



THE HOOD SCOOP

July 2015

Gateway GTO Takes the GTOAA Nats by Storm!

By Chris Winslow

Gateway GTO
Association



To say it was the wettest GTOAA National Convention I ever attended is an understatement. When we left St. Peters for Columbus Indiana, it was raining. By the time we were about half way there it was storming and it continued to storm much of the week we were there.

Still, compared to some others, we did not have that much to complain about. The Schotts, for example, only made it a few miles from home before their tow vehicle suffered a brake failure that ultimately caused them to leave their GTO at home and drive to the convention in Gail's car.

For those of us that did have our GTO's at the convention, at least those of us without enclosed trailers, a lot of the week was spent drying off our cars in hopes that the rain was over. Still, there was lots of fun to be had.

Paula and I signed up for the Wednesday morning cruise organized by the Indy GTO association and the Pontiacs of Southeast Indiana. Bill Sanders, the organizer of the event, provided us with maps and made a point

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GTOAA Nationals

of noting where on the cruise there was no cell service so that we would know where our cars were not allowed to break down!

Our first stop was the historic Story Inn. Getting there in the rain was a challenge. That challenge included driving our GTO's through standing water on one of the roads. Something none



of us would have ever imagined we would do in these cars! Bill led the way, however, and we all figured if he could do it, so could we.

Given the challenge it had been for the group to get to that point, Bill offered the group the option to cut the trip short due to the bad weather. The group, however, would have none of that, so we soldiered on with the rest of the cruise.

The final stop was our lunch stop at



the Brown County Inn. There most of us had their famous fried chicken for lunch before heading back to the hotel. It was still raining hard at that point so all most of us did was hose off the worst of the mud and debris from the trip and hope for better weather on Thursday.

Thursday did not start off promising, but by late afternoon, the sky cleared a bit and the rain stopped for the first time since we had arrived.

The first stop on Thursday evening was the GTOAA Chapter Night. This is the event hosted by the GTOAA each year to recognize the individual chapters and their accomplishments for the year. Gateway GTO cleaned up at the event with awards from the GTOAA. The awards included:

- Gold Level Certificate for Chapter Membership Affiliation
- Outstanding publishing Efforts for *The Hoodscope*
- Outstanding Internet efforts for our website
- Outstanding Social Media Participation for our Facebook efforts

After the Chapter Night session it was time for the parking lot party. Most of the attendees took advantage of the time to clean up their cars and wander around the show field visiting with the attendees. The parking lot party itself was a huge success with food and drinks available from the hotel and a live performer, Rusty Bladen, singing for the crowd



judge the field before the rain rolled in and ruined the ballots.

By late morning, the Popular Vote show was effectively over. Those of us that had tried to stick it out

After the nice break from the rain in Thursday night there was a bit of hope for the Popular Vote car show for Friday. Those hopes were quickly dashed. With an ominous weather report and even more ominous clouds approaching, the Popular Vote participants quickly prepared their cars and then raced to

finally had to give up as the rain started coming down so hard that we were left with no choice but to close up our cars and call it a day. For the balance of the day, the local DJ that had showed up to provide music, played music for an empty show field.



The rain finally left us by late in the day on Friday. By Saturday morning we finally had the makings of a full day without rain.

The car activity for the day was the Make-A-Wish all GM car show. In addition to most of the GTOAA Popular Vote cars still there from Friday, some of the Concours cars moved to the parking lot from inside and a lot of local GM cars came out for the day. Most of us spent the whole day out in the lot finally getting a good look at all of the cars that had come for the week and talking with all folks with them.

The evening, of course, was the GTOAA awards banquet. For this year, the GTOAA held the banquet in the same room as had been used for the Concours cars earlier in the week. They had arranged one GTO from each year at either end of the hall. (The exception was that only one Next Gen GTO was in the room due to space limitations).

Most of the Gateway GTO members that had come to the meet were there. This included (in no particular order) The Oxlers, the Hedricks, Kerry Friedman, the Melroses, the Chapmans, the Mayweathers, the Bowers, the Timmermans, Marty Howard, the Schotts, the O'Sullivans, the Lewis's, the Mortons, and the Winslows. (The Rays, John Novelli, and Doug Wollgast had been at the meet for part of the week but had left by Saturday).

When the time came to start handing out the awards, the Gateway crew cleaned up. The awards were:

- Earl Lewis - Gold for Concours Modified.
- Tom Oxler - First Place in Popular Vote for his 1966 GTO
- Marty Howard - First Place in Popular Vote for his 1969 GTO Convertible
- Harry Timmerman - Winners Circle Award for his 1965 LeMans Convertible
- Frank Chapman - First Place for his 1970 Judge
- Kerry Friedman - Winners Circle Award for his 1969 GTO
- Brian Ray—Third Place in popular vote for his 1965 GTO.
- Joe Mayweather - Honorable Mention for his 2004 GTO
- Mark Melrose - Second Place for his 1968 GTO
- Chris Winslow - First Place for his 2004 GTO

Overall it was a great night for the club. The Indy GTO Association and the Pontiacs of Southeastern Indian did a great job pulling off the event under such difficult weather conditions.

See pages 11 through 14 for more photos from the Nats.



Presidents Scoop



The Presidents Scoop

By Kerry Friedman

We just got back from the 2015 GTOAA National Convention in Columbus, Indiana. Even though “The Rains Came”, we were spared good weather for the two evening events and Friday morning for the Popular Vote. The Cummins Diesel Engine Factory Tour was quite interesting, the facilities were very nice, the Host Chapters did an excellent job, and did I mention it rained a little? As usual, except for the Chapters that ran the show, Gateway had to have one of the biggest numbers of attendees. We had a few 1st and 2nd places in Popular Vote, two in Winner’s Circle, and Earl Lewis got Gold in the Concours. I’m sure we learned a few things to help make our 2017 Convention better. Oh, and as usual, Gateway was awarded Gold for 100% GTOAA membership, with awards for our newsletter and social media. Thanks Chris and Todd and all of you.

Next year’s GTOAA Convention will be in Bellevue, Washington, near Seattle. There are plenty of great sights to see in the area, including Mt. Rainier, the Boeing Museum, and the Lemay-Americas Auto Museum. As a special event after the convention, there will be a GTOAA 7 day Alaskan Cruise on the Carnival Ship “The Legend”. With a name like that it will be a great time. Information and registration should be on-line around July 20.

We are planning a fun cruise in Jefferson County on August 8. Put this on your calendars. It will be a follow the instructions cruise with questions to fill answer, time and mileage to be recorded, and a 5 minute delay between starts. We will need some people to manage a couple of check-in stops along the way. Please let me know if you can volunteer for one of these. The cruise will take at least 2-3 hours and cover around 100 miles. It will be a rain or shine event.

Saturday Sept. 12, is the date for a make-up GTO show to replace the rained out St. Charles Heritage Museum GTO Car Show. This will be the 2nd year for this show. It will be from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm, with the Museum furnishing lunch. The Museum is located at 201 N. 2nd St., St. Charles, MO.

Due to a very busy September, our Annual Club Picnic at Vago Park will be on August 30, and the Wheels in Motion Show at Westport is on Sept. 13. So start hitting up businesses for items to put in our Charity Raffle. Remember this for the Children with Cancer.

Keep September 19 and 20 open, and get your hotel reservations for the 4th Annual All Pontiac Regional Car Show to benefit the Pontiac-Oakland Museum in Pontiac, Illinois. Besides our cars and local clubs, this is how the History of Pontiac will live on. We must support it and keep it going. Tim has his 1970 Judge finished, and it is just beautiful. You have to see it.

A cruise down Route 66 to Lebanon, Missouri, stopping along the way to eat, is scheduled for October 24 and 25, with an overnight stay at The Munger Moss Motel. The overnight is optional but reservations should be made soon if you care to do that.

The next regular Gateway GTO meeting will be August 6, at The Sport’s Café, in Bridgeton. See you there.



GGTOA Minutes: 7/1/2015

7:05PM – Meeting start – No new members

Old Business – Luau at the Schott's was excellent. 33 in attendance. The Gateway Buick car show went well. GGTOA turned out, but total attendance was low. Tim Dye unveiled his 1970 GTO Judge at the Pontiac Museum. It will be shown at the Nationals.

7:10 – New Business – Kerry had the latest schedule of events for the Nationals in Columbus Indiana.

7:14 – Jefferson County Rally on August 8th. Need volunteers to help. Rally will end at Friedman's for BBQ.

7:17 – St. Charles Heritage Museum show re-scheduled for September 12th due to rain.

7:18 – Upcoming events –

August 15th – Veterans Car Show. Purina Farms. 11:00AM-3:00PM CSE

August 30th – Annual Gateway GTO club Picnic. Vago Park. CSE

September 13th – Wheels in Motion Charity Car Show at Westport Plaza. Start to get raffle items. CSE

September 19-20. GTOAA Regional, Pontiac Illinois. Pontiac Museum fund raiser. CSE

October 24th – Lebanon, MO Route 66 Cruise. Overnight at Munger Moss Motel. CSE

7:26 – Barb Lewis talked about an Alaska trip.

7:27 – Tech Session – Tom Oxler spoke about work on his dashboard. Installing a carbon fiber dash.

Kerry Friedman said that he had to replace control arm bushings on his 69 GTO that were causing a strange drifting problem.

Terry Schott Mentioned that he was putting in spacers for his radiator fan.

Joe Mayweather said that he had to replace the rear wheel bearings on his 04 GTO. Omer Phelps installed them for a very reasonable price.

Tom Oxler talked about a power problem that he ran into on the club's dyno day. They found a large carbon build up to be the culprit.

7:38 – Club Personals – Jim McCarthy is recovering from an injury.

No news for the Gateway GTO Tiger. He's currently with Jim and Kathy Kiburz.

7:43 – Terry Schott talked about a new restaurant and mural in Pontiac Illinois.

7:45 – The next planning meeting for the 2017 Nationals will be held on July 29th at the Sports Café

7:46 – Earl Lewis Mentioned that Schaeffer's Oil might be interested in participating in the 2017 Nationals.

7:48 – Motion to Adjourn by Earl Lewis. Seconded by Steve Hedrick.

50/50 of \$28 won by John Taylor



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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Next Gen GTO Battery Cover Group Buy By Chris Winslow

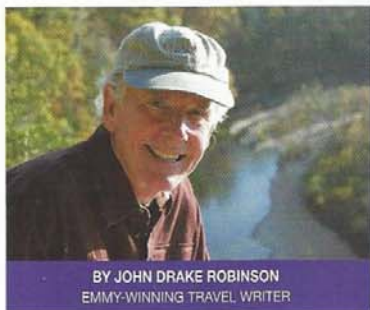
There was a large contingent of late model GTO's at the GTOAA convention this year. One of the things that I noticed while walking the show field was that at least half of them had a damaged positive terminal battery cover. This happens a lot on these cars. Pop off the cover to hook up the Battery Tender and then forget to put it back and the next thing you know the exhaust burns a hole in it.



One of the GTOAA sponsors from our meet last week, GTOG8TA.com, is now selling them for only \$16each. Since I suspect many of us in the club need one, I would like to offer to organize a group buy to save on the shipping. If you are interested in ordering one of these, just give me a call or send me an email (my contact info is on the last page of this newsletter). I will then total up the quantity and have them shipped to me.



**Editors Note: This will be our lunch stop for the October Cruse to the Munger Moss Motel.
- Chris**



BY JOHN DRAKE ROBINSON
EMMY-WINNING TRAVEL WRITER

Devils and Elbows

Cranking out good times since 1929.

I found a hideaway. When I rolled to its door, a thunder-shower was beating down on the low slung structure made mostly of logs with mud chinks, its back wall standing just a couple of feet above the swollen Big Piney River. It was still before lunch, and the neon beer signs were switched off. A dog with pit bull jaws and a decidedly defensive attitude greeted my car door. I sat frozen for a moment, undecided about dipping my leg out of the car to troll for jaws. Lightning flashed, and the dog retreated into the woods across the road. He knew he couldn't bite thunder. I dashed through sheets of rain to the front door.

The Elbow Inn—named for Devil's Elbow, a big rock in a hairpin turn in the Big Piney River—has been cranking out good times since 1929. Today, it's a waypoint for every motorcycle couple that enters the Ozarks, and a watering hole for many of the soldiers who set foot in Ft. Leonard Wood, a short cab ride up the hill on old Route 66. The barbecue brings customers from as far away as Sweden. Most women walk into the bar wearing their brassieres; some leave without them.

I walked in and let my eyes adjust to the dim light that managed to penetrate through rain-spattered windowpanes. A voice greeted me from beside the thick shellac that preserves the rust and cream colored wood of a cedar-top bar. "Can I help you?"

"You open?"

"Kitchen's closed, but the bar's open." Terry Robertson is the perfect typecast for this historic bar. He's a retired game warden who knows the area and its history, and he loves to visit with wayfarers. "Great place," I offered, looking up at the low ceiling covered with a unique decor: dollar bills papered the ceiling, and hanging from it was a rainbow coalition of brassieres, liberated from the shoulders of a thousand women who got swept up in the moment in this living history museum.

This bar sits on the original Mother Road, now an appendage to the newer Route 66 that was carved through Hooker's Cut in 1946, at the time the deepest road cut in the world. Now, even Hooker's cut has been bypassed by Route 66's granddaughter, I-44.

The door swung open and two middle-aged men walked in. "You open?"

"Kitchen's closed, but the bar's open," Terry replied.

"Great! A round for everybody," one of the men said.

Terry obliged, pulling an unholy alliance of Miller Lites

and Busch cans from the cooler, abstaining himself, as all good bartenders do before noon. The two men were from Chicago, a fact verified by their Ditkaesque accents. Their goal was to drive an old Ford Econoline van along the Mother Road from pier (Navy) to shining pier (Santa Monica). They knew about this roadhouse, and within minutes we were swapping tales about the Elbow Inn's connection to the Windy City. Al Capone sent his henchmen down here to hide. A guy named



Bud Medina showed up here after his role as triggerman at the St. Valentine's Day massacre. Bud's name doesn't show up in any history I could find. But it probably was an alias. According to everybody at the bar, a whole rogue's gallery of mobsters used to hide out here, in the middle of nowhere.

Lightning flashed, thunder crashed and the rain beat down harder on the old roof. Time has been kind to the Elbow Inn; so has the Big Piney River, only occasionally threatening the old tavern with its floodwaters.

I thanked the bartender, offered best wishes to the Windy City wanderers, and walked out into the storm. The pit bull was still hiding from the lightning and thunder, and I jumped in the car to follow this ancient path that winds up the hill, across the interstate, from pier to shining pier. **clm**

See more stories at <http://johndrakerobinson.com/>

Photos from the Nats



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Year Of The 5's



Calling all owners of 1965 and 2005 GTO's!

**This year, in celebration of:
50th Anniversary of the 1965 GTO
10th Anniversary of the 2005 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:

- 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
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GATEWAY GTO ASSOCIATION
of
St. Louis, Missouri
Invites You to the
August 8, 2015



JEFFERSON COUNTY SUMMER RALLY

We will meet at the Northeast Corner of the High Ridge Walmart Lot at Highway 30 (Gravois) and High Ridge Blvd. (Near McDonalds).

Bring your GTO or ?? if the weather is good or your daily driver if weather is inclement. Be there at 9:00 AM for Donuts and Coffee.

You will need a Navigator for sure. Driver's meeting at 9:30 and the first car will leave at 10:00 AM. Cars will leave every 5 minutes. RSVP's are required for planning.

Rally is a Poker Run, w/time and closest mileage awards.

After the final stop, we will caravan to the Friedman's House in Dittmer where we'll have some of the Famous BBQ.

Bring a Side Dish or Dessert and Beverages of your choice. We can get the food to the house during the Rally.

Can't make the Rally, you can come to the BBQ anyway. Party till ???

Questions and Volunteers Call Kerry Friedman: 314.486.0220 (Day)
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<http://gtoaa.org>



ROUTE 66 CRUISE TO THE MUNGER MOSS HOTEL IN
LEBANON MO

WHEN: SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2015

WHERE: Meet at 8:00 a.m. at the Route 66 State Park, 97
exit 266 (Lewis Rd) off I-44 just east of Eureka.

Travel Route 66 to Devil's Elbow Bridge on the Big Piney
River where we will have lunch at the Devils Elbow Inn and
afterwards proceed to the Munger Moss Hotel in Lebanon
where we will check-in and then have dinner.

INFO: MUNGER MOSS HOTEL

417-532-3111 / Ramona Lehman

Room Prices: Rooms with 2 beds are \$60 plus tax

Queen : \$53.50 plus tax

King: \$56.50 plus tax

Ten (10) rooms are being held under Gateway so get your
reservations in as soon as possible.

2015 GATEWAY GTO CALENDAR OF EVENTS

August

- 6 - GTO MEETING 7PM at Sports Café (CLUB SPONSORED)
- 8 - Jefferson County Fun Cruise - Details to follow
- 8 - Route 66 Classic Car Cruise, 8800 Watson Road, Crestwood, Mo 63119, Line up for the parade at 8:30
- 15 - 6th Annual Veterans Charity Car Slow Purina Farms, 200 Checkerboard Drive, Gray Summit, MO 63039 11:00am to 3:00pm (CLUB SPONSORED)
- 23 - Cedar Hill Elks Car and Motorcycle show, 8430 Industrial Drive, Cedar Hill, Mo 63016, 9am to 4pm
- 30 - Gateway GTO Annual PICNIC at Vargo Park (CLUB SPONSORED)

September

- 3 - GTO MEETING 7PM at Sports Café (CLUB SPONSORED)
- 13 - Wheels in Motion Charity Car Show at Westport Plaza (CLUB SPONSORED)
- 19-20 - GTOAA Regional Meet in Pontiac, IL. (CLUB SPONSORED)

October

- 1 - GTO MEETING 7PM at Sports Café (CLUB SPONSORED)
- 24 - Route 66 Cruise at Munger Moss Hotel

SEE THE FULL CALENDAR AT WWW.GATEWAYGTO.ORG

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Gateway GTO Association Photo Album

If you have photos of past events or if you take pictures of future events that you think would be good for our Photo Album, please send them to the newsletter editor.

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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



As a Gateway GTO member please consider joining the GTO Association of America

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