



# THE HOOD SCOOP

June 2018

## The Great One and its Little Brother

By Doug Wollgast

Gateway GTO  
Association



My fascination with Pontiacs began with my dad's 1968 Tempest sport coupe. He had the car from new until I was about 10 years old. It was our everyday car. Despite the fact that over the years I have always gravitated to 1964 – 67 square bodied GTO's as my favorites I still had fond memories of the Tempest and wanted one if I found a nice original car. My brother Scott's favorite was the 1968. In the process of finding his first car (a highly optioned Nordic blue 1968 Le Mans hardtop) I came upon a 35000 mile completely original (down to the plug wires) Meridian Turquoise Tempest post coupe. It was absolutely stunning but the owner was asking \$6800 for it in 1989. We passed and the car was never sold.

Ten years later while attending a car cruise my wife and I ran across the car again. The owner came to the show with a cardboard for sale sign and the Tempest. I immediately knew it was the same car. This time she was desperate to find a care taker for her baby. She was moving to a house in the country on a long rock road and could not bear to drive it in that dust and rock. She wanted to find a new home for the car. She was more interested in the buyer and what they were going to do with the car than the money she would receive. Apparently she took a liking to my wife and I and we became the new owners in 1999. It was a perfectly preserved original car.

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## GTO of the Month



The original paint was all intact minus a few scrapes here and there. It was originally sold at Vincel Pontiac in St. Louis. It was a 350 auto, power steering, manual brakes sedan. All aspects of the car were in great condition.

It reminded me so much of my dad's car with it's new for 68 body style and the styled beaked chrome bumper.

Some may disagree with my decision, but I converted the car to a 4-speed, upgraded





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the motor to HO specs, added a posi-traction carrier with 3:55 gears and installed a hood tach and AM/FM radio. I used all the proper items from 1968 so the car appears as it could have been ordered. It has had many different wheel combos through the years including dog dishes, rally II, Hurst, and currently rally I wheels. All of which had Firestone redlines.

My brother Scott kept his Le Mans for all those years until about 3 years ago when it was destroyed in a serious accident. He walked away with minor injuries which was a testament to the cars design. Unfortunately there isn't enough space for that story here. About a year and a half later we were able to find him a replacement. This time he went the GTO route with a solar red hardtop, parchment top and interior. The car was essentially a rust free original from out west. It was highly optioned with turbo 400, air conditioning, power steering, brakes, console, 8-track, AM/FM, rear defrost, tilt, gauges, trunk release, remote mirror, rally II wheels, hideaway headlamps. After a thorough cleaning and some paint and dent work we decided to convert it to





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a 4-speed as well. This was done with all the proper 1968 components that could have been originally ordered on the car. Scott enjoys driving the car and joined the Gateway GTO association this last fall. Even though I am the older brother it turns out with this pair of cars, Scott wound up with “The Great One” and I have the little brother!





# Presidents Scoop

## The Presidents Scoop

By Terry Schott

Isn't St. Louis weather great?! Our April spring was mostly cold, so it wasn't very nice to get out with the car. But never fear, May turned out to break records for the hottest on record! Hope you are ready for summer, because it's already here to stay. Despite the heat, the Gateway GTO club has kept pretty busy. We provided some GTOs for a Veteran's Parade in St. Charles. I hope you all had the chance to read the thank you they sent to the club. Chris included it in last month's newsletter. They already have Veterans wanting to ride in our cars next year.

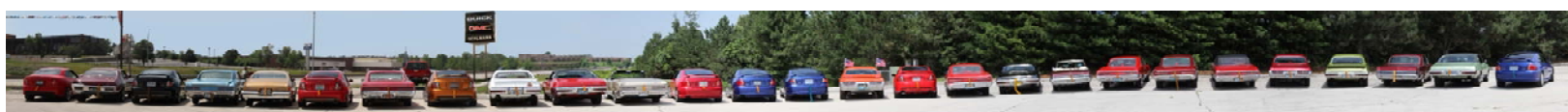
On Saturday May 19, thanks to Paula Winslow, the club got to tour the St. Louis Car Museum on Woodson Road. It's a nice museum with a great variety of cars. After the tour, we had lunch at the Chevy's Mexican Restaurant. It was a good day for an inside air conditioned event.

On Saturday, June 2, a group of us met at the Hen House restaurant to drive up to the Wood River Refinery tour in Roxanna, IL. Some of the group came early to have breakfast and the rest met there at 10 to caravan to the museum. We saw a brief video and then had some time for questions. Besides all the info from the Wood River museum, we were all impressed with the knowledge that Barb Lewis shared on the petroleum business. She had lots of answers, too! The museum was very interesting and we all enjoyed it. A spot shower came thru and sent a few GTOs leaving for fear of hail. The rest of us headed over to King Louie's Drive-In. Even though the rain lasted for a while, we were able to eat at tables under the awning so it worked out well. The food and drink were very good. Everyone especially liked their homemade root beer. Thanks again, to Jeff & Debbie Bond for hosting the event.

The following day was the Anchorfest car show in Centralia, MO. A few of our members made it to the show. The weather was great and Tom Oxler walked away with a trophy.

Our June meeting almost filled up the room at Sports Café. Nick Colandra spoke a few minutes about the Dents Express BBQ on Saturday, September 29. He also gave out discount cards for the club members to save on repairs.

Club t-shirts are in and we delivered about all of those that we had pre-ordered. We did purchase additional shirts in various sizes, but we already sold about 10 of those extras. If you are interested in one of the shirts, please contact me. I will have them at all of the meet-







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ings, but some sizes are limited. Please call me ASAP if you'd like to purchase one.

On Saturday, June 16, there is a tour of Precision Restoration. Club members will be meeting there around 10 AM at 4151 Forest Park Avenue. After the tour at Precision, we will be heading to the Four Hands Brewing Company at 1220 S. 8<sup>th</sup> Street, for tasting and touring. Thanks to Chris Simmons and Kerry Friedman for setting this up.

An open house at Chris & Paula Winslow's house is planned for Saturday, July 21. Hope you all can make it. Info has been sent out and a reminder will be sent closer to the date. Please RSVP to them at 636-294-8104 or email by July 14.

There are lots of events going through the rest of summer and into the fall. September is always a full month. Start looking for gift items now for the raffle table at our annual Wheels in Motion charity car show. Mark your calendars to help out with the Pontiac regional event September 15 - 16<sup>th</sup>. Remember to make your hotel reservations, asking for the GTOAA room rate.

The Route 66 Cruise starts in Pontiac, IL the day after the Regional event. You should consider going on at least 1 leg of the event as it passes through town. There is information on the website homepage and links to look over the route and hotel info. If you can't make any of the trip, consider coming out to the hotel in St. Clair, MO on September 18. Gateway is going to supply the evening meal to the cruisers on the trip. We'll have all the St. Louis favorites – Imo's Pizza, toasted raviolis, Budweiser beer and of course, Ted Drewes frozen custard. We will need help from a few of you to possibly pick up and deliver the food to the tour, as well as join us for the evening. Please consider it and contact Tom Oxler if you can help.

We have an overnight cruise planned for October 27 – 28. It will go south in Illinois and ferry the cars across the river to Ste. Genevieve, Missouri where we will visit some wineries. Watch for updates and info on this as well as other events. Hope to see you soon.





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## T-Shirt Design

**D30064**

**\*\*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.



**FRONT**

### PRINT COLORS:

\*Pantone colors are approximate unless otherwise noted



**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: 6/7/18

7:04PM - Meeting Start – Elliot Cytron came in and gave some info about the upcoming Wheels in Motion car show.

Nick Calandro from DENTS Express talked about a BBQ on September 29<sup>th</sup> and about their business.

7:11 – Old Business – Earl Lewis spoke about the Veterans Day Parade. They would like us to participate next year and they requested more cars if possible. He also mentioned that the Cobblestone Nationals show was good but had a low turnout.

Paula Winslow talked about the St. Louis Car Museum tour.

Jeff Bond spoke about the Woodrider Refinery Museum cruise.

Mark Melrose gave some info on Anchorfest car show. Dave Huesgen ended up have trouble with his clutch.

Terry Schott said that club Tee shirts are currently available. Tom Oxler mentioned that the GTOAA club store is willing to put the Gate-way logo on almost any of their merchandise.

Terry Schott reminded everyone that we are updating the member's rides section of the website and that you should send in pictures and info if you would like them to be added.

7:28 – New Business – Chris Simmons and Kerry Friedman talked about the upcoming tours of Precision Restoration and Four Hands Brewery

Paula spoke about her house warming party on July 21<sup>st</sup>.

Dan Jackson gave some info on a southern Illinois/St. Genevieve Fall Cruise that he is putting together. The current date is October 27-28.

7:45 – Upcoming Events –

6/26 – 6/30 – GTOAA Nationals in Valley

Forge, PA (CSE)

7/21 – Chris and Paula Winslow open house

8/3 - 8/5 – Ames Tri-Power Nationals in 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)

9/29 – Dents Express BBQ

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

7:57 – GTOAA - Tom Oxler talked about next years convention in Lawrenceburg, Indiana. It will be the first year for 2004 GTO concourse

7:59 – Tech – Tom Oxler mentioned a temperature sensor problem that he was having.

Daryll May talked about a car show in Illinois where he was interviewed because he was the oldest original owner at the show.

Terry Schott talked about work that he was doing to his 70 GTO.

Chris Simmons said that he has read that in the near future octane ratings may begin to climb, due to the fact that higher octane gas burns cleaner.

8:07 – Club Personals –

Donna Bower's mother is in intensive care.

Terry Oxlers dad is in an Alzheimers facility

Annette Morton's daughter is doing much better.

Arnie Beswick is having health issues.

Earl Lewis has officially retired.

8:10 – Motion to Adjourn by Earl Lewis, seconded by Craig Glenn.

50/50 of \$32 won by Dan Jackson







## 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**



# GTOAA

## STREET LEGENDS TOUR



From Pontiac, Illinois to Needles, California  
September 17-30, 2018

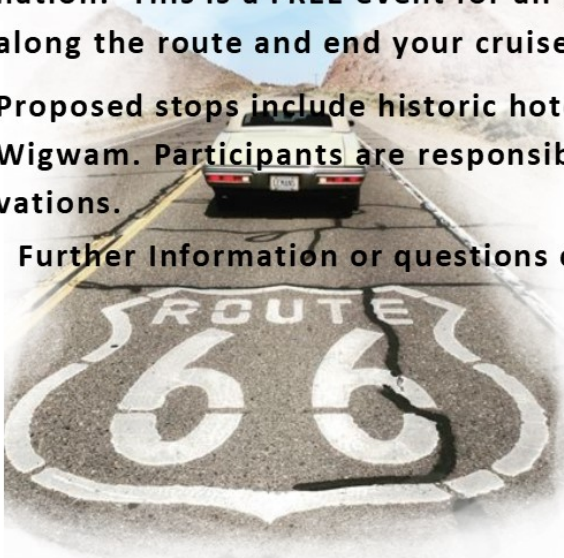
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This 1,700 mile 13 day cruise of old Route 66 kicks off from the Pontiac Oakland Museum in Pontiac Illinois September 17, 2018 following the GTOAA Regional event and will end September 30, 2018 in Needles California. All makes and model vehicles are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



[www.gtoaa.org](http://www.gtoaa.org)



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## Membership/**Renewal** Form

(Please print clearly)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Associate Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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Auto related interests, hobbies or talents:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**GTO Association of America membership number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**GTO Association of America membership renewal date:** \_\_\_\_\_

(found on address label of *Legend*)

### **PLEASE FILL IN ALL FIELDS**

**And mail with check to:**

Will Bowers, Treasurer  
Gateway GTO Association  
1 Goshen Woods Lane  
Edwardsville, IL 62025

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:  
B. O'Sullivan  
10637 St. Phillip Lane  
St. Anne, MO 63074

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

## 2018 GATEWAY GTO CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### 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

### July

- 5 - GTO MEETING 7PM at Sports Café (CLUB SPONSORED)
- 14 - JJ's Cruises at 1215 S. Duschene in St. Charles
- 21 - House and Garage warming party at Chris and Paula's

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

**SEE THE FULL CALENDAR AT [WWW.GATEWAYGTO.ORG](http://WWW.GATEWAYGTO.ORG)**

### **Gateway GTO Classifieds**

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69 GTO Engine.  
YS 400 .030 over. TRW pistons, stock recondition rods, ARP rod bolts.  
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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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