



THE HOOD SCOOP

JANUARY 2009

GTO of The Month

By Harry and Amy Timmermann

Gateway GTO Association



Tom asked me to tell you all something about us and our Lemans. I am not very good at this but here we go. I met Amy 7 years ago, and we have been married now for 6 years. Together we have 4 children, Melissa, Amanda, Tim and Cristina whom most of you know. Cristina enjoys going to the shows & cruises with us. Cristina does not like the Lemans it messes up her hair too much. Maybe I should have bought a hardtop.

Five years ago I purchased the Lemans from a gentleman whom had asked me to help him modify the car extensively. After we had talked about the modifications he decided to sell the car. I purchased the car from him that night. Boy Amy was mad maybe I should have told her but she got over it when she finally saw the car.

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We took the car to the body shop that summer for some minor bodywork and paint. John told me I was lucky after stripping the paint they found no rust and the panels were original. I was lucky for it was a California Car and it was garage kept most of its life. After we got the car back, we went to our first cruise in it. We arrived late and upon parking the car we had several Pontiac people come over to see the car (New Kid in Town). Some of those very same people wanted to steal my taillights. They never got away with it and we all have been very good friends since.

Each winter we try to do something to the car to make it a little better. I do most of this myself, being a mechanic helps. We have our work cut out for us this year for we are planning to attend the GTOAA / POCI Show this year, traveling with some of the same people whom tried to steal my tail lights. We really enjoy going to these events with our GTO friends and club members. There is not much that would stop us, not even a little transmission problem. If you do not know the

story here it is. Amy & I were going to the Cruizen Tiger Car Show in Chicago. Making the trip with Frank & Cheryl, and Mike & Joy. We all left early Saturday morning, upon arriving at Springfield we all stopped at the rest area. When leaving the rest area I heard a pop and I had no transmission. The car would not move forward or reverse. A special Thanks to our friends Mike & Joy for they let me use their truck and car trailer to take our car home. Upon arriving home we pushed the car into the garage, we changed clothes and started to change out the transmission. A couple of hours of hard work it was shower time and the trip began again three hours later. We arrived very late but we did enjoy the rest of the weekend with our friends and Club Members.

I must say I have never had as much fun and enjoyed the company of any other group of people. GTO / Pontiac people are the best group of people I know. They are always willing to help each other. Whatever it takes. We are looking forward to this year's events and more.



The Presidents Scoop
By Tom Oxler

**Merry Christmas and Happy
New Year**

It is already January of 2009 and all of the Officers of the Gateway GTO Club hope you had a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Last year was a very monumental year for our club as we were designated by our national organization, GTOAA as their **Chapter of the Year**. This is an honor this club has worked very hard for and every member should be proud. 2008 was a very busy year again with numerous cruises, car shows and our first annual Drag Racing event. We once again showed our “stuff” at the Wheels in Motion Charity Car Show raising lots of money for Children’s Cancer.

2009 will prove to be another eventful year with the GTOAA Co-Vention in Dayton, another Drag Day, a cruise to Bob’s Gasoline Alley, a large All Pontiac Drag Racing/Car Show event at Gateway over Labor Day weekend and many more events still in the planning stages. You will notice the Club has changed the Points System for 2009 to concentrate more on Club Sponsored events and to give credit to those who organize and work these events. The Gateway GTO Club is an **All Volunteer** organization that would not exist or survive without the members thinking of events and activities, planning and organizing these activities and doing all of the “behind the scenes” work necessary to have a successful event. We had over 30 Club Sponsored events last year and we are planning even more for 2009. If you have something you are wanting to propose and are willing to help, please let us know.

2009 also brings us to renewal time for our Gateway GTO Club. Dues are \$20 and are due at the first of the year. Attached is the renewal form and you can send it along with a check for \$20 to:

Will Bowers
1 Goshen Woods
Edwardsville, IL. 62025

Or just bring it with you to our annual Pizza Party on January 18th at Serra’s Pizza, 12218 McKelvey Rd, Maryland Heights, MO. from 1-4pm. The Club will supply all of the pizza; you take care of your drinks, salads, pasta, etc.

Thanks for the help of Brian O’Sullivan and Will Bowers, we have found a new meeting location:

Culpeppers Restaurant
12434 St. Charles Rock Rd.
Bridgeton, Mo. 63044

They have a nice sized meeting room with excellent, viewable parking behind the restaurant, the food is good and moderately priced and it is centrally located just ½ mile east of I-270 on St. Charles Rock Rd.

I hope to see you at the Pizza Party and have a very happy, safe and healthy New Year.

THE FABULOUS FOX THEATRE TOUR – NOVEMBER 22, 2008

Article By Marty Howard, C.E.C.

The weather was crisp and cold outside but inside the Fox Theatre it was warm and comfortable.

Our group of 23 met inside the lobby at 10:15 am. Attending were:

Marty Howard & Barbara Burton
Will Bowers
Kathy Kiburz and her mom and dad
Mark & Sandra Melrose + Sandra's sister
Cindy
Tom & Terrie Oxler
Darryl & Tootie May
Tony & Sue Tosto
Brian & Amy O'Sullivan
Andrew O'Sullivan
Ray & Ida Brunkhorst
Ralph & Virginia Anderson + Virginia's mother

We were very pleased that 23 people attended this tour. Some of our Club members brought along friends and relatives.

When all were present and accounted for (we had to wait for Darryl and Tootie May – last ones in), our tour started at approximately 10:35 am. Since our Club provided at least 20 attendees, we had our own private tour guide, Jim, assigned to us. Jim is over 80 years old and has been working, along with his wife, at the Fox for 30+ years. They are ushers, twice a week, and get to see most of the events that are held at the theatre. Jim started our tour in the lobby explaining the carpeting and how the elephants in the carpeting always point to the stage area throughout the theatre. Jim told us many facts, a few of which I remember and will write in this article.

We then went upstairs and sat in the middle balcony. We were told of the history of the theatre itself and how it came about to be repaired, who acquired it, the money it took to build and rebuild, and much information about

the enormous chandelier that hangs in the center of the ceiling which weighs over 2 tons. How the light bulbs are changed is something we won't soon forget.

We then got to see the area that is reserved for those who purchase season boxes, which is similar to purchasing sports season boxes. Prices ranged from \$800 to many thousands. Those people can sit and watch the events from seats that overlook the stage under the mezzanine while having their dessert after enjoying a meal in the dining area.

Next, we walked down to the first few rows in orchestra seating and sat down for more information on the orchestra pit and the various areas of the stage. I figured that I would sit in the first row since this would be the only time that I could get this seat. These first few rows are reserved for the members who own the box seats near the dining area.

We then went upstairs to the 4th, top floor where we saw some beautiful stained glass and we were given facts on the glass, chairs, and architecture.

We stopped in the Ladies Room to view a special stained glass in the ceiling. We also stopped in the Men's Room where we viewed the urinals (very exciting for the women to view who had never been in a Men's Room before). I don't remember exactly why we stopped in the Men's Room, so maybe someone that attended will remember and tell me. HA!



We then went down to the stage itself. When the theatre was rebuilt, another 35 feet were added to the back of the stage area in order to accommodate many of the Broadway plays that would need a lot more room than the original stage area permitted.

Then, it was time to go underground to the dressing rooms, preparation and dining areas for the performing artists. Signatures and signs galore showcasing so many of the acts that had appeared there. Many were very old while others were fairly new. The writings and pictures on the wall started with Tony Orlando, Red Skelton, and Jerry Lewis and then mushroomed into the graffiti that adorns almost every wall, door and staircase today. It would take hours just to look at all of the signatures.

Unfortunately, we were not able to view or hear the main organ since Stan Kahn recently passed on. They are currently looking for someone to take his place, so if any of you can play an organ of this magnitude, I suggest you contact the Fox.

One of the most interesting facts surrounding the large organ is that actual musical instruments are played through the organ itself. Mechanical devices are used to connect the organ to the various instruments, such as trumpets and sends signals via vacuum feeds which are then sent to the pipes located on both sides of the theatre near the stage. Sizes of the pipes vary from a few inches to over 20 feet in length.

Our finale took us to the same place we began, on the carpet in the lobby. Our tour guide was kind enough to take a few pictures of our group as we all stood on the steps that lead to the dining area and balconies. Pictures were also taken by Ralph Anderson. Thanks!

Most of us then went to lunch at The Tap Room in downtown St. Louis. We got very lucky and were able to sit together. Food was great and conversation spanned from one end of the table to the other talking about our tour and, of course, our cars. We stayed for over an

hour and then said our goodbyes with everyone having a smile on their face.

For those Club members that had never taken the tour before it was an enlightening experience. For those that remembered how the Fox was before and after its renovation it was nostalgic. They remembered coming here when they were young and attending the Fox was a magical time. Kathy Kiburz passed around a picture of her mom and dad as they were walking in front of the theatre years ago when they were young(er) and dating. He was dressed in a suit and she in a dress. Here they were, sitting at our table, having lunch, reminiscing about those days. It was great to hear stories of how it was way back when.

I am grateful that so many of you took advantage and accompanied my girlfriend, Barbara, and myself on this tour. We all had a fabulous time and we heard many compliments about the tour itself. This was a great event for all us!

For those that need more details and would like to attend a tour of the Fox Theatre, call the box office for information.

I am looking forward to seeing you at our Club Holiday Party.



HOLIDAY PARTY 2008
Dec. 13, 2008
by Kerry Friedman

Debbie and I arrived at the Webster Groves Barn at 5:00 PM to help set up for the evening. We were surprised to see only 1 car in the lot, the yellow GTO of Vicki and Buzz. Upon entering, everything was set up and the food was cooking. How did all of this happen so early? It turns out that our gracious hostess and host, Sandra and Mark Melrose had done all of the work earlier in the day and went home to get more supplies for the party. The tables were set up with red tablecloths, a Wine Bottle Centerpiece, and 4 Wire Reindeers. Eight tables were set with eight places each. I finally got a job to do. I asked the Caterer, Jean McDaniel, if a Taste Tester was needed, and to my pleasure she made me an Italian beef sandwich to try. It was delicious.

Club members and families started arriving with hordes of drinks, Rob Your Neighbor gifts, and Desserts, Desserts, Desserts. We could have eliminated the main meal for all the delicious looking desserts we had. People socialized until 7:00 when the food tables were opened for business.

We had the same caterer and menu as last year. Mustacholi, green beans, corn, mashed potatoes, dinner rolls, salad, and the Italian beef. The line started by tables, and flowed smoothly. As items emptied, they were promptly refilled. There was plenty for all. All was delicious and well worth the wait. After dinner, there were desserts to be had. Have I mentioned the desserts yet? Pies, cookies, cakes, sweets, hot coffee, candy. Thanks to all who brought these delights.

After dinner, Bob Blattel, performed a couple of Magical Card tricks, that astounded the audience with his skills. He wouldn't tell how he had done them.

A new addition to the entertainment was a 18 question DOO WOP Oldies Quiz where I read the question, and gave 4 multiple choice answers. The questions related to songs of the past. The winners were Bob Blattel and Will Bowers, who each tied with 17 correct.

Next, Tom Oxler made some announcements, welcomes, and thanks. Tom asked for a show of hands for next years Holiday Party; should we have a Pot Luck Dinner, should we find a less expensive location, a different Caterer, or what could be done differently. The hands had it. The decision was to stay at the Webster Groves Barn cater the meal, the club would pay for the room, and members split the cost of the food. A special round of thanks was given for Sandra Melrose, for her continuous service in arranging, and setting up the Club Holiday Party, for the past three years.

The Club Participation awards were then announced by Tom and presented by Mark Melrose. Third place went to Cory and Paul Jenkins, second to Vicki and Buzz Simpson, and first place to Shauna Wollmershauser.

Throughout the evening holiday music had been playing thanks to our COE, Chairman of Entertainment, Marty Howard. Marty was also given a special award for always being there when the club needs a DJ, or an announcer, and for the Comedy Club Nights, and various other events every year. Thanks Marty.



It was now time for the main event; Rob Your Neighbor. Each person who brought a gift had dropped his/her name in the basket. Marty called the names as they were drawn from the basket. The first round was a fact finding mission. What items did individuals want to take home, and who currently had them. The next round of calling names was to review what you had, and look around to see where a more desirable gift was,

walk over to it and scarf it up, leaving yours behind. This year, and as in past years, Pontiac Signs were very popular. A hydraulic stool was also stolen a few times. It takes a lot of hard thinking to come up with clever different gifts. Start thinking and looking now for next year.

After the game was over, Sandra announced that the chair at each table with Duck Tape under the top bar was the winner of the Wine Centerpiece. Each couple at the table could take home one of the Reindeers. Then we had more socializing, more drinks and if any body had room, more desserts. At about 11:30, we started cleaning up. Everyone there helped, and it went quickly. Thanks to all who came and helped us enjoy the evening.



How To Remove and LS Series Motor From A Late Model GTO

By Shauna Wollmershauser

As most of you readers know I developed a knock and said knock was initially diagnosed as a spun connecting rod bearing. Picture a beautiful Thursday Morning in late October. Then add to that picture a late model GTO on a trailer being hauled to have some significant surgery. A few members got together and found someone willing to let us use their garage (thanks again John Novelli) and a plan was hatched. Tom Oxler, Will Bowers, and Mark Melrose suggested that I meet them at the Waffle House on 94 near 370. I took their advice considering it didn't look like I was getting any closer to getting the motor out of the car.

Now, that you readers have a bit of background information it's time to move onto the how to portion of this article.

Step 1. Get the car off of the trailer and into the garage. Actually step one should be purchase or borrow a shop manual.

Step 2. Remove the hood of said vehicle.



Step 3. Get the car up onto 4 jack stands or if you're lucky enough to have a lift put the car on the lift.

Step 4. If you're short find a make shift stool to stand on so you can reach some of the bolts a little easier.



Step 5. Place all of the parts that you remove from the car off to the side so you don't trip over them. Have a box of Ziploc bags and a Sharpie Marker handy. Label each bag with what bolts are in it so you can find them when it's time to put the motor back into the car.



Step 6. Once you have an impressive pile of parts and bolts on the floor it's about time to break for lunch and head to the parts store because you need a tool to remove the fuel line from the fuel rails.

While you're at lunch enjoy the day and some New York style pizza. Marty Howard stopped by and gave lessons on the proper way to eat a slice of pizza. Now that lunch is over and you've got the parts you need it's time to get back to work.

Step 7. Attach the engine leveler to the block.

Right about now is where the shop manual will come in VERY handy. You see there are 8 bolts holding the bell housing to the motor. 6 were rather easy to get to the other two were a PITA. The shop manual probably indicate to pull the motor and transmission out together, but the author was informed that we could just pull the motor with out the transmission. Well the clutch had other ideas.



Step 8. Get the hoist ready to attach to the engine leveler.



Step 9. Attach the hoist to the leveler and slowly start to lift the motor out of the car.



Step 10. Start cursing like a sailor because the oil pan is getting caught on the power steering rack and you can't find all of the bolts holding the bell housing to the motor (shop manual is your friend).

Eventually there's enough room for you to find the remaining bell housing bolts, but no matter how much the two people under the car pry, pull, and curse the transmission won't separate from the motor. After some serious frustration and doubt that we can get this done you all say to hell with it and decide to pull everything out at once. All the while you're hoping and praying that the transmission won't decide to fall off the motor as you're pulling it out of the car





Step 11. Continue to slowly work the motor and transmission out of the car. Also continue to say silent prayers that the transmission won't decide to separate from the motor.

Step 12. Put all of the bolts you took out of the bell housing and the transmission back where they came from and get the motor ready to go on the back of the truck. This is also the point where you all silently do the happy dance that the job is 99% done.



Step 13. Load the motor onto the back of the truck so it can be dropped off the next day to be torn down.

Step 14. Clean up the mess you made, and get mentally prepared to push the car on to the trailer. Also take a minute admire the gaping hole that once held the motor and transmission.





Once the car is loaded onto the trailer and strapped down take a look at your watch and realize that it's taken no less than 12 hours to get this done.

When you get home assess all of the souvenirs that were left behind and take several painkillers before you try to fall asleep.

Thank you again Mark, Tom, Will, and John. I truly appreciate the use of the garage and you guys getting dirty with me.

2009 GATEWAY GTO CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JANUARY

18 - PIZZA PARTY – Serra's Pizzeria, 12218 McKelvey Rd, Maryland Heights (Club Sponsored)

FEBRUARY

TBD – COMEDY CLUB

TBD – FASTLANE TOUR then BOWLING

MARCH

TBD

APRIL

12 – EASTER SHOWS – Muny Opera – New GTO's Lower Lot
Old GTO's Upper Lot (Club Sponsored)

TBD – Ranken Alumni Car Show

MAY

TBD – KING LOUIE DRIVE IN – IL, Cruise with Bluff City Pontiacs
Dash Plaques (Club Sponsored)

JUNE

6 – BEHLMAN CAR SHOW (Club Sponsored)

TBD – DRAG DAY – Benton, IL

JULY

7-11 – GTOA/POCI CO-VENTION – Dayton, Ohio, (Club Sponsored)

AUGUST

16 – PONTIAC RENDEVOUZ – Museum of Transportation, St. Louis County (Club Sponsored)

SEPTEMBER

TBD – WHEELS IN MOTION – Charity Car Show, Westport Plaza,
(Club Sponsored)

TBD – ANNUAL CLUB PICNIC – Vago Park, Maryland Heights
(Club Sponsored)

OCTOBER

11 – EPC CAR SHOW – St. Charles, MO

12 – Pallisades – Charity Car Show, Portage Des Sioux, MO
(Club Sponsored)

NOVEMBER

TBD – WINE CRUISE

DECEMBER

TBD – CHRISTMAS PARTY

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_____.

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Send completed membership application along with a check payable to the Gateway GTO Association to:

Will Bowers, Treasurer
Gateway GTO Association
1 Goshen Woods Lane
Edwardsville, IL 62025

Membership dues are \$20.00 per year, which includes you and one associate member (spouse, girlfriend, etc.).

Dues are to be paid by Pizza Party

2009 Gateway GTO Association Participation Points System

The following Points Rules have been modified for the upcoming 2009 Club Year of Car Events.

We will only be giving points for Club Sponsored and GTOAA events. Other Events will be listed in the Monthly Calendars for information only.

A Sign-In Sheet will be at each event with the Secretary or other Club Officer. Please initial with or without GTO, and specify if you have organized the event or are staffing the Event, i.e. cooking, parking cars, working a booth or raffle, etc. More focus will be placed on attending and helping at Club Sponsored Events.

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Points</u>
Attend GGTOA Monthly Meeting With GTO	40
Attend GGTOA Monthly Meeting Without GTO	20
Attend GGTOA Sponsored Event With GTO	40
Attend GGTOA Sponsored Event Without GTO	20
Attend GTOAA Regional/National Event With GTO	100
Attend GTOAA Regional/National Event Without GTO	70
GGTOA Event Worker/Helper/Sponsor	30
Have your GTO featured as the Goat of the month	50
Write an article for the Hood Scoop	50
Sign up a new member	25
GTO Association Member, Membership must be current	50
Have your GTO featured in a magazine publication	40

Point System Rules

1. Attendance at GGTOA Sponsored or Co-Sponsored events:
 - a. To receive maximum points for the event, members/associates must participate with a GTO/LeMans or Tempest.
 - b. If a member brings one GTO and their registered associate brings a second, the maximum points plus half the maximum will be awarded.
2. Members/Associates shall be responsible for signing the Attendance sheet at all GGTOA Sponsored & Co-Sponsored Events. You must sign the sheet or email your monthly attendance in to get points for that month.
3. Points shall be awarded only once per event if the event lasts more than one day.
4. Members/Associates shall have (One Month) to inform Point Keeper (Club Secretary) of their participation in any events.
5. Points shall be tallied from Dec. 1st through Nov. 30th with awards being presented at the Christmas/Holiday Party.

Awards

Overall Points Winner: GGTOA Plaque or Trophy
 First Runner Up: GGTOA Plaque or Trophy
 Second Runner Up: GGTOA Plaque or Trophy

Definitions

Attend with GTO- Attend an event with your GTO, LeMans, or Tempest
Event Worker/Helper- Any individual responsible for helping out at a Club Event i.e. organizing, parking, cooking, setting up and cleaning up.
GGTOA Non-Sponsored Events- Non GTO Events voted to be GGTOA Co-Sponsored Events attended by two Or more members with GTOs
GGTOA Sponsored Events- GGTOA hosted Events

GATEWAY GTO YEAR END FINANCIAL SUMMARY

CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE 12/31/07		4,992.36
INCOME		
DUES	1,617.00	
GGTOS GEAR SALES	107.00	
SPONSORSHIPS	500.00	
50/50 DRAWINGS	394.00	
DRAG DAY	1,245.00	
ADVERTISING	250.00	
HALLOWEEN PARTY	350.00	
FOX	89.00	
CHRISTMAS PARTY	735.00	
PALISADES	150.00	
MISC. INCOME	105.00	
TOTAL INCOME	5,542.00	5,542.00
EXPENSES		
PIZZA PARTY	770.23	
PRINTING, NEWSLETTERS, MAILINGS	299.78	
DRAG DAY	1,064.00	
BEHLMANN SHOW	80.00	
SCRAP BOOK	218.02	
DYNO DAY	58.00	
HALLOWEEN PARTY	370.00	
SOFTWARE	322.49	
INSURANCE GTOAA	141.65	
CHRISTMAS PARTY	1,285.45	
PICNIC	167.58	
CHARITY CAR SHOW	199.07	
WEB	600.92	
INCORPORATION	525.00	
FOX	89.00	
MISC.	235.00	
TOTAL EXPENSES	6,426.19	-6,426.19
CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE 12/31/08		4,108.17

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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 Culpeppers Restaurant, 12434 St. Charles Rock Rd, Bridgeton, Mo. 63044 (314) 739-6781.

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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Gateway GTO Association Photo Album

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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.

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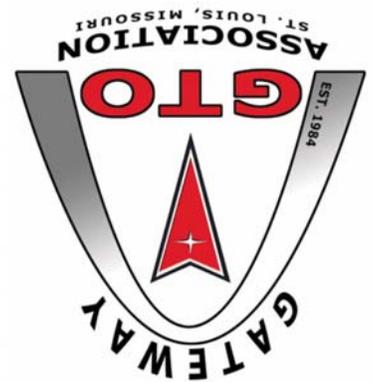
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