



THE HOOD SCOOP

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My 1969 GTO Story

By Craig Glenn

Gateway GTO
Association



In high school in the mid-seventies, a fellow student was selling his black 1969 Pontiac LeMans with white interior, which had a 350 engine and 2 speed automatic transmission drive ready, great condition for \$500.00. My dad (who worked for the GM plant when it was in St. Louis) purchased it for me and I drove it for a couple years, then sold it and bought a 1973 Pontiac Grand Prix! That is how my interest in Pontiac muscle cars began!

In 1995 I decided I wanted another Pontiac and set my sights on the 1969 GTO! I looked for several months back when classifieds were in the newspaper and finally found one I was interested in. The car was located in Florissant, MO, owned by a college student. I drove it, put a deposit on it and a week later after he located the title (!), I bought it for \$2,500.00 as a



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Car of the Month

restoration project for my daughter and I. It's condition was fair - rust spots, needed paint job, had 350 engine with 3 speed manual tranny, no air conditioning and manual drum brakes!

In 1996 I joined the GTO club after talking with my friend Don Bright who was also a member. Then, I began looking for a period-correct 400 engine. I found one in a junkyard out of a 1968 Bonneville wagon, and bought it for \$500. From there, after bringing the engine home, I began the process of getting it rebuilt. I contacted Summit racing and told them my story and that my end goal was to be able to be at a stop light next to a Mustang GT 5.0 - and be able to blow his doors off!! They sent me all the parts needed to make it happen!

After I got the engine installed, I began on the body work. Knowing nothing about this, I went to the library and checked out a couple of books on the subject. Then I went to Lowes and bought a welder! I knew nothing about welding, but after reading - I bought some scrap metal home from work and started practicing. I ended up doing most of the body work myself with the exception of the 2 rear quarter panels - which I took to a body shop to do for me. Then I started sanding and priming the body for paint. After that was done in 1998, a friend painted it for me in his garage - the classic Carousel Red you see today, which actually looks orange!

Then, I decided it was too hard to stop this muscle machine! So, I bought new power disc brakes and installed them. And at the same time, I added air conditioning to the car, I did these things myself as winter projects. That was around 2010. Then a few years later I found a 4 speed transmission to replace the 3 speed and installed it myself!

I started working seriously on the interior about 2015, replacing the headliner, front seat covers and door panels. It made a big difference!

I don't think I would trade my 69 GTO for anything else. It's fun to drive and I'm still amazed when I stop in town for gas or just out driving, the compliments and looks that this 50 year old Goat gets makes it all worth it.





Presidents Scoop

The Presidents Scoop

By Terry Schott

I think that Spring has finally arrived. The trees are budding out and the grass is starting to grow. The snow in November made for a long winter but finally, it's over. Now we can start to focus on cruises, car shows and other outdoor activities.

One of our last indoor events was the Mastermind Room Escape. Gateway had a group of 16 people which was the maximum we could take. Our group was split up between 2 rooms and it was decided to do women vs. men. After a brief informational video, we split up with 60 minutes to escape our rooms. Our particular rooms were the DaVinci Rooms. Without giving away too much detail, I'll explain how the room works. Our goal was to find the hidden Mona Lisa painting and the key to get out of the room. There were clues hidden everywhere in the room. Most all of the furniture, desks and cabinets are locked with locks requiring a number or letter combination to unlock them. Inside the various locked drawers are clues as well as other items. The job is to use what is available to figure out combinations and then find what lock it might open. You are watched on a camera and have a 2 way radio to ask questions if you are stumped. You are allowed 3 clues total. There is a countdown clock and the time goes by quicker than you think. Our group did pretty good but with 20 minutes left we asked for our first clue. It helped us to continue and we found that some clues that we had found earlier could not be used until you got close to the end. It turned out that the men used 2 clues total and we escaped with about 4 minutes left. We immediately went to see if the women had escaped and much to our delight, they had not!

The women escaped with about 2 minutes left. Although they were pleased that they had escaped, they were not happy that we had escaped before them. Being the nice guys that we are, we would never rub that in. I think everyone that participated really enjoyed it and we would all be willing to try it again sometime.

After the escape room most of our group headed over to Marty's, "Club Howard" for a few hours of pinball and pizza. Thanks to Marty for setting this up and for hosting the after party. It was another great event.

Our next club event will be the Easter Car Show in Forrest Park. We have a group of around 15 cars consisting of cars from both Gateway GTO and the Arch Chapter of POCI. The group will be meeting at the McDonalds on Hampton at 8:30 AM and going in as a group.



Presidents Scoop

There are a few spots left, please call Tom Oxler or Will Bowers if you have any questions.

Another upcoming event is on Saturday, May 4. It's the Immanuel Church, St. Charles Annual Parade. It's short, only a couple hour event, but it's a chance to give a ride to a Veteran. Last year we were given pretty short notice, but thanks to Earl Lewis, who rounded up some cars, it worked out okay. This year with a little more notice I hope we can provide a few more cars. They only need about 10-12 cars and other car clubs may participate as well. I will be sending out more information as we get a little closer to the event.

Thanks to Mark and Sandra Melrose, a road rally event is being planned for Saturday, June 1. It will be a joint event with the Arch Chapter of POCI, as well. We will send out more info as it becomes available. The Melrose's have hosted road rallies in the past and they have always been challenging and fun. Mark your calendars and plan to participate. I'll keep you posted on future events.



Be sure to note that the convention site is up and can be accessed at www.gtoaa.org



Gateway GTO Meeting Minutes



Minutes 4/4/19

7:08PM – Meeting Start – Terry Oxler’s sister and brother in-law were in attendance.

Old Business – Terry Schott talked about Joe and Bev Mayweather’s vow renewal ceremony.

Steve Hedrick talked about the St. Patrick’s dance for the Honor Flight charity.

Gail Schott talked about the Mastermind escape room event. Everyone had a great time. Both groups managed to escape. The men did it in 56 minutes and the women did it in 58.

Terry Schott talked about the Nor Cal GTO posters.

7:14PM – New Business – Terry Schott talked about the Easter Car Show

Terry Schott talked about the Immanuel St. Charles Parade ride for veterans.

Mark Melrose talked about the Road Rally being held on June 1st.

Earl Lewis talked about Hagerty Insurance venturing into liability and D and O. He also mentioned that he has a Route 66 guru that would be willing to come to a meeting and talk a bit.

7:24 – Upcoming Events

Mark Melrose mentioned that the St. Louis area cars and coffee shows are starting soon.

4/21 – Easter Car Show (CSE)

5/4 – Immanuel St. Charles Annual Parade (CSE)

5/5 – Model T Swap Meet – Gateway Motorsports Park, Madison, Illinois

5/11 – Frisco Hill Auto Car Show 10AM-2PM

5/18 – BacStoppalooza Car Show 10:30-

5:00PM – Chesterfield Premium Outlet Mall

6/1 – Road Rally

6/2 – Museum of Transport Orphan Car Show – Upper Lot 11:00AM-2:00PM

6/25-6/29 – GTOAA National Convention in Lawrenceburg, IN (CSE)

6/28 – Street Legends Reunion Breakfast. 8AM. 2019 GTOAA Convention

8/2-8/4 – Ames Tri-Power Nationals, Norwalk, OH

8/24 – Meals for a Million (CSE)

9/8 – Wheels in Motion Charity Car Show (CSE)

9/21-9/22 – Pontiac Regional event, Pontiac IL (CSE)

10/6 – Gateway GTO Club Picnic (CSE)

12/7 – Gateway GTO Christmas Party (CSE)

7:31 – GTOAA – Tom Oxler talked a bit about changes to upcoming National Events

7:32 – Tech – Darryl May talked about some work being done to his GTO

Chris Winslow is having clutch problems in his Trans Am

7:38 – Club Personals

Jeff and Debbie Bond’s last meeting will likely be next month, as they are moving to Florida.

Earl Lewis just had a big birthday

Terry Schott’s daughter got her doctorate.

7:40 – Motion to Adjourn by Paula Winslow, seconded by Earl Lewis.

50/50 of \$24 won by Mark Melrose



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.



Route 66 Cruise Days 12 and 13

GTOAA ROUTE 66 STREET LEGENDS CRUISE

BY G. TOM OXLER

Days 12 and 13
September 28 and 29, 2018
Holbrook, AZ to Kingman, AZ



We begin Day 12 losing 1 daily driver for a total of 25 vehicles. The weather looks great and we have a short, 130-mile trip through Northern Arizona. Perfect weather for viewing and cruising. We lined up the GTOs and Pontiacs in front of the teepees for one last photo as we leave.

Our first stop is at Ella's Frontier Trading Post, just outside Holbrook in Joseph City, AZ. Ella's was built in 1927 out of old telephone poles by sometimes poet, circus clown and taxidermist, Fredrick Rawson, and has been abandoned since 1984. The stretch of Route 66 in front of Ella's made for a great photo op and our Tour Directors shot a video of the GTOs and Pontiacs lined up on the old road. There was very little traffic so we had the road all to ourselves.

Just down the road from Ella's is the Jackrabbit Trading Post. If you drive Route 66 at all, you will see many of the famous "Here It Is" Rabbit signs all over the southwest. Many of our wives pre-ordered signs with our own customized mileage. The girls swarmed the gift shop



again, looking and finding many “blingy” items. The more bling the better it appears to me but what do I know.

Our next stop was for breakfast at the La Posada Hotel in Winslow, AZ since Holbrook and Winslow are only 30 miles apart. The La Posada was originally a Fred Harvey Railroad Hotel built in 1930. It closed in the 1950s and was turned into railroad offices and was purchased by the current owners in 1997 and was completely refurbished to its past splendor and glory. Terrie & I have wanted to stay here on all three of our Route 66 trips but with the La



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Posada being just 30 miles from the Wigwam, we decided to stay here on our trip back home. The Duryeas and the Melroses decided to do the same thing.

After breakfast in the famous Turquoise Room, we all went into downtown Winslow where the term “Standing on the Corner in Winslow Arizona” was made famous by the Take it Easy song by the Eagles in 1972. My good friend and current President of GTOAA, Vic Schreck, could not help but use a picture of my broken GTO on a flatbed Ford and a little Photoshopped to remind me that my GTO was home in my garage.





Just 20 miles down the road lies the Meteor Crater. Formed 49,000 years ago, this crater was made by a 30 to 50-meter chunk of iron and blasted out 175 million tons of rock forming a crater nearly a mile wide and 570 feet deep. You truly cannot get a grasp of the size of this crater without taking the tour and standing along the rim looking into the huge crater.

Most of Route 66 through this section is I-40 so we hop on the Interstate and stop at Two Guns. Two Guns was a very typical Route 66

tourist trap created to get people to stop and spend money. This trap contained wild animals such as mountain lions in cages that once you paid, you could walk through the animal park and view them. You can still see the remains of many of the cages. There were two roadside zoos and a cave that could be toured back in the day.

As we stop in Flagstaff, we join many of the Arizona GTOAA and POCI members at Freddy's for some hamburgers and car viewing. There were close to 60 GTOs and Pontiacs including our 25. The Cactus GTOs, the Desert Renegades and the Arizona POCI clubs have some great GTOs and Pontiacs that most of us have never seen before.

After dinner, we cruised on to Williams, AZ our final destination and our rooms at the Canyon Motel. The Canyon has many individual cabins and several rooms are in old rail cars. We made a quick trip into town for a night cap with Denny Deal and the Cactus GTO Club at the South Rim Garage which had a 1967 GTO inside. How appropriate. We later sat out on the deck around the Finkenbinder, Oxler & Kelly rail car and finished off the Rum Chata. The air up at 7,000 feet is nice and cool and the alcohol works better than normal. Glad my room was 10 feet way.

No mechanical issues today other than the belching GTOs and Pontiacs as the altitude is still around 7,000 feet. Those long stroke Pontiac motors do not like the thin air much.





We begin Day 13 losing our friends from New Mexico but picking up new friends from California, Nevada and Arizona for a total of 28 vehicles. The weather looks great and we have a somewhat rushed day today as we need to be in Kingman at about 12:30pm so we can partake in the Andy Devine Days. The section of Route 66 through Seligman on into Kingman is very scenic. It is well off the Interstate and basically in the middle of nowhere. You can see for miles and miles in every direction.

Our first stop is at Seligman, AZ home of Juan and Angel Delgadillo. Juan was the owner of the Snow Cap Drive Inn while Angel ran the local Barber Shop. Juan passed away in 2004 but the Snow Cap is alive and well. Angel still visits the Barber Shop and cuts



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some hair when he can. When he is not there, a cardboard stand-in makes for great pictures. Angel's Barber shop also serves as the Route 66 Visitor Center with many Route 66 items and more bling for the ladies.

From Seligman, we head to our meeting location with the Arizona GTOs and Pontiacs - the Hackberry General Store. As we arrive, we can see many of the Arizona contingent have already arrived. What a sight. Come up over the hill and all you see is GTOs and Pontiacs. We get parked with our Arizona buddies and begin looking around the Hackberry General Store. About 11:30, Thom Sherwood and Denny Deal, the leaders of the Arizona GTO and Pontiac Clubs, get everyone together for a Drivers Meeting telling everyone that Kingman is ready for the GTOs and Pontiacs to arrive and that we will have special parking along Beal Street that the city has blocked off for their Andy Devine Days Celebration and Car show.



What a sight. There must be 60 GTOs and Pontiacs heading together down old Route 66 about 30 miles into Kingman, AZ. We come down Andy Devine Boulevard, Route 66, and turn right onto Beal street where the road is totally blocked. However, when they see all of the GTOs and Pontiacs, the barricades were removed and we drove right to our parking spots. Several of us found a local brewery so we went in for lunch and sampled some of the local beer.



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Several couples had planned to go all of the way to Santa Monica, CA but did not want to take their old cars so they rented a van. I was able to get them in contact with fellow GTOAA member Dale Jensen who stored their old cars while they made their way to and from Santa Monica.

Later that afternoon, we adjourned to our motel, the El Travatore, to freshen up and get ready for the large banquet the Cactus GTO Club, Desert Renegade POCI Club and the Arizona POCI Club had planned for us that evening. I would not recommend the El Travatore until it gets refurbished. It was not what we had expected and was the only hotel/motel that we stayed in that I would not recommend.

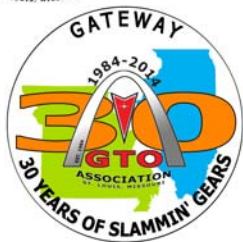
All of the GTOAA Route 66 Street Legends Cruisers were treated to a great buffet dinner thanks to the generosity of the Cactus GTO Club. Right after dinner, Jeff Lovich gave us a very informative talk about some of his pet peeves at some of the famous car auctions. He said you have to be very careful in reading some of the owner's descriptions and what it says may not always be what it really is.

Don Duryea and I got up to make a few presentations. First was presenting the couples who completed the entire route from Pontiac, IL to Needles, Ca. Then came our Master Mechanic Award given to Terry Schott for bringing out the famous coveralls and repairing many of our GTOs, Pontiacs and even a Ford. Lastly, Don presented his Number Two and Number Three Awards. Number Two went to Alan and Liane Finkenbinder while Number Three went to Dave and Carol Sindelar. The Finkenbinders and Sindelars had a spirited competition on the entire route to see who could get behind our leaders, the Duryeas each day.

We had a surprise guest who decided to put on an impromptu show for us, Elvis (Jeff Caldwell) Presley. Almost everyone had seen Jeff and Susan and their Pink Cadillac but we were all surprised that he brought his Tiger sequined outfit and proceeded to serenade the ladies and even a few of the guys. I had seen Jeff perform in Trenton, Illinois many years ago when he owned a bar there in Trenton. I had no idea just how good he was and how he made our evening so memorable. Thank You Jeff and Susan.

Our only mechanical issues today were Tugboat Tom and Debby Arzberger had a flat tire when they woke up in Williams. They had AAA tow it and had it fixed in no time. AAA comes to the rescue again. Rich and Sue Vie noted a soft brake pedal and stopped in Ashfork and found a leak in the rear brake line. The garage spliced in a new line and they caught up with us in Seligman.





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2019 GATEWAY GTO CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April

- 4 - GTO MEETING 7PM at Sports Café (CLUB SPONSORED)
- 21 - 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.

May

- 2 - GTO MEETING 7PM at Sports Café (CLUB SPONSORED)
- 4 - Immanuel St. Charles Church Parade - Details to follow
- 5 - Model T Club's 51st Annual Swap Meet and Car Sale at Gateway Motorsports Park
- 27 - 31st Annual Cobblestone Nationals at Fast Lane Classic Cars

June

- 1 - Road Rally with POCI - Details to follow
- 2 - Museum of Transport Orphan Car Show - Upper Lot, 11:00-2:00
- 6 - GTO MEETING 7PM at Sports Café (CLUB SPONSORED)
- 25-29 - GTOAA Nationals in Lawrenceburg, In (CLUB SPONSORED)

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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.

Gateway GTO Association Photo Album

If you have photos of past events or if you take pictures of future events that you think would be good for our Photo Album, please send them to the newsletter editor.

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