



THE HOOD SCOOP

NOVEMBER 2012

Gateway GTO Association



GTO of the Month

My GTO

By Jim Kiburz



Kathy and I have owned our 67 Tyrol Blue/Parchment interior GTO since July 2001. The car is a correct restoration of it's original 4 speed ram-air designation. The car was probably the 3rd or 4th car we looked at once we got serious about looking and purchasing. The car had previously been owned by Bill Hensley, a gentleman who lived near Indianapolis, IN. We found the car through Hemmings. Bill (a retired Chrysler transmission builder) had owned the car since 1994 and completed the frame on restoration sometime in 1997. Bill had previously restored a number of GTOs and he selected this one because it was an almost exact copy of the car he had when he was younger. The most challenging aspect of this restoration was clearly finding the correct XS block for this ram air car. After much effort in searching the country he found a rusted, correct XS block and in proper date code in Oklahoma. The block was a complete mess he acknowledged and it required major overhauling including the sleeving of the cylinders.

The car was originally owned (according to PHS docs.) by Beulah Fultz of Richmond, KY and was purchased from a dealer nearby. Given the color scheme of the car, it would make sense that this woman purchased it, however it was the top of the line goat w/4spd, ram-air, HO, racing gears and no AC, so we don't know if she purchased it for herself or perhaps for her son. We don't know exactly how many owners the car has had, however Bill, who we purchased the car from, seemed to think he may have been the 4th or 5th owner. The person he had bought the car from had drag raced the car exclusively, as Bill noted the interior of the car was completely gutted,



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carpet and all with about the only thing in it being an old chevy seat.

After a few yrs of having the car complete (since 1997) , Bill claimed driving the car made him nervous as he was always concerned about rock chips and the sort, as a result he drove the car very little (200-300 miles driven since the restoration was complete). Bill had another project underway (another 67) and two cars for him was getting to be too much. As his wife was not into the car or in showing it, he would typically be out on his own if he were out in the car. As a result, he was looking to sell the car.

On my second visit (summer 2001) over to see the car, Bill agreed to sell us the car in 2001 for \$23,500. He had wanted \$28,000 and had full price offers from out of town, however he could not bring himself to sell the car to someone sight unseen. I made it clear that I would not go over \$23k. He indicated that it made him feel better to sell the car to someone who would come there, look at it in person, talk about the car, etc. to make sure

they knew exactly what they were getting. After a few hours of talking about the car and careful contemplation he said he could go at \$23,500 and we shook hands on the deal. I remember on our first visit to see the car, he had me start and drive the car on a grass field behind his house/garage that was the size of a football field and perfectly mowed so that I could have a feel of the car there first before taking it out on the road. In the end, while we paid a higher price for the car, it has worked out as we have had to do next to nothing to the car, the restoration including the mechanical aspects appear to have been good quality.

A few years ago, Kathy purchased me Hurst wheels for a present and we have mounted those on the car with red-lines which really complete the package. Nothing else has been added to the car since we have owned it.

I occasionally still talk with Bill Hensley and have seen him at natls. and he always comments that the car looks better now than when he had it, the car has a good home as he says.





Presidents Scoop

The Presidents Scoop

By Mark Melrose

Happy Holidays

October and November brought some fun events to the Club calendar, see the articles about the 2012 Ray Brunkhorst Memorial Drag Day, the Colorful Six Flags Road Rally and the 2012 Wine Cruise in the following pages. But the good times continue – the annual Christmas Party on 12/8, the January Pizza Party on 1/13 and the Cars & Stars Gala Party on 2/23. Flyers and details will be in your coming emails – don't miss these events, you don't need to drive your classic to enjoy the good times.

Thanks to the Gateway officers for formulating and the Club membership for approving at the October meeting our new dues and membership structure. This new structure will enable Gateway to attain 100% membership in the GTO Association of America. While I sent everyone an email explaining how the transition in Gateway's dues structure will work, I think it bears repeating here:

Annual dues in Gateway have increased from \$20 to \$35 effective with the 2013 membership year. While in 2009 the club had made membership in GTOAA (GTO Association of America) a requirement for new membership in Gateway, the change to \$35 per year in 2013 will include membership in both organizations.

Renewal of your Gateway membership at \$35 by January of 2013 (and each succeeding year) will extend your GTOAA membership by 12 months.
If your GTOAA renewal is due now you have two alternatives:

1) You can renew your GTOAA membership now and your Gateway membership by January 2013. For example if your GTOAA renewal is due this month (11/12), you can renew directly with GTOAA for membership through 11/13 and your renewal in Gateway by January 2013 will extend your GTOAA membership through 11/14.

2) You can let your late-year 2012 GTOAA membership renewal lapse this year and "re-up" with GTOAA with your renewal in Gateway by January of 2013. In this event your GTOAA membership number will remain unchanged but you will miss some issues of *The Legend* until such time as GTOAA reinstates your membership after the first of the year.

See you at the Christmas and Pizza Parties.

For other upcoming area car shows & cruises see <http://clubs.hemmings.com/lakerscarclub/>





Meeting Minutes



GATEWAY GTO MEETING MINUTES November 7, 2012

The monthly Gateway GTO meeting was held at JJ's at 1215 South Duschene in St. Charles. Members began arriving by 6:00PM for dinner and conversation. The meeting was called to order at 7:06PM. Officers in attendance were Mark Melrose, Will Bowers, Steve Hedrick, Darrell May, Kerry Friedman and Shauna Wollmershauser.

New Members: Dennis Gunn owns a red 1967 GTO. He bought it in Montgomery, AL about three weeks ago. Welcome to the Gateway GTO Club Dennis.

Old Business:

Ray Brunkhorst Memorial Drag Day: There was a light crowd. Arnie Beswick was there with two cars. It was a good day for every one that attended the event. Tom Oxler's car ran great. Chris Simmons set a new personal best.

Road Rally: Karen Ewens has a blast and won the rally. It was a fun day. Several people tried to stop at Six Flags instead of following the route. Saundra and Mark had a great time mapping the route for everyone.

Wine Cruise: It was a great time as usual. Arvel and his friend played great. Several people danced all the way to their cars.

New Business:

Dues: You can let your GTOAA dues lapse and renew in January, or you can renew your dues as usual to the GTOAA and renew both in January. Mark will send an email with the roster attached if you need to make any changes download an application and return it to Will Bowers.

GTO Calendars: Can be had for \$6 each. They must be bought in groups of ten to get that price. If you would like one let Mark know.

Gateway GTO Club Christmas Party: is December

8, 2012 at the Barn in Webster Groves. The cost is \$10 per person or \$20 per couple. Rob your neighbor will be played. Bring a \$20 -\$30 gift if you wish to participate. The caterer will be the same, however, the meal may change.

Gateway GTO Club Pizza Party: is tentatively set for January 13, 2013 at Ravenelli's.

GTOAA/POCI: Online registration is up. Check the GTOAA's website to pre-register if you plan on attending. The event is in Dayton, Oh July 9-13, 2013. Marty is looking for a roommate.

The new GTOAA website will be up mid-November and you will be able to renew your membership via credit card or PayPal.

Tech Session:

Chris Simmons ran into oil filter clearance issues when he switched headers. He found a Bosch filter and a special adapter that worked. Chris' POSI clutches are going bad again. There are several different clutches you can get. Randy's Ring and Pinion has everything you can imagine to fix your rear end.

Personals:

David Huegsten and his wife are grandparents again.

Mark and Saundra became grandparents October 3, 2012. His name is Ewan Mark Robert Bird and weighed 7 pounds and 2 ounces. Everyone is doing fine.





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COLORFUL SIX FLAGS ROAD RALLY

By Mark Melrose

Twelve GTOs gathered at the lower lot of the Holiday Inn at Six Flags for Gateway's very first Road Rally on a beautiful, sunny Saturday morning. The group, consisting of driver & navigator/spotter car-teams, were cars owned by members Karen Ewens, Mike Ewens, the Oxlers, Hedricks, O'Sullivan's, Schotts, Friedmans, Lewis', Huesgens, Blattels, Vies and Gunns. This was a "Gimmick Rally" with the route running a little over 48 miles through Greensfelder



Park and winding past horse farms passing by St. Albans and through Washington to Labadie on two lane roads – over hill and dale with the gorgeous fall countryside pouring in the car windows.

Each car-team was given a seven page set of instructions, course navigation directions and a list of 40 questions. Answers to the questions were found along the route, except for one. But that didn't stop two resourceful teams from finding the correct answer elsewhere, although



that question was dropped from the scoring because the establishment had closed and removed their signage during the week preceding the Rally. The cars were released onto the course at two minute intervals to help prevent cars from just following each other rather than solving the route individually. Apparently it worked because the first car released was the ninth to finish and while most finished in roughly the sequence they began, the very last car to finish was the fourth to start. One





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car finished with a tow – new members Denny and Anne Gunn’s GTO suffered a fuel problem and coasted to a stop about half-way through the course. Turns out his ’67 had the standard mechanical fuel pump mounted on the engine along with another electric pump/sending unit in the fuel tank – when the sending unit failed, its pump shutdown and wouldn’t let the mechanical pump pull fuel to the engine. Denny had only purchased the car three weeks earlier and fell victim to the old “the last owner didn’t know what he was doing” syndrome. But we’ve all been there and had to deal with that.

The Rally finished in Labadie at the Hawthorne Inn restaurant for a club-furnished buffet lunch with everybody buzzing about their Rally experience. Everyone was in good cheer as evidenced by the fact that the drivers and their navigator/spotters were on speaking terms.

Whatever went on in the cars was left in the cars (whew!). But all the teams were paying attention as no one answered less than 32 of the 39 questions correctly. Prizes were awarded to the Karen Ewens/Denise Bomar team for 1st Place, the Steve/Tammy Hedrick team tied with the Terry/Gail Schott team for 2nd and the Tom/Terrie Oxler team came in 3rd.



Everyone left Labadie satisfied with the Rally’s driving and mental exercises, the beautiful fall countryside, a delicious lunch and warm Gateway fellowship.





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2013 Ray Brunkhorst Memorial Drag Day

By Mark Melrose

As I drove to Benton, Illinois on Friday afternoon to hook-up with our special Drag Day guest Arnie Beswick and his crew, a light mist was falling most of the way. Arnie had come in the night before and had dinner before I got to town and was resting, but I met up with part of his team at the track and we traveled back into town to grab a bite. With a little prodding, I thoroughly enjoyed listening to some great stories about their experiences traveling and working the Drag Race Circuit with “Mr. Pontiac” over the years. These guys had brought two drag cars to run at our event, a white '63 Tempest and Arnie's famous *Tameless Tiger* – a '64 GTO.

While the afore mentioned weather Friday night put a damper on attendance with only 23 racers showing up (despite three separate invita-





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tions to 18 local car clubs), we had a terrific time with Gateway members having the opportunity to spend quality time with Arnie. John from Arnie's crew owns and ran the white '63 Tempest just before noon and was noticeably quicker down the track than any of the other 23 cars. The cool temperatures conspired with some lingering humidity to make hooking-up a challenge most of the day. Many of the more seasoned racers didn't seem to have much difficulty collecting satisfying timeslips including members Tom Oxler ('66 GTO), Ray Maserang ('69 GTO), Danny Schmidt ('66 GTO), Brian Ray ('09 G8 GXP) and Chris Simmons ('64 GTO). Dale Kelso's '69 Camaro, Dave Fusner's '57 Ford and Jack Warner's '69 Camaro were real fire-breathers along with a sleeper – Ron Hawk's '89 Chevy S-10 Blazer.



After noon the sun peeked out and things warmed up enough to make the track stickier. I think all the racers recorded their best times including my high eight second run (one of only six I made). Arnie lined up the *Tameless Tiger* just before 3:00 and did a monster burnout before a thunderous, ground-shaking sprint down the track. For a man in his early 80s, the fire still burns deep inside him and he demonstrated his masterful ability to keep the dragster steady to the finish line.





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While there weren't many of us racing, we all had a blast and it was a special treat to have "Mr. Pontiac" join us for the fun.



Editors Note: For many more photos of this event, click [HERE](#).



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2012 Gateway Wine Cruise

By Mark Melrose

At a little past 11AM, the ten GTOs and Bob Blattel's new Hemi Challenger, began filing out of the parking lot at Francis Howell High School on MO-94 about three mile west of I-64. The leisurely paced parade of fine Detroit muscle was



an awesome sight as we cruised the 20 or so miles to Montelle Winery for Gateway's annual Wine Cruise. I always enjoy watching the Harley-Davidson crowd gathered at the S-bend in Defiance crane their necks to marvel at us passing by. While they are fixated on two-wheelers they do appreciate the four-wheeled muscle parade – sticking their thumbs in the air and uttering oooos and awwwes.





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There is just something about that first Sunday in November that has provided great fall weather, enabling us to cruise on dry pavement and sit on Montelle's deck and take in the spectacular view as well as the vino. I won't dwell on this for fear of jinxing the great Wine Cruise weather we have enjoyed for the last four years running.

In the early afternoon, several other carloads of Gateway members and family had joined in the festivities. We were well fed and partially lubricated by then and began some booty-shaking to the great music performed by Arvel & Company (who we have scheduled to perform at the club party in February). As the sun started to set and the air got chilly, the event broke-up about 4:00PM and nobody was too tipsy to make it home safely.

Once again, it was a great Gateway Day. Nice cruise, fine wine, good food, spectacular view, spirited dancing and warm fellowship.





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ZOOMING INTO THE HOLIDAYS



GATEWAY GTO CHRISTMAS PARTY
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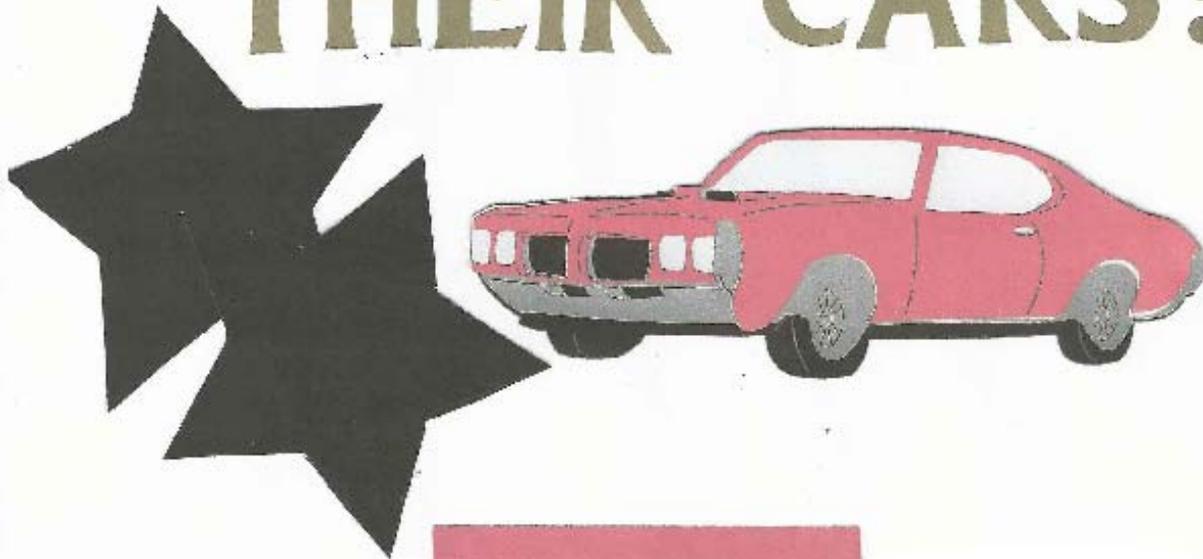
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ANOTHER GTO EVENT COMING IN FEBRUARY 2013

This will be a "red carpet" event. Place, date and time to be announced in the next few weeks. Dinner, music and fellowship is on the agenda. This is a **FREE** night out for club members.

Come dressed as a star, famous person, famous couples who starred in a "car movie" or just use your imagination. Awards to be presented so have your acceptance speeches ready.

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Membership dues are \$35.00 per year, which includes you and one associate member (spouse, girlfriend, etc.) and your GTOAA yearly membership.



NEW AGE GTO CONCOURS PROJECT

The GTO Association of America has initiated a project to create a set of photo records on the 2004 to 2006 GTO in anticipation of a time in the future when these cars will participate in the annual GTO Association of America Concours car show.

Gateway GTO has been chosen as the chapter to assemble these photo documentaries.

The project requires six **BONE STOCK** new age GTO's - One manual transmission and one automatic transmission car from each model year.

Ground Rules for Eligible Cars:

- Car must be bone stock with NO aftermarket parts or modifications. The only exceptions are batteries and tires.
- Factory parts, such as the sports appearance package and 18 inch wheels, are allowed.
- All parts the car was originally supplied with, such as the spoiler, must be installed. (Exception: Parts removed to install other factory parts such as the sports appearance package or 18" wheels.)

Once the cars are identified, a photo session will be scheduled.

If your car meets the requirements of the ground rules and you are interested in participating, please contact Chris Winslow.

**This is your chance to make your GTO the standard
against which all new age GTO's will be judged!**

Gateway GTO Association Points Submission Form

Member Name _____

Month _____

Club Sponsored Events and Monthly Meetings

Event	With GTO (40 Points)	Without GTO (20 Points)

Total for Club Sponsored Events _____

Non Sponsored Events

Event	With GTO (10 Points)	Without GTO (5 Points)

Total for Non Sponsored Events _____

Other Activities

GTO Regional/National Event	With GTO (100 Points)	Without GTO (70 Points)

- GGTOA Event Worker/Helper (50 Points) _____
- Car Featured as GTO of the Month (50 Points) _____
- Write an Article for *Hood Scoop* (50 Points) _____
- Sign up a new GGTOA member (25 Points) _____
- GTOAA Member (200 points*) _____
- Have GTO featured in a National Pub (40 Points) _____

Total Points for Month

Submit completed form at GGTOA monthly meeting or to:
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*Report on points form submitted month of GTOAA registration or renewal.

2012 GATEWAY GTO CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Nov 4 Gateway GTO Wine Cruise (See Flyer) (CLUB SPONSORED)
- 7 GTO MEETING 7pm J.J.'s 1215 S. Duchesne, St Charles, Mo, 63301 (CLUB SPONSORED)
- Dec 8 Club Christmas Party at Hawken House in Webster Groves, MO, details to follow. (CLUB SPONSORED)
- Jan 13 Annual Gateway GTO Pizza Party (CLUB SPONSORED)
- Feb 23 Cars and Stars Gala Party (CLUB SPONSORED)

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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 J. J.'s Restaurant, 1215 S. Duchesne Rd, St. Charles, Mo. 63301.

Membership dues are \$35.00 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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