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Gateway GTO Does the 2017 GTOAA National Convention

By Chris Winslow



It's hard to believe it is over. 3 years of intensive planning, untold hours of phone calls, emails, creating and recreating document after document. (Don't even get me started on how much time Jim McCarthy and I spent setting up the email blasts). And then, in the blink of an eye, the week was over.

On many occasions, we all asked each other what are we forgetting? What are we missing? In the end, it looks like the answer to that is almost nothing.

There is a lot to cover to address everything that the Gateway team pulled off for the 2017 GTOAA National convention. The starting point for this, without question, was selecting the right venue for the event. The Holiday Inn, (now Doubletree) hotel that we used for the 2005 convention was too small for what we wanted to accomplish. We needed something











bigger, preferably with enough indoor space to house the entire Concours car show indoors. We also needed a parking lot big enough to host a huge Popular Vote car show while still having plenty of room for vendors and swap meet participants. And, of course, the location had to have plenty of activities and restaurants in the local area. The one hotel that checked all of those boxes and more was the Crowne Plaza in Springfield. The down side, of course, was its distance from St. Louis, but in the end that was outweighed by everything else. With that decision out of the way, it was time to get down to the really hard work.

A great convention requires lots of activities and speakers so that there is something for everyone. Finding speakers turned out not to be much of an issue. In fact, we wound up with so many speakers, finding time slots for all them became the challenge. As for that activities, the area had lots to offer. We had history tours, a pub crawl, a day at Knight's Action Park, and even trips to the relatively close by Pontiac Oakland Museum.

Of course, the biggest activity of all, and probably the most photographed of the week, was the World's First Indoor Parking lot party. The Gateway team decorated the room to per-



fection. The band was Everyday People, but it was the women of Gateway GTO that stole the show. The sea of pink poodle skirts on the dance floor left no doubt that the women of Gateway GTO were there in force.

In addition to the ladies of Gateway, there were also a few other notable guest appearances. Elvis appeared for a set with the band. There was also an appearance by the Village People with leader Chief Oxler.

Of course, the main event for the week were the car shows. When we first started planning this event for the Crowne Plaza, we determined that we could get 70 cars inside for the Concours show, although we were not at all certain that many cars would actually come out for











the event. In the end we spent a lot of time the last few weeks shuffling cars around because we actually had more that 70 cars register for the show. The result was a ball room full of truly impressive Pontiacs.



The Popular Vote car show was equally impressive. The huge parking lot at the Crowne allowed us to spread out the cars and give everyone registered for the show their own assigned spot for the week. The result was Pontiacs as far as the eye could see.



The final event for the week was the awards banquet on Saturday evening. Once again the ladies of Gateway outdid themselves decorating the banquet hall. For those of us from Gateway it was a chance to finally relax and take stock of the remarkable event we had just pulled off.

The success of these event goes to all the members of Gateway with the help of the Heart of Illinois and Windy City members. It took the support and participation of the entire club to pull off this highly successful event. This event will go down as the one against which all future conventions will be judged.



















Presidents Scoop



The Presidents Scoop

By Kerry Friedman

It seems like I just wrote about Summer being here and getting our cars ready for the Car Show Season. It's hard to imagine that next weekend is Labor Day and that all the kids are back in school. Wow, time really does fly.

Speaking of time flying, at the end of this year, I will have been President of Gateway GTO for 4 years and will be resigning the position. There are many qualified people in the Club to take over and advance as an Officer in the Club. At the September meeting, I will open the nominations for the 2018 Officer Election. If you desire to be an office, or have a person(s) you would like to nominate, please do so.

September is going to be busy again, so I hope you all have rested up from the convention. September 10 is the Wheels in Motion Show, and as usual we are going to do the Raffle Booth. The Club will furnish some gifts for the Raffle, and we need to go to our Vendors and Suppliers to get about 50 items for the cause. Bring your items to the next meeting. We can wear our new Orange Brigade Shirts! And we need as many of you as we can get to park cars, direct traffic, take the entrance fees, sell raffle tickets, sell 50-50 tickets, and just be there to support the Kids with Cancer.

Less than a week later, the Annual GTOAA Regional Show in Pontiac, IL is going to happen. If you have never been there, I strongly suggest you go. Even if you don't bring a GTO or Pontiac. It is an awesome town and they welcome us whole heartedly. The show is held on Saturday where you can go on a cruise, visit the town's museums, or just visit the Pontiac Museum and be lazy. Saturday night brings the Chicken Dinner, really good chicken, Ice Cream Social, and entertainment. Sunday is the Car Show where we usually have over 200 cars.

Then October 1st is the Club Picnic at Vago Park off of Fee Fee Road in Maryland Heights. We always have plenty of Bar B Que, including Brats, Hot Dogs, Burgers, Chicken and Pork Steaks. All we ask ins you bring an appetite and a side dish or desert. The Washer

Toss is always fun and we need some new Champions.

Our next chapter meeting is on September 7, at the Sport's Café. See you there.





Meeting Minutes



Minutes for 8/3/17

7:01 – Meeting start – Nick Calandro from Dent's Express spoke a bit about paintless dent repair, which his company specializes in. He talked about a car club discount program. Any club member that shows a discount card at one of their locations will receive money off from body work performed. They held live demonstrations at their St. Charles location on August 19th.

7:14 – Old Business – Kerry Friedman talked about the GTOAA Convention. Gail Schott mentioned that we were able to donate \$385 to the Pontiac Museum from the \$5 fees added for the tour busses.

7:17 – New Business – Upcoming Events

9/10 – Wheels in Motion Charity Car Show, West Port Plaza. We need raffle items.

9/16 – Olivet Missionary Baptist Church Car Show. 12200 New Halls Ferry

9/16-9/17 – GTOAA Regional Car Show in Pontiac, Illinois.

9/17 – Horseless Carriage swap meet and Car Show at Hollywood Casino

9/24 – First Capitol Classics Car Show. \$20 entry, 9-12, Stock Only, 25 Years or older.

9/24 – Daniel Boone Shrine Club, Charity show. O'Fallon Plaza. Rain or Shine.

10/1 – Annual Club Picnic. Vago Park, Maryland Heights

10/7 – Missouri Baptist Medical Center Charity Car Show. 3015 North New Ballas Road. Roll in 9-11AM, show from 11-2PM.

12/2 – Gateway GTO Christmas Party at Hawkin House in Webster Groves, MO. Details to follow.

7:22 – GTOAA – Terrie Oxler talked about a GTOAA Street Legends Route 66 cruise that Tom will be putting together for next year.

7:26 – Tech – Tim Wortkoetter is looking for rubber matting for his old Ford Hot Rod.

Craig Glenn talked about a car show on October 7th with the Chain of Rocks Association. More info to follow.

Chris Simmons mentioned a new company that he's working for that is excellent for fabrication. Precision Restorations.

7:37 – Personals – Frank Chapmann said that Harry Timmermann had foot surgery

Tom Oxler will shortly be having rotator cuff surgery.

Jon Havens will be having prostate surgery

Donna Bowers' daughter has been diagnosed with breast cancer

Bob Blattel's wife will have hip surgery soon.

7:40 – Motion to adjourn by Craig Glenn, seconded by Paula Winslow.

50/50 of \$24 won by John Taylor



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Year Of The 7's







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

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.

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 Tech Article



Fuel Rail Cover Modification By

Chris Winslow

As many of you know, there have been a few of the new GTO's lost to engine fires. Many of us believe that the source of these fires is the failure of the fuel line that routes under the left hand fuel rail cover. On the 2004 GTO's specifically, and to a lesser extent the 2005 and 2006



cars, this line is a bit too long and tends to ride against the fuel rail cover. Since one end of this line is fixed to the firewall and the other to the fuel rail, this line is constantly rubbing against the edge of the fuel rail cover as the engine shifts left and right during normal driving. Obviously, more aggressive driving causes even more relative motion and consequently more rubbing.

Over time, the interaction between the fuel rail cover and the fuel line can result in a cut forming in the fuel line. This can eventually lead the fuel line to fail causing gas to spray all over the inside of the engine compartment. GM apparently recognized this problem because for the 2005 model year, they shortened the fuel line and changed the opening where the fuel line enters the fuel rail cover to make it considerably larger. These two things helped a bit, but I would still recommend that those of you with 2005 and 2006 cars check your fuel lines for damage.

So the question is, what can one do about this? Some people have actually just removed the fuel rail covers altogether. I am not a big fan of that look myself, so I did not go that route. The other mod I have seen is the ever popular shade tree mechanic trick of taking a short length of hose, splitting it down the middle, and securing it in place in the area where chaffing is a concern to act as the sacrificial layer. While this option will work, it leaves the end of the hose sticking out past the fuel rail cover, which is something that I was not prepared to live with.

In my case, when I first heard about this problem back in 2005, I inspected my car and





Gateway GTO Activities



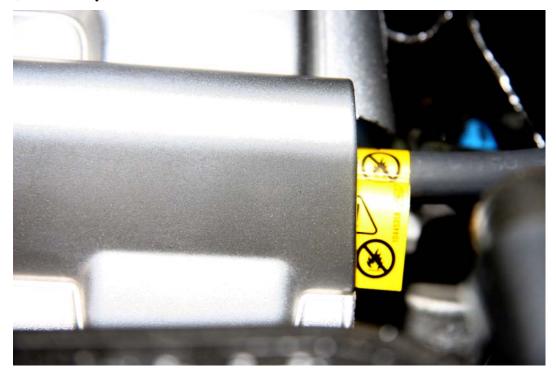
found that it had the condition. I immediately took the car to the Pontiac dealer to get the line replaced under warranty. The dealer I went to was surprisingly difficult to deal with on this issue and only reluctantly agreed to change the hose. Once I had the new hose installed, I needed to figure out a way to prevent the problem from occurring again.

After giving it some thought, I came up with a solution. It is basically a modified version of



the split hose option. What I did was take a short section of hose and split it down the middle. Instead of installing it on the fuel line, however, I used silicone adhesive and glued it to the under side of the fuel rail cover. I was careful to position it such that the end of the hose is just shy of flush with the edge of the cover. The result is that there is no relative movement between the hose piece I installed on the fuel rail cover and the cover itself. Essentially I end up with rubber on rubber contact between the hose section and the fuel line.

The result can be seen in the photo below. When the cover is installed, the hose section glued onto the underside of the cover cannot be seen. This solution allows the hose to be fully protected, but in a way that is not visible once the cover is installed.



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FOR PRE-REGISTRATION OR MORE INFORMATION:

Contact Carolyn Tichenor at carolyn.tichenor@bjc.org or 314-996-4180









Chapter Corner

with GTOAA Chapter Coordinator, Denny Deal

Now that summer is here most of you finally have a chance to get the GTO out of the garage, on the road, and out to enjoy the sound of the tires on the road, and the growl of the exhaust! Maybe make a cruise to a local drive-in to share some stories about what you did to your car over the winter, or to take your best girl (or guy) out for a summer night run. It used to be these were everyday cars, parked in the driveway and ready to go at a moment's notice, but now they are special, all polished and shined up for that weekend event where you can drive it in and show it off with pride.

I wanted to put in a plug for those of you that like reading the stories about the cover cars in *The Legend*, because we are always looking for YOUR story. Your car does not need to be concours level, street legal, or an original owner vehicle. It's about your car, the way you found it, built it, and drive it. If you'd like to submit your story contact Tom Szymczyk @ goatguytom@aol.com and ask him to send you our story outline and photo requirements guidelines. I hope you'll consider this because we are always looking for our members stories.

If you were not at the Nationals this year we hosted a Chapter Appreciation Night where after tabulating all of the information I gleaned from your returned surveys we did a nice overhead presentation on each chapter's membership status, as well as their social media involvement. This was well received and we will continue to do this at future events.

A lot of what we talked about during this meeting concerned you. Questions and answers on how we can better communicate and share in the successes you're having with everyone else. One thing that is important, and I'll hit on it again here, and that is sending in your articles or write ups relating to what your chapter is doing this summer. If you have run an event, we'd like to know about it. Have someone take pic-



tures and write up an article on it, we can accept any pictures you have and a decent recap of the event. These too, can be sent along to Tom Szymczyk @ goatguytom@aol.com. They will combine some of the pictures and rework the article to fit into an upcoming *Legend* edition. Don't miss out on seeing your event getting national attention!

In the next *Legend* magazine, you will see an updated list of all of our active chapters listing each address, point of contact and phone numbers. If this information is not current or you'd prefer to have a different officer or person listed as your point of contact, please just drop me a line and let me know, I'll be keeping a database on everyone so changing and updating will be very easy. I'll then share this info with our Legend editor so the next time they run all of the chapters, he'll have your accurate information.

One important thing that I need to address is the minimum GTOAA percentage in each chapter for 2018 will need to be 65%, up 5% from the last 3-4 years. While our national enrollment has increased 2.4% from 2016, our average GTOAA chapter percentage has dropped 2%, to 78%. A lot of chapters have broadened their base by including non-GTO members and the numbers reflect a healthy 7% increase of chapter membership. Collectively we need to enlist these new members to join the GTOAA as well. As members, they are included in your event insurance coverage provided by the GTOAA.

We have a number of chapters that need to work to increase their GTOAA percentage. I will be contacting each of them to discuss how I can help you reach these goals. The GTOAA's goal is to eventually have all of our chapters 100% affiliated. This is a goal, not a mandate, and will take some time to achieve. I've included a GTOAA benefits page that you can pass around to your members, or include in your newsletter to help promote our parent organization to emphasize all the things they do for us.

Until next time,
Happy motoring

Denny Deal GTOAA Chapter Coordinator (623)444-8949 (home) chapters@gtoaa.org



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Gateway GTO Association Points Submission Form

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2017 GATEWAY GTO CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September

- 7 GTO MEETING 7PM at Sports Café (CLUB SPONSORED)
- 10 Wheels in Motion Charity Car Show at Westport (CLUB SPONSORED)
- 16-17 GTOAA Regional Event in Pontiac, IL (CLUB SPONSORED)
- 16 Olivet Baptist Church Car Show, 12200 New Halls Ferry Road

October

- 1 Gateway GTO Annual Picnic at Vargo Park (CLUB SPONSORED)
- 5 GTO MEETING 7PM at Sports Café (CLUB SPONSORED)
- 7 Missouri Baptist Medical Center Charity Car Show, 3015 N. Ballas Road. Roll 9-11am. Car show from 11am to 2pm.

SEE THE FULL CALENDAR AT <u>WWW.GATEWAYGTO.ORG</u>

Gateway GTO Classifieds

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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 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.

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