



THE HOOD SCOOP

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My 1970 GTO

by Danny Schmidt

Gateway GTO
Association



I guess you could say my GTO story started in 1954, yes 1954. This is the year I was born and the year my Dad and Uncle bought the local Pontiac and GMC dealership, which remained in our family till 2009. When the 1964 GTO came out, I was 10 years old and already doing chores at the store. I remember those GTOs coming in and sitting on the show room floor with me pretending I was driving and going through the gears. I also remember them sitting on the repair lot after a hard weekend, needing a motor, transmission or rear gears. I also remember the locals that bought the GTOs.

Those GTOs are long gone but many of the locals are still around town and yes those old GTO stories still seem to float to the top. We'll discuss all of that at another time. Let's get to the real "star" of the Car of the Month.

My story with this 1970 GTO started 20 years ago in May of 2000. I found it in the St. Louis Post Dispatch classified section. (Look at the prices from 2000. Don't you wish prices would be like that today. You can see I had the Pontiacs highlighted). The gentleman I bought it from said he had it for approximately 5 years and he bought it the way I saw it. I love all

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GTO of the Month



4020	Classic, Antique and Special Interest Auto	'71 Pontiac LeMans Sport, fact. buckets, newer 400 mtr. & trans. Nice car. \$2300/Best offer. 867-4478 or 277-7471
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4480	Auto Service/Repair	'70 Impala conv, good body, needs restoring. \$500. 573-734-2822
4320	Autos Wanted	'70 Pontiac GTO, autumn gold, exc. cond., 400 4 spd., \$12,000/nego.
4455	Buses, Ambulance For Sale	'69 CAMARO Pro Street, 350 Stroker engine, possible trade, \$9500. 636-398-4524
4465	Cellular Telephone	'69 Chevelle SS, 454 auto, 12 bolt, 3.73, restored, \$8500. (314)653-6495
4390	Four Wheel Drive	'69 Corvette, blue, orig. 350-300 h.p. 4 spd, ac, pb, ps, OEM side exhaust, body off restoration, \$20,000. 636-239-5237 after 5
4520	Mopeds/ Scooters/Go-Karts	'69 DODGE Coronet 440, ac, 318 auto., exc. orig. daily driver, \$7500 firm. (314)725-9648
4525	Motorcycle Services	'69 EL CAMINO \$4500 CALL 636-332-1070
4530	Motorcycles	'69 Firebird Conv., 400 auto., restored, nice, \$11,500/ neg., 636-916-1571
4440	RV/Motor Homes	'69 FORD T-BIRD 429 big block (314)771-2758
4500	Tires & Wheels	'69 NOVA, 350 auto., 2 door, \$5600/Best offer. 636-942-2173
4450	Travel Trailers/ Campers	'68 CAMARO RS SS, 396 cu. in., 4 spd, new metal, needs paint, \$4200/best offer, (636) 464-3021.
4405-4430	Trucks	'68 GTO, runs good, must see, \$4,350/offer, (636)978-0666
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GTO of the Month

GTOs and have had several, but never a '70. I made the man an offer, he took it, and we came home with an autumn gold 1970 GTO.

The one picture is of my wife and the GTO with a trophy shortly after we got it. As you can see, neither my wife nor the GTO have aged. (That will get me some points.)

Five years went by and the Gateway GTO Association hosted the 26th GTOAA International Meet. I took my '71 GTO and '70' GTO to the meet. I noticed a man really looking my '70 over. I asked if I could help him. He said he was the one that owned and restored my '70. It was cool because I got to find out some history on my '70. His uncle had bought the car new. He was the second owner and I was the fourth.



The motor is the original. It was machined .30 over. Rods were bead blasted and retained. A special cam adds the right lobe. It has forged pistons and the heads are port and polished. It has a Holley Dominator intake and Ram Air 3 exhaust manifolds. The GTO originally came with a three speed and was changed to a four speed, original housing out back with a 4.11 posi unit. 165 R15s are up front and 275/60R15 Mickey Thompson Street/Strip are on the rear for traction. Those are the biggest tires I could fit and not touch the inner fender wells.

I really haven't done a lot to the Goat since I've had it. I couldn't swing a real Judge so I thought I would make one by adding the wing and stripes. The paint is showing a little age and I have redone the front bumper twice and spot painted a few areas. It still gets looks wherever I go. I have several other Pontiacs and ran out of room a few years ago, so GTO Joey as we call him now resides in a heated shop of my son-in-law Josh and grandson Jackson. In fact, 10 year old Jackson eats, sleeps and drinks these cars. So there is still hope out there for that generation. When exercise is needed they get him out and stretch his legs. Really stretched them at Norwalk Tri Power Nationals 2 years ago. Old Goat stayed together for several runs down the track. Out of all the Pontiacs I've owned, for some reason this one feels like family. I believe she's here to stay.

I've included a few other pictures I've taken over the past 20 years. Hope you enjoy my story.

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GATEWAY GTO



35 YEARS OF SLAMMIN' GEARS



Presidents Scoop



The President's Scoop By Terry Schott

2020 is definitely going down in the books as a strange year. The Covid 19 pandemic has had a major impact on everyone's lives. First and foremost has been the loss of so many lives. The fact that people haven't even been able to attend loved ones' funerals is horrible. At times of loss, we normally want to gather around people; however that has been impossible to do.

The high-tech world we live in has been a blessing to allow people to continue to work from home. Many churches, including ours, have been able to use Zoom or other programs to be able try to continue on. All of the restaurants, hotels, and entertainment venues have pretty much come to a stop. Even the airlines are talking layoffs. Many of these businesses may never be able to come back and have been forced to close.

The impact on the economy hasn't been good. The drops in the stock market have affected everyone, but thankfully things are starting to come back and get better.

The stimulus package by the government has been good and helped a lot of people, but there is still a lot more to be figured out. We can only print so much money before we just create more problems.

Even though the tendency is to focus on the bad, we need to try to find some good in all of this. I think everyone has a greater appreciation for our doctors, nurses, and first responders. I know that many parents have a whole new appreciation for teachers! People have been donating food and medical supplies to help support the less fortunate. People have found ways to recognize the "Senior Class of 2020" in parades and drive-bys. Although many graduations had to be cancelled, these kids will still have memories to last through their lives. I do feel that people have had time to sit back and realize the little things we all take for granted. Hopefully the kindness of today will carry over into the future.

I contacted Ginghams and they are open now, but can only have a small number of people. No more than 6 family members may be at a table. We won't be able to have our June meeting there, but things are starting to open up a little. Hopefully people will still try to abide by all the guidelines and help put an end to this. The numbers are looking better so let's all try to hang in there for a little longer. I hope you are all doing well and we still plan on trying to move forward with our planned activities for the end of July through the end of the year. If things open up sooner, we will try to plan some events to get together. Stay well and hope to see you soon.



Gateway GTO Membership Renewal

Starting in 2020 GTOAA Dues are to be paid directly to GTOAA:

- Do not send GTOAA dues to Will Bowers. Instead renew directly with GTOAA by mail or at www.gtoaa.org.
- All Gateway GTO Members must be GTOAA members in good standing.
- Please contact GTOAA Chapter Representative Tom Oxler with any questions:

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Gateway GTO Application to GTOAA



The Formation of Gateway GTO and the Application to GTOAA

By

Chris Winslow

As many of you know, Mark Melrose recently spent some time helping me with the Gateway GTO Newsletter Project which aimed to locate copies of old newsletters from Gateway so that I could scan them in and get them up on the website. The effort was quite successful. We now have newsletters up on the website going back as far as 1989.

One of the members that Mark contacted for help was Ron Fiebiger. Ron was a very active member of Gateway and was the newsletter editor for a number of years. He had an extensive collection of newsletters which Mark borrowed and gave me for scanning.

In the process of sorting through the box of newsletters, I found that Ron had a copy of the original application of Gateway to the GTO Association of America. I think this document is a significant find for the history of the club as there have been some questions over the years as to exactly who were the charter members. That mystery is now solved. The charter members were:

Scott Pinson

Sherry Nichols

Greg Pugh

Kevin McNamara

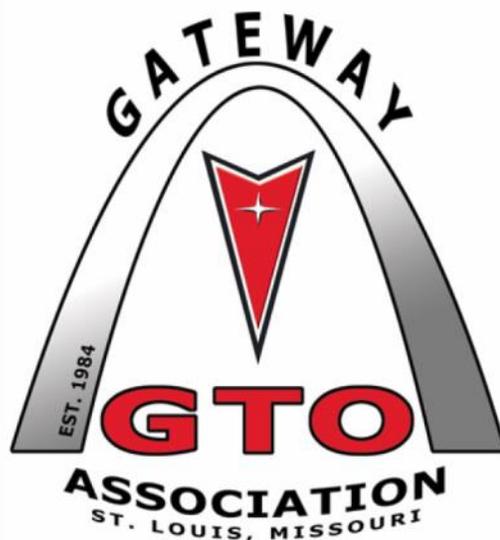
Rick Houska

Steve Schoen

Tim Pisoni

See the next page for a scan of that document. The copy that Ron has was itself a copy, so it is not the easiest thing to read, but the names are clear enough. Also of interest on the application is a hand drawn sketch of the original concept for the club logo. It is obviously the basis for the logo that we still use today.

Gateway GTO was the fourth chapter chartered by GTOAA. Today there are 37 chapters.



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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6. Steve Schoen 4553 Valmeyer (will join soon)
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Year Of The 0's



Calling all owners of 1970 GTO's!

**In 2020, in celebration of:
50th Anniversary of the 1970 GTO**

The Hoodscoop will be featuring Car of the Month articles on the anniversary year

If you own one of these special cars, please get to work on your article(s) and get them to Chris Winslow



2020 GATEWAY GTO
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June

4 - GTO MEETING **6:30 at Civic Park in O'Fallon, MO**

308 Civic Park Drive, O'Fallon, MO 63366. (Highway 70 to Highway K/Main Street, North on Main Street to Civic Park Drive and then left on Civic Park Drive. The park is on the right). NOTE: If you have not been to O'Fallon lately, they have moved the westbound exit to Highway K/Main Street east about 1 mile. It is well signed.

We will be in the large pavilion near the playground. The restrooms will be open. Feel free to come early and to bring dinner and drinks with you if you would like. **(PLEASE NO GLASS CONTAINERS AS THEY ARE NOT ALLOWED IN CIVIC PARK).** Bringing your own chairs is recommended.

16-20 - The GTOAA National Convention has been canceled.

July

2 - GTO MEETING 7PM at Gingham's (Terry will send out a message on this meeting once it is determined if Gingham's will be able to accommodate the meeting)

31- Aug 2 - Ames Tri Power Nationals in Norwalk

August

6 - GTO MEETING 7PM at Gingham's (Terry will send out a message on this meeting once it is determined if Gingham's will be able to accommodate the meeting)

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Gateway GTO Classifieds

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Earl Lewis is selling his enclosed 20 foot trailer. He is asking \$2500. If you are interested, contact Earl at 636-219-4932.



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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 Gingham's, 1566 Country Club Plaza Drive, St. Charles, MO 63303

The are no Gateway GTO membership dues for the year 2020. The rate for membership dues to Gateway GTO for 2021 and beyond will be determined by December of 2020. All Gateway GTO members must be a member in good standing with GTOAA. You are allowed to have one associate member.

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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