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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 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 Wiliker's Restaurant, 1566 Country Club Plaza, and St Charles, MO 636-9471441

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Year Body Style Engine

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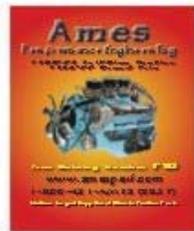
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The President's Scoop

It is now officially **SPRING** and it is time to get your GTO out of the garage and get it ready for some **CRUZIN** and some **DRAG RACING**. With that in mind, several of us took a quick trip to Benton, Illinois to check out the I-57 Drag Strip, the location of our Gateway GTO Club Drag Day on June 28th. Lo and behold, the track was open and the owners invited the 5 new GTOs to test their track. Although our wives were saying "No, No, No" (really just Mrs. GTO) We just felt it was absolutely necessary to be sure the track met our Gateway GTO Club standards. So, the wives exited the cars and off we went. We all learned very early that the new GTOs are very traction limited and the only way to get down the track without going sideways or brushing the guardrails was to use traction control. Even with traction control on and stock street tires, all of the new GTOs ran between 8.80 and 9.0 1/8th mile, which converts to a 13.7 to 14.0 for the 1/4 mile. After 6 or 7 runs and even a run by your President against a late model Mustang (he did not have a chance), the ladies said enough is enough.

I am sure we will have a very fun filled day drag racing on June 28th. If you have not signed up, there is still plenty of time. Just send your check to Vic and Joyce Nettle at 4450 Nazareth Hills Dr. St. Louis, MO. 63129. Each racer will be allowed one additional spectator and additional spectators will be \$5.00. If you are not into drag racing, come one out and cheer on your favorite member. There will be many old and new GTOs during the all day drag racing event.



Cecil Morton, from CeeJay Auto Body in Granite City, is busy getting my 1966 GTO ready for Cruzin this year. After several years of buffing and polishing the old lacquer paint and not getting the shine that the clear coat cars get, I decided a repaint was in order and Cecil was going to be the painter. Since December, he has media blasted the entire body down to bare metal, repaired several rusted areas, primed and blocked the body (3 times), sealed, base coated and clear coated the GTO to a fabulous red finish. CeeJay has sent me over 100 digital photos of the progress almost day by day but below is one of my favorites, Cecil at work. The car is beautiful and should be ready in a couple of more weeks. Thanks Cecil and a job well done.



April 02 2008 Gateway GTO Club Meeting Minutes

by Vic Nettle

INTRODUCTIONS: At 7:02 Tom opened the meeting.

There were 27 persons present. Members introduced: Steve Davis (68 GTO convertible turbo 400) and Gary Suellentrop (teal 70 GTO owned since 75). We had 19 vehicles and 27 members present. Of these 9 were GTOs.

OLD BUSINESS: Steve Hedrick recounted the Mystery Dinner Theater where Mark successfully figured out who was the guilty party. 10 people attended. Steve and Tammy, Mark and Sandra, Tom and Terrie, Buzz and Vicki, and Bob and Chris Blattel.

The Easter (winter weather) car show was attended by 5 GTOs. Bill Fenlon recounted the fun.

Trip to Benton to reconnoiter the Drag strip for June 28th drag day where 5 new style GTOs raced and all did well with mid 80s final speed and about 9 seconds ET, traction limited. Buzz demonstrated how to make a GTO do turns on the drag strip at full throttle and paint the guardrail yellow.

NEW BUSINESS

Francis Howell Central Benefit Show Sunday April 6th at 12 to 4PM \$15 Make-a-wish benefit.

Dyno Day at Rankin April 12th at 9 AM directions link is on the website calendar. \$40 for 3 dyno runs.

Illinois Cruise on May 3rd. Trip to Salem IL orchestrated by Darrell May. Details forthcoming on the website

POCI Dave Sinclair car show May 17th

Behlmann car show June 7th, 14th = rain date.

Drag Day June 28th at Benton IL. Meet at Fairview Heights IL Kinko at 7AM. See Calendar. Spectators \$5, participants \$35.

Westport Charity car show Sept. 7th. Kerry needs raffle items and door prizes.

Halloween Party Oct 25th. Get your car related costumes ready. (It is Bill Fenlon's 34th birthday).

Car Show at DQ Halls Ferry and Lindberg the first Saturday of each month May – Sept.

Hyperformance is having a car show in April date TBD. Brian will update us.

The Riverport swap meet has moved to Gateway International and will be on April 27th. \$5/car parking fee.

GTOAA Nationals July 12th in Saratoga Springs. Airfare to Albany is only \$120 one-way if you don't want to drive.

TECHNICAL:

1) Paul has installed a Procharger supercharger and preliminarily produced 480 rear wheel horsepower at 5-psi boost. But now he is up to 10 psi of boost. Another dyno run is in the works.

2) Tom's 66 at Cecil's is painted.

3) Mark Melrose is collecting Build date data for the new style GTOs. So email your build date to him (it is on the aluminum plate under the hood in the front left).

4) Chris Simmons says to start easily at the drag strip for better ET. We proved that last Saturday.

5) Chris says new gas goes bad fast and he is investigating an additive. More to follow later.

6) Shauna informed us of a St Louis Pedders dealer in the making (MidCoastPerformance.com).

7) Shauna told about a waterless car cleaner. Mark attested that it works. Call Shauna for info 1-636-734-0690 anytime day or night).

8) Dave Taylor told us that Crestwood Appliance Repair sells model cars at reasonable prices. Their address is 9979 Watson Rd, Phone is 314-909-8900

MILESTONES

Mark and Sandra just had their 31st wedding anniversary.

CLUB MEMBER HEALTH ISSUES:

Sandra Melrose has recovered from surgery, and hopefully will not need another.

Steve's mother is now in rehab after a stroke which has paralyzed her left side.

Terrie has recovered from the flu.

Joyce is battling graft-vs-host disease. Her doctor is trying to figure out what will fix her.

ADJOURN: The meeting adjourned at 8:13 PM after the 50/50 (\$38/\$39) was won by Brian O'Sullivan

The Easter Show at Forest Park
Muny Parking Lot
March 23, 2008
by Vicki Simpson



It's 6:00 am and the alarm is blaring. I lazily roll out of bed and stop dead in my tracks. "Buzz, it's snowing. I wonder if anyone is going to the car show." Buzz, smiling, replies "Check email". Between 6:00 and 7:00 am, I must have checked email 7 or 8 times. Nothing. I can't believe they're going. I didn't want to call Tom

Oxler because it was early. "Buzz, it's snowing and the back deck is covered. Do you think they're going?" His response – "Check email". We left at 7:15 am.

We pulled into McDonald's on Hampton and there they were. Tom Oxler with his 2006 MRS GTO, Chris Winslow with his 2004 GTO and Mark Melrose with his 1968 GTO. We sat down and I said (whined is more like it): "It's snowing and it is cold." It fell on deaf ears. Shortly after we arrived, Bill Fenlon and his 2005 GTO pulled in followed by Shauna Wollmerhauser in her 2006 GTO with Mattie and Darrin. Mark had decided not to continue on to the show because of the snow and cold and the fact that he had his 68, but we shamed him into changing his mind. Another club (an AMC Club) had also decided to meet at McDonald's and much to Buzz's amazement – there was a restored Gremlin on the lot. (When Buzz and I met, he had a Gremlin – it was one of his favorite cars.)



At 8:45 am we left McDonald's and headed to Forest Park. Tom Oxler led the way. Since most of us had the new GTO's, we had to park in the lower lot at the Muny. There was a nice area for us to park together and to set up across the road so we could keep an eye on the cars. Fortunately for all of us, Chris Winslow had brought his 8x10 canopy. We put that up and Buzz had remembered to grab our tarp. They tied it to the windy side. Buzz said they stayed fairly cozy and dry. I, however, stayed in the car.

We registered and received a nice t-shirt. For the weather being so nasty, there was a nice turn out of cars in both the upper and lower lots. There were quite a lot of spectators walking through the show. Some brought their dogs. Some had their children all bundled up and were pushing them in strollers.

After 2 hours, everyone was done. It was snowing beautiful big flakes and it was cold and windy. We all headed out. Next year, Easter is April 12th. Hopefully, that will be a nicer day.



The LS1GTO group got together for lunch at Buffalo Wild Wings on March 22nd 2008

by Vic Nettle

A group of about 16 new style GTOs (and one Grand National driven by guess who) assembled in South County for lunch at Buffalo Wild Wings. It was COLD with about a 25 mph wind. Yet these young (with the exception of the Grand National driver) people stood around their cars and talked about turbochargers, spoilers, tires wheels, engine enhancements and all manner of things car related (and stamped their feet and shivered all the while).

Eventually we all went inside and ordered food with sauce hot enough to make us forget about the cold weather. Gateway GTO Club members present included Shauna, Brian, Andrew, John Lally and I.

This was the first LS1GTO gathering for me so there were many new faces. There is clearly a new generation of PONTI_YAKERS. I enjoyed myself and it appeared that everybody else did too.



Dinner with the Arkansas Pontiac Association president March 27th 2008

by Vic Nettle

The president of the APA, Brian Ray, came to St Louis with his wife Mary Ann and their son Eric to pick up their 65 GTO which had just had the overspray from last year's POCI Nationals wet sanded off of it by Dave Trokey's shop.

We had dinner at Growler's Pub on South Lindberg. Gateway GTO members in attendance were: Tom and Terrie Oxler, Mark and Sandra Melrose, Darrell and Tootie May, Sandra Wollmershauser, and I.

We were seated at along table in a back room which was a quiet place (a good feature conducive to conversations).

The table was so long that there were 2 conversations: one based on cars (our end), and the other on domestic topics (the wives end).

Shauna was on the "car" end because she is a "gear-head" as opposed to a "gear-head's wife".

The food was good, and all too soon we were finished and had to go out in the cold to the cars. It was nice to see Brian, Mary Ann, and Eric.

Shakedown cruise to Benton Dragstrip March 29th 2008

by Vic Nettle

In anticipation of the Gateway GTO Club Dragstrip event to take place on June 28th at I-57 Dragway in Benton Illinois it was decided to do a dry run to see how the trip might work. On the event day, June 28th, we will meet and leave from the Kinko's store in Fairview Heights IL which is just south of the intersection of Illinois highway 157 and I-64 at mile marker 12.

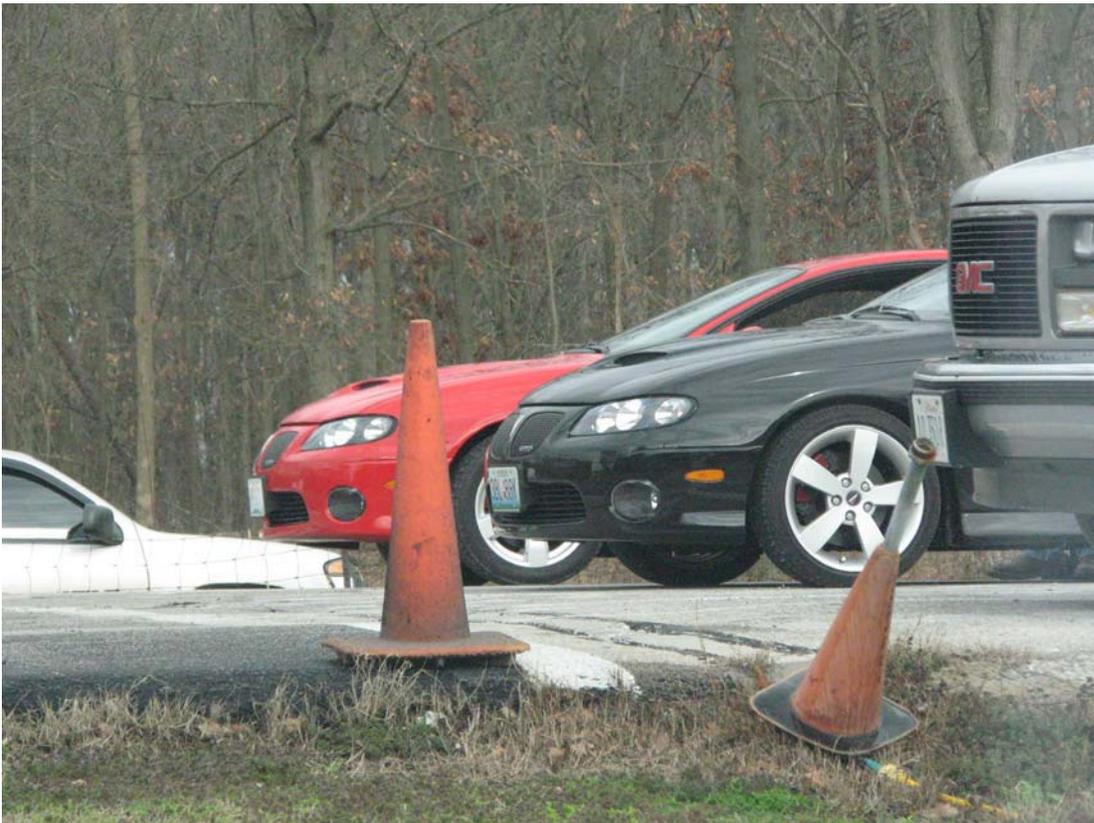
The test run took place on March 29th. We met at Kinko's at nominal 2 PM. At 2:20 we departed from a very busy shopping center (at 7:30AM on June 28th it will not be nearly so congested hopefully). I was the designated leader of 5 new style GTOs: our Spice Red, Terrie Oxler's Torrid Red. Buzz and Vicki's Yellowjacket Yellow, Mark and Sandra's Black red interior car, and Shauna's Black black interior car. Traveling at a conservative 70 mph (the speed limit was 65) brought us to the Benton Dragway in about 90 minutes. To our surprise the Dragway was open for test-and-tune. So we all decided to see what our GTOs would do.

Interestingly all of our cars were tire traction limited with final speeds ranging from 80 to 86 mph and elapsed times of 8.8 to 9.4 seconds using traction control. In one exceptional run the guard rail seemed to lose control and it hit the side of Buzz's GTO leaving some white paint and an impression of itself on the side of Buzz's car.

Ostensibly the cause of this occurrence an inactivated traction control. The track really did not have good enough traction for as much power as the GTOs were delivering.

After a couple of hours everybody had enough racing and we drove back to Benton where we ate at Carrie Ann's Italian Restaurant. The food was good although a large group had overtaxed the kitchen and they were out of Veal (so Mark had to settle for Chicken Marsala). So we had more time to converse (a good thing).

Leading the trip home I picked the speed up to 71 miles an hour (pushing it 6 mph over the speed limit). Shauna and I could not stand going so slow and finally on an open stretch approaching the Jefferson Barracks Bridge we opened our GTOs to about 135. Those LS engines sound so good when they shift into overdrive at 6200 rpm. Interestingly our GTO averaged 20.4 miles per gallon for the day including the trips down the dragstrip and the high speed run at the end.



Gateway GTO Association

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6th FRANCIS HOWELL Make-a-wish Car Show 1-4 \$15
12th DYNO DAY at Ranken Tech (<http://www.ranken.edu/AboutRanken/Directions.asp>) 9am
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13th RANKEN SHOW 10am-4:30 reg form at <http://www.ranken.edu/AlumniRelations/carShowReg.asp>
19th CARL YOUNG BENEFIT CAR SHOW Culpepper's 4401 Hwy K in O'Fallon 11AM-5PM
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MAY:

- 3rd** ILLINOIS CRUISE (CLUB SPONSORED point value 20 - 40)
7th GTO MEETING 7pm Wiliker's Restaurant, 1566 Country Club Plaza, St. Charles, MO (CLUB SPONSORED)
10th PERRYVILLE CAR SHOW Knights of Columbus parking lot _____
17th POCI SINCLAIR 10-3 (CLUB SPONSORED point value 20 - 40)
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- 4th** GTO MEETING 7pm Wiliker's Restaurant, 1566 Country Club Plaza, St. Charles, MO (CLUB SPONSORED)
7th BEHLMANN SHOW (CLUB SPONSORED point value 20 - 40)
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JULY:

- 2nd** GTO MEETING 7pm Wiliker's Restaurant, 1566 Country Club Plaza, St. Charles, MO (CLUB SPONSORED)
8th POCI NATIONALS Spearfish, SD (CLUB SPONSORED point value 70 - 100)
12th DRAG DAY RAIN DATE
15th GTOAA NATIONALS Saratoga Springs, New York (CLUB SPONSORED point value 70 - 100)

AUGUST:

- 6th** GTO MEETING 7pm Wiliker's Restaurant, 1566 Country Club Plaza, St. Charles, MO (CLUB SPONSORED)
17th MUSEUM of TRANSPORT All Pontiac Show (CLUB SPONSORED point value 20 - 40)
23 rd SKYVIEW DRIVE INN (CLUB SPONSORED point value 20 - 40)

SEPTEMBER:

- 3rd** GTO MEETING 7pm Wiliker's Restaurant, 1566 Country Club Plaza, St. Charles, MO (CLUB SPONSORED)
7th WHEELS IN MOTION (CLUB SPONSORED point value 20 - 40)
13th POCI WAGNER (CLUB SPONSORED point value 20 - 40)
21st GTO PICNIC Vago Park (CLUB SPONSORED point value 20 - 40)
26th - 28th ROUTE 66 CRUISE Springfield IL

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- 1st** GTO MEETING 7pm Wiliker's Restaurant, 1566 Country Club Plaza, St. Charles, MO (CLUB SPONSORED)
4th QUALITY CAR SHOW Bluff City sponsored show
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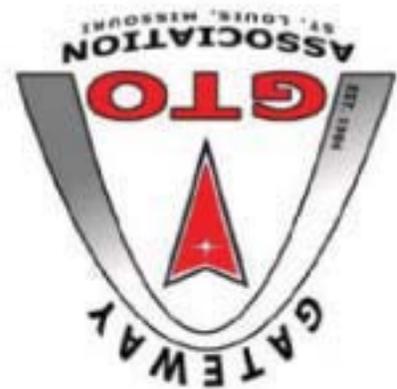


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