Without GTO (70 Points) |
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- 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
 10637 St. Phillip Lane
 St. Anne, MO 63074

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

2014 GATEWAY GTO CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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)

SEE THE FULL CALENDAR AT WWW.GATEWAYGTO.ORG

Gateway GTO Classifieds

For Sale

1972 350V8 (Needs to be rebuilt) Open to offers. Contact Tom Fox at 314-795-1598

2 Aluminum slots 15"x10", 3 1/2" back-space unilug. GC \$225 OBO. Contact Chris Simmons 636-887-3653

Wanted

WT 400 Block for a 1968 GTO. Contact Tom Fox at 314-795-1598

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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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