



THE HOOD SCOOP

November 2017

My GTO

Parts Search Leads To Another Project

By Terry Schott



As most of you know when you get in the car hobby, sometimes a small project turns in other directions and pretty soon you've done a lot more to your car than you ever dreamed you would. I got my 1967 red GTO in May of 1989 and it was in need of a new engine as well as minor body work and a fresh paint job. In December, 1990, I removed the engine and started to look for better trim pieces and other much needed parts. Back then there wasn't near the amount of reproduction parts available for GTO's as there are today.

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In the process of looking for parts in June of 1991, I was talking to a co-worker (big Chevy 409 guy) and he told me of a wrecked GTO at a junkyard in Richwoods, MO. I knew I had to check it out. The next weekend I ran by the place. No one actually worked there any given hours, so I could only see it from a distance. The following week I talked to one of our mechanics at work that lived in Richwoods, and he got me a phone number of the guy who ran the junkyard.

A week later, I was back there again and this time I got to see the



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car. The car was a '67 GTO that had been wrecked in front, had no motor, and was missing all the stainless steel trim and rocker moldings. (Those were the moldings that I was really looking for.) I asked the man what had happened to them. He told me they were pretty nice so he had taken them off and had them at home. You see...he had another '67 GTO, a little rough he said, and he wanted to sell *it* and all the spare parts off of this one, together. He said he lived in Ware, MO, a few miles from there. I asked him if we could go look now, but he said he'd have to drag the car out to where we could see it better. He called me the next week and said that he had the car running, but it was still stuck in the mud. I decided to make the trip again. The first mistake was probably going to look at this car. But the bigger mistake was taking my wife along.

We drove about an hour to get there, and when we pulled up I saw it. It was a dark blue '67 GTO hardtop and it wasn't too beat up. It had weathered a lot and had more surface-type rust. It had a couple flat tires and was stuck in the mud created by a leaking drain field from the septic system of their house. The trunk was stacked full of parts and junk, but around that you could see rust holes through to the ground. The interior was stacked up with the loose seats and other junk. It had a '67, 400, 2 bbl motor (not a GTO motor) and was an automatic transmission. It did run halfway decent. When I opened the passenger door to lean in and look around, I found an active wasp nest by the door hinge the size of a baseball. I closed the door pretty quickly! I wasn't too impressed by what I had seen. Then we went to his garage. There were my stainless steel rockers, not perfect, but plenty good enough to use if I polished them. He also had a 4 speed Muncie transmission with factory linkage out of the junkyard car, as well as many other parts and pieces. I knew I needed a bunch of this stuff, so I told him I'd think about it and let him know. As soon as we got in my truck to leave Gail immediately told me, "YOU ARE NOT SERIOUSLY CONSIDERING BUYING THAT JUNK!?" I told her I was still thinking about it.

I started adding up the cost of the big items he had, plus the parts car, and decided it wasn't too bad of a deal. I needed the 4 speed and the linkage to replace the 3 speed that was in my red car and I definitely needed the rockers. As a bonus it *was* a '67 GTO and the car came with all the stuff I needed! After the hour ride back home, Gail just shook her head and conceded.



I called him back and told him to air up the tires and drag it out of the septic fields to a spot where I could load it up. So on July 10, of 1991, I was a proud owner of a '67 GTO parts car.

The car sat until early 1992 while I built the motor for my

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red '67. I got the red car running that summer and in November of 1992 I started stripping out the '67 blue. I pulled out the old motor and transmission and stripped out the front fenders. It was a good winter project.

In the spring of '93, I pulled the high compression motor out of the red car and hauled the body to be worked on and painted. I had decided to build a 9 to 1 lower compression motor for the red car to run on premium unleaded pump gas. Since I had the high compression motor available I figured it was a good time to patch up "blue" and reuse the motor in it.



In late '93, I pulled the windshield out and did a lot of patching of rusted metal in the windshield channel area. The rear window area needed a lot of repairs as well. I'm no body man, but I got both ends repaired with quite a bit of help from my friend, Leroy Brune. All of the new metal was primed, but I just used canned blue spray paint, because I knew I'd have to paint the car down the road. It wasn't pretty, but it was all blue. I cut and installed a Lexan windshield and rear window in the car to save weight and cost of a new windshield.

The floor of the trunk was rusted out as well. Since I was into it this far, I replaced the body bushings in that area and then replaced most of the trunk floor pan, leaving just enough room to allow for a 10 gallon fuel cell instead of the original gas tank. By January of 1994, most all of that work was done. While it was apart, I replaced the front and lower control arm bushings and ball joints. I redid the brakes as well.

By April of '94, I installed the high compression motor out of my red car. I also found a used 4





speed Tremac (top loader Ford) transmission. Since some of the gears needed replacing anyway, I sent them to Liberty Gear and had pro-shift rings welded onto them. They take the damaged slider and main shaft gear and weld on a hardened steel part in its place. These parts have about a third of the teeth of the standard stock gear. This allows for a lot better shifting. In May the transmission was assembled and in the car, and by July the car was running.

In October of '94, I raced the car in a Gateway GTO drag event against the Corvette Club at MAR in Wentzville. I got beat because I broke out, but the car did run a 13.49, so I was pretty happy. I was running street slicks on Rally II wheels and traction was always a problem.

In '95, I cut out the rear fender wells to allow for some 10" Mickey Thompson slicks. It definitely helped my times. Later in the year when I went to the track, my times were 12.60's to 12.80's. I continued to run the car whenever I got a chance and with a few more tweaks, and by October of '96, I ran my best time of 12.12 at 111 mph. I had been running the car at MAR in Wentzville and since the car had started running faster, they wanted me to at least put a roll bar in it. In 1998 in preparation for the roll bar, I replaced the rest of the body mounts.

1999 brought about the installation of the 8 point Alston roll cage. With a LOT of help from my friend Rick Austerschmidt, we installed the roll cage. The car was now much more solid and the tech guys at MAR were happy. With the increased weight of the roll cage, my times went back up to between 12.60's and 12.70's. I liked it better when it was lighter and faster.

Since most of the cutting and grinding was done, it was time for a little better paint job. In 2000 we started stripping off the paint. Leroy and I had hopes of doing it ourselves. Once we got thru the paint...it was ugly. We made the decision to enlist the help of





Leroy's son-in-law, a professional body man. In his spare time over the next couple of years, we replaced and patched sheet metal and got it in primer. October of 2002 it was painted Atoll Blue, a favorite color of mine from the 1970 GTO's.

In August of 2003, I finally got back to the race track. We made several trips to Benton, IL with it, and aside from destroying the 12-bolt rear end, and

breaking shifter rail arms, we've had a lot of fun with it. It now has a Danny Miller 9" Ford rear end, 4.57 gears, spool, and 31 spline axles.

Now that everything is complete... the slicks are too old to run, and my safety belts are outdated. It's always something...

Since the writing of this article, my dad passed away. Going through photos for his service, I came upon this picture of him helping me bleed the brakes on the 67 Blue....I forgot to thank my biggest help and the one who influenced me the most.

Thanks Dad.



Presidents Scoop

The Presidents Scoop

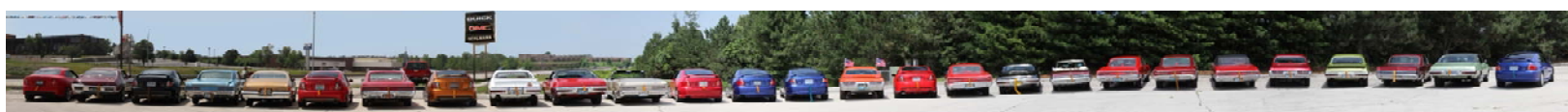
By Kerry Friedman

It has been a good run, my Presidency for the last 4 years. I am very Proud to have held this position and represent all of you at local Car Shows, and National GTO Conventions. And of course, the Main Event, was... Our National Convention last summer in Springfield. Although most of us didn't get to go on any of the tours or cruises that we would normally participate in, I think we all had a very fulfilling time based on the comments and thanks we got. We spent three years on this event, and the last two of those years were filled working on the Convention.

What is in store for the future of Gateway GTO, well I see it as at least one year, 2018 with lots of Cruises, tours, and events just to have Fun! So, help our new Officers and dream up so fun and interesting ideas for events to have all this fun at.

There is at least one that may be a "Bucket List" trip. Cruising Route 66 in a real Muscle Car. I am seriously considering taking the ride, but that means I have some very important repairs to the '69 that need to be made before undertaking such a cruise. 1st I need to resolve my oil leak. Do I pull the engine and replace the main rear seal? Or do I pull the engine and send it out to see what I could do to it to make it better? It has been over at least 14 or 15 years since it was rebuilt. I have frame issues and I'm not sure exactly what hold the body to the frame. When I bought the car, I know the radiator support was welded to the frame, so that helped keep things together. That was resolved and put back the correct way when the car was repainted. Why didn't I go all the way then? Is it just four more bolts to get the body off?

Now if I'm going to do any of this work myself, I must get all healed and strong from my recent broken elbow. We shall see. Since the trip is in the fall, air conditioning may not be necessary.





Presidents Scoop



Getting back to gateway GTO, I joined shortly after I bought the car. I don't remember how I found out about the Club, or why I joined. It may have been at one of my first car shows at Manchester United Methodist Church, where I met John and Linda Kehrein. They also had a GTO that was painted with Ford Electric Current Red paint. That was one of those strange coincidences. And after joining, it wasn't long before we started planning the 2005 Convention. We had all our meetings at the then Holiday Inn near Westport. That too was a great experience and a memory that I won't forget.

The best acquisition that I have gotten from owning a GTO and belonging to the Gateway GTO Association is the many true friends that I have made. With over 90 members, plus wives, associates, children and grand children, the Club is still growing. We are a real family that is always there to help each other. A rare sight at a Gateway event would be a broke-down car with nobody there to help you. From my experiences and seeing with my own eyes, help comes from everyone and out of the woodwork. When I had a ramp fall off the trailer and the GTO was pretty much just hanging there,

I hadn't done anything and before I knew it, the car was on the trailer. When one of us broke down on the highway, as soon as a member passed in his trailer, he unloaded it and towed the sick car to St. Louis.

Even though I am retiring from the Presidency, you can be sure, that I will be around for as long as I am able. Thank you all for everything you do.

Our next Chapter meeting, the 1st of 2018 is on February 1, at the Sport's Café. See you there.





Meeting Minutes



Minutes for 11/2/17

7:02 – Meeting Start – Possible new member Ed Bird was in attendance to check out the club. We played a video that Elliot Cytron brought in about the Wheels in Motion car show.

7:22 – Steve Paul gave a presentation about auto appraisal with his company “Test Drive Technologies”. His normal price for a regular appraisal is \$350 but Gateway GTO members will get a discount rate of \$300.

7:43 – Old Business – Kerry Friedman read a letter from Tim Dye thanking us for all of the work we put into the GTOAA Regional event in Pontiac, IL.

Jon Havens talked a bit about the Missouri Baptist car show. He said that the turnout was a little low, but they made more money than last year.

Kerry Friedman talked about the Knights of Columbus show in Columbia, IL.

7:46 – New Business – The final nominations for club officers are:

President – Terry Schott

MO Vice President – Chris Winslow and Mark Melrose

IL Vice President – Dan Jackson

Treasurer – Will Bowers

Secretary – Brian O’Sullivan

Chapter Rep – Frank Chapman

Ballots will be in the November newsletter and the new officers will be announced at the Christmas Party.

7:48 - Upcoming events –

11/12 – Montelle Winery Cruise. Meet at Francis Howell High School at 10:30AM.

12/2 – Gateway GTO Christmas Party at Hawkin House in Webster Groves, MO. \$15 per person and \$25 per couple.

January 2018 – Pizza Party, date and location to be announced.

6/26-6/30 – 2018 GTOAA Nationals in Valley Forge, PA.

September 2018 – Route 66 Cruise from Pontiac, IL.

7:53 – GTOAA – No updates

Earl Lewis brought in some Hagerty pricing guides that show that the GTOs are doing quite well price wise.

Chris Winslow presented a gift to Kerry Friedman. It was a framed picture from the Nationals this year.

7:57 – Tech – Jeff Bond brought in and talked about a broken shifter assembly from his 2006 GTO.

7:58 – Club Personals – Kerry Friedman brought in an X-Ray of all the metal in his elbow which he broke falling off of a ladder.

New member Tom Kelpé’s wife Lisa passed away from a car accident. The club’s thoughts are with him and his family.

8:03 – Motion to adjourn by Jeff Bond, seconded by Mark Melrose.

At his last meeting as President, Kerry Friedman won the 50/50 of \$25. Thanks for all of the hard work Kerry!

The next regular club business meeting will be on Thursday, February 1, at the Sports Café.



Official 2018 Gateway GTO Officer Ballot Form

The candidates below have been nominated as Officers for the 2018-19 term in accordance with the Club Constitution and By-Laws. Please print this page and vote for one candidate for each office. Only this form will be accepted and only if it is received by December 1, 2017.

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GATEWAY GTO SUPPORT OF THE PONTIAC OAKLAND AUTOMOBILE MUSEUM

Gateway GTO with support from the Heart of Illinois GTO Club and the Windy City GTO's once again hosted a successful fund raiser at the Pontiac Oakland Automobile Museum in September.

The event raised a total of \$3590 this year.

Pictured above is the presentation of the check to the Museum. From left to right are: Ken Braun of the Windy City GTO's, Pontiac Illinois Mayor Bob Russell, Tom Oxler of Gateway GTO Association, Museum Curator Tim Dye, and Tom Raufer of Heart of Illinios GTO Club

The letter from the Museum thanking the clubs for their support is shown on the next page.



Pontiac Oakland Museum



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October 27, 2017

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Dear Gateway GTO Association Club members:

On behalf of the staff and board of directors, I want to say "Thank You" for your generous donation. We appreciate your support of our annual All Pontiac Cruise & Show.

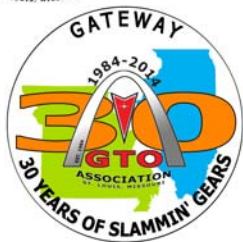
We truly appreciate your generosity. Your donation helps make it possible for the people who have never had the opportunity to own a magnificent piece of history, like a Pontiac or an Oakland, come in to see and learn about the automotive history that we are all so passionate about.

We have been fortunate to collect many wonderful pieces of Pontiac and Oakland history and to be able to house them in a brick and mortar location is even better. Your contribution to our show, which is our biggest fundraiser, helps us to store and maintain these pieces of history and with your donation it will help keep these artifacts available to the public so we can continue to educate those who visit.

Sincerely,

Tim Dye
Director





Year Of The 8's



Calling all owners of 1968 GTO's!

**In 2018, in celebration of:
50th Anniversary of the 1968 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 Concoeurs 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.

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GTOAA

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September 17-30, 2018

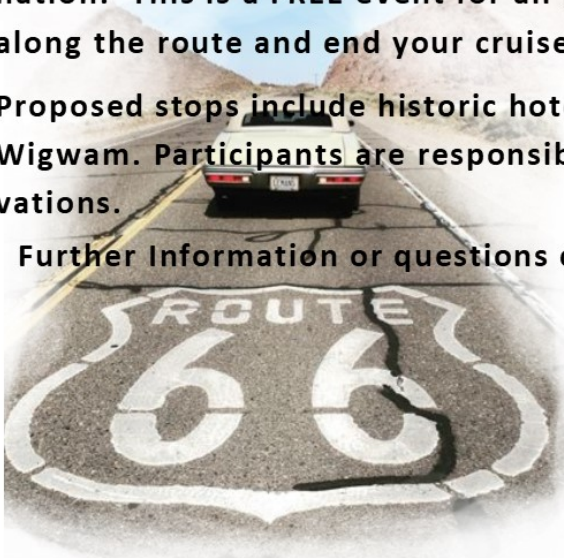
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This 1,700 mile 13 day cruise of old Route 66 kicks off from the Pontiac Oakland Museum in Pontiac Illinois September 17, 2018 following the GTOAA Regional event and will end September 30, 2018 in Needles California. All makes and model vehicles are invited to jump on board as we make our way to our destination. This is a FREE event for all participants, you may join in the cruise along the route and end your cruise at anytime.

Proposed stops include historic hotels; The Blue Swallow, El Rancho, and the Wigwam. Participants are responsible for making their own hotel/motel reservations.

Further Information or questions contact Tom; 636.288.1426 / toxler@prodigy.net



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Gateway GTO Association Points Submission Form

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Month _____

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Event	With GTO (40 Points)	Without GTO (20 Points)

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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) _____

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Submit completed form at GGTOA monthly meeting or to:
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To access form from GatewayGTO.com, click below
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2017 GATEWAY GTO CALENDAR OF EVENTS

November

12– Gateway GTO Wine Cruise at Montelle Winery in Augusta (CLUB SPONSORED). Meet at Francis Howell High School, 7001 South Highway 94 at 10:30am

December

2 - Gateway GTO Christmas Party at Hawken House (CLUB SPONSORED). Details to follow.

SEE THE FULL CALENDAR AT WWW.GATEWAYGTO.ORG

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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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