

# THE HOOD SCOOP

May 2013



GTO of the Month My GTO By George Jeter



I can remember during my pre-teenage years, going to the public library every month to read the latest edition of Hot Rod magazine (and it was not because of the Hooker Header advertisements). As a teenager, I was a five-minute bike ride away from Continental Can Alley in East Baltimore. It was a 1-mile stretch of blacktop sidelined with factories and warehouses, perfect for after hours street racing. This began my fascination with the muscle car. Just before my 18<sup>th</sup> birthday, I purchased my first car, a 1972 Plymouth Roadrunner. Consequently, before my 19<sup>th</sup> birthday, it was wrecked and being stripped for parts at the local salvage yard.

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Fast forward a few years as my interest in fast sportbikes began to dwindle,

I started looking towards the sports car/coupe for satisfaction. After much research and deliberation, my options were narrowed to three choices; C5 Corvette, 350Z, and the Pontiac GTO. I began attending many local car shows and discussing the pros and cons of each with many car enthusiasts. One of the deciding factors, which the other cars could not come close to, was the reclining bucket



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seats. Unfortunately, once I finally made up my mind, the GTO was no longer being produced and the dealerships were commanding a healthy premium. I was fortunate to find a low mileage, well cared for 2005 GTO, which was located not too far away. It's been a love relationship ever since.

Shortly after the purchase, the modding began. First on the list was the Bassani catback, not obnoxious but a blast at WOT. Current modifications include: Kooks long tube headers with high flow cats, ported and polished throttle bottle, SLP underdrive pulley, Morel lifters, Texas Speed camshaft, Volant CAI, TSW Thruxton (18x8, 18x9.5), Billet Pro Short Shifter, Kirscher Splitter, Spoiler delete, HIDs, Spec 2 clutch and debadged in the rear.

As an avid spectator at many racing events,

especially drag racing, it was a pleasure to participate in the club sponsored Ray Brunkhorst Drag Day. I was soundly beaten on numerous occasions by the club president, but still left with a smile on my face. Thanks Mark. My son and I enjoyed this event immensely and has put me on a path to destruction since the



Goat has seen quite a few time slips since.

On the downside, cam walk caused a broken stock lifter and a scoured camshaft. The result was a ride through the Kentucky countryside without me and a total engine rebuild. In hindsight, a 408 stroker kit would have been nice.

After a couple of attempts with the Spec 2 clutch, I am still experiencing some disengagement issues. There is a Streetslayer clutch assembly on order from Hendrix-Engineering. It should be installed before the weather breaks.

I enjoy being a part of the GTO family. It's a unique car, which you won't see on every corner or at every stoplight. It will definitely surprise the unsuspecting Charger or Mustang owner and is still a head turner. As mentioned earlier, the seats will recline if you are in need for that occasional nap. (Ask me how I know.)





# **Presidents Scoop**



# The Presidents Scoop By Mark Melrose

## What Price Beauty?

Beauty, as the saying goes, is in the eye of the beholder. But what about value and, more importantly to hobby purists, worth? Admittedly I am one of those car guys who does not hesitate to modify vehicles to my taste – which may well be in poor taste to some. My 1968 hardtop is painted a non-GM color, the grills and headlight doors are totally blacked-out, the engine sports a fair amount of chromed components, the Endura bumper lacks the arrowhead emblem (ala the 1969), the hoodscoop ornaments are painted black (ala the 1970 Judge), the front seats were donated by a 2005 GTO and the car is shod with oversize tires mounted on Cragar wheels – and these are only the visible modifications, there have been plenty of mechanical mods as well. Were this car, even in "perfect" condition, to roll onto the block at an auction house it would be worth considerably less than a restored bone-stock '68 GTO. While it is very dear to my heart and I get many compliments on the character of the car, a GTO purist would surely classify the car as incorrect at best and ruined at worst. But most of us have made at least some modifications to our GTOs in variance to their as-built condition.

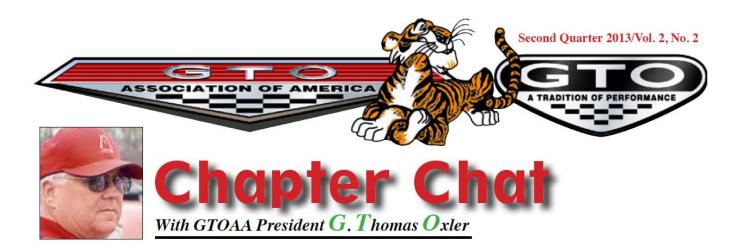
Certainly real value/worth lies in unmolested original examples and in those cars restored to their original configuration. We are generally aware of those most sought-after GTOs – Ram Air cars, H.O. cars, Judges and especially Judges combined with convertible tops and four-speed transmissions. But there are also comparatively rare GTOs with build sheets checked off as '64-'67 post coupes, Endura-delete 68s and the 400 cubic inch two-barrel cars built from '67-'69. And how about combining one of those cars with a front bench seat, column shift automatic, open rear end or the standard three-speed manual floor shift? What about power windows, AM-FM, 8-track, rear window defoggers, remote mirrors, tissue dispensers and the list goes on and on. The beauty of Pontiac's option list was that you could have your GTO built to your own taste – long before and if you ever even decided to flirt with any modifications.

So what is that GTO really "worth"? The purists can give you a number if you stick with the factory equipment but the fact is, beauty still remains in the eye of the beholder.

Calling all cars: Be sure and check the club calendar on the website and in the final newsletter pages for upcoming club events.

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





he GTOAA/POCI Co-Vention in Dayton, Ohio, is approaching fast. I hope to see as many GTOAA chapters as possible represented. Have you registered? Have you made your hotel reservations? Have you signed up for some of the activities? Most important, is your GTO or other-model Pontiac ready for "Show" (and maybe even some "Go," if you're planning on running your Poncho in the Jim Wangers Invitational Drag Race)?

#### CHAPTER RECOGNITION

In the past few years, the GTOAA's "Presidents' Meeting" has evolved into "Chapter Night," where we present our Gold, Silver, and Bronze Award certificates, and our Chapter Newsletter and Website Award of Excellence certificates. We also present any issues or rules changes (such as the minimum level of GTOAA membership your chapter must have in order to remain Official) that have been decided upon at our annual Board Meeting. This event is also your opportunity to bring before the GTOAA President and Board, in an open-forum format, any concerns or ideas you may have to improve the experience for your GTOAA chapter, and your fellow chapters.

For this year's Co-Vention, we've retitled this event "Chapter Reception and Awards Ceremony," and we've scheduled it at a very convenient time

and location: Thursday, July 11, 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the Holiday Inn, just prior to the Performance Years Parking Lot Party, which begins at 7:00 at the same location. I encourage *all* chapter officers and representatives who will be at the Co-Vention to attend. It's a great opportunity to receive your chapter's individual awards, and then go immediately to an evening of fun and fellowship at the Parking Lot Party.

#### COMMUNITY SERVICE

There's often much more to being a GTOAA chapter than holding a car show or cruise. Several of our chapters support charitable organizations in their communities, and they deserve to be recognized for their efforts. Here, as compiled by GTOAA Chapter Coordinator Bill Vantuono, are just a few examples of what these fine organizations did in 2012. These accounts will appear in the July 2013 edition of *The Legend:* 

#### The Indy GTO Association con-

tributed more than \$600 to the Elysian Foundation, which supports Normal Life, a group home for patients with permanent brain damage in Sheridan, Indiana. The Indy GTOs also raised nearly \$1,000 to purchase Christmas gifts for children in the CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate) system. CASA is a group of dedicated adults who have taken on the responsibility

to be advocates for children who have been removed from the their homes and placed in foster or some other alternative care. Finally, the Indy GTOs are sponsored by American Legion Post No. 155 in Carmel, Indiana. The two organizations have teamed to support Homeless Veterans in Indiana. "Our club has contributed well over \$1,000 in canned goods, new bed sheets, pillows, etc., for the American Legion to use at a homeless veterans facility in Indianapolis," says chapter president Bill Sanders. "It's an awesome way to help mitigate a problem that is for the most part hidden from public view."

#### • The Pioneer Valley GTO Associa-

tion raised \$21,000 in 2012 to support Shriners Hospital for Children in Springfield, Massachusetts, and the Relay for Life Cancer Charity Walk Event in the local area. Chapter president Paul Bourbeau reports that, over the past 15 years, the club has raised more than \$130,000 for these two charities through its annual car show (which attracts about 250 participants), and corporate donations.

#### The Susquehanna Valley GTOs

have for the past few years supported Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central Pennsylvania. According to chapter president Vic Schreck, "We wanted to choose a charity where our





donations would stay local. During the year we canvas for financial donations, prominently place a donation box at events in which we are participating. We donate our time to cook dinner for patrons over the Christmas season and in the summer donate our time to have a cookout on the premises along with a mini car show for the children and their parents.

"All the collections gathered throughout the season are presented to the Ronald McDonald House at year's end."

• The Delaware Valley Old Goat Club donated \$500 to various food banks and other relief efforts for Hurricane Sandy. They were also able to assist the family of member Larry Metzger, a former club vice president. Larry died tragically in a house fire last year, and the club donated \$4,000 to his wife and son to keep them financially secure until insurance money arrived. Club members wore black memorial armbands to all club events in 2012 in honor of Larry.

- The Ohio Valley GTO Association focused most of its close to \$2,000 in charitable contributions toward supporting local servicemen and their families. Among these were the Servicemen's Honor & Remembrance Fund and the Casey Smith Charitable Fund. The club also supported the Salvation Army and the Cavalcade of Customs Car Show.
- The Goat Herd GTO Club of Oregon in 2012 supported Raphael

House of Portland, a shelter for abused women and children; and MS Helping Hands, which provides mobility assistance to victims of Multiple Sclerosis.

• The Northern Colorado GTO Association, host of the 2012 Nationals, made a \$1,000 donation to the Epilepsy Foundation of Colorado.

On behalf of the GTOAA Board and Officers, I am very proud—and very humbled—to witness the kind of charitable work that our chapters are doing, year after year, day in and day out. After all, our hobby is about people, and our communities, as much as it is about our beloved Pontiacs.

Keep up the good work. See you in Dayton!

The mission of the GTO Association of America is to preserve and promote the Pontiac GTO and offer enthusiasts opportunities to share their common interest. We do this by promoting and publicizing the GTO Association of America, our chapters, and our members.



# **Gateway GTO Meeting Minutes**



### GGTOA Minutes: 5/1/2013

7:05PM – Meeting Start

7:07 – Old Business – Five cars showed up to the music video shoot. Barb Lewis made an appearance as Marilyn Monroe. The name of the video is "Whiskey and the Devil" and it will be on Youtube in several weeks. Marty's car was showcased.

7:14 – The club recognized Earl Lewis with a plaque for bringing in our new sponsor.

7:15 – Club Jackets – So far we have two dozen on order. Kathleen could not make it to the meeting due to gall bladder surgery. The more jackets we order the cheaper they will be.

7:18 – The Poker Run was cancelled due to rain/flooding. Possible new date later this fall.

7:19 The first North County Cruise Night at new sponsor location. We had at least 12 members show up in their cars along with a few others, even with the cold weather.

7:22 – Up coming events – Memories Car Club 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of every month. Held at Faith Church at 13001 Gravois. Gates open at 4PM.

7:24 – May 10<sup>th</sup> is the second North County Cruise Night at Complete Autobody.

7:25 – Hammerstone's 14<sup>th</sup> annual car show at 9<sup>th</sup> and Russell in Soulard. May 18<sup>th</sup> 9AM-4PM. \$10 entry fee.

7:26 - ITT car show on May 19th in Arnold

7:27 – 5/27/13 Cobblestone Nationals at Fastlane Classic Cars.

7:28 – 6/1/13 St. Charles Heritage Museum – 1630 Heritage Landing, St. Peters MO. 10AM-2PM at route 364 and 94.

7:30 – 6/22-6/23 Missouri River Cruise – Booneville MO

7:39 - 7/9-7/13 Dayton Co-vention. Anyone who registered should have gotten their packets by now. Hotel rooms are getting scarce.

7:42 – No Tech Issues

7:43 – Club Personals – Shauna Wollmershauser is back home. Her internship is over and she's got a full schedule at home. She got to write new tuning software for Chevy trucks with excellent results. She brought in a new device that can store multiple tunes, and change them on the fly.

7:50 – Denny Gunn's car needs a new motor build. The car had been driven less than 2000 miles in 10 years and as a result, he found rust in the cylinders.

7:54 – Chris Simmons mentioned that there will be a Ford/Chevy/Mopar shootout at Gateway.

7:56 – Steve Hedrick spoke about the Marine Corps League benefit for the Semper Fi Fund, to be held on May 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> in Arnold.

7:57 – Joe Mayweather's Church car show will be held on Sept 28<sup>th</sup> at Olivette Missionary Baptist Church.

8:00 – June 9<sup>th</sup> – chicken dinner at St. Thomas Church.

8:03 – Motion to adjourn by John Taylor, seconded by Shauna Wollmershauser.

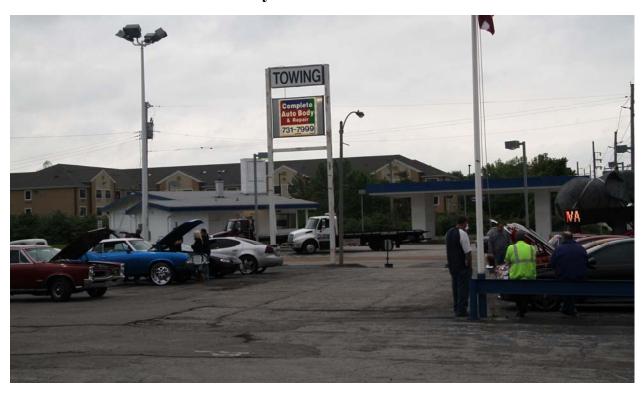
50/50 of \$43 won by Jim McCarthy



# **Gateway GTO Activities**



### North County Cruise Night By Chris Winslow



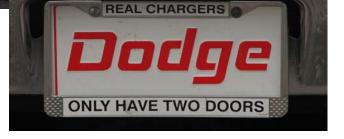
The weather was once again not our friend at the second North County Cruise Night for the year. In fact, it was raining in St. Charles as late at 5:30 that afternoon. The rain stopped just in time for the event and so a number of brave souls brought out their vehicles for the evening. We were, of course, at our new sponsor's location, Complete Autobody.



There were a number of interesting cars that arrived, indicating that people have heard about the new location. Those cars included a really nice Dodge Charger with an awesome license plate frame, a pair of hot rods, and a number of other classics. For me, however, the best of show was a

1972 split bumper Camaro.

Now that the word is starting to get out, all we need is some good weather for this new location to really take off.





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# Congratulations to Steve and Tammy Hedrick on the marriage of their daughter Krista on May 18th!



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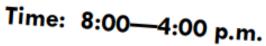
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The GTO Association of America has initiated a project to create a set of photo records on the 2004 to 2006 GTO in anticipation of a time in the future when these cars will participate in the annual GTO Association of America Concours car show.

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!

Still looking for a 2005 Automatic Car - All other slots have been filled



## **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			
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Total for Non Sponsored Events Other Activities				
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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)  Have GTO featured in a National Pub (40 Points)  Total Points for Month				
	Submit completed form at GGTOA monthly meeting or to: B. O'Sullivan 10637 St. Phillip Lane St. Anne, MO 63074			

#### 2013 GATEWAY GTO CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June 1 St. Charles Heritage Museum Car Show, 1630 Heritage Landing, St. Peters, MO 63303 (at Rts. 364 &94) 10AM-2PM. (CLUB SPONSORED) 5 GTO MEETING 7pm J.J.'s 1215 S. Duchesne, St Charles, Mo, 63301 (CLUB SPONSORED) 8 JJ's Cruises at 1215 S. Duschene in St. Charles second Saturday of the month April-October North County Cruise Night on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of each month April-October at Complete Autobody 14 6041 N. Lindbergh, Hazelwood Mo (CLUB SPONSORED) 21-23 All GM-Nationals in Carlisle, PA. See www.carsatcarlisle.com/ce/events/gm-nationals/ for details Gateway GTO Missouri River Cruise to Boonville, MO. Warm Springs (Clydesdale) Ranch Tour, optional overnight stay at the Historic Frederick Hotel in Boonville. RSVP and questions to Tom & Terrie Oxler toxler@prodigy.net. (CLUB SPONSORED) July 3 GTO MEETING 7pm J.J.'s 1215 S. Duchesne, St Charles, Mo, 63301 (CLUB SPONSORED) GTOAA/POCI Covention in Dayton, OH. (CLUB SPONSORED) 9-13 North County Cruise Night on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of each month April-October at Complete Autobody 12 6041 N. Lindbergh, Hazelwood Mo (CLUB SPONSORED) 13 JJ's Cruises at 1215 S. Duschene in St. Charles second Saturday of the month April-October

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#### **Gateway GTO Association Photo Album**

If you have photos of past events or if you take pictures of future events that you think would be good for our Photo Album, please send them to the newsletter editor.

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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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