

# 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**  
<http://www.gtoaa.org>

## 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 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.**

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### Renewal Reminder

Just a reminder that the dues for  
2006 were due in December Please  
send them into Will along with any  
changes to your address, Phone # or  
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Gateway GTO web page.

[www.gatewaygto.com](http://www.gatewaygto.com)

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# Gateway GTO Association

## Club Meeting Minutes

### April 5, 2006

The meeting was called to order by Steve Hedrick at 7:00PM and conducted at Culpepper's Restaurant in St. Charles. Officers in attendance were Steve Hedrick, Tom Oxler, Cecil Morton, Will Bowers, Mark Melrose and Web Mistress Joyce Nettle.

All members are asked to check their Roster listing on the club website to be sure all info is current – especially email addresses. Please notify Joyce Nettle of any changes.

Two new members were in attendance:

Jerry Novac – proud owner of a 1970 GTO convertible  
Ray Bronkhorst – proud owner of a 1966 GTO

Steve brought and talked about his brand new 2005 Yellow Jacket GTO 6-speed with 18" wheels (she's a real beauty).

World of Wheels photos can be viewed on the Club website and Steve announced that GGTOA won an "Outstanding Club Display" award with congratulations to Earl Lewis for his 1967 Hardtop win.

A tentative Club Activity List was handed out and after general discussion the following activities and dates were confirmed (see club newsletter for a complete listing of club sponsored events):

APRIL:

KSHE Car Show on Sunday, 4/23/06 at Gateway International Raceway. Two bands, Drag Racing, Kiddie Area. Go to [KSHE95.com](http://KSHE95.com) for details.

GGTOA Southern Illinois Club Cruise on Saturday, 4/29/06. Ceecil Morton passed out flyers. See the Club website and/or Cecil for details and to participate.

Riverport Swap Meet on Sunday, 4/30/06. Contact Steve Hedrick (Spot A11) for details.

MAY:

St. Louis Muscle Tour on 5/13/06 – first of three planned for this season. Got to [stlnovas.org](http://stlnovas.org) for details. Great, all-day nuclear cruise of St. Louis area – both Missouri and Illinois – ending with a cruise-in.

Mike Bien outlined the Highway 94 Club Cruise planned for May 21<sup>st</sup>. Cars will leave from St. Charles and travel to Washington, MO and back with several interesting stops along the way. See Mike or Tom Oxler for details and to participate.

JUNE:

POCI Midwest Show-Me Regional Cruise on Saturday, 6/3/06 at the Capitol Mall in Jefferson City. Go to [arch-poci.com](http://arch-poci.com) for details.

Behlmann-GGTOA Club display on Saturday, 6/10/06 at Behlmann Pontiac/GMC. Rain date is 6/17/06.

American Roadhouse Show on 6/11/06 at Warrenton, Missouri. Go to link on Club website "Calendar"

Route 66 Festival on 6/25-6/26/06 in Litchfield, Illinois. Go to link on Club website "Calendar".

JULY:

GTOAA National Meet 7/11-7/15/06 in Louisville, Kentucky. Make your reservations soon as the hotels are filling up.

In other business:

Ray Cromer (sp?) and Dave Willis from Wax Station (waxstation.com) presented car care, cleaning and protection tips and Mother's products including the new Powerballs for polishing. Club members are offered a 10% price discount on all Mother's products.

Club Business Cards, Points System Rules and Submission Forms along with copies of the Club Constitution are available to all members through Mark Melrose.

50-50 drawing was good for \$34 to the winner – Mark Melrose. Club T-shirts and coffee mugs were also raffled off.

Next meeting is called for 7:00PM on Wednesday, 5/3/06 at Culpepper's (I-70 at Zumbahl Rd.)

Meeting adjourned at 8:32PM.

Minutes respectfully submitted April 19, 2006,  
Mark J. Melrose

**Gateway GTO Association  
Participation Points Submission  
March 2006**

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**GTOAA MEMBER#:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Gateway GTO Sponsored Events:**

**3/1/06 Club Meeting:** wGTO \_\_\_\_\_ w/oGTO \_\_\_\_\_

**3/3/06 Murder Mystery Dinner:** wGTO \_\_\_\_\_ w/oGTO \_\_\_\_\_

**3/9/06-3/12/06 World of Wheels:** wGTO \_\_\_\_\_ w/oGTO \_\_\_\_\_

**3/18/06 Valve Cover Practice @ Nettle's:** wGTO \_\_\_\_\_ w/oGTO \_\_\_\_\_

**GTOAA Sponsored Events – Be sure to indicate wGTO or w/oGTO for each entry:**  
(GTOAA Nationals, GTOAA Regionals, etc.)

**Gateway GTO Non-Sponsored Events – Be sure to indicate wGTO or w/oGTO for each entry:**  
(JJ's, POCl Nationals, Roadhouse Warrenton, Tri-Power Nationals, etc.)

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**Other Activities:** (Event Helper, Hood Scoop Article, Sponsor New Member, etc. -- See Gateway GTO Association Participation Points System 01/06 Rev.)

Submit **ONE** completed form for each month within 30 days of month end to:

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Webster Groves, MO 63119-3046  
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*Use Reverse Side If Additional Space is Required*

# VALVE COVER TEST & TUNE

Valve Cover Test and Tune Day was another day for club members to get together and enjoy each others company while having a little fun. We started out with Rick and Linda Massey's arrival followed by Mary Ann and Eric Ray. Rick, Vic and Eric tuned Eric's Valve cover. Others started arriving in what order I can't remember. We all visited awhile upstairs at the Nettle's then moved to the basement for races. Not everyone brought racers but several did take turns racing Vic's. Eric brought his, Jenn Schott had hers and Vic had four to race. We got started racing around 4:30. Tom and Terrie Oxler raced and Tom got a little too much speed (flipped over). We had a couple members, I won't mention names Mark, who tried to figure out the fine tunings of the track to their advantage. I guess this is legal.



Had a break around 5:30 for pizza then a Birthday cake for Eric's 13<sup>th</sup> Birthday, which will be on the 13<sup>th</sup> of April.



Then back to racing. After the races around 7:00 Vic and Eric did a little more fine-tuning on Eric's racer. Eric left his valve cover in the Nettle Shop for some work and made plans to get it later.

## Members present from my memory:

Rick & Linda Massey, Mary Ann & Eric Ray, Mike & Carolyn Bien, Mark Melrose, Tom & Terrie Oxler, Kerry Friedman, Steve, Lucas Hedrick & Lucas' Girlfriend Kaitlan, Terry, Gail & Jenn Schott, and Vic & Joyce Nettle.

I hope this is right, if I have forgotten anyone it is not on purpose.



# A Great Cruise for Everyone

Spring is at our doorstep and you are probably looking at the old girl, the GTO that is, and hoping this weekend will be the one to get her back on the road.

Well, start cleaning off the cobwebs and put air in the tires, 'cause we are about to put together a trip through the woods that the whole family will enjoy. Sunday, May 21 the Gateway GTO Association is organizing a road rally through one of the most scenic areas Missouri has to offer.

We will meet at the Sonic Burger Pit in Chesterfield bottoms and cruise down old Hwy 94 along the Missouri bluffs. Since everybody knows that goats love hills, we will naturally be traveling through one of Missouri's highest points. Passengers can view the river bottom land, quaint homes hundreds of feet below, and view the tops of thousands of dogwood trees while drivers will be concentrating on the curvy winding two lane road with several ¼ mile straight sections posted at 55 mph. We will pass through historic cities such as Defiance, Augusta, and Dutzow as we work our way to Washington for lunch. Upon arrival, we will feast ourselves at one of Washington finest eateries, Sonic. They have reserved parking spaces for us and have hinted at special pricing. Most important, they have offered us the exclusive use of their restroom usually reserved for employees.

After a leisurely lunch, story telling, and of course the "I'll show you mine if you show me yours" open hood event, we will pack up and head down Hwy 100 to old Route 66. A brief trip down memory lane past the Diamonds and Gardenway Inn leads us to Gray Summit, home of the Purina Farms Research Center. We have reservations for a wagon ride tour of the farm and of course the opportunity for us slickers to actually pet and smell some animals! Kids should love this part while the adults learn how Purina's food research program operates. (I wouldn't buy any snacks here unless you can positively identify them)

One of the most important things I have learned as a member of the Gateway club is that for any cruise to be a success, you must include an ice cream stop. So, thinking of Mark, we will next head to another historic town – Labadie. I think it is known for the giant smoke stacks that Lewis and Clark used for navigation when they were looking for one of their buddies' house, Dan Boone.

We then head on towards St. Alban's, where you can see what other people do with their money, and back through on one of the curviest roads I know of in St. Louis County, Wildhorse Creek Road. This time we will be venturing along one of the lowest points in the county following a magnificent creek bed passing the largest pile of mulch in Missouri, cross over the end of Spirit Airport's runway, pass by the world renown Rombach's Pumpkin Patch and back to our starting point.

This event is surely one of those "gotta do" things with the family. Be sure to mark it on your calendar. With the addition of the POCI group, we expect 30-40 great vintage goats. I'll bring my new one with the toolbox to pick up any pieces! By the way, I hand selected the route which is entirely on paved surfaces. For detailed information, check out our web site. This will be a no-rain weather event only. Call Mike Bien (636-519-8066) Saturday evening until 9:00pm if weather looks doubtful.



# Schedule of Events

## APRIL:

1st ST CHARLES CAR AUCTION  
2nd APRIL FOOLS SWAP MEET Waterloo, IL ALL DAY  
5th GTO MEETING Culpeppers St Charles 7pm  
8th DYNO DAY 9:00AM to ??  
8th JJ'S CRUISE 4 - 10pm  
9th SWAP MEET ALTAMONT, IL Effingham county fair grounds  
16th EASTER SHOW FOREST PARK  
22nd JJ'S CRUISE 4 - 10pm  
23rd SWAP MEET I-55 RACEWAY Pevely, MO  
29th SOUTHERN IL CRUISE  
30th MODEL T SWAP MEET / RIVERPORT SWAP MEET @ UMB Bank Pavillion 314-830-0873

## MAY:

3rd GTO MEETING Culpeppers St Charles 7pm  
13th JJ'S CRUISE 4 - 10pm  
21st GATEWAY GTO CRUISE Hwy 94/ Hwy 100 Cruise contact Mike Bien 636-5198066  
27th JJ'S CRUISE 4 - 10pm

## JUNE:

3rd POCI REGIONAL MEET Jefferson City, MO [www.archpoci.com/index.html](http://www.archpoci.com/index.html)  
7th GTO MEETING Culpeppers St Charles 7pm  
10th BEHLMAN SHOW  
11th WARRENTON OUTLET MALL CAR SHOW American Road House <http://www.americanroadhouse.org/>  
17th BEHLMAN RAIN DATE  
24th ROUTE 66 FESTIVAL Litchfield , IL <http://www.roadtripmemories.com/trips/litchfield2005.htm>  
27th - 30 POCI SHOW Ontario, CA June 27th - July 2nd

## JULY:

1st - 2nd POCI SHOW Ontario, CA <http://www.poci.org/>  
5th GTO MEETING Culpeppers St Charles 7pm  
11th - 16th GTOAA NATIONALS Louisville, KY <http://www.gtoaanationals.org/index.php>  
21st - 23rd CLASSIC GTO WEEKEND Detroit <http://www.gtotigers.org/>

## AUGUST:

2nd GTO MEETING Culpeppers St Charles 7pm  
4th - 6th TRI POWER NATIONALS Norwalk, OH <http://www.pontiacnationals.com/welcome.html>  
12th DRIVE IN MOVIE CRUISE Hazelwood, MO  
12th DAY AT THE TRACK INDY, hosted by INDY GTO club  
19th WOODWARD DREAM CRUISE <http://www.woodwarddreamcruise.com/>  
26th DRIVE IN MOVIE CRUISE Belleville, IL <http://www.skyview-drive-in.com/>

## SEPTEMBER:

6th GTO MEETING Culpeppers St Charles 7pm  
24th GATEWAYGTO PICNIC Vago Park, [Fee Fee Road and Midland Avenue](http://www.fee-fee-road.com/)

## OCTOBER:

4th GTO MEETING Culpeppers St Charles 7pm  
28th PROM NIGHT

## NOVEMBER:

1st GTO MEETING Culpeppers St Charles 7pm

## DECEMBER:

9th HOLIDAY PARTY 7pm

**GATEWAY GTO CLUB PRESENTS:**

# *PROM NIGHT*

**THEME:** **Groovin in the 60s**

**WHEN:** October 28th

**WHERE:** Knights of Columbus, 20 Westbury Drive, St. Charles, MO 63303

**TIME:** 6:30 – 11:30 PM

**COST:** \$20 person / \$40 couple

**MUSIC:** Marty – our beloved DJ

**ATTIRE:** Think 1960s!

**6:30** Photo Event – Arrive with Sweetheart and GTO  
Happy Hour / Cash Bar

**7:30** Dinner Buffet

**8:30** Photo Event – Presentation of Couples Under The Arch  
Dancing / Boomer Trivia Contests / Door Prizes

**10:30** Crowning of King and Queen

**11:30** Leave with Sweetheart and GTO

A flashback to our favorite era when the GTO was born. Were you a greaser or a hip- pie?  
Or a member of the mod squad?

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