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The Gateway GTO Association is an official chapter of the GTO Association of America

SCOOP FROM THE PREZ

Fellow members,

How does it feel to have all eyes focused on you? Whether you know it or not, all the GTO world is looking at us and expecting the same sort of success next year as was seen recently at Indy. My hat goes off to the Indy group for putting on a very successful meet. I know we're off to a great start already. I would sincerely appreciate everyone's help through the coming year, doing whatever you can to contribute, in order that we can offer our best to the rest of the GTO population. Cathey Pacelli has already done a tremendous job with her committee in bringing this about. We stand to have one of the best meets yet with all the preparation that has already been done. I challenge all of you!

Please note the following changes in our events: The MOORE PONTIAC SHOW has been CANCELED due to other commitments. No word on another date. Since we were going to hold our meeting there (and we really need one) we've rescheduled our meeting back to the original date of September 2nd. Our meeting place will be Mattingly's Restaurant at 8108 N. Lindbergh Blvd. It is approximately one mile North of I-270 on the right in Florissant, Missouri, phone number (314) 831-9181. The meeting time is 7:00 PM. Please try to be present since we will be voting on our revised Constitution and By Laws and finalizing plans for our upcoming Fall Auto Show '93. This will be our biggest event now with the Moore cancellation, so please be there. Also, if you plan to eat before the meeting please allow sufficient time ahead so we can get started promptly at 7:00 PM, with no interruptions. Your cooperation is appreciated. See you at the meeting!

Good Goating, Darrell

FROM THE EDITOR'S BACK SEAT

Dave Weeks has the following update for our members. The deal on plating bumpers that he is working on with Larry Cooper (see article in the last newsletter) is still on. Dave is working out the details. There will be a one year written guarantee. The price will be \$135 per bumper which includes straightening and ding work but not rust repair. The date has been pushed back to late September or early November. Dave has also tentatively scheduled the drag races with the Mopar Club for Saturday, September 18th at Gateway International. Since there won't be another issue of The Hood Scoop before this date, anyone interested in racing or spectating <u>must</u> contact Dave Weeks so he can keep you informed of the details and verify the date. Remember, Gateway GTOA members can race <u>any</u> type of Pontiac, it <u>does not</u> have to be a GTO! Dave should have more information on both of these items at our September meeting or you can give him a call.

Enclosed you will find the revised Gateway GTO Association Constitution and By Laws that Brad Piper has drawn up. We will be voting on them at the September meeting, so please take time to review them and attend the meeting to cast your vote.

MINUTES OF AUGUST 5, 1993 MEETING Recorded by Cathey Pacelli

The August meeting was held at Damon's Restaurant in Florissant, Missouri. Brad Piper called the meeting to order at 7:15 PM. New members Dan Maloney and Sam Lawson were welcomed.

Dave Weeks passed around copies of the pictures from the Stouffer Concourse Hotel photo shoot. He gave a report on the car show in Jerseyville, Illinois that four members judged on Saturday, July 17th. Cliff of Cliff's Auto Body put on the show and did it very well. He gave Darrell Carnal \$100.00 as payment to our club for working with him. A motion was made and passed to put \$50 of the money in the club treasury and use the other \$50 to sponsor a class at our Fall Auto Show '93 in Cliff's name.

It was decided that there will be a vote on the new Gateway GTOA Constitution and By Laws at the September meeting. They will be published in the August issue of The Hood Scoop so all members can review them before the meeting.

Dates and places for the September meeting were discussed. It was decided that a business meeting separate from the club picnic was needed. The meeting is to be at the Moore Pontiac Car Display on August 28th. (This has changed due to the cancellation of the Moore Display, the meeting will be held at Mattingly's Restaurant in Florissant, Missouri on September 2nd, see Upcoming Events for more information.)

John Frame suggested Gordon Moore Park in Alton as a possible site for next year's club picnic. This will be checked into further.

Brad Piper spoke on our Bobby's Frozen Custard Fall Cruise '93 and charity Fall Auto Show '93 to be held on October 2nd and 3rd in Maryville, Illinois. Joyce Nettle has a quote for dash plaques at 50 cents each and trophies at \$51 per class. We will not have event T-Shirts. Judging will be done with a 100 point system. Brad will talk to member Marty Howard about possibly being DJ for the show on Sunday. Bobby's Custard will take care of the DJ for the cruise on Saturday night. We need sponsors for the car show classes. If you have a potential sponsor please contact Joyce, Brad or Dave Kries. We also need door prizes and merchandise or literature for 150 goody bags. Brad Piper asked for volunteers to work at the car show and cruise. Members are urged to bring out their cars and help us put on this event. Gateway GTOA cars will be display only.

The Shoe Factory in Alton is looking for a club that would be interested in hosting cruises at their location. Our club will not be free until after the 1994 International Meet, but will consider that type of event for later on.

Cathy Pacelli gave a brief report on the 1994 International Meet. The host hotel had 148 rooms booked a week before the meeting. Individual committee meetings are beginning. There will be a meet hotline, a second phone line will be brought into Cathey's home for this. She will advertise her home address in The Legend for meet correspondence. We have received a check from Bob Maher, GTOAA treasurer, for meet expenses only. A

MINUTES OF AUGUST 5, 1993 MEETING (CONTINUED)

separate account will be set up for this purpose. Cathey and co-chairs Dave Weeks and Brad Piper have worked on the literature that will be used in the promotion of sponsorships for the event. They need someone who has graphic art training or experience to assist in designing a more professional looking form.

Ron Fiebiger complimented Cathey Pacelli on the first Convention Corner '94 from the July issue of The Legend. He had copies for anyone that hadn't seen it yet.

Dave Weeks has five copies of the promotional video that we used at Indy ready to send out to other GTOAA chapters that would like to show it to their club members. He has drawn a sketch to possibly use as the art work for the 1994 International Meet drag day T-Shirt. Designs were discussed and it was decided that we may sell the shirt throughout the event for those who won't make it to the race track.

Dave Weeks asked if the GM Nationals was still going to be a club event with food as in years past. It was decided that this would be discussed at our September meeting and a decision would be made based on the number of members that plan to attend the show.

Cathey brought up that John Havens of the Arch Chapter POCI had asked if our club would be interested in sponsoring a class for their Show-Me Regionals on Labor Day Weekend at the Holiday Inn Airport. His club in turn might agree to sponsor a class at our Fall Auto Show. After discussion, it was decided not to proceed due to the fact that it would basically be a wash. Mr. Havens also asked if we would be interested in setting up a promotional display for the 1994 GTOAA International Meet at the Show-Me Regionals. Although several of our members will be attending the event, it was decided not to set up a display but maybe put some information in their goody bags.

The annual Gateway GTOA picnic will be Sunday, August 29th at Vago Park in Maryland Heights, Missouri. Rain or Shine. The club will supply meat and soda. All members that attend are expected to bring a side dish or dessert.

Brad mentioned that Dennis Parus of the Cruisin Tigers GTO Club in Illinois called him and said they will be holding a car show to benefit flood victims. Dennis asked if anyone in our club has been affected by the flood and needed help. They will be making a donation to the Salvation or Army or Red Cross in St. Louis.

Ron Fiebiger needs Goats of the Month for The Hood Scoop. He has borrowed a form from the Original GTO Club of Wisconsin that you can fill out for your accompanying article. If you don't feel comfortable writing your own article, call him to get a form. You can fill out the form to help organize your thoughts for writing your own article or Ron will put the information into an article for you.

AUGUST 1993 GOAT OF THE MONTH, WHAT A FIND By Richard Skaggs

In 1989, I was in the process of restoring a 1965 Mustang convertible. I took off work early one day to check on the progress of a friend who was putting on new quarter panels for me. While taking a short cut through the country, I saw a tarp covered car behind an old house. I stopped and debated about snooping. I used binoculars at first and saw one rear quarter panel exposed. WOW! GTO!

I couldn't wait any longer. I approached the house and knocked...no answer. I started to leave and a woman said, "Hey, you wanna buy that old car? I saw you looking at it from the road." When I pulled the tattered old tarp back, I was in Heaven. A 1964 GTO convertible! A peek inside revealed a 4 speed. Now if only...Yes, 3 deuces! A year earlier I messed around on a big block Ford with tri-power and let it get away. Not this time. We haggled for about 20 minutes and I bought the car. I gave them a check on the spot and was back at 6:00 AM the next day and loaded it on the trailer and took it home. I am the third owner, and probably the last. The lady's son had run the guts out of the car, but it was all there and had only one rust spot in the lower quarter.

I took the car to my friend, Don Yung, and told him to pull the Mustang out, get the Goat in, and get this thing done. Three months later I was cruising in my GTO. (The Mustang is still in primer.) I installed a complete interior package from Year One, rebuilt the entire drive train, had the bumpers rechromed, and installed new brakes, lines, wheel cylinders and master cylinder. I also installed power brakes and power steering. The paint is Nocturn Blue with a white top and white interior. The wheels are Crager SS mags with Goodyear Eagles. I do pretty well in most shows, but the car was built to drive (and an occasional drag). I put about 5,000 miles a year on it.

I come from an old car family. One brother drives a 57 Studebaker Golden Hawk, one drives a 67 Coronet 500, and my sister, a 73 Mustang convertible. Living 150 miles from St. Louis makes it hard to attend many of the club functions, but I plan to be down for a couple of events this summer.



This is what most of the locals see when the light turns green.

1993 GTOAA INTERNATIONAL MEET GATEWAY GTO ASSOCIATION RESULTS

Winner's Circle

John Seabolt, 1964 Sunfire Red Sport Coupe

Concours Show

1968-71 Restored Convertible3rd Place, Don & Pat Spindell, 1968 Meridian Turquoise Convertible

Popular Vote Show

1967 Convertible – 3rd Place, Wayne Sommers, 1967 Tyrol Blue Convertible 1970–71 Convertible – 3rd Place, John Hunt, 1970 Black Convertible 1973–74 Hardtop – 2nd Place, Rich Vie, 1974 Gold Coupe

Model Car Contest

Other Muscle, Junior Class - 2nd Place, Jennifer Vie, 1971 Trans Am
Other Muscle, Senoir Class - 1st Place, Grant Taylor, 1991 Corvette ZR-1
Other Muscle, Adult Class - 2nd Place, Dave Kries, Pro-Street Pontiac Banshee

Drag Racing

GTO Sportsman - 1st Place, W.C. Axle Weiss, 1965 GTO, 13.11 ET @ 103 mph

Axle also had the best reaction time in his class

Exhibition Runs - Arnie Beswick, 1963 Tameless Tiger, 7.87 ET @ 173 mph

The Gateway GTO Association won the award for Best Chapter Display.

Scott Brohammer, Ron Beach, Tony Bezzole, Cathey Pacelli, Brad Piper, Ron Fiebiger, Paul Middendorf and Rich Vie also joined in the drag racing at Indianapolis Raceway Park. Brad Piper and Ron Fiebiger both made it to the third round of the GTO Street class before bowing out. Rich Vie eliminated Paul Middendorf in the quarterfinals of GTO Street and then lost in the semifinal round. Rich's 74 GTO ran consistent 16.10s all day.

Ron Fiebiger found out that convertibles really do leak during heavy rains. During the trip back to the hotel from the drag strip there was a severe thunderstorm and he had to perform flood control duty as water poured in all around him.

A photograph of Marty Howard's 69 GTO convertible surrounded by his huge tiger collection was in the July issue of The Legend. Brad Piper and Ron Fiebiger were also in that issue. There was a picture of thier cars taken from the tower of the drag strip as they were pulling out onto the track into the burnout area.

CB radios were used during our convoy to the meet and they worked out great. We will surely use them on every long trip we take in the future.

Thirty Gateway GTOA members and their families and friends attended the meet.

MEMORIES, "BIG D 1962" By John Seabolt

It's tough being eighteen years old and new in a town where you don't know anyone to hang with. I had just left Florida and arrived in Dallas in November 1962, in time for my eighteenth birthday. I was proud to register for the draft in the city where I was born.

JFK was president and the 1964 GTO was still eleven months away from taking the world by storm. "Return to Sender" was the hot tune from Elvis, the world was still innocent and at peace.

My ride was a 56 Chevy and I was profiling in a black double breasted suit that would knock the balls off a pawn shop. At eighteen I knew everything. I didn't walk, I strutted. My hair was slicked back and my smile was a vintage Elvis sneer. You get the picture? Growing up is tough!

At the Dallas Power and Light Co., where I worked, everyone was older than me and most were married. They would drag me along at lunch, that was the extent of my social life. I didn't know anyone my age. The evenings were spent shooting a little pool or catching a movie.

Christmas was getting close and the office was planning an after work party at a downtown Dallas night spot called The Carousal Lounge. Actually it was a sleazy strip joint that joined others just like it in downtown Dallas. It was one of those places your Momma told you to stay away from. The fellas at work assured me that even though I was under age they could get me in and take care of my liquid refreshment needs.

The Big Day was at hand, I was resplendent in my black double breasted suit. You already know about my smile and hair. Work passed slowly but finally 5:00 arrived and about eighteen eager men and women vacated the office and headed for The Carousal. Party Time! Sure enough, I walked right in without a hitch. They didn't even check IDs, it was a piece of cake. I even shook hands with the owner, a guy named Jack.

As promised, the guys kept me in an over abundant supply of ah... ah... lemonade. Everyone was dancing and having a big time. They were telling jokes...some I didn't understand but I laughed anyway. The "lemonades" kept coming and coming. My vision kept going and going. My tongue was numb and felt like a salami. We are talking fun. Growing up is tough!

Somewhere off in the distance, I heard glass breaking and could make out people moving about in a quick jerky fashion. Chairs were becoming airborne and the room was now filled with screams and phrases not normally used in mixed company. I could feel hands on my suit moving me toward the exit. The doors were blocked by a couple of knuckle dragging Neanderthals. At that moment I knew why Momma wouldn't approve of me being there. These gentlemen would not be content until our little group was folded, spindled and mutilated. The effects of the "lemonade" came on like nitros. I became a warrior, kicking, swinging and cursing like a deranged Sonny Liston wannabe.

I crawled from the street and dusted myself off. Undaunted, I ran a comb through my hair and turned my tie 180 degrees so it was again in front. I grinned as only an Elvis imitator could and strutted to my 56 Chevy. I still had time to catch a movie. A good time was had by all.

By November 1963, the new GTO had been introduced, Elvis was still king, JFK had been shot to death in Dallas and the world was no longer innocent or at peace. In St. Charles, Missouri, I watched on live TV as Lee Harvey Oswald was being escorted from the Dallas police station garage. Pop! Pop! Pop! In just a few short hours the entire world would know of Jack Ruby...the owner of The Carousal Lounge.

FALL CRUISE '93 / FALL AUTO SHOW '93 SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2ND / SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3RD

ATTENTION ALL GATEWAY GTOA MEMBERS! Your club is hosting some very big events in the next few weeks and your help is needed! Our 2nd Fall Cruise at Bobby's Frozen Custard in Maryville, Illinois will be held on Saturday, October 2nd (see enclosed flyer). It was such a tremendous success last year that we're going a step further, we're also putting on our first ever Fall Auto Show, the following day, Sunday, October 3rd, right across the street from Bobby's. Since our Moore Pontiac Display has been canceled, this becomes our most important event this year and we need you to attend and help.

Hundreds of flyers have already been distributed and invitations to several local car clubs have been sent out. As of this writing, we are still in need of sponsors for the auto show to offset costs. If you have contacts with individuals or businesses that would like to receive some excellent advertising exposure, ask them to contribute promotional items for Goody Bags and Door Prizes or to sponsor a class at the show. For \$50, they will have their name engraved on three trophies, displayed on a sponsor board and listed on a sponsor sheet that will be included in 150-200 Goody Bags, plus receive recognition via the public address system throughout the day and during the awards presentation. Door Prizes are needed for both the Cruise and Show, so any donations will be welcomed.

A few club members have already volunteered their time and services. Our resident DJ, Mobile Marty Howard, has graciously agreed to spin the tunes during the show and Joyce Nettle has been very busy securing trophies and dash plaques, as well as covering all aspects of getting sponsorships, but there is still much more to be done. This Auto Show will be our best (and only) opportunity for everyone to get their feet wet for next year's GTOAA International Meet which, if you haven't heard, we are also hosting! The Cruise and Show can be both fun and profitable for you and the Gateway GTO Association, but it will take your support. Pre-show preparation (i.e. stuffing goody bags, establishing site layout, making and placing signs, etc.), registration, parking, judging and tabulation, awards presentation; these are just some of the major areas where people are needed. Don't think that there will be plenty of other people to do the work; we need as many Gateway GTOA members as we can get! Please show your support of your club by volunteering to help at the cruise and show. Call Joyce (314) 892-3639, Brad (618) 398-4855 or Dave (618) 667-4234 and tell them which area(s) you will work.

TREASURER'S REPORT By Will Bowers

Beginning Checkbook Balance 06/16/93	\$1,298.31
Income:	
Dues	\$ 49.00
Moore Pontiac Sponsorship Check	\$ 500.00
Fall Auto Show '93 Class Sponsors	\$ 200.00
50/50 July Meeting	\$ 12.00
Total After Income	\$2,059.31
Disbursements:	
Newsletters & Postage	\$ 184.00
Deposit for meeting room	\$ 25.00
Car Wash donation to Children's Miracle Network	\$ 150.00
Ending Checkbook Balance 08/20/93	\$1,700.31
Petty Cash	<u>\$ 14.85</u>
Total Cash on Hand	\$1,715.16

Total GGTOA membership as of 08/20/93 is 94 of which 38 (40%) are GTOAA members.

GATEWAY GTO ASSOCIATION ADS

CARS AND PARTS FOR SALE:

1967 GTO Hardtop, frame off restoration with new quarter panels, medium blue exterior, new Parchment interior, non-original rebuilt 400 engine, rebuilt 400 Turbo transmission, His & Hers shifter, p/s, p/b, wood wheel, new aftermarket stereo system, side marker lights, Dan Maloney (314) 946-1004 (August)

1968 GTO Hardtop, 400, automatic, His & Hers, p/s, p/discb, gauges, frame off restoration, green exterior with black interior, Bill Craft (314) 639-1488 (September)

1967 LeMans Hardtop, 326, 4 speed, p/s, p/discb, gauges, bucket seats with console, red with black interior, Bill Craft (314) 639-1488 (September)

1969 Mercedes Benz 280SB sedan, gas; 1969 Mercedes Benz 250S sedan, gas; for parts cars only; Brad Piper (618) 398-4855 (August)

1948 Chevy Pick Up, basket case, sub-framing started, no motor, free for the taking, Brad Piper (618) 398-4855 (August)

CARS AND PARTS FOR SALE:

1966-67 GTO black convertible top, brand new, still in Year One Box, \$125/obo, will sell to the highest offer for sure, Ron Fiebiger (314) 892-4712 (September)

Garage space for rent, secure and secluded, in South County area, for details call Ron Fiebiger (314) 892-4712 (September)

CARS AND PARTS WANTED:

1966-67 Convertible RH quarter window, tinted, Brad Piper (618) 398-4855 (August)

1965 Air Conditioning parts for LeMans/Tempest/GTO, especially need dash vent balls and bezels for same; also looking for duct work and underhood brackets, lines, etc.; want Pontiac 350 Turbo transmission and a 3.23 posi rear end for 1965 GTO; call Ron Fiebiger (314) 892–4712 (August)

Set of 1964-66 plain steel wheels; Set of 1966 Tempest Deluxe hubcaps; John Stewart (314) 487-6037 (August)

1970-72 GTO front clip, Tony Bezzole (314) 878-6892 (August)

1967 GTO 4BBL Intake manifold, prefer May or June date but late April OK, have November 1966 dated manifold to trade, Dennis Parus (708) 377-1009 (August)

1973-1977 Grand Prix, Firebird, Trans Am or any other Pontiac in need of a motor, will consider any condition, Ron Fiebiger (314) 892-4712 (August)

Four Core radiator in any condition to fit 1964 LeMans/Tempest/GTO, John Seabolt (314) 447-7801 (September)

1966-67 Tempest front bumper, Bill Craft (314) 639-1488 (September)

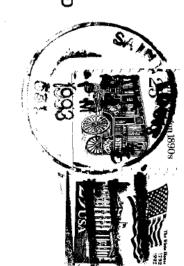
1970 GTO RH side marker light/blinker, goes on fender at Endura bumper, Sam Lawson (314) 739-6844 or (314) 230-6669 (September)

Convertible top frame work and top motor for 1968 GTO, top frame must be rust free and not have any bent components; other 68 GTO Convertible parts needed are chrome trim for passenger side rear window, rear bumper, bumper jack, complete antenna and spoiler; also want spoiler for 72 Olds Cutlass Sup or Hurst Olds; Does anyone know a top shop that can do restoration work (straighten bent frames), I need help on this, the top is holding up final restoration on my 68 GTO; John Frame, 3025 College, Alton, II 62002, (618)465–8999 (September)



MOORE FALL GTO/PONTIAC DISPLAY SCHEDULED FOR AUGUST 28TH HAS BEEN CANCELED!

VAGO PARK, MARYLAND HEIGHTS, MISSOURI **GATEWAY GTO ASSOCIATION PICNIC** SUNDAY, AUGUST 29TH, BE THERE!



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