



THE HOOD SCOOP

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Baby's Story

By Jon Havens

Gateway GTO
Association



In my early years I was a Chevy guy. My first car was a '55 Chevy that I used for street racing - from 0 to 60 (1st and 2nd gear). I was HELL on wheels and won most of the races I ran. No time for girls, too busy racing (till I met Mary Ann)!

My parents sold the car when I went in the Navy in 1962. Mary Ann got a job after high school and we pooled our money and bought a '59 Chevy Impala convertible before we got married in 1964. We were coming home on leave in June 1965 when a car passing on a hill in Tennessee hit us head on. Thankfully we survived the crash, unfortunately the Impala did not! This led us to purchase a new '65 Impala. Later a new guy came into the squadron from the fleet, with his father he had just ordered a '65 Catalina 2 door hardtop, 421 HO, 4 speed, posi while he was aboard ship.

Mary Ann and I lived in town. My best friend and roomy in the barracks became friends with Don and the Catalina. We would invite them over for a meal and I soon became interested in the Pontiac. Don didn't care much about the car, he just liked to go FAST! They changed the cam which made it even faster, it would run over

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145 mph! I fell in love with the car and decided I had to have one of these big Pontiacs!

I got out of the Navy on August 18, 1966 when Mary Ann and I came home. I went to work helping build Phantom II aircraft at McDonnell Aircraft Corporation. Mary Ann got her old job back at Defense Contract Audit Agency. We lived in the Park Town Apartments not far from Northland Shopping Center. We worked hard and for a time had two jobs saving money to buy what we wanted, of course one of those was a new BIG Pontiac!

In 1967 decided it was time to trade in the '65 Chevy on a new Pontiac. The first dealer was Ken Bender Pontiac in St. Charles. I talked with a young salesman about my age about buying a 2+2. He informed me Pontiac had stopped making the 2+2! We sat down and tried to order what a 2+2 would have been in

1968. We went down the options list and I picked out options until I ran out of money! (I was making \$4/hr. at Mac) By the end of the week I had gone to four other dealers before I headed back to Ken Bender. The young salesman said he would beat the lowest price by \$50, and he did! This was the only time Mary Ann went along, she wanted to pick out something! The only thing left was color so that is why it's Vadoro Green!

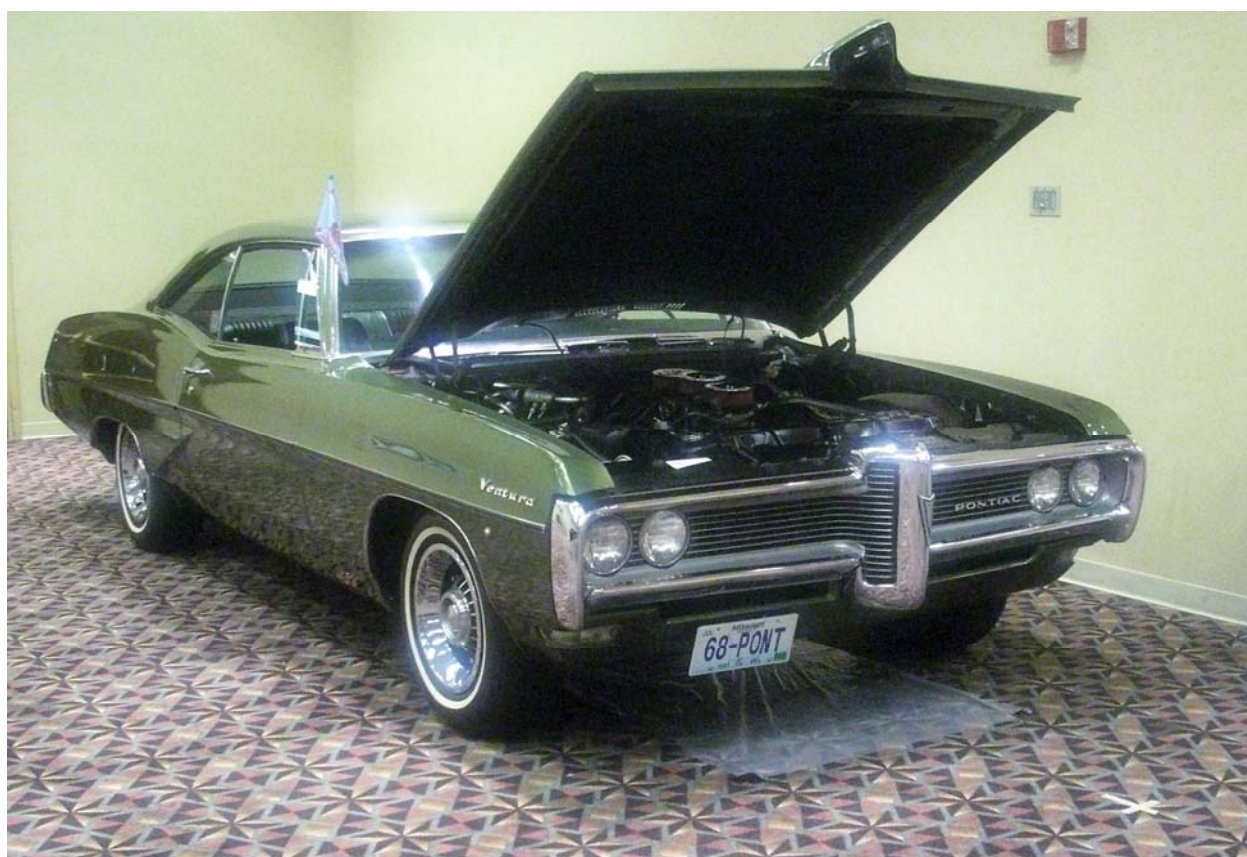
I drove the car to work at McDonnell then to Ozark Airlines until the summer of 1981. I decided to keep the car and make it a show car, it took over a year to clean it up and get it ready to show in 1982. The Pontiac Club had a show at the Museum of Transport when Ron Beach came up to check the car out. When he found out I ordered the car he wanted to know why I had not ordered 8 lug wheels. I told him I was afraid the salt would eat them

GTO of the Month

up. Turns out he had a set so I bought them and restored them. At this time I was buying parts to build my own '65 Tri-Power unit. By this time the 428 was apart and being rebuilt because of a timing chain problem. We built it back with factory parts and it ran real strong! Even better with Tri-Power!

My son and I started going to car shows almost every weekend. He was a great help cleaning Baby up! Once we figured out what to do we started winning a lot of awards! In July 1990 we went to our first Pontiac Nationals in Kansas City and I was lucky enough to win my semi-modified class! Since then she's been to 12 POCI Nationals and won 9 first, 2 seconds and 1 third. In the future I plan to participate in the new Original Owners Award which I helped establish.

I love my Baby and my son Johnathan and grandson Tyler does too! I know it will be taken care of long after I'm gone!





Presidents Scoop

The Presidents Scoop

By Terry Schott

Well, daylight savings time is now in effect so there are more hours of sunshine. Easter is over and it's time to clean up the car and get it ready to drive again. I always like it this time of year. The trees and flowers start to grow again and cool sunny days are perfect for getting out the GTO for a little cruisin'.

On Saturday, April 28th, Tom Fox and Laura Kiefer are hosting an open house at Tom's new house in Old Monroe, MO. What a perfect idea for a nice drive in the country to test out your GTO. I'll be sending out a reminder a little closer to the date. Please consider attending and be sure to RSVP to Laura by April 23, so they can have an accurate headcount.

As many of you know, I bought a 70 GTO convertible about 22 years ago. I wasn't in a big hurry to restore it, but I did start to tear it apart and to do some work on it. It was painted in August of 2006 and got a new convertible top in the spring of '07. For the last 10 years...life got in the way of my restoration.

Well it's finally time to get back on task. I'm starting to get back to working on it. My goal is to try to have it ready to possibly take it on the Route 66 cruise to California this September. Everyone should consider trying to participate in at least 1 leg of the cruise as it passes thru Illinois and Missouri. You can just take one day to go with the group. We will be discussing what Gateway GTO might be able to provide for the cruise as it passes thru Missouri. All vehicles are welcome. It doesn't have to be a GTO. You can take your daily driver, a rental car, or just about anything you can drive. I hope you will consider going on the cruise.

Hopefully you saw the design for the new club t-shirts in the last newsletter. Thanks to Tom Oxler for sending all the info to get the ball rolling. I really do like the design and think it looks great. Pricing for the men's tee, ladies' tee, and ladies' v-neck is \$20. The men's long sleeve tee is \$25. T-shirt order forms will be available at our regular meetings, as well as in our newsletter. If you can't make the meeting, email me your order info by printing out the form from the newsletter. We plan to buy extra shirts to have available, but would like you to let us know your current needs to help us with the order. The shirts will be available for pick up at our meetings or events. Try to get your orders in ASAP so we can get our order placed.

Currently, Chris Sklenar at CustomAutoApparel.com has our logo finished. You may know Chris from the GTOAA conventions. She runs the GTOAA club store, and you may have made purchases from her at any of those. I have ordered a denim shirt for me with the





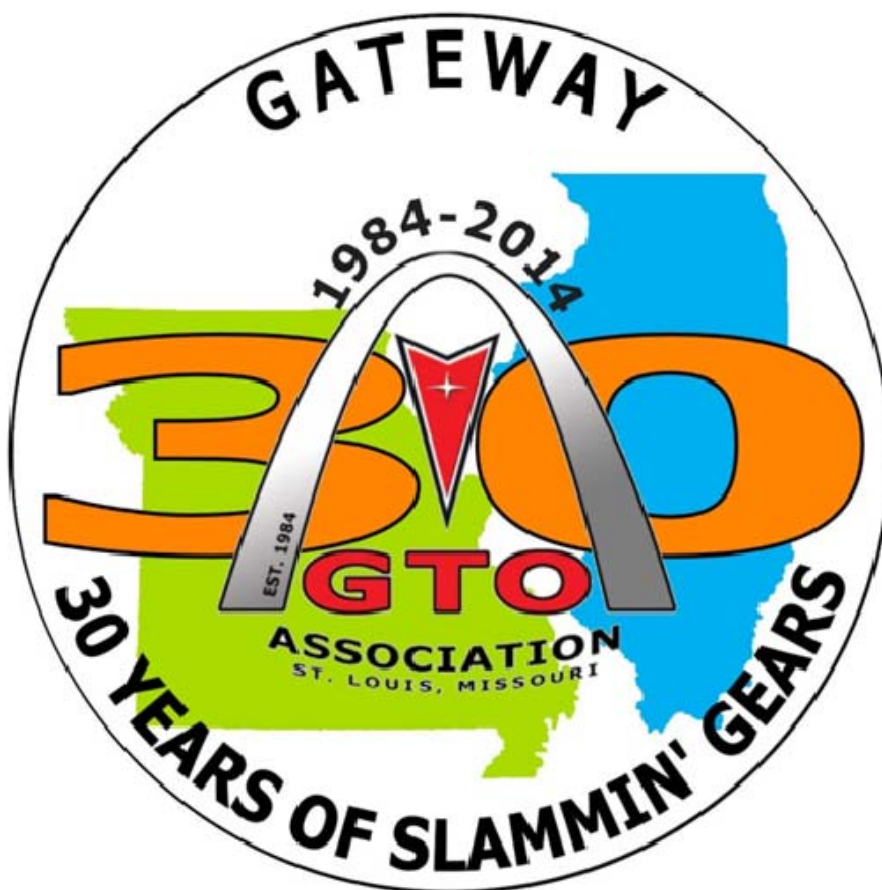
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embroidered Gateway GTO logo on it to have available for everyone to see. Chris will work on pricing of the shirts, hats, sweatshirts and jackets with the Gateway club logo on them. As soon as she's got it ready, I'll let you know. We will be able to order from her website, so that should make it easy for everyone and the club doesn't need to purchase items and then try to sell them. She has good quality products and I know you will be pleased.

In May, there are a couple of local events you may be interested in attending. On Sunday, May 6, is the Model T Swap Meet at Gateway Motorsports Park, and on Saturday, May 12, is the St. Louis Nostalgia Drag Racing at Gateway, as well.

Don't forget Saturday, June 2, is our club tour of the Wood River Refinery museum and lunch at King Louie's in Wood River. Be sure to put it on your calendar. Hope to see you there.





Presidents Scoop



T-Shirt Design

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****PLEASE NOTE:** Due to variations in garment size, it is not possible to show exact logo size and placement. The mockup shown is for illustrative purposes only and is NOT TO SCALE.



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FULL FRONT - 4.5" W x 15" H



BACK

PRINT COLORS:

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FULL BACK - 12" W x 10" H





Meeting Minutes



GGTOA Minutes: 4/5/18

7:04PM - Meeting Start – Speaker Rudy Beck came in and talked about estate planning and elder law. He was very informative and answered many questions.

8:06 – Old Business – Tom Oxler spoke about the Easter show.

Terry Schott brought in examples of the new club shirts. There should be an order form on the website and in the newsletter. \$20 for a t-shirt and \$25 for long sleeve.

It was also brought to attention that it is possible to order items from the GTOAA website and have the Gateway logo put on them.

Terry Schott talked about the Gateway GTO website's member's rides section. He said that it needed to be updated with new pictures and info. He also mentioned the associate e-mail update. All info and pictures should be sent to Chris Winslow.

8:17 – New Business – Tom Oxler talked about Gateway GTO Association's involvement in the Street Legends Cruise this fall. He said that it would be great if we put together a lunch stop with St. Louis style cuisine.

Terry Schott gave an update and some basic info for Mark Melrose's Road Rally. It is still in its planning phase.

Paula Winslow talked about a possible tour of "St. Louis Car Museum and Sales" in Overland.

Chris Simmons had details about the potential tour of Precision Restorations and gave some info on the company. Kerry Friedman also said that it would be a great opportunity to take a tour of the Four Hands Brewery, which is right around the corner.

Craig Glenn spoke about participating in the O'Fallon 4th of July Parade.

Terry Schott mentioned that some of the membership are still separately signing up for GTOAA. That is fine to do, but if it is done that way then the member still needs send info to Gateway.

8:34 – Upcoming Events –

4/28 – Housewarming Party hosted by Tom Fox

and Laura Kiefer

5/6 – Model T Swap Meet at Gateway Motorsports Park, Madison IL

5/12 – St. Louis Nostalgia Drag Racing, Gateway Motorsports Park.

6/2 – Tour of Wood River Refinery Museum and lunch at King Louie's Drive In, Wood River, IL (CSE)

6/26-6/30 – GTOAA National Convention in Valley Forge, PA (CSE)

8/3-8/5 – Ames Tri-Power Nationals, Norwalk, OH

8/18 – Woodward Dream Cruise

8/26 – Gateway GTO Club Picnic (CSE)

9/9 – Wheels in Motion Charity Car Show (CSE)

9/15-9/16 – Pontiac Regional event, Pontiac, IL (CSE)

9/17-9/30 – Street Legends Route 66 Cruise (CSE)

8:45 – GTOAA – Frank Chapman gave an update on the GTOAA website

8:46 – Tech – Earl Lewis brought in a special small battery pack that can be used to jump start cars and had few other uses. He also mentioned a new shop that is selling tires at cost. Tellie Tire (formerly Shamel Auto)

Chris Simmons talked about Pontiac Oil Pans and using dye kits to help find leaks.

Terry Schott informed everyone of a local sale of an 05 GTO. He also said that the guy from Dent's Express will be in to talk at a future meeting.

8:54 – Club Personals –

Steve Hedrick's father is recovering and doing much better after having had a stroke.

Terry Schott's brother is in the hospital.

Tootie May is recovering from knee surgery due to a torn meniscus.

Annette Morton's daughter is recovering from kidney surgery.

Donna Bower's mother is recovering from pneumonia.

8:56 – Motion to adjourn by Craig Glenn, seconded by Earl Lewis.

50/50 of \$25 won by John Taylor



Gateway GTO Activities

The Easter Car Show 2018

By

Tom and Terrie Oxler

It was also April Fool's Day and we were fooled thinking Easter would be a sunny, spring day!

IT WAS COLD! (As Donna Bowers and myself can attest to – see picture) However, the Gateway GTO Club attendance was good – Will and Donna Bowers, Mike and Kathy Duffie, Pat Garvey, Jon Havens, Rich Lacavich, Tom and Terrie Oxler, and new member Brian Putnam, a Wentzville City Police Officer with his white 64 GTO that used to be his father's, and our dedicated club photographer and his wife, Chris and Paula Winslow, came out just to take pictures!!

Driving down Highway 40 (I-64) towards Hampton, we thought we might be the only ones present but the turn out from the Gateway Club was great and the attendance at the Easter Show in Forest Park was much better than expected. The Club Display area was about 50% full and the Judged area about the same. By noon, the crowd of spectators had grown but people

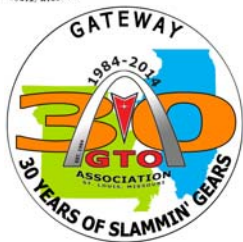


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and their cars were making their way for the exits as snow was on the way.

We made it home in time to see the sleet and snow start at 3 pm. Nothing like St. Louis weather to keep you guessing but we all had a great time and the cars were again spectacular.





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 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

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STREET LEGENDS TOUR



From Pontiac, Illinois to Needles, California

September 17-30, 2018

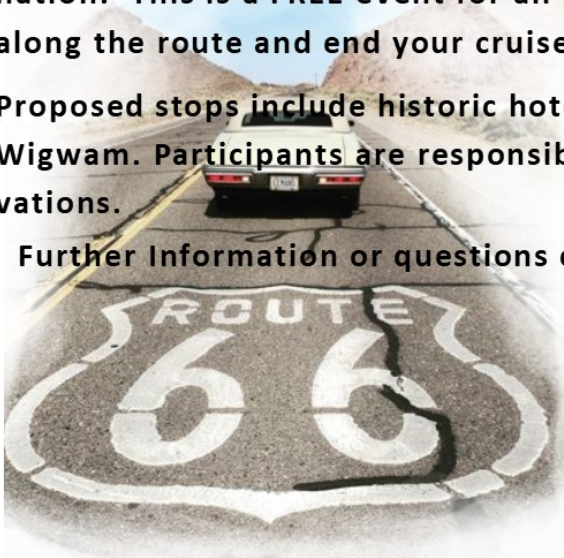
ALL MAKES, MODELS, & YEARS VEHICLES WELCOME!



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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(Please print clearly)

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Address: _____

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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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To access form from GatewayGTO.com, click below
<http://www.gatewaygto.org/clubpoints.html>

2018 GATEWAY GTO CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April

- 1 - Easter Car Show at Muny. Classic cars on the upper lot, New Age GTO's in the lower lot. Classic GTO owners send a check to Will Bowers for \$15 to reserve a spot.
- 5 - GTO MEETING 7PM at Sports Café (CLUB SPONSORED)
- 7 - JJ's Cruises at 1215 S. Duschene in St. Charles
- 28 - Housewarming Party at the Fox's new house

May

- 3 - GTO MEETING 7PM at Sports Café (CLUB SPONSORED)
- 6 - Model T Swap Meet at Gateway Motorsports Park, 700 Raceway Blvd, Madison IL 62060
- 12 - St. Louis Nostalgia Drag Racing at Gateway
- 7 - JJ's Cruises at 1215 S. Duschene in St. Charles
- 28 - 30th Annual Cobblestone Nationals at Fast Lane Classic Cars

June

- 2 - Wood River Refinery Tour and lunch at Kin Louie's
- 7 - GTO MEETING 7PM at Sports Café (CLUB SPONSORED)
- 9 - JJ's Cruises at 1215 S. Duschene in St. Charles
- 26-30 - GTOAA National Convention in Valley Forge, PA

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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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