

Goat of the Month

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When Tom asked me if I'd write an article for the Goat Of the Month I was a little surprised. I accepted and now the pressure is on. I hope you enjoy my story.

I'm a divorced mom of three. Alex (13), Darren (12), and Mattie (11) have been seen tagging along with me at events from time to time. I have several hobbies that include mountain biking, RC trucks, detailing cars, attending car shows, video games, and spending time at the track.



Fortunately for me a few of my family members also drag race. When I was a kid I spent most of my summer vacations turning wrenches, more like handing wrenches to an uncle or brother. I was rewarded by being allowed to tag along when they went to the racetrack.

I made up my mind then that at some point in my life I would own a muscle car. Twenty years later (wow) it happened. I picked up my GTO Saturday June 24, 2006. It had nine miles on the odometer. Unfortunately I had to work that day so I couldn't make a trip to Kansas City with my brother James. So I called him oh about 6 times to make sure I'd catch him at home when he got back into town. His reaction when I pulled in behind him with the GTO said that I had done well. Then I took him for a ride around the block. That was a fun 12 seconds.



A few days later I found the Gateway GTO club and made my first meeting. I've been hanging around since then. I've met some great people. Made new friends, and had some great times with club members.

If anyone had told me that I would have done so much (two legs of the Hot Rod Power Tour, 2007 Nationals, countless car shows, and racing events) in such a short period of time I wouldn't have believed it.



I am still going to buy a classic GTO. Until then I'll enjoy my '06. I just haven't decided which year yet. I'm torn between a '66 and a '67.

My car did not stay stock for long. My first modifications were a few new suspension parts. Then came long tube headers and a tune. My next purchase was a new shifter. After the shifter came a custom aluminum radiator. Now I'm rebuilding the motor. Rebuilding the motor has been one expensive yet fun learning experience for me. I'm not sure what the new horsepower/torque readings will be, but I'm pretty sure I'll be happy with the final numbers.

I'm looking forward to another year doing car shows, making track days, and eating way too much ice cream again this year.

