

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 our Photo Album, please put your name and date and a description of the event on the back and send them to the Photo Album Editor.

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 for 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 Wednesday of the month at Culpeppers Restaurant St. Charles Mo. 3010 West Clay 636-916-3105

Membership dues are \$20.00 per year and all renewals are required to be paid by December 31st. You are allowed to have one associate member.

Club Sponsors



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Advertising Guidelines

Classified ads up to 50 words are free to members, add 10 cents per word for any ad over 50 words. Payment is due upon submission. (members need to update ads at 3 month intervals or ads will be dropped).

Classified ads up to 50 words for non-members are \$5.00 per issue. Advertising rates are: full page \$25.00, 1/2 page \$15.00,

1/4 page \$7.00 for three (3) months running time. Payment is due upon submission, discount of 10% for one year pre-paid. Acceptance is at the sole discretion of the editor. All ads should be submitted to Don Bright by the 10th of the month.

Gateway GTO Association Ads

For sale

Literature:

1964-1972 GTO Restoration Guides

New from club store \$15.00

Contact Chris Simmons @ 636-456-3653

4 Speed Transmission

Muncie M25 \$450.00

Contact John @ 636-925-9916 or 314-495-0332

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65-66 Rally One's

Repo complete \$625.00

Contact John @ 636-925-9916 or 314-495-0332

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GMP 1:18 Die Cast GTO's

1970 Black Judge, 1970 Blue Judge, 1972 Red GTO, 1972 Gold GTO, 1971 Tropical Lime,

\$89 each. 1970 Blue Convertible \$109 Want to trade for mint 1970 Orbit Orange Judge or 1971 White Judge.

Call Harry Smelcer @ 636-230-6120 or email Harry71GTO@charter.net

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455 Block & Crank & a pair of #670 heads

Standard bore 455 block and crank \$450.00

1 pair of #670 heads in good condition \$225.00

Contact Tony Bezzole @ 314-878-6892 or humbler1@aol.com

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Pontiac 455 Short Block

Built by Jim Moran about 1000 miles ago. Asking \$1500

A pair of Ram Air 4 (# 614) with manifolds \$2500

The complete engine is in my 69 Judge right now so you can hear it run. For more details contact www.wickidfast.com and click on the 455 icon

Or call Mark @ 618-281-8634 (eve)

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Wanted

Lionel Trains

American Flyer Marx. Ho-N-G Gauge, Rail road. Books and memorabilia, Free appraisals.

Contact John Novelli @ 636-925-9916 or 314-495-0332

Services Available

Tony's Carburetor Rebuilding

Call Tony Bezzole between 9am-1pm @ 314-878-6892

ABC DJ Productions

All types of occasions from weddings to retirement parties. Disc Jockey & Video.

Contact Mobile Marty Howard @ 636-724-8641

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2123 East 23rd Street

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Contact Cecil Morton @ 618-452-9553

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St. Charles Mo.

Contact Craig Glenn @ 636-946-9892

Painting, Pin striping and Restorations

Contact Pat Loy @ 314-550-8745



MINUTES – GATEWAY GTO MEETING – WEDNESDAY – APRIL 6, 2005

Another great Gateway GTO meeting. We are almost bursting at the seams at Culpeppers. We welcomed 2 more new members, Tom Fox and Rick Massey. Our president, Steve Hedrick, opened the meeting by asking everyone to introduce themselves, tell a little something about their car, and anything else they cared to share. We have so many new members some of us are still trying to remember names so this was a great idea.

April looks to be a busy month with the following car cruises/swap meet:

April 9: American Roadhouse car cruise (get there early to get a good spot)

April 16: Rock n'Roll car show at St. Charles Family Arena

April 17: Southwestern Illinois College car show in Red Bud, IL

April 24: UMB Bank Pavilion Swap Meet. Stop by A011 for a bite to eat and a cold drink with Steve compliments of the Club

On May 1 Steve has arranged a cruise to Crown Valley Winery. Tiger tour \$8 for adults, \$4 for children. Wine tasting – 7 wines for \$5. Open 11-7 p.m. Live band, great fun, nice drive (GTO not required). Meet at Richardson Rd and Hwy 55 at NOON in the Schnucks parking lot. Steve needs to know as soon as possible if you would like to attend!

Other May car cruises to consider:

May 6: Fenton car cruise

May 15: O'Fallon, MO car show

May 22: O'Fallon, IL Auto Fest in O'Fallon IL City Park

Tom Oxler handed out convention registration forms to everyone. Since we are the Hosting Chapter we need to get our own registrations in now as soon as possible. The club will be providing a “worker shirt” for each member helping at the convention and will have extras for sale at \$8 each. Remember the summers in St. Louis – hot, hot, hot – so having an extra on hand would be a plus. He also requested **EVERY 2004 & 2005 CLUB MEMBER SIGN UP FOR THE CONVENTION.** We are making every effort to attract the New GTO's and what better way of showing our Club's support than to have all 20 of our members with new GTO's attend.

Next Meeting: May 4, 2005 – Culpeppers – 7:00 p.m.

Mark Melrose won the 50/50 drawing with a total of \$44. Sorry Will

Presidents Scoop

Greetings everyone. First off I would like to welcome new members to the club. I want you to feel welcome and I hope you can enjoy the benefits of your membership.

The meeting this month was a full house, thanks to all those that came out. It was great to here about everyone's GTO's and the life experiences behind them. I am sure looking forward to warmer weather so we can bring our cars to the meetings and enjoy seeing some GTO's.

There are a few things coming up this month. April 24 is the Swap Meet at the UMB Bank Pavilion. Please stop by my spot for a cold drink and maybe a dog or burger. My spot is located on the end, #A011. Also, April 24, at Gateway International Raceway the SCAA guys are running an Autocross. So if you want to see what this is all about or get some practice in before the Nationals, here's your chance. On May 1, we have plans to cruise down to Crown Valley Winery with a tiger tour, live music and a great ride. You won't want to sit this trip out. But you do need to call or email me and let me know if you will be attending so I can get a head count for the Winery.

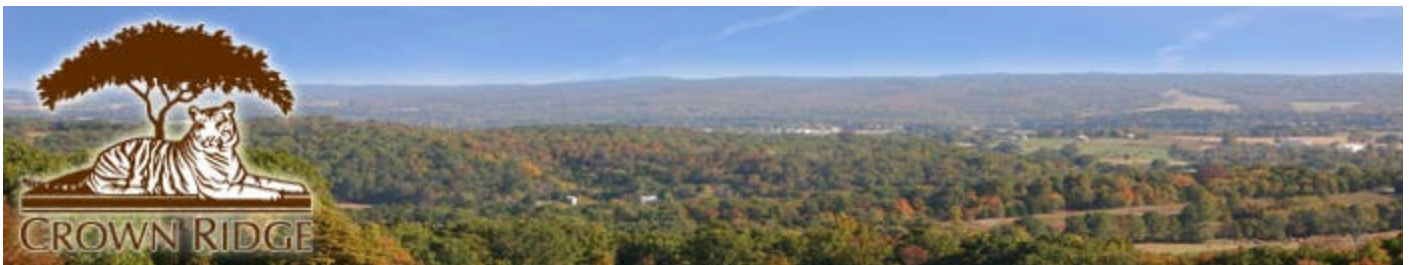
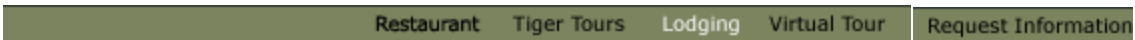
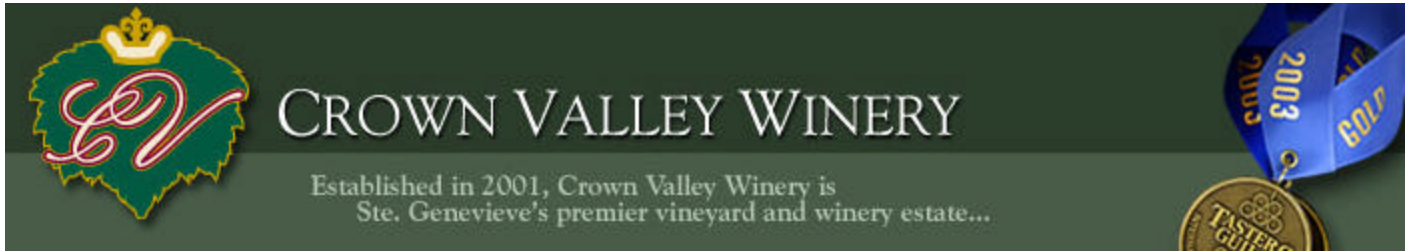
I would also like to mention that the GTOAA Nationals are only a few months off. Please send in your registration form if you plan to show your car. Also, please contact Tom Oxler or me for information on when and where you can help. We have positions for everyone, young and old.

Last but not least, I would like to mention, don't forget our sponsors. They will take care of all your GTO/Pontiac needs.

See you at the next meeting at Culpeppers, May 4 at 7:00.

TRAIN DERAILS 1 HURT, MANY HEARTS BROKEN

April 14, 2005 a train carrying new 2005 GTO's has crashed in Blairsburg, Iowa (just outside of Cedar Rapids). Brand new GTO's in transit from California have been damaged or destroyed. As the train sat waiting for another train to pass a coal train slammed into the parked train. It was reported that about 40 GTO's were on board. All GTO's onboard were headed for east coast not MO or St. Louis and were dealer stock, no ordered GTO's were onboard. At least there might be some more parts for GTO owners around. Not sure what will become of the damaged GTO's, but I would guess Union Pacific just bought a bunch cool cars, with some minor damage. With the limited production for the 2005 GTO's this types of accidents can take a toll on the bottom line of total cars out there. GM has cut production on the 2005 GTO's to 10000 units, and will stop 2005 production on June 1,2005 with 2006 to start up on August 1, 2005.
Steve



Cruise to Crown Valley Winery May 1, 2005

Come along for a day trip to the Crown Valley Winery and enjoy beautiful country drive, see some tigers, and sample some great wine while relaxing to the sound of live music, You don't want to miss this cruise.

We plan to meet at the Schnucks at the Richardson Rd. exit off of Hwy. 55 in Arnold, MO we plan to meet at approximately. 11:30-12:00 and leave shortly after.

We will travel south on Hwy. 61-67 to Festus, MO and continue to the winery on HWY. 61

If you have any question please call Steve 636-942-4020

Question about the winery, check to web-site www.crownvalleywinery.com

In remembrance of Mark Clatto

Mark died un-expectantly on April 7, 2005. He is survived by his wife Terry, & son Mark II.

Mark joined the club in May of 1985 and was member # 12. He has a triple black 1971 GTO Judge. Mark and Mark Jr. has attended many functions throughout the years and will be truly missed by all.

