



THE HOOD SCOOP

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My 2006 GTO By Frank Chapman

Gateway GTO
Association



Before I begin to talk about my 2006 GTO a little of my Pontiac history seems to be in order. While growing up my family always had Pontiacs and my first one I personally purchased was a 1957 convertible in 1964. There were several others between 1964 and today and currently we own five GTO's and one Firebird. The story on the other GTO's is one to be told later.

Back to the 2006 GTO. We were in Louisville, Ky. at the national show in our 1970 Judge. My wife and I were sitting by the car when a 2006 Brazen Orange GTO drove in. I had been looking at purchasing a 2006 for my daily driver. My wife made a comment that she liked the color and if I was to purchase one it needed to be that color. And since I have been married a long time and feel that I can read the actual meaning into such comments she makes I assumed she was saying go ahead and buy one if you can find one in that color.

I started looking for one in this area and could not locate one at any nearby dealers. My only requirement was the color and a manual transmis-

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my sons were in the GTO and the wife and his wife were following. On the way back I had to keep waiting on the wife to keep up, I still don't understand why, after all I was just learning how to run it thru the gears.

The car is truly my daily driver as I drove it everyday to work until I retired in 2011 and still drive it almost everyday. The GTO has around 135,000 miles on it and working on its fifth set of tires and what I feel is normal maintenance. It still looks good and gets a lot of comments from people who just walk up and admire the car. We take it on most of our longer trips as it rides and drives better than the

Mustang my wife drives.

My search continued in a half serious manner until December of 2006 and we were visiting my in laws in Nebraska. While there for an extended stay I had some time so I conducted a dealer search between central Nebraska and St. Louis to see if any dealer had such a car in stock. To my surprise I found three of them, two in Kansas City and one in Columbia, Mo. We decided to take a look at them on the way back home.

Mustang my wife drives.

I have never taken the 2006 to a car show as I reserve that time for my older GTO's although it was used as an example of a stock 2006 to be used in points judging during future national show. I will probably continue to drive the 2006 until it quits breathing or get

The first stop we made in Kansas City and the car was what I was looking for plus it came with the 18" wheel option. After some serious negotiating the car was purchased and we were on the road by late that afternoon. Myself and one of



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extremely short winded. The car is a joy to drive and enjoy and to me that is what was intended for it. We have come to know many people that have GTO's, both old and new and enjoy both the people and the cars and hope

everyone else does also. As a last note, the plates on the 2006 Read "BRAZEN 6", I say it notes the color and year, my wife says its my attitude, you can be the judge of that. Having a GRRRRREAT time drive our GTO's.



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Presidents Scoop

The Presidents Scoop By Kerry Friedman

It was very exciting to see the Meeting Room full of Members for our 1st Regular Meeting of 2016 on February 4. As I mentioned at the meeting, as of January 2016 we have 72 members in our Chapter, and if each one has an Associate member, or Spouse, that's 144. We have a member who comes to at least one meeting, from Pennsylvania, and Members from Michigan who we saw at the Pizza Party, and Arkansas that we see at conventions and meets. Another member from Kentucky will try to get up here for a meeting this year. I can't begin to tell you all how proud I am to represent the Gateway GTO Association as you President. You are an outstanding group of Car Enthusiasts, and to top it off, GTO/Pontiac Enthusiasts. Thank you so much.

This year plans to be very busy with Planning Meetings for the 2017 GTOAA Convention in Springfield, IL. A list of committees can be found in this issue of the Hood Scoop. We tried to get everyone involved. If you don't see your name and want to get active in the planning, please let Tom Oxler, Steve Hedrick, or myself know and we'll get you in there. Or contact the Committee Chair directly to simplify things. We still have a lot of work to do, and our next meeting is on March 15 at The Sport's Café. We welcome you to attend.

My goals for this year are to have at least one Club Sponsored Event per month, whether it be a Car Show, a Cruise, or some other event that we can all enjoy together. As in past years we have almost had something going on every weekend. If you have an idea for something new, or something we did a few years ago, please let one of your Officers know, and we will try to make it happen. Part of the pleasure with individuals coming up with ideas, is that we would appreciate you not just having the idea, but for you to come up with all the arrangements, maps, schedules, reservations, etc. Many of our Members do this all the time and would be glad to assist with the process. So let's all try to organize and participate in events.

Our next Regular meeting is Thursday, March 3, at 7:00PM at the Sport's Café. Hope you can make it.





Message from John Johnson



On behalf of my entire family, I would like to express our heart-felt appreciation to so many of the members of The Gateway GTO Association for their expressions of sympathy on the loss of my father, Elmer Johnson. The last few weeks of January and early February became a blur, and it was very re-assuring to know we had so many friends that shared our loss with us. Once again, thank you.

John & Diana Johnson



Meeting Minutes



Meeting Minutes for

February 4, 2016

7:05PM – Meeting Start – No new members. We are still waiting for some renewals. Please send renewals in to Will Bowers as soon as possible, and he will submit them to the GTOAA

7:06 – Old Business – Both the Christmas Party and Pizza Party were well attended and everyone had a great time.

7:07 – New Business - Gateway GTO is still has 100% membership in GTOAA

7:08 – Earl Lewis spoke about the St. Patrick's Day Parade in Cottleville. There was a club discussion about a possible float

7:13 – Tom Oxler brought up the possibility of a Drag Day event being held at the Bonne Terre race track. Renting the track for a Saturday would cost \$1500, or we could run bracket races for \$30 a car on Sunday.

7:17 – John Havens encouraged the club to attend a car show to support the United Way. It will be held at Missouri Baptist Hospital on May 21st.

7:18 – Kerry Friedman asked for any ideas for events this year. Earl suggested a cruise to Montauk State Park. The members in attendance showed interest.

7:20 – We are looking for newsletter articles for 1996 and 2006 GTOs. Please contact Chris Winslow.

7:21 – Wheels in Motion is set for September 11th.

7:22 – Tom Oxler spoke about a Trivia Night being held on April 9th at the VFW Hall in Arnold. The proceeds will benefit The Marines.

7:23 – Upcoming Events –

2/19 – Classic Car Trivia at Moolah Shrine. 3

Table between Arch and Gateway

3/27 – Horseless Carriage Club, Easter Car Show. Cars 1991 or older. Need 10 spaces at \$15 each by March 12th.

The Culver's in Florrisant is looking for a club to sponsor cruises at their location. Kerry Friedman motioned to not sponsor the cruises, as our current schedule is full with planning the Nationals. The motion was seconded by Jim Ziburz.

Frank Chapman offered to put together a similar cruise to the Elvis Cruise we ran several years ago. It would be to a fort in Illinois where lunch could be provided by the owner, with other possible stops. This will likely occur sometime this fall.

7:35 – GTOAA – Tom Oxler gave a short report. Kerry Friedman mentioned the next Nationals planning meeting will be held on March 15th at the Sports Café in our regular room. Everyone is invited to attend. Earl Lewis said that both Hagerty and Schaeffer Oil are interested in sponsoring the 2017 Nationals. We are still looking for more sponsors.

7:40 – Club Personals –

Both of Mark Melrose's parents passed away within 2 days of each other.

John Johnson's father passed away

Jim McCarthy's sister is in hospice

The Gateway Tigers finally made it to a meeting. They must have been busy on their vacations because now they have triplets. "Gee", "Tee" and "Oh".

Gail Schott brought in cupcakes for Terry's birthday. They were excellent.

7:39 – Motion to adjourn by Jim Kiburz, seconded by Tom Oxler.

50/50 of \$45 won by Diana Huesgen



Convention Corner



2017 will be here before we know it. As we prepare to host the GTOAA convention, Tom Oxler has put together a tentative set of committee assignment. These are intended as a starting point, so please take a look at your assignment and if you would prefer to be in a different group, please let us know.

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Gateway Girls:

At our convention in 2017 we will have an indoor parking lot party complete with a 9-piece band. The party will be called "Its My Party" with a sock hop theme. We are going to encourage each chapter to choose an era, 1950s, 1960s, 1970s, 1980s, and dress accordingly.

The Gateway Activities Committee has chosen the 1950s era, so poodle skirts are in order for the girls. Barb Lewis has graciously volunteered to make the skirts for \$20 and we can order black GTO pink rhinestone shirts through the club store for \$24. If you want to order a poodle skirt contact Barb 636-219-4936 or Gail Schott 314-952-9832 with size (waist measurements so material can be purchased. Work has already begun on the skirts.

Refurbishing the Key on a Next Generation GTO

By
Chris Winslow

During our recent Elvis cruise and Poker Run event organized by Frank Chapman (a great event by the way) former Gateway GTO president and current GTOAA president Tom Olxer showed me the key to Mrs. GTO's 2006 Torrid Red GTO coupe. The rubber buttons on the key fob were totally gone, exposing the small push button switches underneath. Because of this, the only way to use the key to open the car was to insert something through the open holes left behind by the missing rubber to press the small switches.

I had not seen anything like this myself before. Both keys on my 2004 are still intact. I don't carry my keys on a daily basis, which is probably why they are holding up so well. When I started asking other club members about their keys, it turned out most had already experienced this problem. Some had rigged up new buttons on the keys by using tape or other similar means.

Of course, part of the problem here is that GM Holden designed these keys to be non-reparable. Essentially it was their intention that when the key went bad, you take your car to the dealer and pay \$75 for the key and then \$100 or more for programming to match it to your car with the Tech 2 programmer. A pretty hefty price for a key. As part of this approach, they made the battery, which is actually a pretty common CR2032 cell, a permanently soldered part of the key fob card.

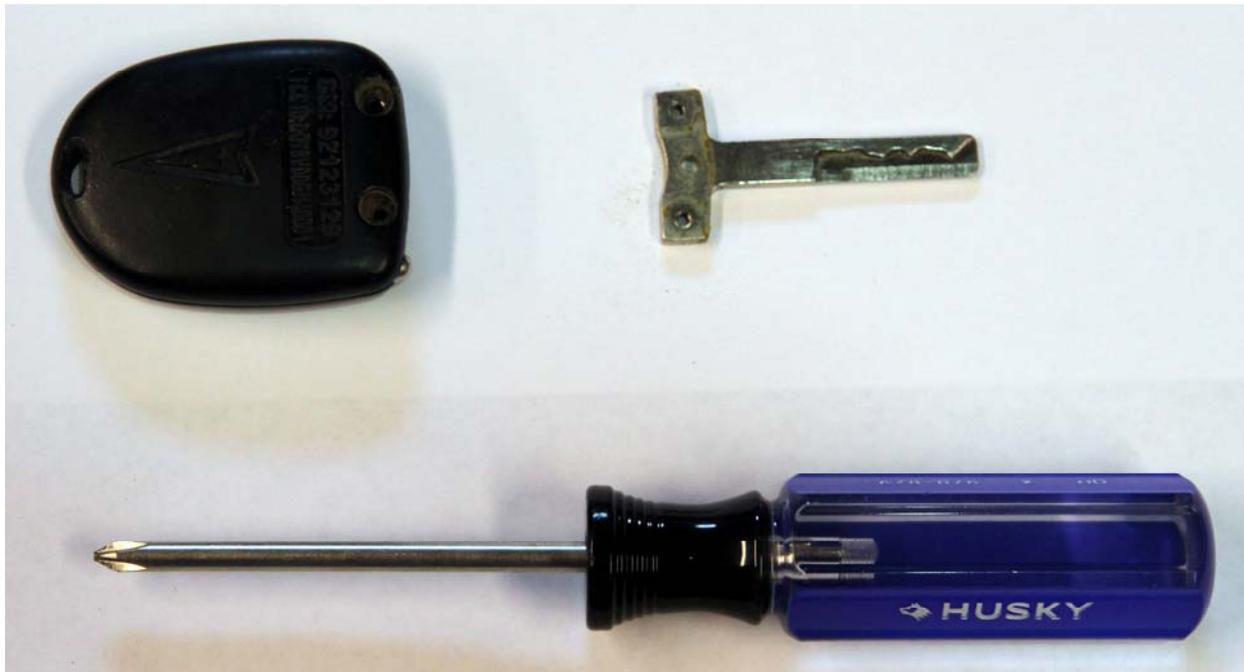
When Tom showed me the key, I offered to take a shot at refurbishing it. To do that, I first needed to find a new housing. That turned out to be a pretty easy find. There were multiple on-line sources for the fob. The only problem was that I could not find one that had the Pontiac logo on the back of the fob like the factory part. When I let Tom know that the replacement would have a blank back instead of having the logo, he said that would be okay. I ended up ordering the fob from Amazon for \$8.

The next thing I thought about was the battery. It seemed to me that if I was going to crack open the housing, I should replace the battery while I was in there. As I mentioned above, the battery is a standard CR2032 battery, but with solder tabs tacked to it on both sides. After looking around I found a battery, Panasonic part number CR2032-1F2, that looked close enough. It came with the tabs pre-attached. I got those for about \$5 each, also on Amazon.

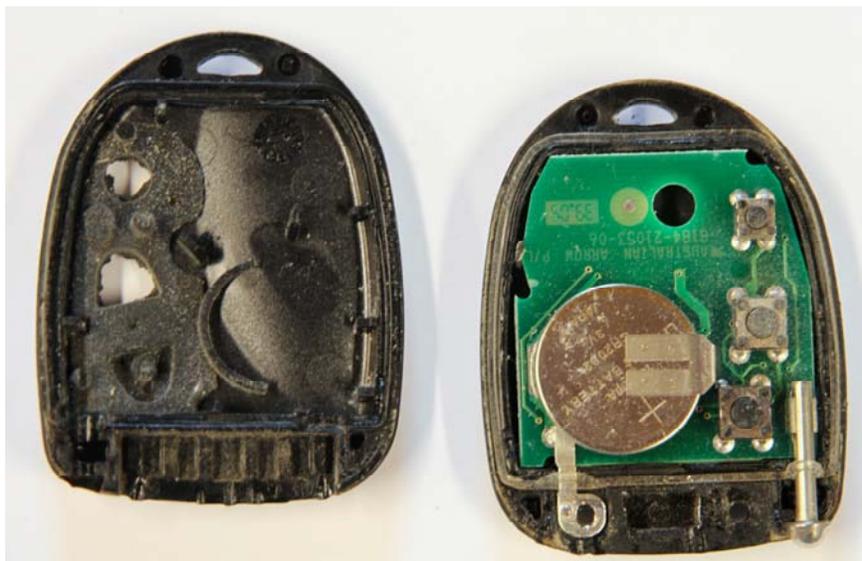


With all of the parts in hand, I got the key from Tom and set off to repair it. As you can see from the before photo above, all three buttons on the key were gone, exposing the switches underneath.

The first step was to remove the actual key from the fob. That part was pretty simple. The key is held to the fob with 2 Phillips screws. One took a bit of persuasion, but once both were out the key pulled right out.



The next step was to separate the two halves of the old housing. In this case, I really did not need to try to save the old housing since I was going to replace it, but I decided to try to save it just in case I have to crack open a good one in the future to replace the battery only. I first tried to crack it open using my plastic door panel removal tools, but none of those really worked. In the end, I used my largest blade screwdriver inserted into the slot where the key was. Once I got it started, I carefully worked around the housing. In the end, I got it separated and it could actually have been glued back together and reused if the buttons had not been gone.



One important thing to note from the photo above of the separated housing is the orientation of the battery. The positive pole of the battery is connected to the circuit card near the buttons. It is key to note this before removing the battery because the polarity of the battery is not marked anywhere on the circuit card.

With the housing separated, I removed the card from the rear housing and discovered that there is actually a small silicone gasket sitting in a groove in the housing that surrounds the card. There is a small tab the grounds the card to the key and another post that connects to the ring surrounding the key slot on the steering column that this gasket also surrounds, so the gasket stays with the card when it is removed.

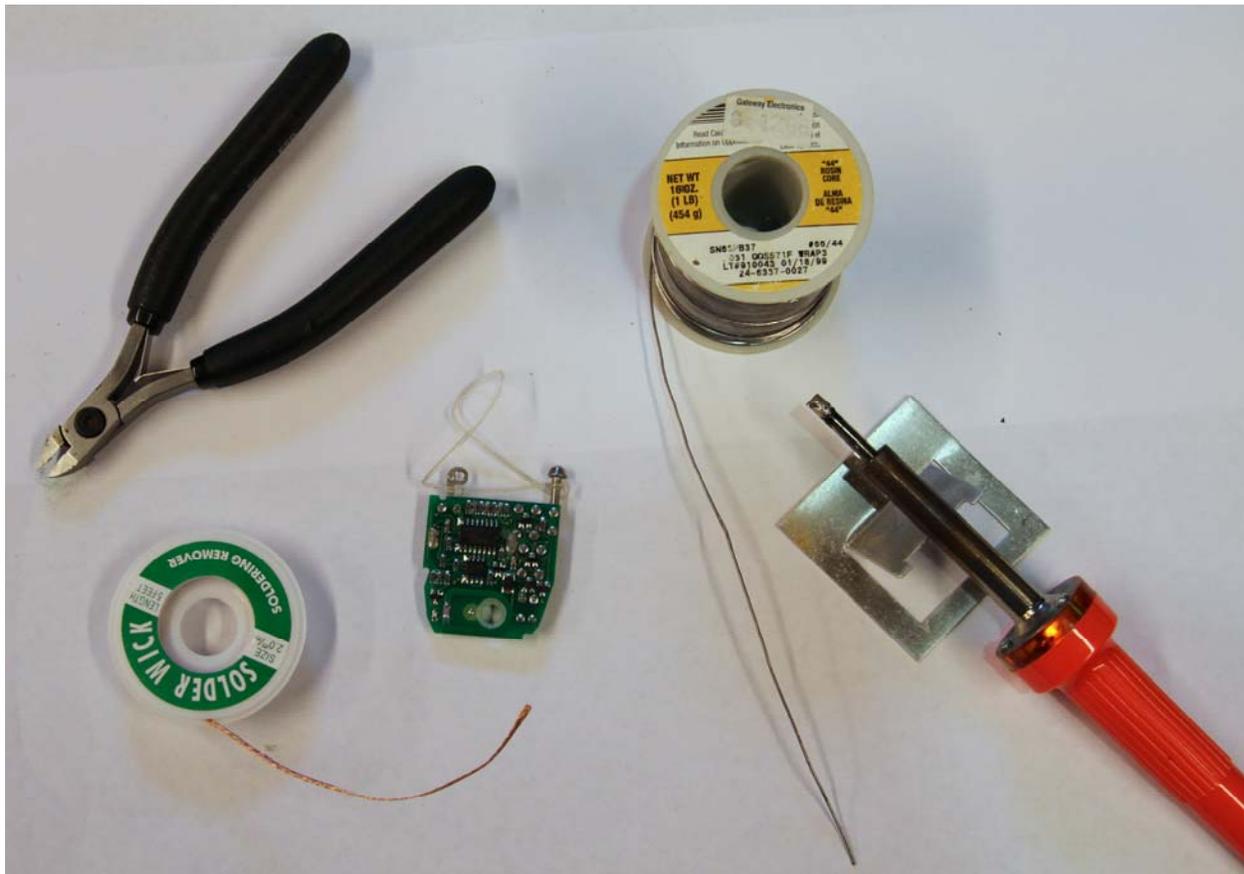
With the housing fully apart and empty, I compared the old and new housings. The new housing was, of course, not a factory part, so there was always a possibility that it would not quite fit correctly. Looking at the two side by side, however, they appeared pretty close. In the photo to the right, the new key fob is on the left and the old one is on the right.

The one key difference between the two is the way that the screws work. On the factory part, the screws pass through the rear housing and thread into the key, which has a machine thread cut into each mounting hole. In the new part, the screws are smaller in diameter and have a thread designed for screwing into two small holes at the bottom of the front cover. These screws are small enough to pass through the key holes and then essentially screw the two halves of the fob housing together while at the same time sandwiching the key between. Theoretically, this meant that the new fob could be opened so that the battery could be replaced in the future by just removing the screws. In reality, that did not turn out to be the case, but more on that later.



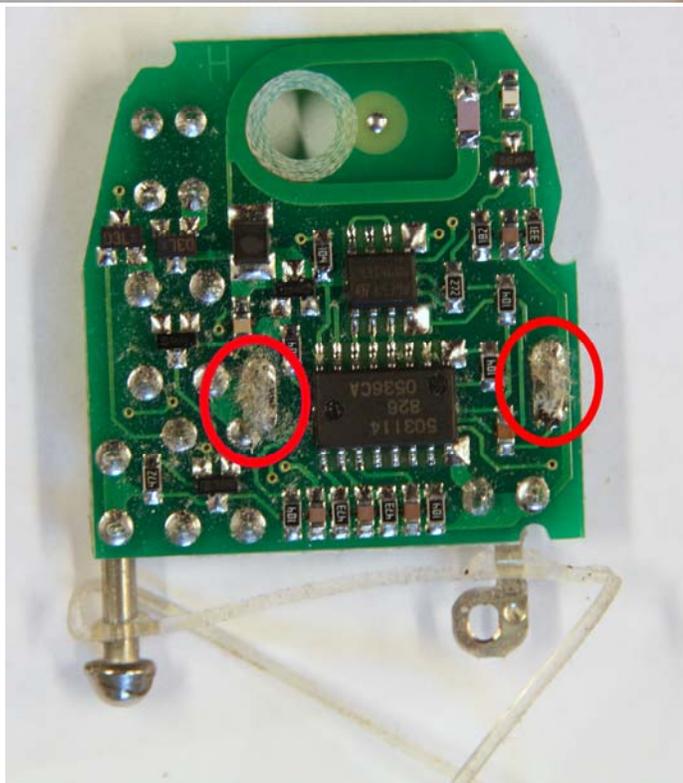
The next step in the process was to replace the battery. For this I broke out my small soldering iron, some solder wick, solder, and a small pair of diagonal cutters. The card within the key fob is very small and the ICs that are the heart of the device are located between the battery tabs, so de-soldering the old battery and soldering in the new one would be tricky and need to be done quickly to avoid overheating the adjacent components. In the photo below, I have circled the two tabs that need to be de-soldered. Also note in that photo that the silicone gasket

mentioned early can be readily seen. For this step, I just flipped it out of the way.



Using the de-soldering wick, I removed the solder from the two pads using short application times and allowing the tabs to cool a bit before removing more solder. Part to reason for the extra care here, in addition to concern about overheating the adjacent electronics, is that these tabs are tied to a lithium battery. It is **never** a good idea to overheat a lithium battery!

With the battery out, the next step was to prepare the new battery to go in. As I noted earlier, I had found a battery that was similar to the one that I was replacing, but it was not identical. The tabs on this new battery would need to be bent to match with the old battery and the tab on the negative side of the new battery was just slightly wider than the one on the



old battery meaning that it was too wide to fit in the slot in the card. Using a pair of needle nose pliers I bent the tabs to the right configuration. Next, using a the small pair of diagonal cutters pictured above, I narrowed the width of the negative terminal tab to match the one of the battery that came out.

With the battery prepared, I simply slipped it into the slots, making sure to get the polarity correct, and soldered it to the board with some 60/40 rosin core solder. (Yes, real solder with actual lead in it! I know that is politically incorrect these days, and that I am probably going to die from inhaling the fumes released while I was soldering, but you cannot beat it for a good solder joint).

With the new battery in place, the next step was to put the card into the new housing. This turned out to be just a bit tricky. The card itself just snapped right into the new housing. It was a perfect fit. The tricky part was that silicone gasket. It has to sit in a small groove in the housing. It is really small and really flexible, so it took some persistence to get it fully worked into the groove. Once it was in, though, it never moved.



The final step was to put the two halves of the housing together and install the screws. That went really well, but that is where I ran into the first real issue. The housing did not really close up fully at the end where the key ring slot is located. The new fob had two small cylinders that mate into holes in the mating half, but these were not enough to keep the two halves together snugly. After giving it some thought, I decided the best thing to do was to glue the fob together at that end. Using some 2 part super glue specially formulated for plastic, I glued the fob housing together at that end only and then screwed it together at the other end. The final result is shown below.



With the key back together, the next step was to try it out. So Paula and I headed over to the Oxler's. There was some chatter on the internet that if the battery was removed from the board that the key would need to be reprogrammed to the car, so I came prepared with the procedure for programming the key using the car, but it turned out to be unnecessary. When we walked up to the car, it operated the doors and the trunk and when we put it in the ignition, it started right up.

In the end, this was not a super complicated project. Since doing Tom's key, I have done this for a number of the other new age GTO owners in the club and I suspect that I will be doing some more in the future.



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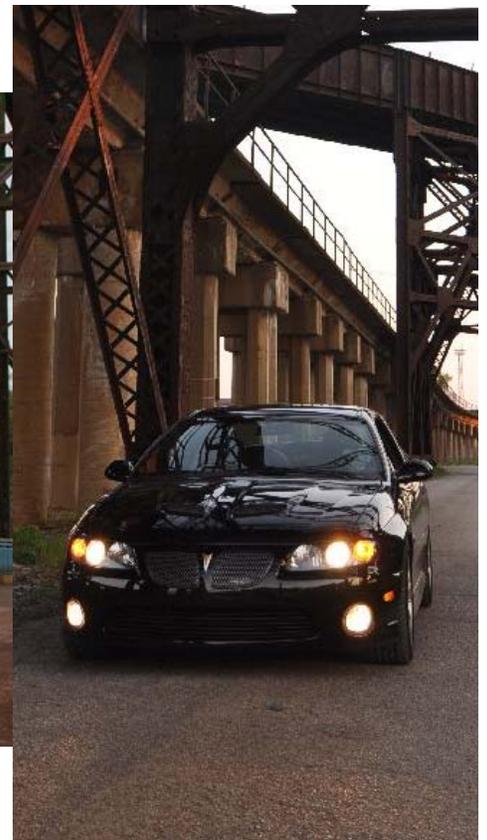


Calling all owners of 1966 and 2006 GTO's!

**This year, in celebration of:
50th Anniversary of the 1966 GTO
10th Anniversary of the 2006 GTO**

The Hoodscoop will be featuring Car of the Month articles on the anniversary years

If you own one of these special cars, please get to work on your article(s) and get them to Chris Winslow





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.

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

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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)

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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) _____
- Have GTO featured in a National Pub (40 Points) _____

Total Points for Month

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2016 GATEWAY GTO CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March

- 3 - GTO MEETING 7PM at Sports Café (CLUB SPONSORED)
- 12 - St. Patrick's Day Parade in Cottleville. Contact Earl Lewis if you can help with the float or work at the event
- 27 - Easter Car Show at the Muny Upper Lot (Details to follow)

April

- 7 - GTO MEETING 7PM at Sports Café (CLUB SPONSORED)
- 9 - JJ's Cruises at 1215 S. Duschene in St. Charles second Saturday of the month April-October

May

- 5 - GTO MEETING 7PM at Sports Café (CLUB SPONSORED)
- 14 - JJ's Cruises at 1215 S. Duschene in St. Charles second Saturday of the month April-October
- 21 - Missouri Baptist Charity Car Show benefiting United Way 3015 N. Ballas Road 63131. See flyer for details. The registration form is available at www.gatewaygto.com in the calendar section
- 30 - 28th Annual Cobblestone Nationals at Fast Lane Classic Cars

SEE THE FULL CALENDAR AT WWW.GATEWAYGTO.ORG

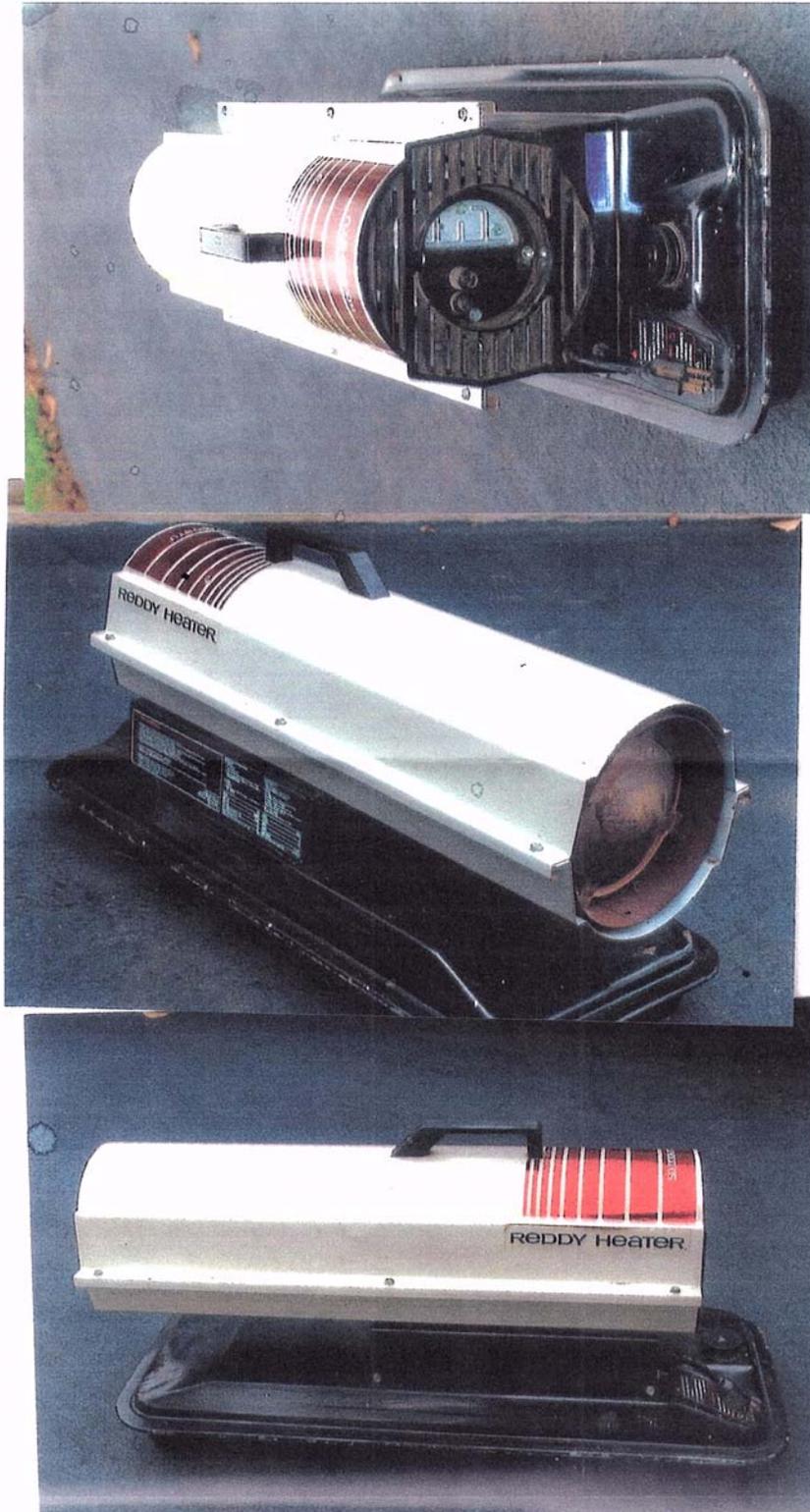
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Gateway GTO Association Photo Album

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.

The Hood Scoop is published as an informative news bulletin to keep our members up to date on past, present, and future events.

Advertising rates are:

\$100 – Full page (Color or Black and White) ad in monthly *Hoodscoop* newsletter for 12 months, your logo on our Website Sponsor page, and a link to your website from our Related Website Link space.

\$50 – ½ page (Color or Black and White) ad in our monthly *Hoodscoop* newsletter for 12 months, your logo on our Website Sponsor page, and a link to your website from our Related Website Link space.

\$25 – Business Card (Color or Black and White) ad in our monthly *Hoodscoop* newsletter for 12 months, your logo on our Website Sponsor page, and a link to your website from our Related Website Link space.

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.

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 Thursday of the month at Sports Café 3579 Pennridge Dr, Bridgeton, MO 63044

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.

Club Sponsor



As a Gateway GTO member please consider joining the GTO Association of America

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