



THE HOOD SCOOP

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My 1967 GTO

By Will Bowers

Gateway GTO Association



I really wasn't looking for another car; however, it was a slow day at work being the Friday before Labor Day weekend in 1989. Someone had brought in a copy of the Post-Dispatch, so, out of habit, I started scanning the classic car ads. The car was advertised as a '67 HO, 4 speed with Tri-Power added, with Rally I wheels. Needless to say, I called the number several times that day but didn't get an answer until about 4:00 PM. The seller asked if I had called before because his answer machine was not working and he had just gotten home. He did not want to show the car until Saturday; however, he agreed to let me see it since I was going out of town for the holiday weekend. At that time I was working at McDonnell Douglas and he was located in Florissant. I immediately hit a cash machine for deposit money and was on my way. This was great...I would be the first person to see the car! As soon as the garage door went up, I wanted it. After driving it, I knew it was sold. I didn't even try to get him down on price, (which is totally unlike me). After giving him a deposit, I returned after the holiday and

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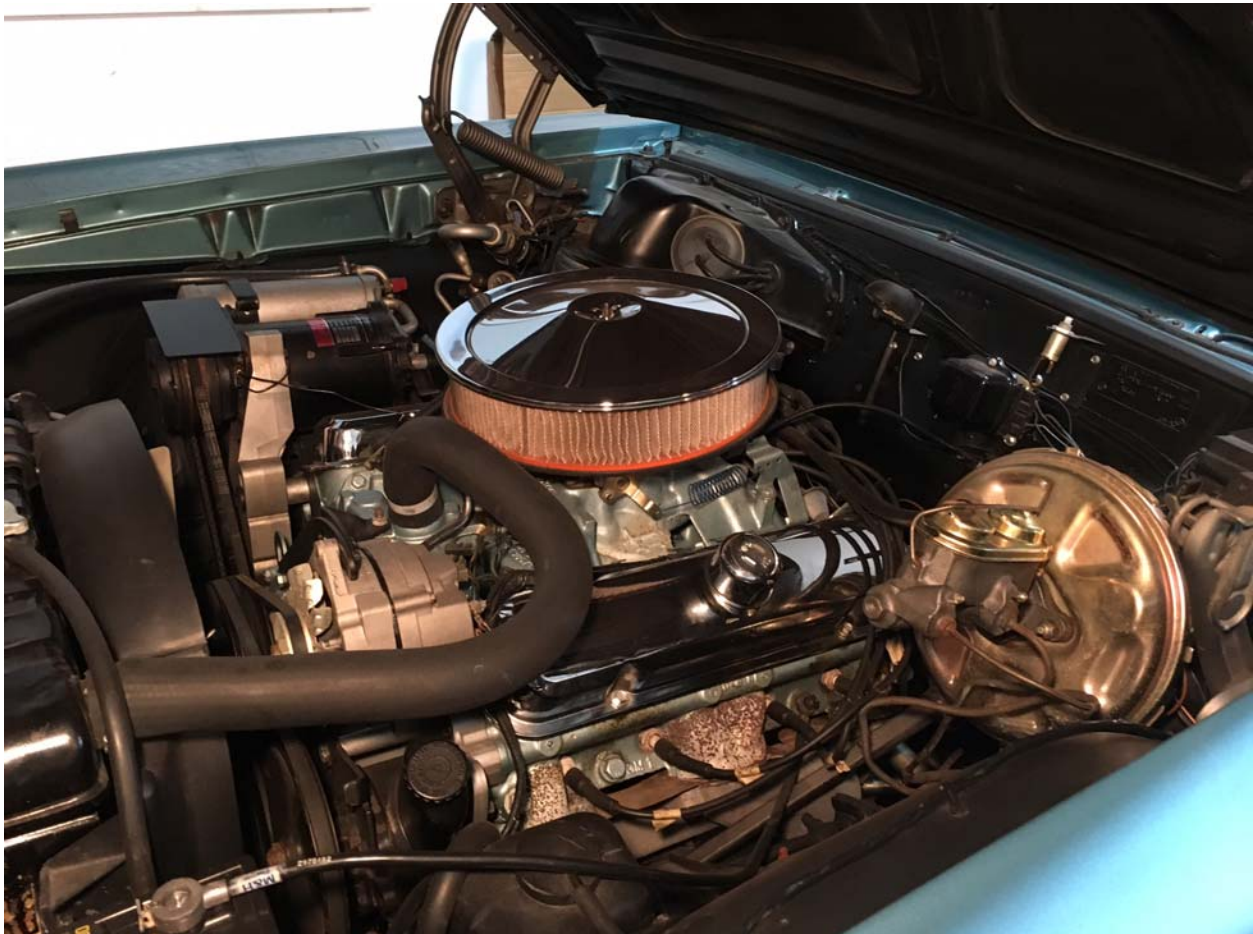
GTO of the Month

paid the remaining balance. Over the weekend, he had received over 30 calls on the car. Most of the people were offering more than the full asking price. Fortunately, he honored our deal and the car was mine. I later learned that Terry Schott was one of the unlucky callers.

In addition to the options listed in the ad, it had A/C, full tinted glass, power disc brakes, power steering, rally dash, wood wheel, Cordova top, 3:73 12 bolt posi, front and rear seat belts, and a push button radio with a rear speaker. Additional options had been added over the years including; AM/FM, 8 track, defogger, map lights, rare headrests and a reclining passenger bucket seat. The rear end had been replaced with a correct 3:23, 10 bolt rear end. The A/C had been stripped out by one of the previous owners and had been replaced and converted to 134A. The car retained its original interior and a few worn spots were repaired with material from another set of original seat covers that had been found at a swap meet.

The build date was November 1966. With the rare combination of options, this was obviously a special ordered car. PHS confirmed that it still had the original HO motor. All that could be determined from PHS was that it had been delivered to a dealer in Pontiac's Northern District.

Prior to having a base coat clear coat finish applied in the original Gulf Turquoise color, I had to replace several panels. All parts were replaced with available NOS or reproduction items. The motor has always performed well and has not required a rebuild. However it was returned to a 4 barrel with a correct Q-jet carburetor. The first year for the Q-Jet Pontiac was





1967. Pontiac was apparently concerned that performance minded buyers would be concerned that Tri-Power was no longer being offered. They included a re-print from Super Stock magazine in the glove compartment comparing the two carburetor configurations, confirming that they performed almost identically.

Shortly after the purchase, I decided a trip to Mid America Raceway in Wentzville. MO was in order, my first time out; it turned in the 13.90's with street tires.

In the fall of 1990, my luck continued. While attending a Behlmann Pontiac display, I noticed a young guy looking the car over very closely and said he thought it was in his dad's car that he had bought new. Since I knew it was sold through a dealer in Wisconsin, it seemed unlikely. Later his Dad, Nick Decker, stopped by and was able to confirm that it was indeed his. Fortunately, he was a very meticulous individual who had kept all the correspondence with the dealer, the order form, the original window sticker, and other associated documentation. Unfortunately, the warranty book with Protect-O Plate had gone with the car when Nick sold it. He confirmed that it had been special ordered through Hames Pontiac in Eau Claire, WI. Nick had been attending the University of Wisconsin and ordered it just prior to graduation and returning to the St. Louis area. Initially, Nick gave me copies of the documentation. Later he invited Donna and I to his home for a slide show and gave us the original documents. He also made several prints for us from the slides. Included was one picturing his son, Jeff, standing in front of the car. We have kept in touch over the years and usually see him the Easter Show. He is always disappointed if I bring one of my other cars. In 2015, I emailed him that the car would be there and he was actually waiting at the entrance with his camera to see the car and take pictures of the car when we arrived.

Years ago, individuals were allowed to run a title history on a vehicle. Apparently, the car remained in Missouri until I purchased and titled it in Illinois. The research indicated there were 5 previous owners between 1967 and 1989. The state actually sent photocopies of each of the previous titles providing the names and addresses of the previous owners. After I had the car restored and painted in 1991, I took a picture of the newly restored car and sent a brief letter to second, third and fourth owners under the pretense that they might enjoy knowing that their car was alive and well but, also asking if happened to keep the warranty book with the Protect-O-Plate. No luck, but it was worth a try! In 1994, the GTO Club was having a charity car wash at a filling station in South County to raise money for the Make-A Wish Foundation. As luck would have it, the second owner saw all the GTO's and couldn't resist stopping. I was able to get his picture with the car. Over the years I have met all but the third owner.

I have had a number of interesting experiences with the car. I don't recall the exact year, but, the Club did a road trip to Indy for their clubs show called "A Day at the Track". It was on the grounds of the Indianapolis Speedway and was reminiscent of the early GTOAA Nationals that had been held at the track. We did some driving around the night before the show, even going to a local cruise night. I notice that the timing seemed to be off and had to adjust the distributor several times. On the way home the engine popped and we experienced a total shut down. After opening the hood it was obvious what had happened. The distributor had locked up, spun around, tangling and damaging all of the plug wires. We were stopped on the shoulder of I-70 being blown around by 18 wheelers doing 70 plus MPH! This was before cell phones. I



recalled that a club member had also had problems with his car and was waiting at the motel for his father to trailer him home. One of the club members agreed to go back to the motel to see if I could borrow his distributor, and wires, while I pulled the damaged one. As luck would have it, the club member was still there and loaned me the need parts. We were back on the road in a little over an hour.

Another adventure took place on a club cruise up the River Road concluding with a ferry trip to St. Charles County. The river was high at that time and the ferry could not dock at its regular location. The ferry was load with cars 3 across. I was in the first row on the far right. We were sitting high enough that the ramp could not be seen from the car. A crewmember was in charge of the unloading process, when it was my turn he motioned me forward. Unfortunately, when I pulled forward, the ramp was not there. He should have motioned me to the center. The good news was that I did not end up in the river! The bad news was that I ran into a heavy duty metal "T" that was used to tie up the ferry when docking. We pushed the car off and called a rollback to pick is up. Fortunately, the "T" was low enough that it went under the bumper and hit the core support and lower radiator tank. If I recall correctly, it was covered by insurance including the towing.

These cars are intended to be driven and sooner or later you are bound to have a misadventure!

This car has always been Donna's favorite. In 1990, I drove her to the church in it when we got married. (My luck with this car continued once again). They say you cannot put a price on your wife's happiness. In this case, I got the car and Donna too!!





Presidents Scoop

The Presidents Scoop

By Kerry Friedman

There might be a bunch of you who are getting tired of hearing nothing but the Convention, Convention, Convention. Well hear it comes again. I am getting very excited about it. Although the rooms booked is not a true sign of prospective attendees, because people book rooms for friends and that guy Just In Case, just in case someone might need a room, and then close to the actual date those rooms get cancelled. But actual Convention Registration is a real indicator. As of yesterday, we have 176 actual registrations including one from Anchorage, Alaska. Imagine that – probably don't have to worry about the GTO overheating there. Speaking of GTO's, 121 cars are registered with 43 Concourse entrants. So, this is an extremely good sign that we will have an excellent turnout.

Our committees have been working overtime, and we have everything booked, planned and scheduled. All we need is for the Gateway GTO folks to get their rooms booked, Register for the event, and sign up for Worker duties. We will be furnishing, at no cost, an orange worker's tee shirt for each day you work. Please send your shirt size and days you can work to Chris Winslow, chriswinslow@charter.net, or myself kerry63021@yahoo.com. If you wife or associate is also willing and available to work, send that information and shirt size as well.

Spring was here then winter then summer for one day then spring and hopefully it will continue to warm up and be CAR time again. The first car show is the Easter Show at Forest Park Muny parking lot. If you want to go you must notify Will Bowers immediately.

The next 2017 GTOAA Convention planning meeting is at 11:00 am – 1:30 pm on Saturday, April 29 at The Crowne Plaza Hotel in Springfield, IL. The Lincoln Room

The next Regular Business, Meeting of Gateway GTO will be on April 6, 2017 at The Sport's Café, and of course, dinner at 6:00. We would like to schedule Guest Speakers at our meeting to inform us of anything pertaining to life, family or even cars. If you know an "expert" or at least someone you trust on a topic, let's try to put a schedule together for the meetings next year. Also, any ideas for Tours or Cruises would gratefully accepted. Don't forget, if you suggest it, you will most likely be appointed to run it.





Meeting Minutes



Minutes for 3/2/17

7:04 – Meeting start – Chuck David from Washington MO was at the meeting. He has a 66 GTO.

7:06 – Old Business

Marty Howard talked about the Pinball event. We had the largest crowd to date. Will Bowers won the B division and Marty's friend won the A division. Marty will write an article for the newsletter.

Tom Fox talked about the car trivia night. Everyone had a good time. The POCI club came in 2nd.

7:12 – New Business – There may be a possible activity at Roadrunner Powdercoating. We would tour their facility which houses a collection of Shelys and Broncos.

Earl Lewis spoke about the Cottleville St. Patrick's Day Parade. He was in talks with the event organizers and was disappointed to find that they did not save us a spot in the parade. They were also requiring all members to be present for a meeting. We will not be participating in the event. Earl also mentioned that he may be putting together a cruise to Steelville MO later this year.

GTOAA Convention. Tom Oxler talked about the beer mugs and dash plaques, of which he had examples of at the meeting. We need people to start signing up for the work schedule. Please sign up as soon as possible. Concourse is filling up and so is the host hotel.

John Havens spoke a bit about the Missouri Baptist car show in October.

Steve Hedrick mentioned the Model T Club swap meet at Gateway Raceway on May 7th.

7:38 – Upcoming Events

4/16 – Easter car show at the Munny. Classic GTOs in the upper lot and New Age GTOs in the lower lot. Registration due April 1st for Classic GTOs, \$15 per car. (CSE)

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

7:42 – Tech – John Havens brought in a valley pan that fits the 65, 66, and 67 GTOs.

Marty Howard talked about the hood on his 69 GTO and how the older cars need to have the hood slammed in order to close them. He is looking for a reason why.

Chris Simmons talked about a great universal lubricant called Slideez.

Steve Hedrick spoke about different head types on the classic GTOs and a modification with molten aluminum. Works for 71' and later.

7:58 – Club Personals – Tootie May is still in Florida. She's having some health issues.

8:00 – Motion to adjourn by Earl Lewis, seconded by Mark Melrose.

50/50 of \$36 won by Gail Schott

MEET T-SHIRT GRAPHICS



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Gateway GTO's 3rd Annual Pinball Wizard Event

By

Marty Howard

What a great way to spend a Sunday afternoon. For me and 34 players it doesn't get any better than to playing pinball with Club members, friends and relatives. The weather was perfect with a few GTO's representing our Club parked safely next to the buildings.

A few players met up at the Chinese Buffet. I was supposed to get there early, but I was "detained" (the only word I could think of that might not get me in as much trouble as just "being late". So, I headed right over to CP. I arrived at about 1:10 pm and some members were already there...trying to get a head start in the tournament, I suppose.

As in previous years, our event was held at CPPinball (.com) in So. Roxanna, IL. For those that had not been there before, it's like walking into a pinball wonderland with 3 building filled with almost 100 old and new pinball machines, and a few video games as well as a jukebox to play your favorite tunes, a refrigerator to hold your favorite beverage and 2 clean washrooms. This year we rented CP Piinball for 3 hours as compared to previous years' allotted time of 2 hours. However, Chuck (owner) gave us an additional hour as a token of his generosity to our Club. Actually, we were slated to start at 2:00 pm, but Earl (CP's Manager) opened up at 1:00 pm and players started to come in early. So, in total, we were there for 5 hours.

Some players struggled to keep their game 'on' since the winning players went through 5-6 rounds of vigorous competition. They were paid off with the "The Thrill of Victory". Everyone had at least 3 rounds of playing which totaled to about 1 hour of competition. The final





winners played up to 3 hours. While waiting for the next round, everyone enjoyed playing as many machines as they could.

I figured that 3 hours would be plenty of time for 30 players. After sending out the invites 3 weeks in advance, after 2 weeks had passed, only 16 players paid and were listed. By Saturday night of the event, there were over 30 players signed up. By the time we met up at CP I had about 34 players, most of which were scheduled to be in the tournament and a few others that decided to participate. I'm glad that I had brought extra attendance trophies so that all



could go home with a remembrance of a fun time hosted by our GTO Club.

The “Winners” (B Division) and “Higher Scoring Winners” (A Division) were:

B DIVISION

1st Place - Will Bowers (Club Treasurer)

2nd Place – Kathy Kiburz (Club Member)

3rd Place – Diana Huesgen (Club Member)

A DIVISION

1st Place – Bob Emerson (A guest of Marty’s that has not played pinball since the 70’s. TRUE!)

2nd Place – Dave C. (A guest of Gail and Terry)

3rd Place – Dave Huesgen (Club Member)

Amazing trophies were handed out to the top 3 winners in each Division. However, no one left without his or hers own trophy as an attendance prize.

One more item. I would like to thank Chris Winslow for taking the time to come to our Pinball Event and take great pictures for which he is known for. THANKS, CHRIS!!!

For those that missed this event, please reconsider for our next one.

Thanks to all that participated and to those that will participate in the future.

Your CEC - On The Job...Marty Howard





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 ASSOCIATION

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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)

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) _____
- 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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2017 GATEWAY GTO CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March

- 2 - GTO MEETING 7PM at Sports Café (CLUB SPONSORED)
- 22 - Convention Planning Meeting 7PM at Sports Café

April

- 6 - GTO MEETING 7PM at Sports Café (CLUB SPONSORED)
- 8 - JJ'S Car Cruise at 1215 S. Duschene, St. Charles
- 16 - Easter Car Show (CLUB SPONSORED)
- 29 - Convention Planning Meeting at Crowne Plaza (Springfield, IL)

May

- 4 - GTO MEETING 7PM at Sports Café (CLUB SPONSORED)
- 13 - JJ'S Car Cruise at 1215 S. Duschene, St. Charles
- 24 - Convention Planning Meeting 7PM at Sports Café
- 29 - 28th Annual Cobblestone Nationals at Fast Lane Classic Cars

June

- 1 - GTO MEETING 7PM at Sports Café (CLUB SPONSORED)
- 10 - JJ'S Car Cruise at 1215 S. Duschene, St. Charles
- 12 - Convention Planning Meeting 7PM at Sports Café
- 27- July 1 - 2017 GTOAA National Convention. Everyone's help will be needed. (CLUB SPONSORED)**

SEE THE FULL CALENDAR AT WWW.GATEWAYGTO.ORG

Gateway GTO Classifieds

For Sale

Set of four 17" Cadillac Factory 7 Spoke Wheels (from 2008 CTS) with Continental Extreme Contact Winter Tires - Make Offer - Contact Chris Winslow if interested 636-939-2770

GATEWAY GTO 30th ANNIVERSARY TEE SHIRTS



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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.

Club Sponsor



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