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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.

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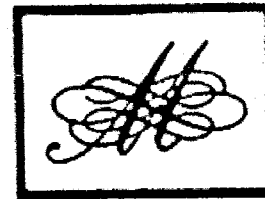
Gateway GTO Club Information:

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 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.

The club meets every first Thursday of the month at Barry's Sub Shop on Dorsett Road at 7 PM.

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Letter From The Editor

Membership Renewal

It's time again to start sending in your 1999 GGTOA Membership Renewal. Send checks (no cash) to Will Bowers. Don't be late and miss a newsletter. 1999 Renewal's are still \$18.00 a year.

November Update: Only one person has renewed as of this printing.

Nominations for 1999 Officers now Due

It's time to start thinking about the election of officers for the coming year. Nominations are now being accepted. Please send or call Don Bright at 314-240-2229 for your nominations, or if you are a sitting officer and you want to decline the automatic re-nomination, call me.

November Update: We will need to elect a new Secretary. Rays schedule has changed, and he isn't going to be able to continue like he needs to. Any takers? I also would sit 1999 out if someone wants to publish the newsletter. I will continue if not. All the rest of the current officers said they would continue their post's.

The Points The point count has ended as of this newsletter (as it has in the past years). I have not received the totals from the last meeting as of yet, so as soon as I get them I will total them up and see who will get awards for participating the most. So far the top four are Marty Howard, Chris Simmons, Tom O'Hara, and Don Bright.

For you Marty, these are not in any particular order. You'll have to wait to find out if you get one.

Any questions call me for more information. 314-240-2229

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MINUTES OF THE GATEWAY GTO MEETING HELD ON 11/5/1998 AS
RECORDED
BY MARTY HOWARD, C.E.O., ACTING AS SECRETARY

The meeting was called to order by our President, Chris Simmons at about 7:15 p.m. There were about 10 members present. Chris brought in 2 new GTO models that he recently purchased at K-Mart for him to add to his collection. They were only a few dollars each and, I believe, they were both 69's. One was a World Wrestling Federation mock-up. (Hey, with 'Jessie The Body' Ventura being elected Governor of Minneapolis, who knows how far the GTO will go in the wrestling world.)

All membership renewals will need to be paid by check only. Since there is no easy way of keeping a record of cash exchanges, this will insure that the transaction is recorded and the cancelled check will be your receipt. Our illustrious Treasurer, Mr. Bowers, bought into this deal and we all agreed this was a good thing. One of our members, Ron Fiebiger, has already renewed his membership for 1999. Let this be the lead for the rest of us to get it in on time or early if possible. You can do that at our Hanukkah/Christmas/Holiday Party, so bring that check! We can use the money.

Speaking of our Club Party, it will be held at my house as has been for the past few years. Hopefully (my hope), I will be the proud recipient of, at least, 3rd place in our 'Points Rewards' Program that we all participate in, to some degree. I have received that award twice and missed out altogether last year. But, this year, I hope to be acknowledged as being 'up there' with the best. You all know I live for attention. (Must be the food out here in the Midwest because I was quite content with no attention in New York.) But I digress, so meanwhile, 'back to the ranch'.

The Party is on for Saturday night, December 19th, at 8:30 p.m. Please remember that this party is for adult club members only. You are encouraged to bring your spouse, significant other or a friend. Our club will provide the main banquet of food and soft drink and you are requested to bring your favorite beverage and a side dish. It's not necessary to phone me and let me know what you are bringing. Just bring what your good at bringing. Please RSVP, to me, by Tuesday, December 15th so that we have adequate food on hand for all of our hungry bellies. Chris has some nice goodies to be handed out and our December meeting will also take place during the evening. There should be lots to talk about for 1999, including our Club's hosting a 'Regionals' event, and upcoming elections. Also, I purchased the 1998 GTO Nationals video tape held in Wichita, Kansas (which I attended and shows all of our Club's attendees' cars). So, the video will be running for your enjoyment. It's a really well-produced video. So let's all 'come on down', have fun, and participate.

I spoke to John Seabolt just before I came to the meeting so I could give an update as to his health since we are all interested in each other's well-being, as our club should be. For those that don't know, John has not been up to his normal, smiling, healthy self as of late. He has had some serious health problems which I prefer not to go into here as I don't know all of the details. John was going to attend our meeting but decided not to at the last minutes. We all hope to see John, and Ann, at our party in good spirits. I know I speak for the entire Club in wishing John a speedy recovery. We miss you a lot. At least I do. I don't have anyone to take me back an forth from Tony Tosto's auto shop. So, taxi expenses have me bummed-out. Please get better soon! I can't afford to be without you (and neither can the Club.)

I got up and spoke. Imagine that! It's too bad that none of you participated in a few fun events that I mentioned in the newsletter and our meetings. The American Roadhouse Car Club sponsors some really fun stuff, so I'll tell you about it here. We took a cruise to The Sky View Drive-in Theatre in Belleville, Il.. About a dozen cars went and we had a ball. Since I hadn't been to a drive-in for about 30-something years, this was a real treat for me as it was for others. Seems that everyone but me took a chair and 'hung out' outside in front of their cars to watch the movies. Back in New York, at the Sunrise Drive-in Theatre in Long Island, I was too busy in the back seat, if you know what I mean. Do you remember those days? If not, come see me at the party and ask me what I am talking about. (I really hope that none of your take me up on that.) Another fun event was a hay ride. This is the first time I've ever experienced anything like this since the sidewalks of New York (Noo Yawk to those of you that don't understand) aren't quite accommodating for this type of event. This took place in a town in Mo, called Eolia. We got a ride in a wagon with hay which was pulled by a tractor. But, you probably already knew that. Then we had a hugh bonfire. You probably knew that too. I probably can't tell you anything about this type of fun that you already don't know. But, please don't tell anyone that I know that I did this or I will not be allowed to return to my hometown, ever! Hopefully, next year, many of us will participate in these and other events.

Since Chris is in the business of auto interiors, and has extensive knowledge of it, he brought in a sample of the 'correct' type of material to be used in headliners and vinyl tops. See Chris if you're interested in restoring yours or just any questions about this material. By the way, you can also talk to Will since his GTO has the correct fabric. He is anxious to tell you about it. He requests that you take a number at the party since he expects to be very busy talking about this subject that he is also knowledgeable about.

Seems that Tony Bezzole's GTO saw real snow the other day. When Tony came outside after shopping for a while, he thought that a sandstorm had occurred and he missed it. That was until he felt the wet stuff. Seems that just last week we were in the 70's and now we're in the 30's. Welcome to the Midwest!

Our 50/50 winner was John Seabolt. How did that happen since I stated that he was not at our meeting? Seems that Tony Tosto had bought 2 tickets, one for himself and one for John and John's ticket was the winner. Congratulations to John on winning \$11!

Chris motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m. This was met by many 'boos' since we were having such a good time. But Berrie's was closing. Looking forward to seeing everyone at The Party on December 19th. Bye, Bye!

Please keep this page and MARK THE DATE ON YOUR CALENDAR so that you won't forget, unless you want to. Come on over. You know you'll have some kinda fun!

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