



THE HOOD SCOOP

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My G8's

By Tim Wortkoetter

Gateway GTO
Association



My love of cars has been with me since I was very young. When I was little I used to ride in the rumble seat of my Grandpa's 1931 Chevy Independence 5 Window, even in the rain one time, but that is a story for another day. My first car was a 1991 Pontiac Grand AM with a 5 speed and the "big" 2.5 four-cylinder engine. Being 16, I thought it was fast, boy what I didn't know. My friends and I had many great times racing up HWY 40 to HWY N back when nothing was there. Try that today and your joyride will come with a hefty ticket.

After graduating college, I needed to get a new car for my wife (now ex-wife) and we were looking at several models. I was able to convince her to stay with Pontiac. I knew it was going to be a GM due to the family discount after my Grandpa's 40 years working in the Defiance OH plant. We looked at the Oldsmobile as well due to the price since they were closing that division, but they just didn't have the driving excitement of the Pontiac. We decided on another Grand Am, but this time it was the Ram Air version.

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The first time I saw the Pontiac G8 was at the winter car show in January 2008, to say I was disappointed in the look was an understatement. The show car they had was all black and up on one of the spinning tables, so it was not at eye level. I just didn't think the lines of the car matched what I saw in the magazines leading up to the release. That being said, I had read all the great things about the performance and driving mentioned in all the magazines. I also had driven a coworker's

2004 GTO so I knew what Holden could do. I was driving a 2000 Z28 Camaro at the time and after picking the car up from the shop after getting some repair work completed, I decided to go over to Suntrup Pontiac on the way home. They just happened to have the first G8 GT in St. Louis sitting in the bay. The first 888 cars were special serial numbered and it was number 041. The gleaming "liquid red" paint on this car was impressive and totally out shown the model at the car show. After argu-



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ing with the Sales Manager to honor the GM Employee Pricing, the car was mine. Thankfully it was the end of the month and they wanted to meet their sales numbers. The drive home was the first time behind the wheel as they would not allow me to test drive their prized possession, or should I now say mine!

I attended the drag day at Benson with the Gateway GTO club as a guest where I met a fellow car enthusiast driving a Dodge Charger R/T. We made several passes and I don't think the G8 had 1,000 miles on it, but I was still able to let the other driver know that Pontiac was the better choice. We put a friendly wager on the day of racing that whomever won would have to pay for dinner at the restaurant where the other club members were meeting later on. That sure was a tasty free dinner on the way home.

Due to life events, I had to sell the G8 that was a hard day for me to say the least. I did find out that the red 041 G8 still lives, but had a locked motor, had to have the engine replaced, and a salvaged title. I don't know where it is today, but hope it is still on the road.

My parents were gracious to give me their Pontiac Grand Prix GXP special edition when they got a new car so I was able to stay with a Pontiac, but it just wasn't the same. The Grand Prix served me well for a few years, but it had over 150,000 miles and was starting to need major work. I happened to be looking on Craigslist for cars and saw a G8 GT with 85,000 miles for what seemed like a reasonable price. I had been keeping an eye on the prices and they were holding strong. Gretchen and I went to IL to look at the car, it was at Wood River Nissan of all places. I don't know much about the history of the car, but I do know the car was from the Northeastern area of the country. It was white with a blue racing stripe and a cold air intake, but everything else appeared to be factory. After the test drive, I knew I had to get this car. It was Father's Day weekend, so WHY NOT! It felt so good to be back in a G8 again.



Car of the Month

I daily drove the car and was very active on the forums learning all I could. I was lucky enough to buy a set of the original Firehawk wheels directly from SLP when they stopped production. They only ended up producing a total of 27 Firehawk due to Pontiac going under. Some of the upgrades I have done to the car are full Kooks 1 7/8" headers, Borla mufflers, full Pedders supercar coilovers and bushings, 3.27 Camaro rear end, HSV club sport steering wheel and several small appearance changes. Shane Hinds custom tuned the car and it runs great. I have raced on the road course at Gateway, many auto-x with both the SCCA and Route 66 Corvette Club. It has been down the drag strip at 12.9 and 108 MPH on bald street tires during a hot August night.

While running a PDX at Gateway, I found out that I can only run 8 laps before the brakes overheat trying to slow a 4,000 lb car from 130 MPH on the straightway. Luckily, I was able to stay on the oval, get the car slowed down, and brought into the pits safely. I have most of the parts to upgrade to Brembos from the CTS-Vs which will solve that issue. I just need to get them to the powder coater. I also plan to upgrade the sway bars in time. I sure wish they would bring Pontiac back, but enjoy the "*driving excitement*" every time I turn the key!





Presidents Scoop

The Presidents Scoop

By Terry Schott

It seems to me like this summer is flying by. It's August already and getting close to the time for the Route 66 Cruise. I'm working every chance I can to get our 70 GTO put back together in hopes of taking it on the cruise. It's keeping me really busy but there are a lot of other things going on in the Gateway GTO club to keep everyone busy.

A group of ten people from Gateway just returned from the Ames Tri-Power Nationals in Norwalk, Ohio. Every year a group of us goes there to set up a booth and promote joining the GTOAA. It's a great event and it's a good way for our club to be recognized as well. The group signed up 52 new members as well as 40 renewals. It was a very successful trip.

Our next big event is on Saturday, August 25. The "Meals for a Million" is a charitable event held at the Family Arena in St. Charles. We currently have a group of 22 people registered to help. We will be working as a group, at tables of 10 or 12, to package up all of the dry ingredients to make either a rice & bean meal, or an apple cinnamon oatmeal packet. The meal will be sealed and packed into boxes. They asked for a donation of \$30.00 per person to help defray the costs of the arena and other expenses. The club is going to pay \$15/pp up to 20 people and we ask that you try to pay the balance the day of the event. It is a voluntary contribution, but keep in mind it is a great cause and that the food we prepare will be used to feed the hungry people in the local St Charles and St. Louis areas.

They will have an area marked off for parking the GTOs. Our shift to work is from 10 AM to 12 PM. Please plan on arriving at 9 AM, and wear your new Gateway GTO tee shirts. That way everyone will know that we are with the *original muscle cars, The Great Ones*, sitting outside. We will enter as a group, be given new t-shirts for sanitary reasons in packing the food (put them on over your Gateway shirt) and they will set us up at tables close together.

You are still able to join in the meal packing, even if you haven't signed up yet. Please send me an email if you'd like to attend so that we can provide the "Meals" staff of the correct headcount and parking spaces required. Afterwards we plan on having lunch in the area.

The day after the "Meals" event is Sunday, August 26, which is our annual Gateway GTO picnic. As usual, the club will provide the meats and we ask that you bring either a side dish or a dessert as well as what you want to drink. Barb Lewis will be out of town and we won't have her company's washer games available. If anyone has a washer game available, please bring it. Hopefully we can get enough to enjoy our washer tournament. Marty Howard has agreed to work up a bracket sheet for those participating.





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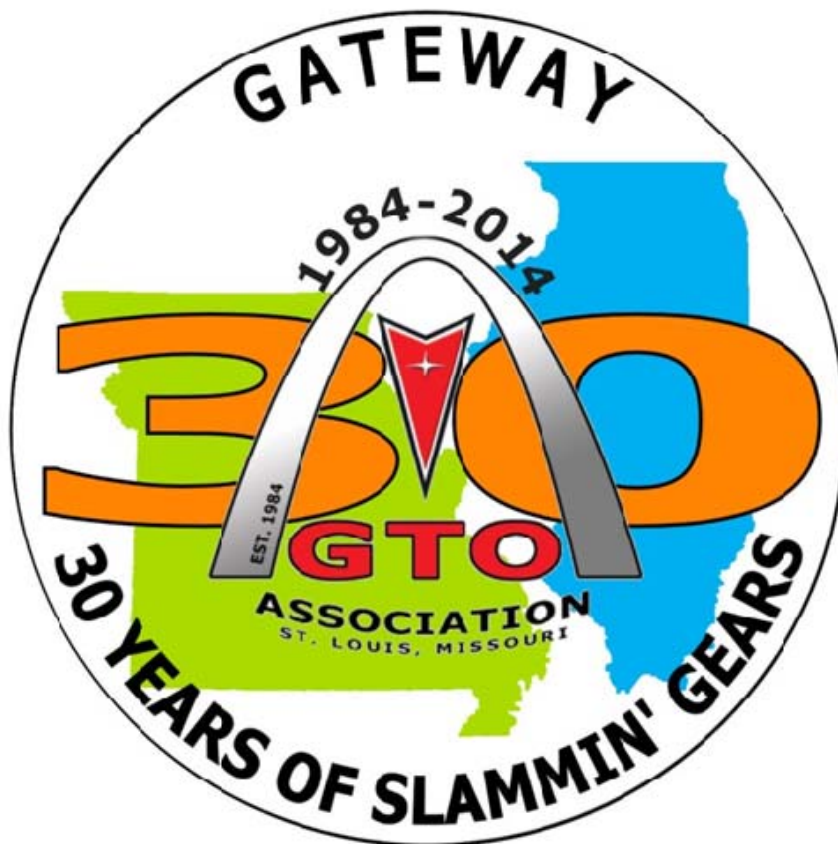


September will be our busiest month, as usual. On Saturday, September 8, the Modern Auto Cruise In is held in Washington, MO from 4 – 9. It is located at the dealership at 6224 Hwy. 100, a little west of Hwy. 47. According to member Leroy Brune, they usually have around 300 cars, so it's a great show to see.

The following day on Sunday, September 9, is the Wheels in Motion charity car show at Westport Plaza. We need everyone to help with the parking at the show and help with the raffle. Please be sure to collect items for the raffle and bring them with you that day. If you cannot attend the show, please get your raffle item to Terrie Oxler. For those of you unfamiliar with our raffle, the items are put on a table with a container in front of them. Patrons will purchase raffle tickets in either an arm's length or full span of both arms, and then they put half of their ticket into the container that they would like to win. At the end of the day, a ticket is pulled from each container and whoever holds the other end of the ticket wins that particular item.

Don't forget September 15 & 16 will be our annual Regional show in Pontiac, IL. At the end of it, we'll start the Route 66 Street Legends Cruise to California. For those of you not going on the cruise, the Dents Express BBQ is Saturday, September 29. I think there is plenty to keep everyone busy.

Hope to see you all at these upcoming events.





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FULL BACK - 12" W x 10" H





Meeting Minutes



GGTOA Minutes: 8/2/18

7:01PM – Meeting start – Old Business – Chris Winslow thanked everyone for coming to his open house. Everyone had a great time.

Gateway GTO Association won the Golden Quill award again due to Chris Winslow's excellent work on our monthly newsletter.

Terry Schott brought in examples of some of the merchandise that can be customized through the GTOAA club store.

Terry Schott reminded everyone about the member's rides update on the club website.

7:07 – New Business – Terry Schott talked about the "Party at the Beach Cruise-In" hosted by Gateway Classic Cars.

Terry and Gail Schott gave an update on the Meals for a Million event.

Terry Schott talked about an upcoming car show being put on by the Windy City Goats club.

Terry Schott mentioned the following items:

We need raffle items for the Wheels in Motion show.

He may be preparing another Schaffer Oil order.

Info on Pontiac Regional Event.

Club participation for the meal during the Route 66 Cruise.

Club Dues.

Dan Jackson talked about the St. Genevieve cruise coming up this October.

7:28 – Upcoming events

8/25 – Meals for a Million charity event

8/26 – Gateway GTO Club Picnic at Vago

Park (CSE)

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

9/15-9/16 – Pontiac Regional Event in Pontiac, Illinois. (CSE)

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

9/29 – Dents Express BBQ

10/27-10/28 – Illinois/St. Genevieve Fall Cruise (CSE)

7:36 – Tech – Terry Schott talked about the rebuild of his 1970 GTO. He's hoping to have it ready to go for the Route 66 Cruise in September.

7:44 – Club Personals

Lee and Steve Hedrick took the STL Honor Flight.

Terry Oxler's dad is still dealing with health issues.

Denny Dunn sold his GTO. Someone made him an offer he could not refuse.

7:47 – Motion to Adjourn by Paula Winslow, seconded by Craig Glenn.

50/50 of \$17 won by Kerry Friedman



Chief Pontiac's Connection to St. Louis....What??

By Will Bowers

I have lived in St. Louis almost all my life, and traveled to Pontiac, IL on numerous occasions (considered by many as the home of Pontiac Motors) I did not know there was a St Louis connection to Chief Pontiac. As we all know, Pontiac Motors was sadly killed off in favor of retaining the Buick line by Government Motors.

Pontiac was Chief of the Ottawa Indians. In 1763 he led the "Pontiac Conspiracy," it was an uprising against the British from the Great Lakes Region, to New York and then to Pennsylvania. He hoped to receive help from French troops, but he was greatly disappointed. His plan was to wipe out a British settlement in the Appalachian Mountains, he nearly succeeded, but after conquering Detroit he made peace in 1765.

Imagine my surprise when I found a link on the internet indicating that there is actually a St. Louis connection to Chief Pontiac! The link stated that the Chief is actually buried in St. Louis.

He was born in 1720, and was murdered on the outskirts of French Village, IL near the Cahokia Mounds on April 20, 1790, at the age of 48 or 49.

The plaque that commemorates his life is located at Broadway and Walnut Streets in St. Louis. It is actually affixed to the wall of a parking garage near Ball Park Village and his remains are presumed to be buried under the garage "Jimmy Hoffa" style.

Shown below is a picture of the plaque. If you wish to read more, the link to the article is: <https://nativeheritageproject.com/2012/05/24/chief-pontiac/>





RediRad

RediRad Radio

By Tom Oxler

The AM/FM radio in my 1966 GTO has always worked “OK”. However, with our planned GTOAA Route 66 Street Legends Cruise coming up in September, I was concerned that I would constantly be retuning the radio to different stations looking for news or music. I have been spoiled the last few years with Sirius Radio in my Avalanche where we listen to nothing but Oldies or Fox News.

Terrie & I drove her 2006 GTO back to Valley Forge for the 2018 GTOAA National Convention and we won the Longest Driven Award and received a certificate for a RediRad Radio adaptor. I had never looked at them closely but found this device will adapt my smart phone to play through my old GTO radio. I was not sure just how good this would work as many times; the normal AM or FM signals are not that good and I am constantly retuning the dial to get a better station.

I called Matt Planning with RediRad per the instructions I received with my Longest Driven Award. A week later the RediRad unit showed up so I proceeded to install it. It took all of about 10 minutes to install as RediRad supplies all of the items needed. There are just 4 connections: Remove the antenna from the radio and install it into the RediRad. Install the RediRad antenna plug into the radio. Connect the red wire to a switched 12-volt supply at the fuse panel (adapters are supplied) and connect the black wire to ground. That is it.

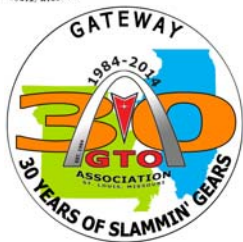
To get the RediRad to work, tune the FM radio to 91.1MHZ and plug the phono jack into your smart phone headphone jack. Download Pandora, Tune In Radio or whatever you want to listen to. It might take a little adjustment on the radio dial to actually find 91.1MHZ as the dial does not always coincide with the actual frequency. Once found, set it as a preset and you are all ready to go. I stuffed the unit under the dash right below the radio and ran the phono jack into the glove box where I keep it coiled up. The cord is plenty long enough to reach my smart phone as it lays on the console.

The music quality is excellent and there is no drifting or retuning as the RediRad signal is so strong that it overcomes any tuning drift the radio may have. Now we are ready for the 14 days on old Route 66 with our friends in GTOAA driving their GTOs and Pontiacs listening to the oldies.

I would highly recommend a RediRad unit for anyone with an old AM or FM radio as a RediRad brings these old units into the 21st century. You can order a RediRad by going to www.redirad.com or calling Matt Planning at 262-646-3363. They cost \$99. Matt has been a sponsor of the past two GTOAA Conventions and is a strong supporter of GTOAA.

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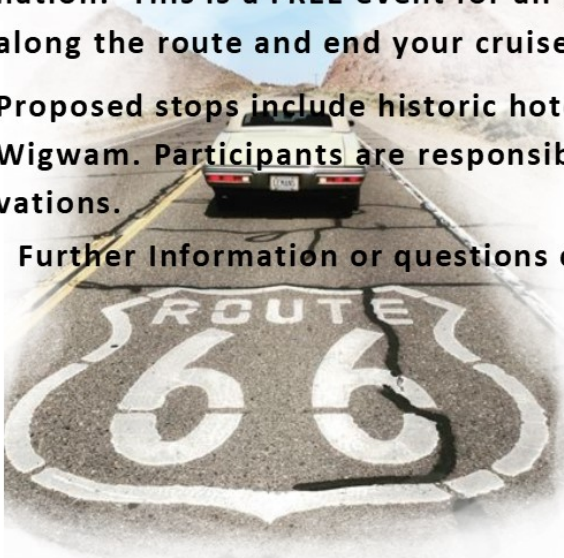
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This 1,700 mile 13 day cruise of old Route 66 kicks off from the Pontiac Oakland Museum in Pontiac Illinois September 17, 2018 following the GTOAA Regional event and will end September 30, 2018 in Needles California. All makes and model vehicles are 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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2018 GATEWAY GTO CALENDAR OF EVENTS

August

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

3-5 - 2018 Norwalk. Contact Terry Schott for more details

11 - JJ's Cruises at 1215 S. Duschene in St. Charles

25 - Meals For A Million Charity Event at Family Arena, voluntary \$15 per person donation on event day. Contact Terry Schott if you want to attend and let him know if you plan to bring a GTO.

26 - Gateway GTO Annual Picnic at Vago Park (CLUB SPONSORED)

September

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

8 - JJ's Cruises at 1215 S. Duschene in St. Charles

9 - Wheels in Motion Charity Car Show at Westport (CLUB SPONSORED)

15-16 - GTOAA Regional Event at Pontiac IL in support of the Pontiac Museum (CLUB SPONSORED)

17-30 - GTOAA Route 66 Street Legends Tour

29 - Dents Express Car Club BBQ Event (CLUB SPONSORED)

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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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