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January 2018

Gateway GTO
Association



GTO of the Month

My 68 GTO Refresh

By Mark Melrose



Since it's 2018, now we are in the "Year of the 8s", 1968 GTOs that is. Since my '68 was the *GTO of the Month* in the March 2011 *Hood Scoop*, I will try not to repeat much from that article except to say that the first GTO I owned was a 1968 hardtop I bought in 1972. Due to dramatically rising musclecar insurance premiums and the Arab Oil Embargo of 1973, I sold the car and replaced it with a more fuel efficient and insurance-friendly Ford Maverick (OK, no snickers please).

Fast-forward 30 years and I bought my current '68 in 2003. The car had been repainted around 1998 and had been treated to an engine rebuild about 5,000 miles before I acquired it. Aside from running great and having a reasonably fresh paint job, the car had issues. I spent the years between 2003 and 2013 addressing most of those issues (see the March 2011 *Hood Scoop* article). But paint chips and scratches were plentiful and I started seeing bubbles in the paint in telltale areas like the lower doors, quarter panels and front fenders. Based on high praise and recommendations from fellow Gateway members, in late 2012 I took the car to the Maserang brothers at Walnut Park Auto Body and asked for their quote for bodywork and a re-

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paint. Their pricing was reasonable and in my ballpark so I got on their waiting list. In February of 2014 I got a call from Scott Maserang saying they were ready to begin work on the car,

If you watch any of the car restoration shows on the History and Velocity channels you know that among the first steps are to disassemble the vehicle and ready it for media blasting. When the paint is blasted off the sheet





metal all the “warts” show up BIGTIME. While the original quote included new reproduction quarter panels, lots of additional “warts” were discovered: the doors needed rebuilding at the bottoms and the corners as well as new sheet metal “skins”, the front fenders contained hundreds of rust pin-holes that had been puttied over and painted, there was a 3” diameter hole in the roof near the driver’s A-pillar – also puttied and painted. It was also discovered that one side of the core support had completely rusted away and there were puttied dents in the hood, front valance and rear deck lid. So, new reproduction sheet metal was sourced to replace the door skins and fenders in addition to the quarter panels. While I sourced most of the parts, this was not an easy restoration since OEM sheet metal was either not available or priced in the stratosphere and as we went along many other issues

became apparent and begged to be addressed – the old “might as well syndrome” (while it’s apart we might as well do this and that).

What started out to be some bodywork and a repaint had morphed into basically a complete frame-on restoration except no drive train or suspension work was necessary. How complete? In addition to the bodywork, all the stainless moldings had dents removed and were polished, all the wiring was replaced along with the rear taillights and housings, all the standard incandescent light bulbs were replaced with LEDs (including all interior lighting), the standard steering column was replaced with a rebuilt tilt column, the heater box was replaced, the dash was refinished with new paint, knobs, repro instrument lenses and bezels. IP work included a new dashpad and replacement of the dash woodgrain with an

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engine-turned appliqué and the dash tach replaced with a Rally Clock.

So, how did it turn out? Since the car was repainted the same color (1989 Ford *Currant Red*) before and after photos don't really tell the story. Suffice it to say I am absolutely thrilled with the results – the car has essentially a brand new body and completely refurbished interior with many improvements and no more electrical problems. So, while the bottom line was about 2-1/2 times the original estimate, the car is 10+ times better than it was. Best indicator of the improvements is the fact that after showing the car four times at the

Pontiac Illinois Regional and picking up a 2nd and 3rd place award this past year I came home with a First in Class trophy. In my view there is no higher praise than that from fellow enthusiasts. Will I get back what I have spent? I think so but don't really care because the work was done by an expert Pontiac shop at reasonable cost with results noticeably superior to the original factory build. I also have the satisfaction of preventing another original era GTO from going to the crusher any time soon. Besides, I don't mind all the thumbs-ups and shout-outs I get while driving this beautiful car.





Presidents Scoop

The Presidents Scoop

By Terry Schott

Well it's 2018, another new year, and I'm hoping that you all had a great holiday season. First of all, I want to thank Kerry Friedman for the last 4 years as president of Gateway GTO. He's done an excellent job of running our club and we all appreciate his hard work. Kerry and his predecessors did leave some pretty big shoes to fill, but I'll do my best to run the club to the high standards that have been set. I also would like thank Steve Hedrick who is stepping down from his role as our Chapter Rep and Frank Chapman for his work as Vice President, IL. He will be taking on the responsibility of GTOAA Chapter Rep from Steve. Thank you to the new officers, Chris Winslow and Dan Jackson, as well as our incumbent officers, Will Bowers and Brian O'Sullivan.

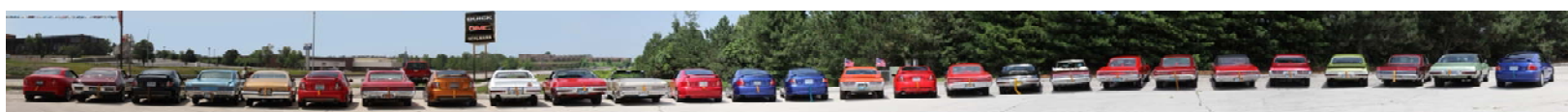
I've been a member of Gateway since 1986 and it's good to see that we have quite a few of the original members still involved in the club. This club is a wonderful group of people that knows how to work together to get a job done. I want to thank all of you for the great job done hosting the GTOAA Nationals in 2017. We've done it in 1994 and 2005, but no doubt this was probably the best one we have ever done. It was a great event and Gateway really showed everyone what kind of club we have. We spent a lot of time prepping for the nationals and consequently didn't have time to do as many of our own local events as we would normally do. It's my hopes that in 2018 we can get back to more of our normal activity schedule.

For 2018, we already know that we have our standard events which include the GTOAA Nationals in Valley Forge, PA, June 26 – June 30, 2018. September always brings the Wheels in Motion charity car show at Westport Plaza, as well as the Pontiac Regional Car Show in Pontiac, IL benefiting the Pontiac/Oakland Museum. It is a new year and the calendar is pretty open for your suggestions and we'd like to plan for more cruises and events. We need your input as well as your willingness to host the activities. We would also like to incorporate more speakers at our monthly meetings.

Another September event already on the schedule is a Route 66 cruise from Pontiac, IL to Needles, CA, following the Mother Road. It will be run similar to the "Hot Rod Power Tour", where you can jump in for part, or all of it, and jump out when it works best for you. For more details, see the tab on the GTOAA website, or talk with Tom Oxler, or Don Duryea.

Our first event of 2018 is the pizza party at Pirrone's Pizza, on Sunday, January 21, 2018, from 1PM to 4PM. As usual the club will furnish the pizza and the members are responsible for their drinks, salad, etc. Bring your appetite as well as your ideas for fun things to do.

Our first regularly scheduled meeting is Thursday, February 1, at 7 PM at Sports Café. For our newer members, Sports Café is located off of St. Charles Rock Road, at 3579





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Pennridge Dr., Bridgeton, MO 63044. Many members arrive around 6 PM to enjoy a meal prior to the 7PM meeting. Everyone is welcome to do so.

Per a request from one of our members, we are starting to use name tag stickers at our meetings. This helps new and old members to remember names with faces. We have picked up quite a few new members in the last year and I thought it was a very good suggestion.

If you have friends in any other car clubs, talk with them and see what activities that they have done. We can often get useful ideas that we can run with as well. From my past experience, hosting an event is not really that hard to do. You can always ask another friend in the club to help you host as well. And you might find that you have a lot of fun in the process. Your officers are here to help run the club, but it takes the members' suggestions and the help of everyone in the club to manage and run the events.

Looking forward to another great year in 2018, and I hope to see you at Pirrone's.





Gateway GTO Yearly Financial Report



GATEWAY GTO ASSOCIATION			
INCOME AND EXPENSE SUMMARY AS OF 12/31/17			
CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE 12/31/16			\$11,594.43
INCOME			
DUES TO GTOAA	1,825.00		
50/50	291.00		
CHRISTMAS PARTY	470.00		
SPONSORSHIPS/ADVERTISING	100.00		
REGIONAL MEET	5,802.50		
TRIVIA	380.00		
GGTO GEAR	50.00		
EASTER SHOW	180.00		
2017 NATIONALS	77,571.26		
MISC.	20.00		
	TOTAL INCOME		86,689.76
EXPENSES			
PIZZA PARTY	565.73		
NATIONALS 2017 EXPENSES	58,891.93		
TRIVIA	380.00		
CHRISTMAS PARTY	2,013.11		
PICNIC	227.25		
DUES TO GTOAA	2,070.00		
EASTER SHOW	225.00		
REGIONAL MEET	5,802.54		
WHEELS IN M	287.64		
INSURANCE	450.00		
MISC. EXPENSES	443.92		
WESITE	239.88		
CELEBRATION PARTY	2,141.31		
SCRAP BOOK	101.00		
ADJ.	(289.58)		
	TOTAL EXPENSES	73,549.73	-73549.31
CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE 12/31/17			\$24,734.88



2018 Route 66 Street Legends Cruise



GTOAA ROUTE 66 STREET LEGENDS CRUISE INTRODUCTION

**By
Tom Oxler**

I am Tom Oxler and my wife, Terrie, and I have driven Route 66 two previous times but rest assured, we are no experts. So, we have solicited the help of two more experienced Route 66 roadies, Don and Janice Duryea from Kansas to help us organize a great Cruise for you. Both couples are members of the GTO Association of America and GTOAA is sponsoring this event so there will be no cost to the participants other than your meals, motels and gas.

We plan on beginning our Route 66 Cruise in Pontiac, Illinois on Monday, September 17, 2018 immediately after the GTOAA Pontiac Museum Regional in Pontiac on Saturday and Sunday, September 15 -16. If you have a Pontiac or GTO or would just like to look at some of the best collector cars in the country, you might want to come early and enjoy the cars. See www.gtoaa.org for more details on the GTOAA Regional. We plan to end our Route 66 Cruise in Needles, California on Sunday, September 30, 2018. The current Itinerary and List of Hotels is posted on the GTOAA web site www.gtoaa.org and what is posted is the most current available so keep checking for changes, additions or updates.

We are designing this Cruise similar to the Hot Rod Power Tour in that we will tell you where we will start and end each day and you will be on your own to navigate Route 66 and take in all of the history it has to offer. We have designed our Itinerary to keep the mileage around 150 – 200 miles per day so there will be plenty of time for you to stop and check out all of the sights found along the way. Like the Power Tour, you can do the entire route or you can jump in and jump out anywhere along the route. If you are planning to attend, please fill out a Registration Form and return it so we know who you are and where you will be joining us.

Although we hope each of you bring your vintage GTO or Pontiac, you are certainly welcome to bring your daily drivers, rental cars and even Fords and Mopars. It is highly suggested that you sign up for AAA Plus as we will not be able to wait for you if you should break down. We will have a lot of “Motorheads” who can fix almost anything but having a good towing company like AAA is an asset you may want to have.





2018 Route 66 Street Legends Cruise



We are highly recommending you purchase the EZ66 Guide by Jerry McClanahan as it is one of the best Route 66 travel guides and it will be the one used by the Oxlers and Duryeas. There will be many sights along the way that we will not be stopping at but that should not dissuade you from going there. Places such as the Grand Canyon, Hoover Dam and the Santa Monica Peer are relatively close to our route and are a “Must See” if you have never seen them before.

We plan on giving each of you a map for the first two days, Monday and Tuesday, as Route 66 in Illinois and through St. Louis takes many routes so we will help you by showing you which of the routes we will be taking. A little Route 66 history is that Route 66 was never built as Route 66. It took over various existing roads and as other roads were paved and widened, Route 66 was changed to use the best roads available. That is why you will see different alignments as we go along and Illinois and St. Louis have 4 and sometimes 5 different alignments as better roads or new bridges across the Mississippi were built.

After Day 3, you will be expected to follow the EZ66 Guide to get to the next destination. Yes, you can follow us but you will be certainly separated at some stop light somewhere along the route so you must become familiar with the Guide and USE IT. We cannot stop everyone else so you can catch up. If totally lost, just use your GPS or cell phone and map in the next Lunch Stop or Hotel destination.

Our email addresses and cell phone numbers are below. Feel free to contact us and save our cell phone numbers for the Cruise.

Tom Oxler	toxler@prodigy.net	636-288-1426
Don Duryea	gtotiger@sbcglobal.net	316-259-0776

Happy Cruising

Tom & Don





2018 Route 66 Street Legends Cruise



GTOAA ROUTE 66 STREET LEGENDS CRUISE REGISTRATION FORM

Revision 1 (11-1-17)

NAME:

ADDRESS:

CELL PHONE:

EMAIL:

STARTING LOCATION:

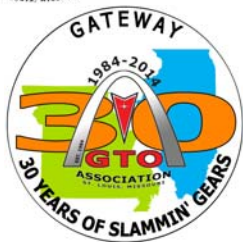
ENDING LOCATION:

VEHICLE:

Send ASAP so we have enough materials for you:

Tom Oxler 450 Muirfield Dr. St. Charles, MO 63304 or toxler@prodigy.net





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

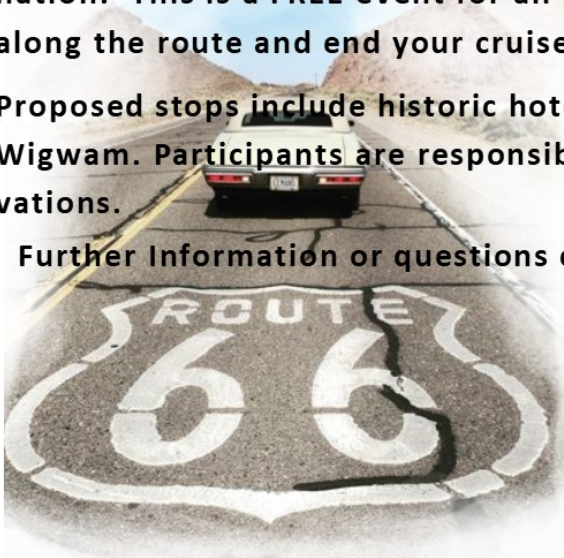
ALL MAKES, MODELS, & YEARS VEHICLES WELCOME!



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

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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)

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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) _____

Total Points for Month

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2017 GATEWAY GTO CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January

21– Gateway GTO Pizza Party (CLUB SPONSORED) at Pirrone's Pizza, 1775 Washington Street, Florissant MO 63033 1-4

February

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

March

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

April

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

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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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Gateway GTO Association Photo Album

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