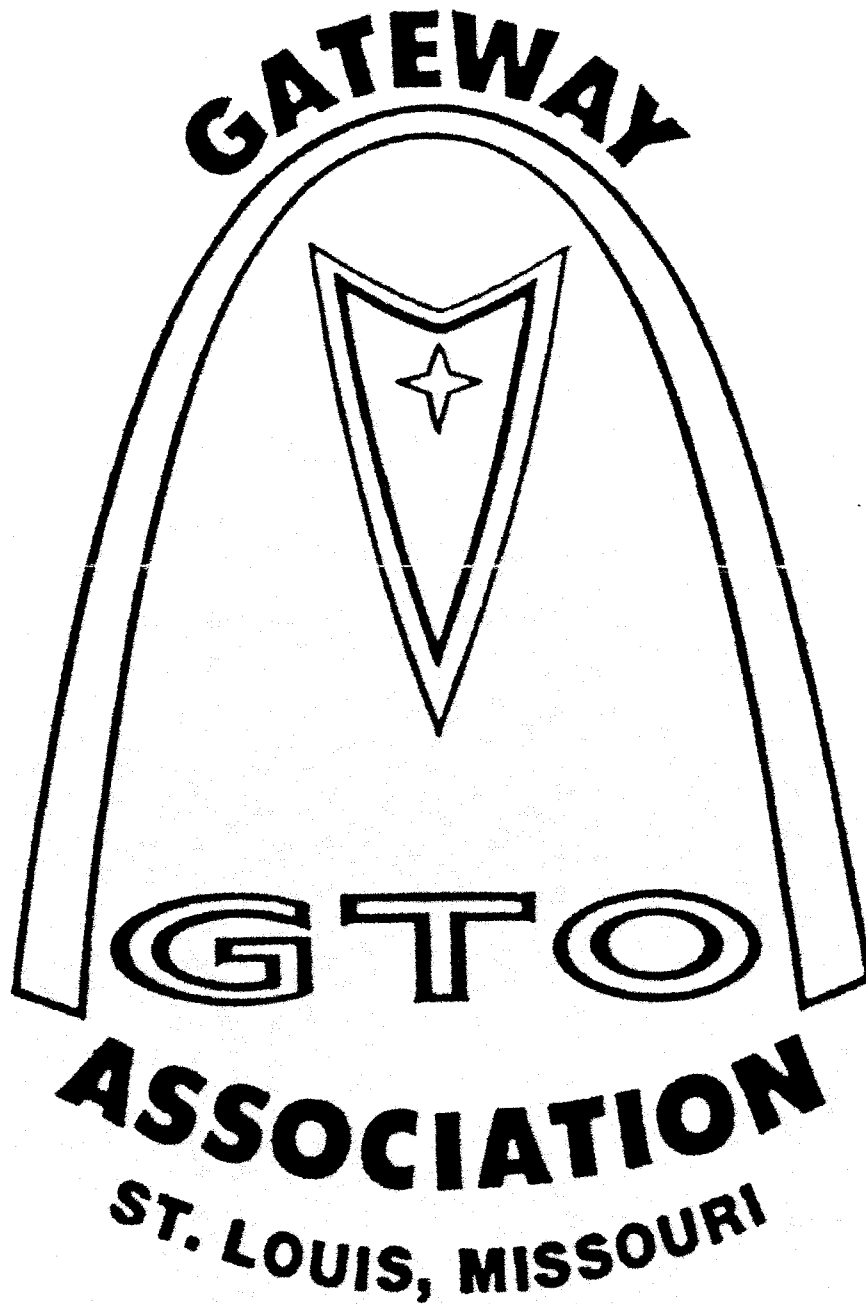


THE HOOD SCOOP

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THE HOOD SCOOP is published as an informative news bulletin to keep our members up to date on past, present and future events.

GATEWAY GTO ASSOCIATION MEETINGS

are held monthly. Dates, times and locations are listed in the **UPCOMING EVENTS** section of the newsletter.

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 the photo album, please put your name, the date and description of event on back and send to the Photo Album Editor Joyce Nettle.

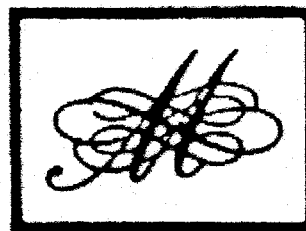
The **GATEWAY GTO ASSOCIATION** is an official chapter of the **GTO ASSOCIATION of AMERICA**

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 communications 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.

Membership dues are \$18.00 per year, all renewals required to be paid by December 31. You are allowed to have one associate member.

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Dues Reminder

If you haven't sent in your renewal for your 1997 Gateway GTO Club Membership, you need to do so as soon as possible. I will be updating the Membership roster and the mailing lists after this newsletter. Don't miss out on club events. This year is going to be packed with club events, thanks to the new position filled by Marty Howard. We now have a Club Events Officer that is dedicated to keeping us more than busy as a car club. We already have alot of events planned and set in stone. Let's not miss a minute of fun this year.

Send your checks to:

Will Bowers

1 Goshen Woods

Edwardsville, IL 62025

Make check payable to the Gateway GTO Club

By R.T. Aldred
East Peoria, IL

A GMC Saved my '58

Now that Pontiac has joined with GMC, I thought I'd relate a story about a GMC saving my 1958 Pontiac. In 1961 my father helped me get a 1958 Pontiac Superchief 2-door hardtop. It was all white with green on the top and in the spear and had a 370 cubic inch engine with a two-barrel. To a kid of 19, it felt like one of the hottest cars in town. HELL, I'd take on Ford 406's and chevy 409's - wouldn't beat them, but I'd still run them. Dad had Pontiacs since the early 40's and to me this '58 was the top; Pontiac was ingrained into my brain. The early 60's were great; we cruised the streets of Peoria and dragged raced at the rev of an engine. Boy, did I put that car through its paces; and, it held up through it all. Tried putting on tri-power (never could work in carbs). Put in a 3/4 cam one time, but left the car running one afternoon in the drive to get a coat when I came back out my dad had the hood up trying to smooth out the engine - spent the next day taking out the cam. I don't think there was a part of the car I didn't take apart just to see what it did (carb had to

be put back together by someone else).

A year and a half later I find myself in the Air Force in Biloxi, Miss. I missed my Ponie and has to have it with me. I did a lot of talking to get my parents to tow it down to me, but I got it. Now the rest of the story.

One afternoon we are coming up with a three day weekend and wanted to do something. Some one said he was from Ft. Lauderdale, Florida and why don't we go there. He would introduce us to some girls, so off we go. About 450 miles from Biloxi at two-thirty in the morning I start hearing a ticking sound, then a loud bang from the engine with the grinding of metal parts. I left the Ponie in a wrecking yard with a note and started hitchhiking back to base. It took a couple of weeks to talk someone into taking me back with a tow-bar; a fellow Pontiac owner with a '57. While coming back we dressed up the '58 to look like a drag racer, numbers on the windshield, and convinced a hitchhiking marine that it was a very fast car.

With the car back on base we tore

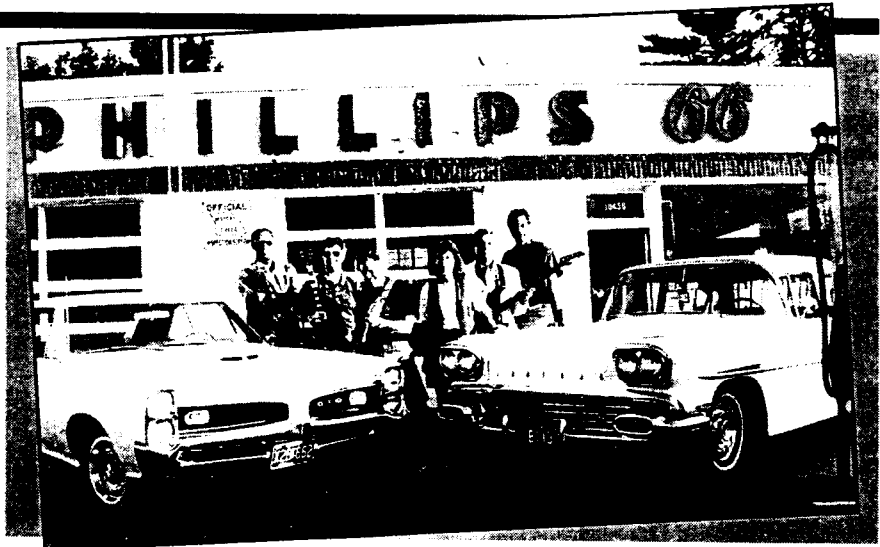
down the engine and found a sliver from No. 2 rod bearing had broken off and locked up No. 1 rod, snapping the rod in half. No damage was done to the block. Had a hard time finding parts, on a Airman's wages. Finally ran across a short block taken from a 1957 GMC pick-up. The block was a 347 cu. in. But the crank was the same. The pistons were low compression so I had to find three others; with the 347 crank and three new pistons, my Ponie was going back together. Had a fellow Airman help me by the name of McKutchin. I think, he was from Washington or Oregon, gave a lot of help couldn't have done it without him. If some how he sees this, "Buddy I thank you." Ended up dragging it on the local drag strip by Biloxi and set a record for my class.

Don't think I'll ever forget that '58 Ponie. Meet my wife while I had the car and I think it's the only car I could bring home as a new project that I would not have to sleep in. Thanks for letting me relive this memory.

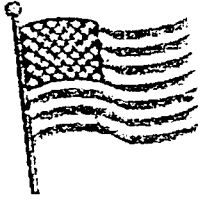
ROCK 'N ROLL & PONTIACS!

By Mark Obukowicz
Kirkwood, MO

I am a recent subscriber to SMOKE SIGNALS magazine and I can honestly say that I thoroughly enjoy reading the magazine every month, nearly from cover to cover. Enclosed is a photo that you may find of sufficient interest or, should I say, entertainment to publish in an upcoming issue. The photo has all of the elements of a by-gone era: a 50's - 60's rock 'n roll band, two great Pontiac classics, and a throw-back Phillips 66 station. The rock 'n roll band, "The Roof Rockers," plays bimonthly at the rock 'n roll "Mecca" in St. Louis, Blueberry Hill. As you have already surmised, I am a member of the band (left of center holding a guitar). The '66 GTO is mine. The car is nearly all original and has 50,000 miles on the 389 with three-



deuces and a four-speed. The '58 Bonneville has a 370 with three-deuces, an automatic, and factory air conditioning, and is completely restored. The Phillips 66 station is located on the "original 66" in St. Louis, that being Manchester Rd. before the highway was diverted south to Watson Rd. Due to congestion. When we had the photo session, the attention we received by passers-by was astounding. Several cars pulled over and the occupants watched with smiling faces, while many people blew their car horns as they passed by. Enjoy!



THE AMERICAN ROADHOUSE CAR CLUB, INC.
1215 S. DUCHESNE, ST. CHARLES MO 63301
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Dear Car Enthusiast,

Please allow me to introduce myself. My name is David Wilson, the President of The American Roadhouse Car Club. We are based in St. Charles, Missouri and currently have approximately 50 members who own a wide variety of beautiful classic vehicles.

Enclosed please find two articles regarding the clunker/crusher laws. These articles represent only two states out of many which have passed similar laws. We are taking the initiative to head off and hopefully stop similar laws from passing in Missouri. Also enclosed is a copy of a letter our car club members will be mailing to our state senator and state representative. We are requesting all car club members, auto parts and mechanical/body shops to participate in a mass mailing. Everyone should send their letters so that they are delivered to their legislator between March 3rd. and March 7th. 1997 (be sure your complete name and address appears below your signature). Please send a copy of your letter to The American Roadhouse Car Club, 1215 South Duchesne, St. Charles, Missouri 63301.

To reinforce our position we are planning a statewide car cruise to Jefferson City on Tuesday April 8, 1997 and/or Wednesday April 9, 1997. Upon arrival we will have car club representatives from several different clubs deliver the copies of the letter (those sent to the Roadhouse) to the Senate and House while they are in session inside of the building. At the same time all other cars involved will continue to cruise the area.

To prepare the final plans for the above we are requesting as many car clubs, auto parts and mechanical/body shops as possible to send a representative to meet in Kingdom City or Columbia on Sunday February 2, 1997. We would appreciate a response to notify us if someone will be attending by phone or writing by January 6, 1997. You may contact either of the following:

David Wilson (President) 1178 Karon Drive, St. Charles, MO 63304 (314) 939-2398 or

Jeanne Simpson (Secretary) 3342 Ipswich, St. Charles, MO 63301 (314) 946-4389

If no one is at home please leave your name, phone number, club name and city on our answering machine.

Please pass along this information to any other car clubs, auto parts and mechanical/body shops across our state that you are aware of.

I believe if we all pull together we can achieve our goal in protecting our older vehicles and pass along a rich knowledge and heritage to future generations.

I will be looking for a response from you in the near future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "David Wilson".

David Wilson
President

enclosure

**GGTOA PARTICIPATION POINTS SYSTEM
(1995)**

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Points</u>
Attend GGTOA monthly meeting with GTO	10
Attend GGTOA monthly meeting without GTO	5
Attend GGTOA Sponsored event with GTO	20
Attend GGTOA Sponsored event without GTO	10
Attend GGTOA Participation event with GTO	10
Attend GGTOA Participation event without GTO	5
Attend GTO Regional/National event with GTO	20
Attend GTO Regional/National event without GTO	10
Attend non club cruise, show, rally, race, etc. with GTO	10
Attend non club cruise, show, rally, race, etc. without GTO	5
GGTOA Officer	10
GGTOA Committee or event chairperson	20
GGTOA Committee or event worker/helper	10
Have your GTO featured as GOAT of the Month	20
Write an article for the HOOD SCOOP	10
Sign up a new GGTOA member	20
GTO Association of America member	10
Have your GTO featured in a magazine publication	20
Attend GTO National committee meeting with GTO	10
Attend GTO National committee meeting without GTO	5
Volunteer time at the 95 GTO International event	20

Point System Rules

1. Attendance at GGTOA sponsored or GGTOA participation events:
 - a. To receive the maximum points for event, members/associates must participate with their GTO, LeMans or Tempest
 - c. If a member brings one GTO and their associate brings a second the max. points plus half the max. will be awarded
 - d. If one member drives another member's GTO to an event, the owner receives the max. and the driver half the max.
 - e. For any other situations the decision will be at the discretion of the officers
2. Members / Associates shall be responsible for signing the Official attendance sheet at all GGTOA Sponsored / Participation Events. You must sign the sheet to get points!
3. Points shall be awarded only once per event if event last more that one day
4. Members / Associates must be able to provide proof of participation in any non club event (entry form, dash plaque, race slip, etc.) or vouched for by another member.
5. Members / Associates shall be have one month to inform the score keeper of their participation in any non club event
6. Points shall be tallied from January 1st through November with awards being presented at the Christmas party.

Awards

Overall Points Winner: GGTOA Plaque
 First Runner Up: GGTOA Plaque
 Second Runner Up: GGTOA Plaque

Definitions

Attend with GTO - attend an event with your 1964-74 Pontiac GTO, LeMans, Tempest

Chairperson - individual responsible for organizing all aspects of an event for the club including refreshments, reservations or entries, parking or meeting place, point of contact, trip coordinator, etc.

GGTOA Participation Events - non GTO events voted to be GGTOA Participation Events attended by two or more GGTOA members with GTO's

GGTOA Sponsored Events - GGTOA hosted events

January 19, 1997

Minutes of the January "pizza" meeting by REL

The annual pizza meeting of the Gateway GTO Club was held once again at Imo's on telegraph in South St. Louis County.

The meeting was called to order at 2:10.

President Chris Simmons introduced a new member to our club, Tim McDermott! Welcome Tim.

Chris introduced this years officers, which appear to be remarkably similar to last years officers. (all officers were retained).

The sponsorship of Moore Pontiac was discussed--The club officers received a mailing from Greg Frasca at the Moore Autoplex advising of various "% above dealer invoice" prices on new Pontiacs. If you're shopping for a new Pontiac, might as well check w/Greg. We are apparently going to seek sponsorship from Moore again, and check into a car show there too.

Chris has some info on die-cast models--give him a call if you want to know more.

The Custom Car Show is being held at the Gateway Center in Collinsville Jan. 24-27. Vic and Joyce have several cars entered in the show. If anyone is interested in going together, contact Marty.

Also remember the New Car show at the end of the month.

Chris has some neat old reprints of classic Pontiac road tests that we may try to include in the newsletter in the future.

April 5 is MAR Fan Appreciation Day, April 13 is the season Grand Opening

I'm sure we're all aware that Gateway Intl. Raceway is building a 1 and 1/4 mile oval as well as refurbishing the drag strip. Several big-time events are being held there this year, including CART/Indy type cars, NASCAR Busch Grand Nationals, and an NHRA event. Call 618-482-5595 for info.

Marty Howard is now our Club Events Officer, and I'm sure we're all very happy to have him in this much-needed position. In light of this, here is some info from Marty!

- We (GGTOAA) are sponsoring a Roadhouse Cruise Night April 12, this is a Saturday.
- On March 9, the Roadhouse Car Club is going en-masse to the St. Louis Car Museum
- April 19, a Saturday, at Suntrup-the Fiero Club is having a show
- Party at Marty's March 15

--Easter Show at Forest Park March 30
--Lets look into a Spring wine run?

Contact Marty for more info on any and all of the above events!

Finally, note that we will be back at Berry's Subs for the monthly meeting in February, the first Thursday!

Suc Bright won the Fabulous 50/50 Drawing, with a jackpot of ??

Mary Doom made a motion to adjourn at 3:20.

'till next month----- Ray

Minutes of the Gateway GTO Club for February 1997:

The February meeting of the Gateway GTO Club was called to order by President Chris Simmons at 7:05 pm at Berries Subs.

There was no Treasurers report available this month as rumour had it that Will "forgot" the meeting. We hope he hasn't fled the country!!

Joyce mentioned that Jim Sneed of our club bought a new Pontiac from salesman Greg Frasca of Moore Pontiac, our club sponsor. Greg donated \$50.00 to our club as a result of the sale! Way to go to both Greg and Jim.

Vic and Joyce took 1st place at the Custom Car Show in the modified GTO class with their red 1970, and Cecil Morton took 2nd place in the same class. Congrats from the club!!

Chris mentions that the Matchbox musclecar die-cast subscription offers a 1967 GTO as its first offering. Chris has details.

Marty Howard has been busy as our Club Events Officer, lining up a number of events. They should appear in this issue in their own section. Thanks, Marty for your efforts.

The Gateway Racers banquet will have occurred by the time you read this.

The club has been offered a speaker from Gateway Int. Raceway to appear at a monthly meeting and we all agreed it sounds like a good idea.

John Seibold mentions that MAR has typically been racer friendly with schedules and the like, while Gateway apparently has room for improvement.

Mark Obukowicz, his band, and his '66 GTO were featured in POCI's "Smoke Signals" recently! Congratulations Mark.

Marty made a boo-boo, but I'll be damned if I can remember what it was! So I guess Marty gets away with one this issue.

Micki won the Fabulous 50/50 drawing to the tune of \$13.00 US, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:40.

'till next month---Ray

The 1997 1st Annual Collinsville Custom Auto Show
by Vic Nettle

On Thursday January 23rd the weather was good for setting up the cars. There were two Gateway GTO members with GTOs entered in the show. Cecil Morton had his beautiful blue 66 Convertible and Joyce and I had our 70 GTO Convertible (and the 72 GP Convertible and her brother's 78 Phoenix). The convention center in Collinsville seemed small compared to the big one in downtown St. Louis, but it was big enough to accommodate 110 cars and 30 vendors and dozens of motorcycles. Former GTO club member Dave Kreis had his supercharged GTO there on "display only" status.

One of the displays was Gateway International Raceway. They said they would be more than happy to come to one of our club meetings to tell us about their new multi-million dollar racing facility.

It seemed like three days was a long time for a small indoor car show!

Threatening bad weather (ice storm) caused the show to give out the awards at 3PM instead of 7PM on Sunday. The officials were concerned about the cars getting home safely. As it turned out the ice storm did not arrive until Monday. Coming home we opened up the cars on the interstate 255 approach to the Jefferson Barracks bridge. Joyce said she had a hard time keeping up in the GP at 110mph. The cars all ran great.

Awards went as follows: GTO Modified Class Champion was our 70 Convertible, GTO Modified Class Winner was Cecil's 66 Convertible. The 78 Phoenix was Pontiac Class Champion and the GP Convertible was Pontiac Class Winner.

Car Club Events

Contact Marty Howard for more details
Club events officer 314-340-2315

- March 9, 1977 American Roadhouse cruise to the car museum.
- March 15, 1997 Party at Marty Howards House
- March 30, 1997 Easter car show at Forest Park (club Sponsored)
- April 8, 1997 American Roadhouse cruise to Jefferson City for Clunker Protest.
- April 12, 1997 Gateway GTO/American Roadhouse cruise (Club Sponsored)
- April 13, 1997 Fan Appreciation Day at MAR
- April 19, 1997 All Pontiac car show at Suntrip Pontiac in St. Peters
- April 27, 1997 Spring Wine Run/Poker Run (Club Event)
- May 18, 1997 Gateway GTO Club picnic at Creave Coure park (Greenfelder)
- May 17&18, 1997 Cruise to Branson Mo...Tentative.....
- June ????? Car Show at Goldenrod Showboat (Fund-raiser) Sponsored by American Roadhouse

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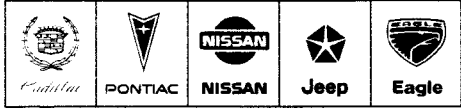
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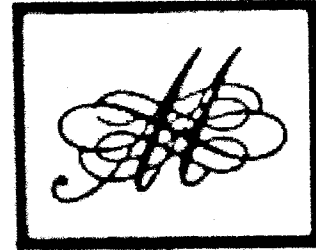
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