

Gateway GTO People

by Jesse Gill



I'm driving down Interstate 55, coming from Pontiac IL, heading towards St. Louis Missouri and about 120 miles from home, and it happened, my 1969 Pontiac GTO coasted to the side of the Highway.

Now my wife is with me, it's getting dark, on a Sunday night, and you better believe Momma AIN'T HAPPY.

The 18 wheelers are rocking the car, every time they pass and nobody is answering the phone.

I turn the Key and the Battery is strong, Rem Rem Rem Rem Rem Rem Rem Rem Rem Rem. Nothing, it will not start.

WHAT AM I Going to do?

Take care of my car first or Wife? (Car/Wife) (Car/Wife). I'm pretending to be Cool & Calm but really, I'm starting to Panic.

You see we're new members of the St. Louis MO, Gateway GTO Club and don't know anyone that well.

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Our first car problem experience was, in Pontiac Illinois, was very positive. Our Tail lights went out and the Wisconsin Club (Mark and Jackie three 1969 GTO's, Nick and Cathy 1966 Bonneville and Bob and Mary GTO owner, stayed up late and got our lights working. They wouldn't take a dime, just happy to help.

So now, that quick, I'm having my second problem. Again GTO Angels started appearing. First Will and Donna in the 1967 GTO, Then Earl and Barb in their souped up 1967 GTO and then the Closers Steve and Tammy pulled up. We worked & worked and came to the conclusion that it must be the ignition coil, but didn't have the parts. Steve and Tammy offered to put our Car in their Traylor and drive their GTO home. (WHO DOES THAT?) Finally, we got a hold of the Tow Company and around Midnight they came to tow us home. Will and Donna would not leave until the tow truck showed up. (Tear jerk)

Then I pulled up to the Easter Car show in St. Louis MO and sho nuff, I put the car in reverse to park and the battery is dead. (Third Problem). Everyone says things come in three's, so I hope and pray we're done. We determined that my wiring was defective, from a short fire that happened 10 years ago. At the GTO meeting I gave another report on my car. Terry & Gail and our President Chris offered to help me change the wiring harness over a weekend. To my surprise Tom and Will also showed up to help us get our car back on the Road.





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What WONDERFUL PEOPLE. When we joined the club we did not expect this. Everyone to be so helpful and giving.

THANK YOU ALL !!!!!

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