



THE HOOD SCOOP

June-July 2017

My '67 and Barb's Little GTO

By Barb and Earl Lewis

Gateway GTO
Association



Editors note: For this month we have a combined June and July newsletter because hosting the GTOAA 2017 National Convention prevented creating a dedicated June issue.

Once upon a time a long long time ago on a cool brisk morning - the sun was shining and view was breath taking deep in the Heart of St. Charles is where my story begins. It was in the later part of 1967 while I was picking up a friend at the Ken Bender Pontiac Dealership that's when I heard a voice in my head saying "take me home". As I turned to my right ... here it was ... staring at me ---sitting so quietly on the lot - it was love at First Sight - A 1967 Plum Mist GTO. So, I stopped my 1962 Chevy with a new 301 with 13.1 poppers and a no float cam - and that's where I had my "WOW" moment. Could this be a dream I thought but before I knew what happened the trade was made and deal was signed ... I drove out in my 1967 Plum Mist GTO ... Later I learned that there had only been 47 Plum Mist GTO's.

While making this deal I had asked "why this car had come back to the dealership", and the salesman replied that it came back because the owner's wife said to him "take the car back .. it's too fast - return it now"! The only power option it had was the 400 -- and all the car wanted to do

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GTO of the Month

was simply go-o-o-o-o-. later down the road I added a fiber tear drop hood with a set of thrush side pipes. I guess my love for modifications started a long long time ago. Then later, came a set of moto spider mags which was way out of my budget but I figured a way to work in a lot of over time in order to pay for these. Then it was every weekend my buddy and I went to Alton or MAR raceway and that car was my first GTO which I'll never forget. We had so many memories and great times together.

Then years later - many years later - to be exact --- I was still talking about that Plum Mist GTO I used to have - I finally got that Ok to start looking for another GTO - Then my son Scott called me one night and said "Hey Dad," there's a Red 67 GTO for sale on Hwy N not even 1 mile from our house. I got in my car and went down to check this out -- Again -an instant love affair began. It brought back all the old memories and then I asked the selling price. It seemed a little high for the condition it was in - I called a friend who did body work to give me an estimate on what I was looking at. I made the offer and owner said "no way". So now this started me on a search since now I knew I had the "GO FOR IT" from the boss at home. Took a friend with me and we went on a few road trips and we traveled a few different states only to find clones - holes in the floor boards - trunks missing - and some wouldn't even start. So while we were in Michigan my son Scott, calls me again and says the owner of the Red 67 GTO - one mile from the house -and said , "Tell your Dad I'll take his offer". With those words I responded "Tell him I'm on my way". So we put the peddle to the metal and headed home. You know where this story ended.



GTO of the Month

Now the work began •• First I had a new black vinyl top which also involved some body work. I had thought about taking the vinyl top off but Barb said "NO" -- she liked the look. So we kept the black vinyl top. Then I had it all repainted the same color "Torch Red" - Then of course another big job was in the works - the engine - we pulled it out and I took it to great engine builder I knew, who went through it completely and also re-did the crank - balanced and ported it. Of course, those who know my car can agree it has been modified. I wanted it to be like my first GTO love. So on went the side pipes, full length ladder bars, air shocks, aluminum intake, shorty headers and an old idea with a new touch - 3" custom Ram Air connected to the lower head light. This was an old idea that had come back to me. I had always wanted to put a rear spoiler on my first GTO so I started looking around and I finally made up my mind to try a 1970 rear spoiler and felt good about this choice. I don't think there's another GTO like it so I must say "I did it my way". The ol' Goat has done good at car shows receiving it's share of trophies, received 3 Gold Concours awards at GTOAA and a POCI Silver.

Barb comes up to me one night and goes "0, WOW, look at this -look what I found on E-bay". She shows me a picture of a 1967 Blue GTO Go-Cart ... We had never seen anything like it - so we did some research and found out that this was a promotion give away back in 1967 in the grocery store - and we found out that there are only 5 or 6 of them left in existence. We contacted the owner who was from Florida and made an offer and we were the proud owners of another 1967 GTO. My son was headed to Florida on vacation and lucky for us he took the trailer and hauled it back. It was in pretty rough condition but we were excited in our find. It had scratches, broken fiber glass and a shot engine. So off to the body shop it went and I decided we would re-do the Little GTO just like the Big GTO. So off went the blue and on went the Torch Red paint - side pipes- wheels - dash stickers -a new engine (6.5 horse) and of course, the rear spoiler. Later down the road we had the removable black roof made. The little GTO has followed the Big one to 6 National Conventions and has had articles written about her and at one convention the article read that it was the most Photographed GTO there. It also has made the trip to Pontiac, Illinois for the Regional convention for several years now. Last year, it had its' first official race. It went up against the Museum's Pontiac Fiero. We had been hounding him to pull the Fiero out of the Museum and challenged him to a race -we turn around and it was being pushed out the door - the mechanics started working and the Fiero fired up - it was running again and the race was on. We raced around the court house square a few times and at the finish line - it was too close to call -- it ended in a tie ... We will see what happens this coming September. The two cars together seem to be entertaining to many people and we're always willing to let the little kids sit in the little GTO or the Big one and get their pictures taken. When they are together - they are a people stopper.



The Gateway GTO Club and GTOAA is one of the best things in life we've been a part of. We have been so many places and have so many great times. There's always something going on and what a fun bunch of people - We've met people all over the country who are all in love with GTO's - Pontiacs and cars in general - It's been a great ride - and look forward to many more memories down the road and the future ahead - We have to say Thanks to all of you "We have the greatest friends and you mean the world to us"! Special thanks goes out to the following for their support and ideas and help. Bob Barks at Complete Auto for my paint, Michael Miller, mechanic and Tim at Complete Paint and Fabrication for work on the Main GTO and work on the little one who made it a mini me. Also may be rest in peace, Ron Elliot for my engine. Keep those motors growling ...•• and those tires spinning





Presidents Scoop



The Presidents Scoop

By Kerry Friedman

Although the 2017 National GTOAA Convention is history now, it is going to be talked about, compared to and remembered as one of the best, if not the best, at least in the last 14 years. The all-time best may be the 2004 Convention in Pontiac, Michigan, where the New-Gen 2004 GTO was introduced and ran through its paces.

As Co-Chair with Steve Hedrick and Tom Oxler, I am not speaking out of turn by saying that the we owe all of you who worked with us for the last 3 years a tremendous round of thanks and our greatest appreciation. We are still getting calls and emails from attendees expressing their satisfaction for the well planned and executed event.

I'll probably miss mentioning some of you, but here goes; Chris Winslow, and the Registration Committee pleased the pre-registered guests with a 5 minute turn-around to get their packages. Mark and the Hotel Committee, who had all the bases covered for all the guest rooms, meeting rooms, snacks, parties and banquet. I only heard of one problem with a room that was readily remedied. Thanks to Sandra Melrose and her helpers, for all the lunches, beverages, snacks, and a place to hang-out.

Terry and Gail Schott and the Activity Group, had more places to go, things to see and do, then there was time for. From Bus trips to Cruises, with help from Lincoln Experts and members of HOI and Windy City Goats, no one was lost, and all had a great time.

JJ, John Johnson, and his crew, had enough Speakers to fill the lull times in the mornings and afternoons during the in-between times.

The Entertainment Group, Terrie Oxler, Barb Lewis, Annette Morton, Donna Bowers, and a whole lot more, did everything from party and banquet decorations, selling tee shirts and mugs, making poodle skirts, ironing emblems on shirts, and much more. This is one of the main magnets that holds our Club together.

Will Bowers and his crew hosted the largest Swap Meet and Vendor turn out in many years as well as an opportunity for club members to clean out their garages and make a few bucks.

Frank Chapman with the Car Show and Parking Lot Committee kept all the show cars organized on the show field and crammed into the Concours area without any complaints. The Trailer Parking bunch also did a job keeping the trailers corralled across the street.

Special thanks to Earl Lewis, who helped find and contract the Everyday People Band for the Parking Lot Party, also convinced our special guest, ELVIS, to make an appearance and perform with the Band. Earl also got Schaeffer Oil, Hagerty, and Farmers Insurance to be Vendors.

No more Convention Planning Meetings. But our next regular meeting is August 3rd at the usual time and place. Take the rest of July and August to catch up on your local car shows and rest. Get prepared for a busy September with the Wheels in Motion Charity Car Show, and the GTOAA Regional show in Pontiac, IL.





Meeting Minutes



Minutes for 6/1/17

7:05 – Meeting Start – No new members present.

Old Business – Kerry Friedman spoke briefly about the Hamel, Illinois cruise.

Tom Oxler talked a bit about the Nationals planning meeting on May 24th.

7:07 – New Business – GTOAA Convention - So far we have 359 registrations with 250 cars. We project getting another 50 from walk-ins at the show. Our popular vote registration is being extended to June 7th. Please notify Chris Winslow or Kerry Friedman with the days that you will be available to work. Specify mornings or afternoons. A worker T-shirt will be given to you for each day that you are working. (Wives and associates included).

7:11 – Upcoming Events –

6/03 and 7/28 – Optimist Cruise-in, Washington, MO. \$15 per car at the Iron Spike Model Train Museum

6/27-7/1 – GTOAA National Convention, Crown Plaza Hotel, Holiday Inn Express, Springfield Illinois

9/10 – Wheels in Motion Charity Car Show, West Port Plaza

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

9/16 – Olivet Baptist Church Car Show, 12200 New Halls Ferry Road

10/1 – Annual Club Picnic. VAGO park, Maryland Heights, MO

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

12/2 – Gateway GTO Christmas Party at Hawken House in Webster Groves, MO, details to follow

7:17 – GTOAA – Tom Oxler talked about the chapter recognition night at the Nationals

7:20 – Tech – Tom Oxler said that Terrie's Mother's day present was ready to go. His '66 GTO's engine is up and running.

Terry Schott got to drive a Hellcat and warned everyone not to race against one.

7:30 – Club Personals – Steve Hedrick's mother passed away.

Paula Winslow's mother passed away as well.

Harry Timmerman just welcomed a new grandson into the family.

Kerry Friedman brought in examples of the Nationals convention shirt and worker shirts. Nationals vinyl decals are available.

Tom Oxler mentioned the nightly meetings during the Nationals. The next and final planning meeting will be on June 12th at the Sports Café. The next regular business meeting will be on July 6th.

7:40 – Motion to Adjourn by Rich Vie, seconded by Denny Gunn.

50/50 of \$29 won by Rich Vie





Meeting Minutes



Minutes for 7/6/17

7:10 – Meeting Start – New Members – Steve and Christina Paul from St. Rose, Illinois. They don't currently have a GTO but will be looking for one in the future.

7:14 – Old Business – Convention recap by Tom Oxler. The convention was a total success. The only real complaint that we received was that there were too many things to do (which is what we were aiming for). Tom Oxler thanked everyone that volunteered and helped to make it a great show. We had 418 registrations, 862 people and 269 cars. On site we sold 191 Mugs, 15 dash plaques and 333 meet shirts. We had 360 people at the banquet. 70 concourse cars inside the show room and 4 outside. 66 Popular Vote Modified and 73 Popular Vote Stock. 16 Original Owners and 40 Street Legends. We made \$3218 from all of the activities (parking lot party, tours, cruises). We had 12 speakers with good turnouts for each. We collected \$8600 from sponsors and \$1450 from vendors.

The following club members walked away with trophies, awards or recognitions.

Street Legends – Brian Ray, Eric Ray, Jeff Bond, Kerry Friedman, Tony Bezzoli, Dan Jackson, Rich Vie, Terry Schott, Tom Fox, Frank Chapman, Cecil Morton, Tim Wortkoetter

Original Owner – John Taylor

Popular Vote – First: Chris Winslow, Harry Timmerman

Second: Frank Chapman, Dave Huesgen, Rich Lacavich, Brian O'Sullivan

Third: Steve Hedrick, Joe Mayweather, Andrew O'Sullivan

Concourse Gold Modified – Tom Oxler, Roger Maczura, Jim McCarthy, Bill Hargrave, Earl Lewis

Concourse Silver Modified – John Johnson

Concourse Gold Restored – Doug Wolgast, Pat Garvey

Concourse Silver Restored – Will Bowers

Models – Third: Gabe Hedrick

First Jr. – Conor Hedrick

Most GTOAA Referrals – Earl Lewis

Tom Foster Award – Chris Winslow

7:47 – Upcoming events –

7/28 – Optimist Cruise-in, Washington, MO. \$15 per car at Iron Spike Model Train Museum. (extremely light turnout at previous shows)

8/19 – 12:00-3:00 Dent's Express Car Club BBQ. 223 Hughes Ln, St. Charles

8/20 – Edwardsville D.A.R.E. car show

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

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

9/16 – Olivet Missionary Baptist Church car show. 12200 New Halls Ferry Rd

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

10/7 – Missouri Baptist Medical Center Charity Car Show. 3015 N. Ballas Rd. Roll in 9-11AM. Car show from 11:00 to 2:00.

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

7:54 – GTOAA – Tom Oxler talked about the referral program. Earl Lewis won the award for the most referrals out of all GTOAA membership. Earl Lewis mentioned that Schaeffer oil may become a sponsor of the GTOAA.

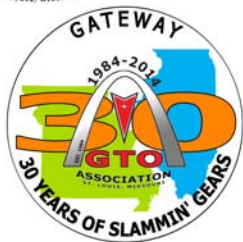
7:57 – Tech – John Taylor had trouble with his GTO so he was unable to make the Nationals.

8:02 – Club Personals – Jim and Mary McCarthy are moving to Tyler Texas. We'll miss them.

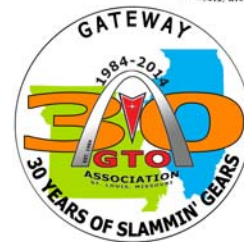
8:09 – Motion to adjourn by John Taylor, seconded by Steve Hedrick

No 50/50





Year Of The 7's



Calling all owners of 1967 GTO's!

**This year, in celebration of:
50th Anniversary of the 1967 GTO**

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 Activities

GATEWAY GTO BRONCO CRUISE

By

Kerry Friedman

After much rain and flooding, it was great to see the sun shining when I got up on Saturday May 13, to get ready for the Cruise to Hamel, IL. I did the usual McGuire's Detailing, checked the oil, loaded up Debbie, and we were off to meet up at the Missouri Welcome Center on I-270.

Tom and Terrie showed up in their '06 GTO, Tim and Gretchen in the G8, and the Mike and Kathy in the '65 Goat. Also rolling up in a long black Grand Prix, were John Fulluo and his Dad.

After doing what we always do at Rest Stops, we took off for the Henhouse on IL 111, to meet up with more of the contingent. At the Hen House we met Pat Garvey in his LeMans and Cheryl and Frank in their Black Judge. Not being real familiar with Rt. 66, we followed Pat, and in Edwardsville, we were joined by Bill and Beth Hargrave in their Black '64 GTO.

Bill led us the rest of the way to Hamel, IL to our 1st stop, Roadrunner Powder Coating. Powder Coating is where, after sand blasting to bare metal, a colored powder is electrostatically charged and adhered to the object. It is then baked in an oven at 500° F, until it forms a very nice and durable coating. Set Burgess, the Owner gave us the tour and showed us around. Patio furniture and car parts, including whole chassis are common coating project in his shop.

The other part of Seth's business is totally refurbishing Broncos, the small version. They go out and find any remains all over the country and make them better than new, with modern power trains and safety systems. The base price is \$80k. There were quite a few in various



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stages of completion in his assembly line facility.

The back part of his building housed a Bronco Museum. He has the first Bronco made by Ford, Carroll Shelby's Bronco and a Wyoming Ranch Bronco. Somehow an orphan Shelby GT resides there. All in all a very nice stop.

Then we were off, right around the corner for our lunch stop; Weezy's Route 66 Bar and Grill in Hamel. They had a large table in the back room ready and we all ate and talked cars during lunch. After lunch, most of the crowd headed off in various directions, while the Oxler's, Worthkoetter's, and Friedman's made a stop at Country Classic Cars in Staunton, IL, just another 10 miles up I-55. If you need a project car, this is a great place to find anything you could imagine. After a tour of most of the shed's, we went our separate ways.





GATEWAY GTO ASSOCIATION

Membership/**Renewal** Form

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Name: _____ Date: _____

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Address: _____

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Year & Body Style of Car(s) **ALL PONTIACS:**

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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.



Gateway GTO Association Points Submission Form

Member Name _____

Month _____

Club Sponsored Events and Monthly Meetings

| Event | With GTO (40 Points) | Without GTO (20 Points) |
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Total for Club Sponsored Events _____

Non Sponsored Events

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Total for Non Sponsored Events _____

Other Activities

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

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To access form from GatewayGTO.com, click below
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2017 GATEWAY GTO CALENDAR OF EVENTS

August

3 - GTO MEETING 7PM at Sports Café (CLUB SPONSORED)

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 WWW.GATEWAYGTO.ORG

Gateway GTO Classifieds

GATEWAY GTO 30th ANNIVERSARY TEE SHIRTS



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| Gray; | S-XL | \$14 | 2X-3X | \$16 |
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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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