



THE HOOD SCOOP

October 2015

4th Annual GTOAA Regional All Pontiac Cruise and Show

By Mark Melrose

Gateway GTO Association



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September 19th and 20th saw Gateway members travel to Pontiac, Illinois for the 4th Annual GTOAA Regional to benefit the Pontiac-Oakland Museum and Resource Center. I received many advance calls from prospective participants – one in Manitoba, Canada – about the event so I was encouraged about how many cars we would see on Sunday’s show-field.

In order for event Registration to be operational at 9AM on Saturday and to be able to participate in the full day’s events, many Gateway members undertook the almost four hour drive on Friday. We were treated to lots of rain on the way and at one point the storm seemed to grow into monsoon strength. We all arrived safely and without incident and had a nice dinner at Bernardi’s restaurant. Sandra and I rode to dinner with Terry and Gail Scott in Terry’s truck and on the way back to the hotel we were pulled over by one of Pontiac’s finest. We weren’t violating any laws and were ready to plead that we senior citizens be allowed to proceed to the “nursing home” when the officer announced that the truck had no rear license plate. Since it is a commercial vehicle and complies with Missouri law we were allowed to move on but not before the cop ran “wants and warrants” on Terry.



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ered at the city’s Chautauqua Park Pavilion for a presentation by Jim Luikins, a former Pontiac race driver who has undertaken a project to build a replica of the #50 1963 Pontiac Tempest built specifically to compete in a sports car race featuring two of the new for 1963 Chevy Corvette ZO6s with the “mystery engine” – the first 427. While the Tempest build was funded by Pontiac, General Motors had issued an edict banning corporate participation in racing only two weeks before the race. The group headed by Ray Nichols who built the Tempest, driver Paul Goldsmith and the pit crew persevered and using their own resources (money) participated in the race. How did the Tempest do against the ZO6 Corvettes? It passed the ZO6s on the first lap, never looked back and won the race overall. The Chevy guys claimed handling problems at 160+ mph blaming the first Corvette independent rear suspension and since the race was immediately fol-

Saturday began with a flood of event registrations and the Poker Run/Cruise began with the first group of “players” leaving the city square about 10:30AM. The Poker Run/Cruise ran through the Illinois countryside and made seven stops to draw cards – most of which featured tours of private collections including classic automobiles, farm implements and tractors as well as antiques and automotive memorabilia as well as a stop for lunch.

Later Saturday afternoon people gath-

lowing the GM racing ban and the Chevy guys had been thoroughly humiliated, the results got little play in the media and even less within GM. The Tempest’s driver in that race, 90+ year-old Paul Goldsmith, graciously attended the Regional and was on-hand Sunday to pose with the rolling shell of the replica #50 and talk with the Pontiac faithful. Great stuff.

Saturday’s events continued with the catered fried chicken dinner in the Chautauqua Pavilion, followed by the Ice Cream Social and



the *Cruisin for Kicks on Route 66* musical production by the city's Vermillion Players and featuring on-stage appearances by Gateway members Rich Vie and Harry Timmermann.

Sunday featured the car show beginning at 10AM. Registration opened at 9AM and we were swamped. Final tally was 216 vehicles on the show-field, 16 more than last year. There were 82 GTOs, 55 Firebirds, 19 Fieros and 60 other Pontiacs on display. Tro-

phies were taken home by eight Gateway members: Jon Havens and Frank Chapman took first place in their classes, Harry Timmermann and Chris Winslow won second place in their classes and Joe Mayweather, Kerry Friedman, Tom Oxler and Mark Melrose took third place in their classes.

We were able to pass on event proceeds of \$4,086.80 to the Pontiac-Oakland Museum in addition to \$455.00 Earl Lewis generated



GTOAA Regional Event at Pontiac



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with his 50/50 drawing. Curator Tim Dye expressed his gratitude to the car show participants and announced that this annual GTOAA Regional is the largest single fund-raising event benefiting the museum every year.



While the Schedule of Events tends to make the weekend look redundant from year-to-year – the cruise, presentation and musical production on Saturday have been different in each of the past four years and the organizers strive to make sure there is no repetition in these events. And while a number of the show cars keep coming year-to-year, they are truly exceptional examples of Pontiac style and engineering and it’s great to see and spend time their owners year after year. Mark your calendar for the third weekend in September of 2016 ‘cause we’re gonna do it again.





GTOAA Regional Event at Pontiac



October 26, 2015

Mr. Mark Melrose
c/o Gateway GTO Association
151 Plant Avenue
Webster Groves, MO 63119

Dear Mr. Melrose and members of the Gateway GTO Club:

We want to say "Thank You" to all of the people who work tirelessly behind the scenes before, during and after the show to make our "All Pontiac Cruise & Show" such a success. Each year we see growth in the number of people who attend and the money raised to help support the museum. It is a tremendous amount of work and we really appreciate the hours everyone puts in to make it such a fun event for all who come. We hope everyone had as much fun as we did.

This year your organization helped to raise a total of \$17,547.56 for the museum. Through registrations, sponsorships, memberships, silent auction items, 50/50, and gift shop sales, all of these made a tremendous impact on the dollars raised. Your clubs generosity is truly appreciated.

We have been fortunate to collect many wonderful pieces of Pontiac and Oakland history and to be able to house them in a brick and mortar location is even better. It takes a lot to store and maintain these pieces of history and through your efforts the money raised will go towards keeping these artifacts available to the public.

Plans for next year are already being made so we look forward to seeing everyone come back and bring more friends, raise more money and have more Pontiac fun and excitement in Pontiac, Illinois!

Sincerely,

Penny Dye
Penny Dye
Assistant Director

cc: G. Tom Oxler, President, GTO Association of America
cc: Brian Sorensen, Heart of Illinois GTO Club
cc: Ken Braun, Windy City GTO Club

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Presidents Scoop

The Presidents Scoop

By Kerry Friedman

The Cruisin Cottleville Car Show was another event where the Orange Shirt Brigade was out in force. Although there was not much that we had to do, we were there. There was not that much needed in the parking area, but we did get the opportunity to Judge various classes of cars, and that was a different experience. There were many Magnificent Autos, including the Best Of's, and some 80 plus year old ones that appeared to be brand new. Another well attended and worked show was that fourth annual GTOAA Regional Car Show in Pontiac, Illinois. The Clubs, Gateway GTO, H. O. I., and Windy City GTO's, raised and donated \$ 4085 to The Pontiac Museum.

Nominations for Gateway GTO Officers were opened at the September Regular Meeting. To nominate someone, send an email to Will Bowers at WWBDSB@YAHOO.COM.COM. Ballots will be in the next newsletter, and in a special email. Votes shall be turned in to Will by December 1, so that the results can be announced at the Christmas Party on December 5. The current Officers have agreed to run for another term, if the Members so desire and vote that way.

The last regular Gateway GTO meeting of 2015 will be Thursday, November 5, at The Sport's Café, in Bridgeton. We will have a Guest Speaker on Medicare and Supplemental Insurance. Since a lot of us are getting to that Age, it might be very informative. See you there.



GGTOA Minutes: 10/1/2015

7:03PM – Meeting start – No new members present.

Old Business – Museum show was nice, but had low spectatorship.

Wheels in Motion had 200 cars. The raffle ticket sales were down from last year.

Pontiac Regional – Mark Melrose spoke about it. Saturday and Sunday had great weather. 215 cars in the car show on Sunday. We have a \$4086 check for the Pontiac Museum.

Olivet Baptist Church show had approximately 40 cars.

7:12 – New Business – Earl Lewis spoke about the upcoming Cottleville show. The proceeds from the car show will fund the Cottleville St. Patricks day parade next year. There was a discussion about the possibility of the club participating in the parade.

7:22 – Nominations for club officers 2016-2017 are coming up. Nominations will be closed at the end of November.

7:24 – Tom Oxler talked about a new 1/8th mile drag track in Bonne Terre. He gauged club interest in putting on a drag day at this location next year.

7:29 – Kerry Friedman mentioned that Gateway Buick GMC will not put on another car show this year.

7:30 – Upcoming events –

11/8 – Annual Wine Cruise at Montelle Winery. Meet at Francis Howell parking lot at 10:15.

12/5 – Annual Christmas Party at Webster Groves Barn. \$15 per person, \$25 per couple. Reservations by November 25th. Send a check to Will Bowers or pay at November Meeting.

(Prices subject to change)

7:36 – GTOAA Discussion with Steve Hedrick. The website for the 2016 Nationals is up and running. Check it out.

7:39 – The Next committee meeting for the 2017 Nationals is on October 20th. Meet up a 6:00 for dinner, meeting starts at 7:00. This was changed from 21st due to location availability.

7:41 – Tech – John Havens said that every part that he buys from Original Parts Group looks and fits great.

Chris Simmons brought info about the cart track at Gateway Raceway. He also had info on the Pole Position cart track.

7:45 – Terry Schott spoke about a trivia night that is being held in February. It will be at the Moolah Shrine (12545 Fee Fee Road. St. Louis, MO 63146). The cost is \$160 per team of 8.

7:47 – Club personals – Terry Oxler found the Tigers hiding at her house.

Earl Lewis had a stent replaced and he is doing much better now.

Darryl May is having his last radiation treatment. He will find out soon if the cancer was totally eliminated.

Mary Anne Havens was having issues with her arm.

Jim McCarthy is out and about, and feels much better.

7:53 – Steve Hedrick mentioned that Luma LEDs now has complete packages on their website for different cars.

7:59 – Motion to adjourn by Paula Winslow. Seconded by Tom Oxler.

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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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.

Cottleville Car Show By Chris Winslow



Gateway GTO's own Earl Lewis played a major role this year in helping to organize the Cottleville Car Show. The show was held on October 10th at the old American Furniture parking lot on Mid Rivers Mall Drive. The event was held to raise money for the Cottleville St. Pat's Foundation.

Earl has asked for support from Gateway GTO with parking lot and judging duties, so a group of the usual suspects showed up to help. The good news is that it was a beautiful early fall day. The bad news was that the show was competing against the EPC car show just a few miles away.





The early turnout was discouraging and we were initially concerned that there would not be a large showing. So, those of us helping park the cars started spacing them out a bit more to try to make the parking lot look a bit more full. Then, the floodgates opened and cars were coming in from all directions.

In addition to the cars that turned out, there were also a number of vendors, a raffle, and the Cottleville Fire and Police departments brought out some of their vehicles.

After all the cars were parked, a number of us from participated in the judging. I was paired up with Mark Melrose and we spent close to 2 hours looking at a lot of cars in our 3



classes. As it turns out, Mark and I had pretty similar views on the cars we were judging, so it was a pretty smooth process.

Once all of the judging was done, they stated handing out the awards. Jim McCarthy and Kerry Friedman took home trophies.



Gateway GTO Activities



So, after getting off to a slow start, we ended up with well over 100 cars and hopefully helped the Cottleville St. Pat's foundation make some money for local charities.





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:
 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>

Racing Home for the Holidays!



Gateway GTO Christmas Party Saturday, December 5, 2015, 5:30-10:30PM

**Bring a “Rob-Your-Neighbor” gift (\$20-\$30)
Join the fun at the party!**

**Webster Groves Barn
1155 South Rock Hill Road
Webster Groves, Missouri 63119**

**Buffet Meal, BYOB, \$15.00 per person, \$25 per
couple**

For Reservations, send a check by November 28 to:

**Will Bowers
#1 Goshen Woods
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2015 GATEWAY GTO CALENDAR OF EVENTS

November

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

8 - Gateway GTO Winery Run. Details to follow.

December

5 - Gateway GTO Annual Christmas Party (CLUB SPONSORED)

SEE THE FULL CALENDAR AT WWW.GATEWAYGTO.ORG

Gateway GTO Classifieds

Wanted: Running Pontiac V-8 (prefer 400 or 455) to put in 69 GTO project as interim motor.
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GATEWAY GTO 30th ANNIVERSARY TEE SHIRTS



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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.

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