

THE HOOD SCOOP

December 2015



Gateway GTO Association



My 1965 GTO

By Will Bowers



After trading my original 1964 GTO, Tri Power, 4 speed sedan for a nondescript 1969 Catalina hardtop with a 2 barrel carb, I always had the urge to get another GTO. I did purchase a used 1969 Grand Prix a few years later. The Grand Prix was a Model J with an automatic transmission. I loved the styling with the long hood and short deck lid. But it was still not a GTO.

After getting married in 1970, and having two boys, there were no more Pontiacs in my immediate future, just a series of station wagons, a Pinto and a Ford conversion van. However, we did have several sports cars; we owned a Karman Ghia, Triumph Spitfire and a Datsun 280 ZX. Again, these cars were just not the same as a GTO. Finally in 1983, while going through a mid life crisis and a need for speed, I started looking for a 1964 GTO.

In the pre internet and EBay days, I would search the Sunday Post-Dispatch antique car ads. I finally found a 1965 GTO, 4 barrel with a 4 speed. I decided to buy it for 800. Little did I know that the \$800 was just the beginning. The 65 was pretty ugly, but it was a running, driving car that I could have fun with until I decided what I wanted to do with it. This is when the learning process began. The car was in gray primer and had the typical rust areas rear quarters, trunk, etc. This was before many of the replacement panels and trunk pans were available in reproduction; however,



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parts and trim could still be found in salvage yards.

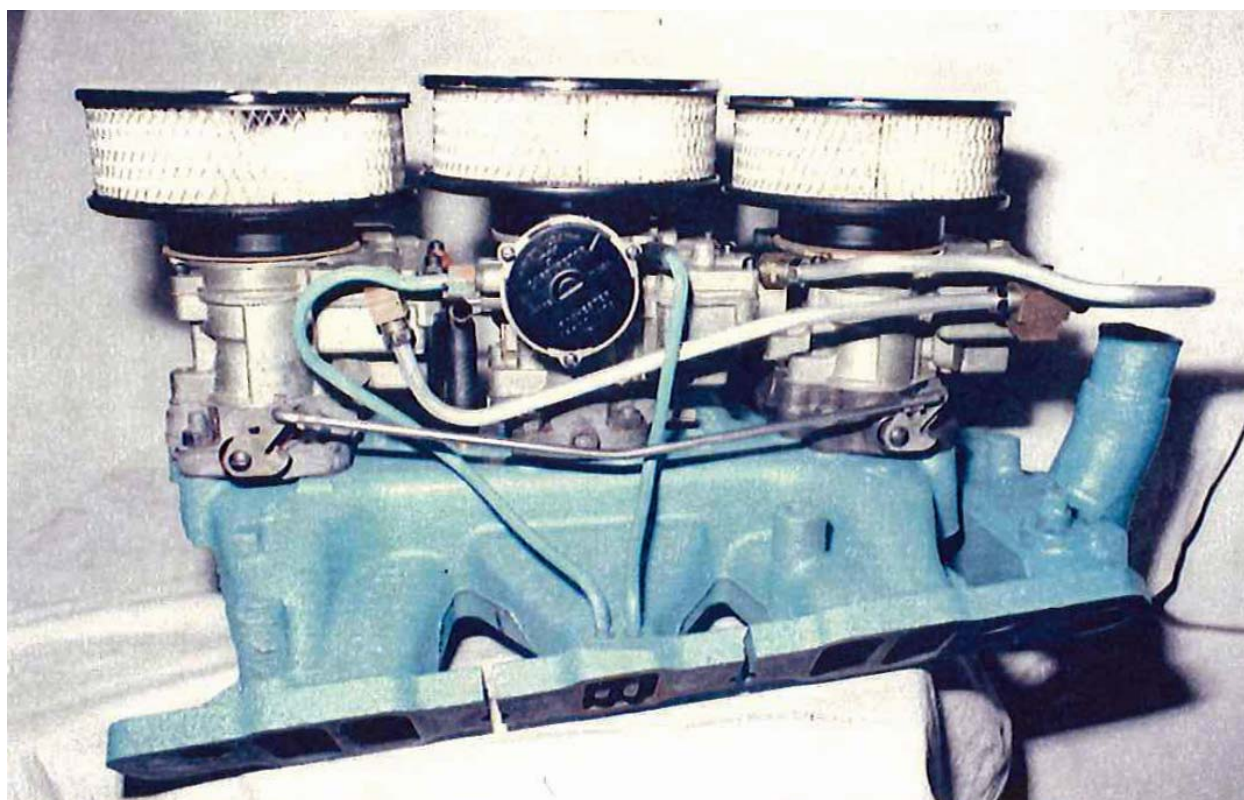
To assist me in my restoration, I purchased Paul Z's Restoration Guide and started subscribing to various GTO newsletters and Hemmings Motor News. From these publications I determined that the car was originally burgundy with red interior. Prior to Pontiac Historical Services, you could write to Fred Simmons and PMD. If you were patient, he would send at no charge, the same information that is now available for a fee from PHS. This information confirmed that it was a true GTO. It was born with a 389 4 barrel, 4 speed, console, and radio.

I took the car to a local body shop for an estimate and learned there was no fixed price estimate on a restoration. The work would be done on a time and materials basis and I would need to start rounding up the parts needed. I found many of the missing trim, detailing pieces that I used to bring the engine compartment and interior back to original. My subscription to HEMMING'S came in handy. I

was able find a complete trunk pan in Arizona, and a back seat without the stuffing coming through. The interior was actually in pretty good shape and only had to have a couple of areas re-stitched, new carpet, headliner and package tray.

I took the car to a local body shop owned by a guy I had gone to high school with. After the car was stripped, the typical rust on a '65 was found. Fortunately, lower quarter patch panels were available. It went into the shop and the work was begun! It seemed like the process took forever! When it was time for paint I decided to paint it with Montero Red rather than the original burgundy.

Since the motor was a non-original 400 with a 4 barrel the obvious next step was to build a Tri-Power. I was fortunate to find a set of NOS carbs in the Post Dispatch for a total of \$150. Seemed like a lot of money at the time but what a bargain! A manifold was located in Hemmings and the linkage, air cleaners, etc. were available in reproduction.





The Tri-Power was a great addition, but it brought to light that the 400 was getting pretty tired. At that time Pontiac engines were plentiful in junk yards. I was able to find a 455 at Speedway Auto Salvage for \$100! It was a 1972 "YC" motor with "66" 108 cc heads. The next stop was a visit to Jim Moran for a rebuild. Thirty over with forged aluminum pistons, Ram Air III cam, roller rockers, screw in studs, larger push rods, etc. Aluminum heads were not available until years in the future. The "66" heads actually worked out well on the street as they were big valve and about 9:1 compression. I also installed HO exhaust manifolds with cutouts. After tying several rear end ratios and breaking a 4:11 -10 bolt, I ended up running 3.73 - 12 bolt that seemed to produce the best times.

In those days the "club" would have drag events at Gateway for members; as well as, challenge matches with the Ford and Corvette clubs. The '65 always performed well, turning consistently in the 13:20's around 106

MPH.

After seeing an ad indicating that a new GTOAA Chapter was being formed in the St. Louis area, I drove the GTO to the first public Gateway Club meeting in South County at the Midas Muffler Shop. I'll never forget the ride to the meeting as transmission linkage loosened up and the car would not shift into 4th gear! Fortunately, even then, club members were willing to lend a helping hand and I was able to get home with no further problems.

I eventually sold the car to another club member, Doug Wollgast who installed a 389 and took it back to original burgundy color before selling. John Folluo purchased the Moran motor from Doug and ran it in a '70 Le Mans that he was building at that time.

A lot of memories and good times with the old '65!



Presidents Scoop

The Presidents Scoop

By Kerry Friedman

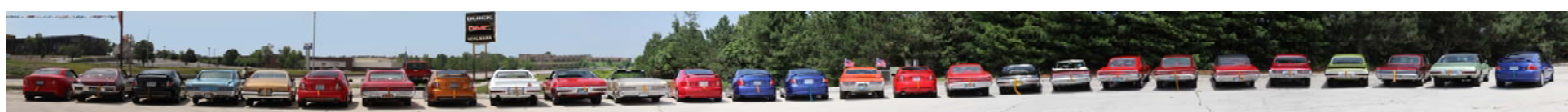
Happy Holiday Season to all of you. I wish you a very Merry Christmas and a wonderful New Year. For this month's President's Scoop, I want to use the few words that I spoke at this year's Holiday Party, and remind you of the Pizza Party on January 17, from 1:00PM to 4:00PM at Pirone's Pizza in Florissant. Look for the flyer later in this newsletter. And remember the Convention planning meeting on January 6, and the first meeting on February 4, both at 7:00PM at the Sport's Café.

HOLIDAY PARTY DEC. 5, 2015

Welcome All. Thank you for coming tonight. It was another very good dinner and the room and setting is very nice. Please join me in a hand for our Party Organizers, Sandra Melrose and Gail Schotte.

I have a couple of announcements and some awards, and promise not to take long so we can proceed with the activities.

2015 has been another great year for the Gateway GTO Club. We've had the usual Car Shows, such as the Wheels In Motion, had a Jefferson County Road Rally, cruised to Lebanon, MO, went to the GTOAA Convention in Columbus, IN where we received the awards





Presidents Scoop



for being 100% GTOAA members, for our Facebook Page and Newsletter. New this year we participated in the Cottleville St. Pat's Parade where we hope to have a float in 2016.

Our raffle at the Wheels in Motion and Earl Lewis selling 50/50 tickets, helped contribute to the \$13,000 that was given to the National Children's Cancer Society to help the kids. Your toy donations to the Secret Santa will bring some well-deserved self-respect to some Parents and big smiles to the kids faces. Thank you Bob Blattel, and Terrie and Tom Oxler.

Thanks to Chris Simmons and his helpers for cooking up all that wonderful food at our Picnic. There are always plenty of Volunteers at all of our events, so I'd like to thank all of you.

As you all should know by now, We Gateway GTO, are hosting the 2017 National GTOAA convention in Springfield, IL. Although it is still a year and a half away, the planning has been going on for over a year already. I'd like to show our appreciation to the committee chairmen, Chris Winslow – Registration, Mark Melrose – Hotel, Terry Schotte - Activities, Frank Chapman, Car Show and Tech, Will Bowers – Vendors and Swap Meet, and John Johnson – Sponsor and Speakers. Tom Oxler, Steve Hedrick, and Myself are the Convention Co-Chairs. This event will be a great experience for our Club. The next planning meeting is January 6 at the Sport's Café, same as our meetings, we'll eat and then conduct our business. The meeting is for Committee Moving on, Chairs, and anyone wishing to help in any way is welcome to attend.

Moving on, with a couple of awards. We have a Club Participation award for the members who go on or help with Club Sponsored events. This year we only have one winner, Joe and Beverly Mayweather. We are presenting you with a plaque and gift card. Thanks for always showing up.

The Hood Scoop Newsletter always goes out to all of us by the end of the Month. Since we stopped mailing them out, we could add more information and articles. Some months when articles are hard to come by, this gentleman, not only puts the Newsletter together, but he writes most of the articles. Chris Winslow, thanks for your dedication and efforts. Chris also maintains the Gatewaygto.org website with all the current calendar updates.

Another thanks to Tod Leible and Amy O'Sullivan for their work on the Gateway Facebook Page. Another place where we hope to have all of our activities posted.

I'd like to thank the Current 2014-2015 Club Officers for their vigilant efforts and support to help all of our activities and meetings go smoothly. The Ballots are in and thoroughly tabulated for the 2016-2017 Officers. There was no Chad or ballot stuffing. The new Officers are, the same as the Old ones. Terry Schotte, MO Vice President, Frank Chapman, IL Vice President, Will Bowers, Treasure, Brian O'Sullivan, Secretary, Steve Hedrick, GTOAA Representative, and Myself, Kerry Friedman, President.

Before we start the Fun, a couple of announcements; The Club Annual Pizza Party will be at Pirrone's Pizza on Sunday January 18 from 1-4:00 PM. Our first 2016 Regular Monthly meeting is at The Sport's Café, 7:00 on Thursday February 4, 2016. Also please send in to Will Bowers your 2016 \$35 dues. Flyers are out with renewal form.

THANKS and Happy, Safe, and Healthy Holidays.



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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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Gateway Girls:

At our convention in 2017 we will have an indoor parking lot party complete with a 9-piece band. The party will be called "Its My Party" with a sock hop theme. We are going to encourage each chapter to choose an era, 1950s, 1960s, 1970s, 1980s, and dress accordingly.

The Gateway Activities Committee has chosen the 1950s era, so poodle skirts are in order for the girls. Barb Lewis has graciously volunteered to make the skirts for \$20 and we can order black GTO pink rhinestone shirts through the club store for \$24. If you want to order a poodle skirt contact Barb 636-219-4936 or Gail Schott 314-952-9832 with size (waist measurements so material can be purchased. Work has already begun on the skirts.

Annual Christmas Party

By Chris Winslow



Gateway GTO held the annual Christmas Party this year at our usual location at the Webster Groves Barn in Webster Groves. As always, that party organizers had done an amazing job of decorating the room and setting the tables.

The event was well attended by the club's members. The catered food organized by Gail Schott and Sandra Melrose was excellent and the deserts brought by everyone were outstanding.

After we were all well fed and starting to work our way through the deserts, Kerry rose to the podium and gave the end of the year announcements. One of these was announcing the winner of the club points contest for the year. The winner for 2015 was Joe Mayweather.



In addition to this award, Kerry also presented me with an award for my work on the newsletter and website for the club.

The next item on the agenda was a new game put together by the Oxlers. It was an electronic Jeopardy game that must have taken them months to develop. They had come up with lots of GTO and Gateway GTO related categories and then multiple answers for each category. With Tom acting as Alex Trebek and Terrie running the electronics, we launched off into the game.

Tom and Terrie had devised 3 teams for the game. Team 1, called Stacked Headlights, was comprised of owners of the 1964 to 1967 GTO's. (This of course is a bit of a stretch for the 1964 owners, but where else could we put them?) The second team was called the Rubber Bumpers. This team covered the years from



Gateway GTO Activities

1968 through 1974. Finally, there was team New Kids. This, of course, covered the 2004-2006 GTOs.

I was on team New Kids along with Brian O'Sullivan and Joe Mayweather. We had a real advantage over the other teams because with Joe on our team we had both old car and new car knowledge on our side. We got off to an early lead and never looked back. In the end, we won and received metal GTO signs.

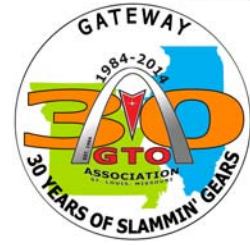
The final activity for the evening was the annual rob your neighbor give exchange with Gail and Sandra directing the festivities. There was the usual amount of mischievous robbing of gifts. The surprising thing to me, however, was the amount of robbing that went on over a relatively simple outdoor garden tractor spinner. There was, of course, some robbing that went on for a number of car related gifts, but this was all far overshadowed by the robbing over the tractor. In the end, Barb Lewis wound up with it.

As usual, everyone had a great time at the party. Credit goes to Gail and Sandra for organizing it and to Tom and Terrie for putting together the Jeopardy game.





Year Of The 5's

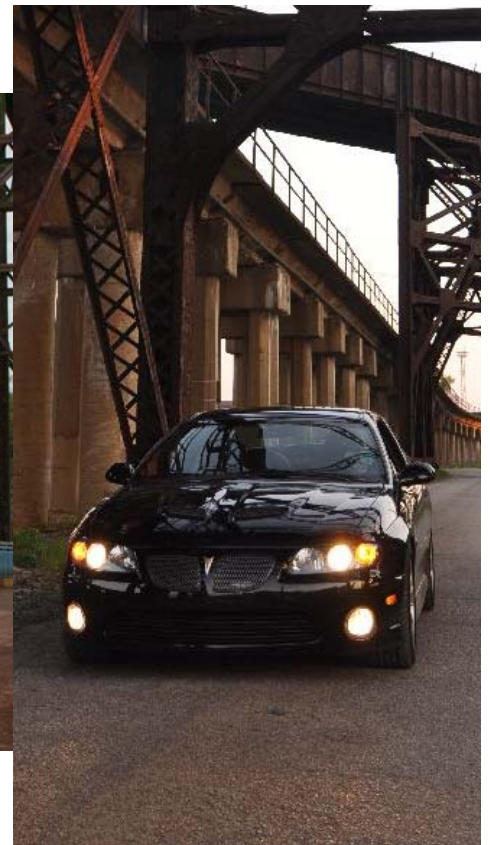


Calling all owners of 1966 and 2006 GTO's!

**This year, in celebration of:
50th Anniversary of the 1966 GTO
10th Anniversary of the 2006 GTO**

The Hoodscoop 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





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:

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- 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.

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Gateway GTO Association Points Submission Form

Member Name _____

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Club Sponsored Events and Monthly Meetings

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

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Other Activities

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- 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) _____

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Gateway GTO Club

Pizza Party

Sunday, January 17, 2016 from 1-4 PM

At Pirrone's Pizza

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About 1 mile north of I-270 off the Washington/Elizabeth exit 314-650-1820

Club furnishes the pizza – drinks, salads, etc. are members' responsibility



Classic Car



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2015/2016 GATEWAY GTO CALENDAR OF EVENTS

December

5 - Gateway GTO Annual Christmas Party (CLUB SPONSORED)

January

17 - Pizza Party at Pirrone's Pizza, 1775 Washington Street, Florissant MO 63033 1-4

February

4 - GTO MEETING 7PM at Sports Café (CLUB SPONSORED)

12 - Classic Car Trivia Night at Moolah Shrine 12545 Fee Fee Road from 7:00 to 11:00 (CLUB SPONSORED)

March

3 - GTO MEETING 7PM at Sports Café (CLUB SPONSORED)

27 - Easter Car Show at the Muny Upper Lot (Details to follow)

April

7 - GTO MEETING 7PM at Sports Café (CLUB SPONSORED)

SEE THE FULL CALENDAR AT WWW.GATEWAYGTO.ORG

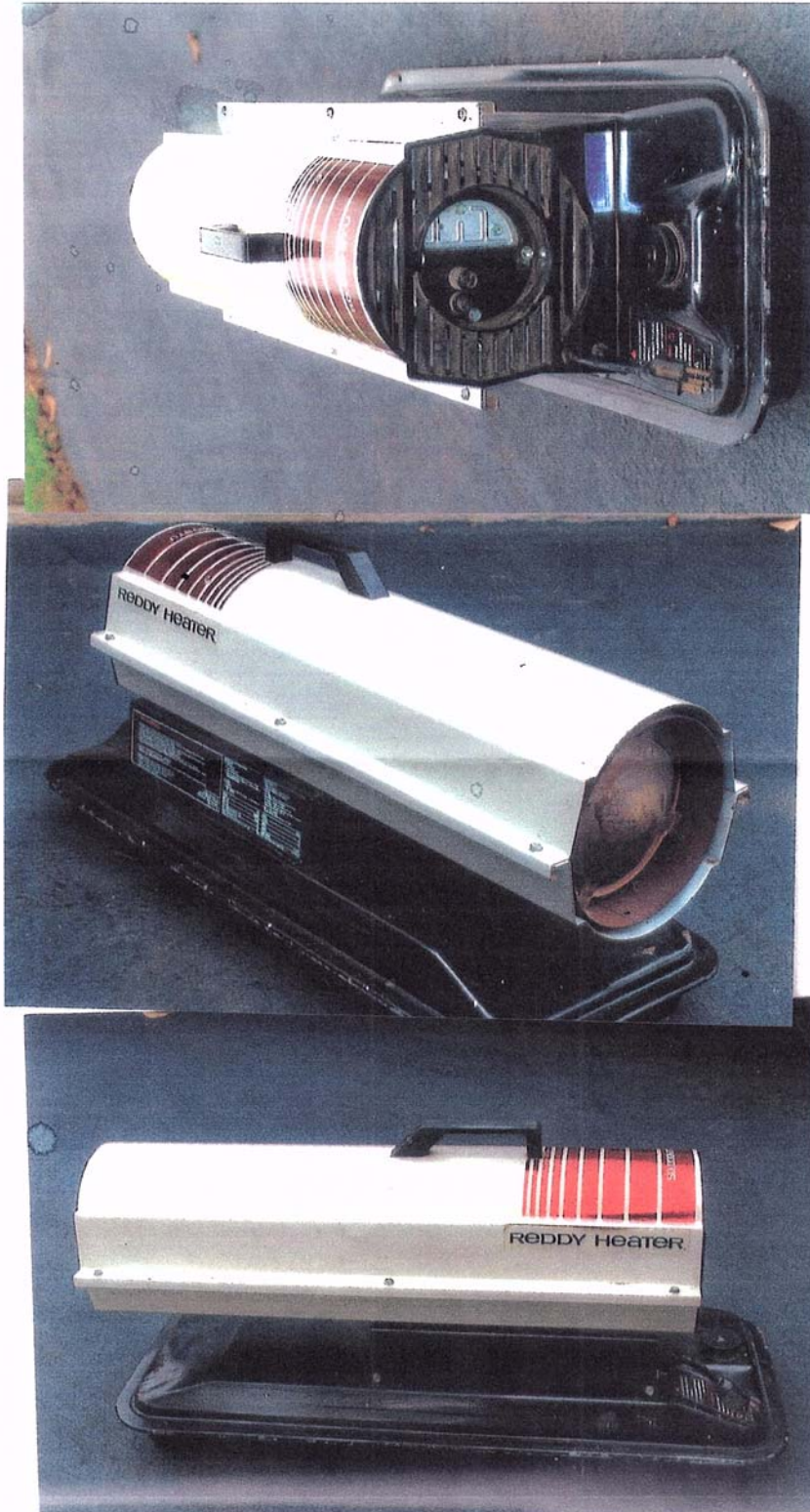
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Gateway GTO Club Information

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.

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