



THE HOOD SCOOP

June 2016

Mrs. GTO
By Tom Oxler

Gateway GTO
Association



As most of you know, Terrie and I already own a 1966 GTO that we both enjoy very much. Well, back in the spring of 2007, I got the urge to purchase a New Age GTO to complement our 66. I was looking around at various dealers using the internet to check what was available, in what colors and options and the prices.

Just before I began thinking of a new GTO, Terrie's Mom was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer and was told there was nothing they could do and she had 6 months to live. Well, we spent many months going back and forth to Raytown, Missouri as her Mom was in Hospice at home. Things progressed just as the nurses said they would and her Mom passed away peacefully in July 2007.

On several weekends where Terrie was in Raytown and I was home manning the homestead, I was able to locate a new 2006 Torrid Red 2006 automatic GTO at Marquitz Motors in Troy, Missouri. Using GM Card points, dealer discounts and a Loyalty certificate I had been given to me by

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Gateway Club member Bill Kirk, I purchased the 06 on June 6, 2007 without Terrie ever knowing what was going on. She came home that following Sunday to see the brand new 2006 GTO sitting in her parking spot in the garage. This was a huge surprise as we had never, ever bought a car without both of us driving, testing, talking and agreeing first. Needless to say, she was surprised and very soon, she put her plates on the GTO: MRSGTO.

That following year, we took the 2006 GTO to the GTOAA National Convention in Saratoga Springs, New York with the Melrose's in their black 06, the Friedman's with their Red 69 and the Hedrick's with their red 67. We drove the entire way and visited Buffalo, home to Mark and Sandra Melrose. We got to visit the Anchor Bar where Buffalo Wings were invented and yes, we sampled close to a hundred of them with some beer to wash them down. We also got to see where Mark and Sandra grew up and had lunch with Mark's parents.

While in Saratoga Springs, Mark and I signed up for the drag racing event at Lebanon Valley Raceway about 50 miles away. We drove our GTOs to the track and found we were in the 11.0 seconds and slower class. After making about 4 "time trials" we dialed our GTOs in. My first race I dialed in a 13.95. The 06 could certainly do better than 13.95 but this was bracket racing and it is consistency, not fastest time and I kept the Traction Control ON to help control the wheel spin at the line. I won my first race with a 14.199 ET at 99.16 MPH and a reaction time of .024 seconds.

The second race was a BYE as there were 7 racers left and I got a BYE due to the low

reaction time of .024. I made a pass and with a 14.05 dial in and ran a 14.08 at 100.05 MPH.

The third race was the semi-final and I was up against an 11 second GTO with a dial in of 11.79. I dialed in 14.05 and won because my opponent Broke Out with an 11.67 time on an 11.79 dial in. MRS GTO ran a 14.079 at 95.96 MPH with a .022 reaction time.

The finals had MRS GTO up against another very quick GTO with a dial in of 12.02. I kept the 14.05 dial in and won again but this time due to my opponent Red Lighting. MRS GTO ran a 13.966 which is a Break Out but since my opponent Red Lit, MRS GTO won again. The final run was a 13.966 at 99.82 MPH with a .006 reaction time.

So, MRS GTO takes the 11 second and slower Drag Racing Class with just ONE actual win. The rest of the runs my opponents LOST by either braking out or red lighting. Yes, I won but not necessarily by anything that I did.

After the convention, Terrie and I, the Melrose's and Friedman's visited Niagara Falls and then traveled through Canada into Detroit and then back to St. Louis.

In 2011, we took the new GTO to another GTOAA National Convention in Portland, Oregon. Along with the Melroses, we followed the Oregon Trail from Kansas City all the way to Portland seeing some of the best sights in the entire USA. It took us about 6 days to make the trip but it was well worth it.

MRS GTO found her way back to the Drag Strip in 2008 at the Gateway GTO Club Drag Day in Benton, Illinois. Terrie & I were both racing; Terrie in the 06 and me in the 66. We even had a race together.



So far, these are the longest trips we have made with Terrie's GTO as we are trying to keep the miles as low as we can even though Terrie uses the 06 as her daily driver. Right now, it has just 49,000 miles on a 10 year old GTO. We have kept the 06 bone stock as I had a K & N cold air kit on it for a while but took it off to go back to stock. There are just not that many STOCK New Age GTOs out there so someday, MRS GTO may be a collector GTO.





Presidents Scoop

The Presidents Scoop

By Kerry Friedman

It is the end of June and really hot. I haven't been taking my GTO out as much as in the past. Should I put an air conditioner in and enjoy it more? Or keep more original? Well, not much else is original, and I have built the car the way I want it, so why not. I will start looking and see what is out there. I'm sure the new units will be more efficient than the originals.

Speaking of efficiency, I had to try the Schaeffer Oils products in my GTO, because of the last visit we had from the Salesman, and my personal experience using it in our work trucks. I had been using Valvoline 20-50 Racing Oil because it has some of the additives good to use in the older engines. I'm not sure if I have the type of parts that need these chemicals, but better safe than sorry. Keeping all things, the same, I opted to use the Schaeffer 20-50 Racing Oil. I also decided to try the Schaeffer gas additive, not because of any pinging or issues like that. But because of the limited amount of use of the car and storing the car with regular gas that I understand is not very good.

I got the products and set out to change the oil. Ever since I changed the headers, it has been impossible to change the oil filter without turning it over, dumping the oil out, and struggling to remember how I did it last time. When I finally give up and take the filter mounting bracket off, the filter comes out. Listening to Members Jon Havens, and Chris Simmons at the meetings, I decide to stop using the AC Filter. Jon had told us about a problem his Son had that ruined an engine because of the flow capacity, and Chris has talked about a Bosch Filter he found that is a lot smaller. With AC Filter in hand, I went to an O'Reilly Auto Parts store near my house. Living in the country, 10 miles away is "near" my house. They had a Bosch 3423 filter that was about 1/2" smaller in diameter so I bought it.

The filter fit right in and the oil pressure is a little lower at idle. If the sensor is tied in before the filter, then this is good as there is less resistance. Schaeffer also boasts less friction with their oils. My transmission does not have the right gear for my speedometer, so I don't check mileage with it, but after changing the oil and going on the Fort Cruise with Frank Chapman and a few others, I guess that to be about 200 miles, +/-, I only used 12 gallons of gas. That sounds like fantastic results. I'll keep an eye on it and keep you informed.

September is going to sneak up on us before we know it. Please start asking your parts stores, service centers, or for that matter, any people you know, for donation items for our Wheels in Motion Raffle. We have plenty of Flyers for the Wheels in Motion Show and the Pontiac Regionals in September. Grab a bunch at the next meeting and take them to car shows to leave in participant's cars.



Our next Regular meeting is Thursday, July 7, at 7:00PM at the Sport's Café. Hope you can make it. The next 2017 GTOAA Convention planning meeting is at 7:00PM on Wednesday June 29, also at the Sport's Café. We meet at 6:00 before our meetings at the Sport's Café and have dinner and fellowship. Everyone is welcome to join in.





Meeting Minutes



Meeting Minutes for

June 2, 2016

7:02PM – Meeting start – New Members Jacob and Natalie Heath were in attendance. He currently has a 69 GTO (under construction), 05 GTO, 01 Grand Prix GTP, 02 Grand Am and an 05 Grand Am. Welcome to the club!

7:04 – Old Business – Tom Oxler talked about the drag day event at Bonne Terre. He suggested renting out the track for the next event for \$1500. Gail Schott raced Will Bowers and nearly beat him. John Havens spoke a bit about the Missouri Baptist Car Show. His daughter sends her thanks to the club for helping out. He brought in our trophy for club participation. Earl Lewis talked about the Cobblestone Nationals on Memorial Day.

7:15 – New Business – Chris Winslow is asking for 66 and 06 articles for the newsletter. The club is looking for more activities. Sandra Melrose mentioned a Route 66 program at Forest Park. This could be a possible group activity for June 26th. Tom Oxler mentioned a car show at a winery in defiance on June 19th.

7:20 – Upcoming Events –

6/25 – City of Pacific car show. 8:00AM to 9:00PM. This show will help Pacific recover from recent flooding. CSE

6/29 – Convention Planning Meeting. 7:00PM at Sports Café in Bridgeton. CSE

8/28 – Annual Gateway Picnic. Vago Park, Maryland Heights. 2nd Pavilion. CSE

9/11 – Wheels in Motion. We need raffle items. CSE

9/17-9/18 – 5th Annual GTOAA Regional car show in Pontiac Illinois. CSE

9/24 – Olivet Baptist Church Car Show

12/10 – Christmas Party at Hawkin House

7:35 – GTOAA – Tom Oxler gave a report.

7:36 – 2017 Convention Update – Terry Schott spoke a bit about it. Tom Oxler brought in the new banner that will be displayed at the Nationals. Earl Lewis is working on several sponsors for the show including Enterprise and Firestone.

7:40 – Tom Oxler talked about the 2016 Nationals in Washington.

7:42 – Tech – Joe Mayweather brought in an axle from his 04 GTO. It appears that the mounting bolts loosened up and his axle just dropped while he was driving. Luckily it happened at low speed. Chris Winslow brought in a burned up device that was being used to eliminate the 1-4 skip shift in the newer cars. Tom Oxler talked about his new PCV valve. It's still doing fine after drag day. Marty spoke about a check engine light issue with his Solstice.

7:54 – Club Personals – Jim McCarthy is officially retired from Mastercard. Terry and Gail Schott just had their 40th wedding anniversary.

7:56 – Motion to Adjourn by Mark Melrose, seconded by Rich Vie.

50/50 of \$30 won by Tom Oxler



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.

Fort and Elvis Cruise By Frank Chapman

We started the day at Gateway Classic Cars. The weather did not cooperate with temperatures in the 90's as the day progressed. There were a total of sixteen cars signed up for the cruise with eight being GTO's and the rest mixed with everything from Corvettes to street rods.

From Gateway Classics we traveled on Old 50 Highway to Breese and Wally's to dine on their famous hamburgers. While everyone enjoyed the food the group did encounter some problems with orders being delayed. In the end it all worked out and we traveled to see the fort.

Upon arriving at the fort we found two more GTO's on display. The owner of the fort invited a couple of his friends to enjoy the day whom we made sure that they felt welcome. While at the fort we were entertained by the owner with some camp fire singing and general entertainment. After a couple of hours the temperature had risen above the comfort level and people started to call it a day due to the heat. As a result of this the time scheduled to visit the



fort was shortened and the eight cars left proceeded to Jail House Rock in Trenton.

After arriving and Jail House Rock early we proceeded to give away the 50/50 prize of \$62 and the winning poker hand of \$85. Shortly after that the group was reduced to four cars and only six people. At this time



Gateway GTO Activities

the owner said he could invite some other people in and go ahead with a short performance. Well the short performance lasted right at an hour and was enjoyed by all in attendance.

While the group was small compared with a previous cruise to these locations everyone seemed to enjoy themselves in spite of the “HOT” weather. We had entries for the cruise from as far away as Ramsey, IL. At the end of the day the cruise was enjoyed by all.





Year Of The 6's

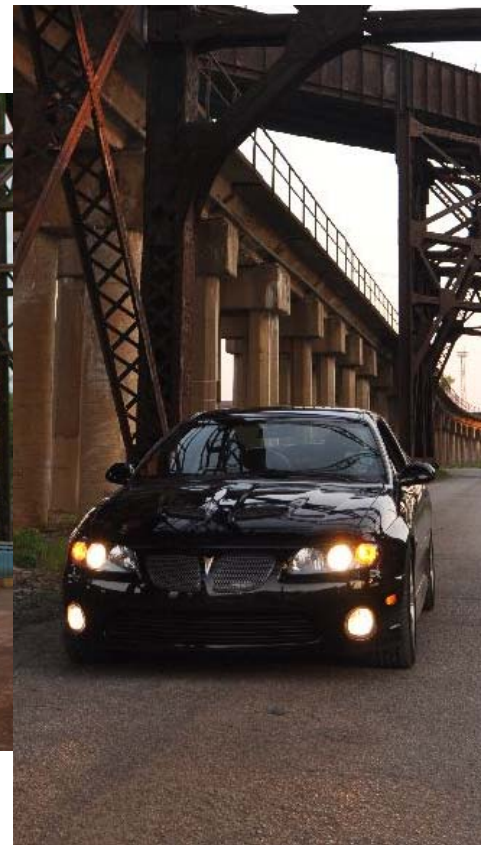


Calling all owners of 1966 and 2006 GTO's!

**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:

- 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

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Membership dues are \$35.00 per year, which includes you and one associate member (spouse, girlfriend, etc.) and your GTOAA yearly membership.

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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2016 GATEWAY GTO CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July

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

9 - JJ's Cruises at 1215 S. Duschene in St. Charles second Saturday of the month April-October

13-17 - GTOAA Convention in Bellevue, Washington (CLUB SPONSORED)

August

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

13 - JJ's Cruises at 1215 S. Duschene in St. Charles second Saturday of the month April-October

September

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

10 - JJ's Cruises at 1215 S. Duschene in St. Charles second Saturday of the month April-October

11 - Wheels in Motion Car Show at Westport Plaza. See website for details. (CLUB SPONSORED)

17-18 - GTOAA Regional Meeting in Pontiac Illinois (CLUB SPONSORED)

SEE THE FULL CALENDAR AT WWW.GATEWAYGTO.ORG

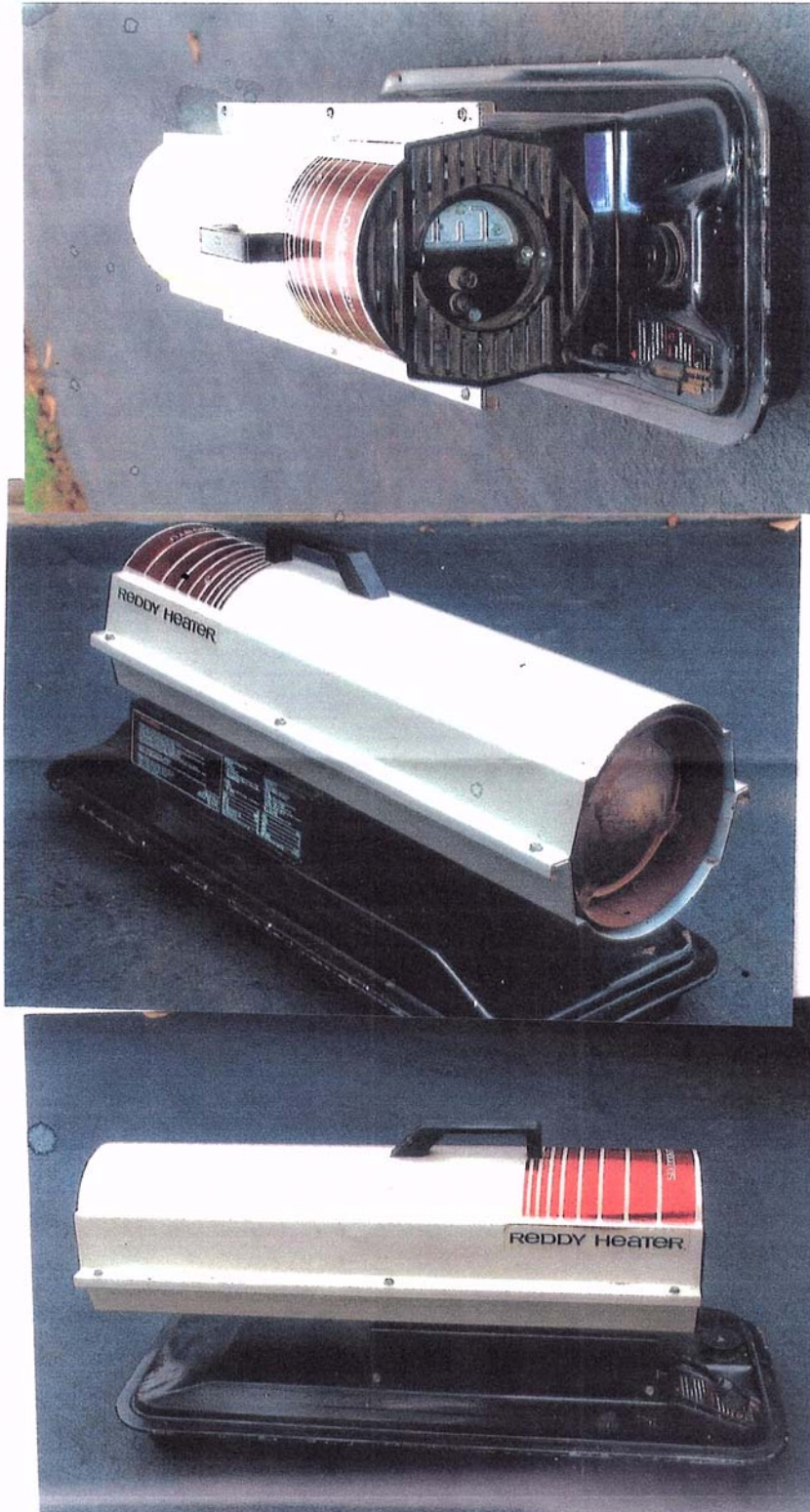
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Gateway GTO Association Photo Album

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.

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