



# THE HOOD SCOOP

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## 2019 Annual Gateway GTO Picnic and Washer Tournament

by Gail Schott

Gateway GTO  
Association



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This year's picnic was held on Sunday, October 6. It was pushed out a little bit in order to avoid the heat that we had last year. As it turned out, the weather was cooler, but along with the cooler temperatures we had overcast skies. This did not daunt our hearty crew of BBQ'rs! This year we had the expertise of Tony Bezzole, Rich Vie, Richie Vie and Robert Anderson. Collectively they put out another great array of barbequed meats for us to enjoy.

Terry and Gail Schott arrived at 8:00 AM and started the task of cleaning out the BBQ pits. As it turned out, the used charcoal had already been dumped and we just had to wire-brush the grates and load them up with fresh charcoal and set them afire. Tony arrived shortly, and we completed the cleaning and firing task. Rich Vie arrived and as soon as the coals were ready, they started loading up



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# Gateway GTO Picnic



the grills with pork steaks, chicken breasts, hamburgers, bratwurst, and hot dogs. Around 11 AM, members started arriving, and by the time it was all over we had approximately 48 members who participated in the lunch and washer tournament.

Many thanks to Barb Lewis, who even though is now retired, is keeping in good graces with her former employer in order to borrow the many washer games that they have. Many of us played in the tournament again. Even though some light rain showers showed up..., the games went on! The competition

and anticipation were at their max. The washers would clang into the box, but with frustration..., would often bounce right back out onto the pavement! Ahh..., but when they would “stick”, shouts of joy would erupt from the team! Tony Bezzole was once again on the winning team. He and Joe Mayweather beat out the competition. Tom Oxler and Will Bowers, each holding up one finger must have thought *they* were number 1?! But alas, no, those were big “L’s”, ...the winners of the “Losers!”



So, whether you were relaxing and watching the game, perusing thru the magazines that Will Bowers was trying to purge before their move, scratching your head while watching Bob Blattel perform some of his magic, or “throwin’ them washers”, everyone seemed to have a great time.





# Presidents Scoop



## The Presidents Scoop

By Terry Schott

The start of the holiday season is upon us and our Gateway GTO activities are winding down for the year. On October 13, we had our annual fall wine cruise to Montelle Winery. The weather was great, which was a pleasant surprise after all the rainy weekend events. Gateway had a great turnout with many GTO's. We moved a bunch of tables from the upper level to make one very long table, as well as a shorter table. We also had a group of people from the Arch Chapter of POCI join us. We were glad to have them there. The musical entertainment was great and I think everyone really had a good time.

Your Gateway officers had an officers meeting at the home of Chris and Paula Winslow to discuss a few issues. A big thank you to Chris and Paula for hosting the meeting. The club is financially sound, but we feel that we need to look forward to ensure that it stays that way. Income from a previous lawsuit settlement, as well as proceeds from hosting the 2017 GTOAA convention, made it possible to eliminate Gateway membership dues for a number of years. The \$35 dues that we charge go directly to GTOAA to pay for their annual dues. It is a good way to maintain our 100% status with GTOAA. We do have normal operating expenses for the club, and we felt that we need to go back to an income source to help offset that.

I had already covered all of this in a previous email, but I thought it would be good to remind everyone here as well. Starting January 2020, all GTOAA dues will still be required to be paid, but in 2020 we are asking all members to mail them directly to GTOAA. You can also do it online through the GTOAA website. Click on the top bar, "Join" tab, and it will take you right to it. As of January, 2021 Gateway will again start charging annual dues, comparable to what we used to charge. They will be due at the annual pizza party. For those not able to attend, they will be due by January 30. We will award a 30 day grace period after which your membership will be dropped.

We will continue to have the January pizza party, the barbeque/picnic in the fall, and our Christmas party in December. The cost for the Christmas party will need to increase to help cover the cost of the meal. These measures will help to ensure the financial security of the club.

Once again this year we will be collecting toys for our annual toy drive for St. Teresa and Bridget parish in north St. Louis. Please donate new or gently used unwrapped toys to help the needy children. The toy drive ends on December 6 and there will be 6 drop-off sites around the area that you can use. A flyer with more info will be emailed.

Our final event of 2019 will be our Christmas party. It will be held at the same venue again this year, the Webster Groves Barn, on Saturday, December 7. It will run from 5 – 10 PM. We will have a buffet meal and the cost will be \$20 per person. We will also have our "Rob-Your-Neighbor" gift exchange for anyone who wants to participate. Please send your checks to





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Will Bowers, 1 Goshen Woods Dr., Edwardsville, IL 62025, by November 23 so that we can get our headcount for food. A flyer for it will also be sent.

I hope all of you will be able to attend. Be sure to mark your calendars and get your reservations to Will. I look forward to seeing you there.







# Gateway GTO Meeting Minutes



## Minutes 11/7/19

7:03PM – Meeting Start

Old Business – Terry Schott said that we were able to give a \$2,250 check to the Pontiac Museum after the Pontiac Regional Event

Terry Schott talked about the Wheels in Motion show. Even though the show was cancelled due to inclement weather, we were able to raise \$850. A donor has offered to match our donation, so we will be able to give \$1,700 to the charity.

Terry Schott talked about the club picnic. There was a great turnout despite the rain. The food was excellent. Tony Bezzole won the washer tournament for the third time.

Mark Melrose talked briefly about the Montelle Winery Cruise. Everyone had a great time.

Laura Kiefer is working on the club photo album for this years activities.

Officers Meeting: Terry Schott spoke about the Officer's Meeting held in October. Several items were covered. In 2020 the Gateway GTO Association will no longer accept dues on behalf of the GTOAA. The membership will now be responsible for turning in their renewals directly to the GTOAA based on their start date with the organization. For 2020 there will still be no additional dues for membership in The Gateway GTO Association. In 2021 we will be re-activating annual dues for membership in the Gateway GTO Association, all to be due in January of each year. It was also decided to increase the price to attend the annual Christmas party, to help recover some of the considerable cost of putting it together. It will increase to \$20 per person, starting with the 2019 Christmas Party. It was also decided to eliminate the annual club participation award due low participation in the program.

The GTOAA will be taking over all major duties for the annual GTOAA Nationals from 2021 forward. The events would still be hosted

and worked by local clubs, but GTOAA will handle all of the planning and heavy footwork.

7:21 – New Business

Officer Nominations – There was only one nomination for a new officer this year. It was Tom Oxler for chapter representative. The current chapter rep is Frank Chapman, who will be stepping down. Since all current and nominated officers would be running unopposed it was decided to forgo a standard vote. At the meeting the current club secretary Brian O'Sullivan placed a single vote across the board to accept all current and nominated into office.

Terry Schott and Chris Winslow discussed proposed changes to the club bylaws. These will be needed after the annual dues are altered in 2021, in an effort to keep the Gateway GTO Association at 100% GTOAA membership. Mark Melrose made a motion to vote on the proposed bylaw changes, seconded by Paula Winslow. There was a vote with 40 members in good standing in attendance. The bylaw changes were approved unanimously.

Terry Schott talked about the annual Christmas Toy Drive. Please contact [info@blattels.com](mailto:info@blattels.com) for more information. The drive ends on December 6<sup>th</sup>.

Terry Schott talked about the Christmas Party.

7:35 – Upcoming events

12/7 – Annual Christmas Party. \$20 per person to be paid to Will Bowers.

1/??/20 – Pizza Party. Time and location to be determined. We are currently searching for a new location due to price increase at Pirrone's last year.

7:42 – GTOAA – Frank Chapman spoke about the upcoming national event in Wichita, KS. Registration for the event should be open on December 1<sup>st</sup>.

It was mentioned that anyone with a GTOAA membership can get a free bidder's pass for





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Mecum Auto Auctions.

7:47 – Tech – Chris Simmons talked about different headliner materials.

Earl Lewis talked about the break in that occurred in his Avalanche. He said that insurance should replace any seat that gets glass in it due to a shattered window.

7:56 – Personals

Dory Havens mother passed away

Donna Bowers recovering from breast cancer surgery

Tom Oxler will soon have his other shoulder worked on

Terri Oxler will soon have surgery on her hand for skin cancer

Evelyn Beswick is recovering from cancer

Cecil and Annette Morton are working through Cecil's ailment

Dave Huesgen is doing better after his seizure.

Ashley Lewis had surgery on her nose to repair damage done from her seizure.

8:00 – Motion to Adjourn by John Taylor, seconded by Craig Glenn.

50/50 of \$43 won by Mark Melrose



The background of the flyer is dark blue with various white snowflake patterns of different sizes scattered throughout.

# HOLIDAY MAGIC TOY DRIVE

ENDS DECEMBER 6<sup>TH</sup>

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## Tech Article



# Next Gen GTO Gas Cap Conundrum

By Chris Winslow

As I think some of you may have heard, Mrs. GTO has been having some issues with her Torrid Red '06. Specifically, the ratchet mechanism in the gas cap had failed. That is actually a pretty common problem and in fact that was one of the longer surviving gas caps. My car, with much lower mileage, had failed several years ago.

What happened next was really interesting. Tom went onto Amazon and purchased a new gas cap from Amazon. The cap came, and it screwed into the filler neck and clicked, so Tom thought it was problem solved.

A day or two later, the car threw a check engine light. Tom brought the car over to my place, and we found it had a EVAP related code, so we figured it must be a bad gas cap that was leaking. Tom had Amazon send him a replacement cap, we cleared the code, but a day or two later it was back.

At this point, Tom replaced several other parts of the EVAP system, only to have the code keep returning.

After exhausting all of the options he could think of Tom took the GTO over to Earl's garage to have DJ take a look at it. DJ hooked up a smoke injector to the system and immediately they started to see smoke pouring out from around the gas cap. When they took a really close look at the gas cap, they were able to figure out it was not fully seating.

At that point, Tom gave me a call and explained the situation and asked if I had a cap on hand in my spare parts collection. I was running a few errands when he called, but then returned home to check my inventory. Unfortunately I did not have one in stock.

I was worried based on what had happened to this point about getting another bad gas cap, so I did not want to trust any of the car parts companies catalogs. Instead I went to AC-Delco's website and got their listing for the correct cap, GT291. I found the Autozone near me had one left in stock, so I went and grabbed it and ran it over to Earl's.

When I got there and we compared the two gas caps, we found that the one Amazon had sent Tom (twice) was not the correct cap for these cars. It had a threaded coupling whereas these cars use what is probably best described as a bayonet arrangement.

We installed the new cap and DJ reran the smoke test. This time the cap held tight. He cleared the code and Mrs. GTO's GTO was back in service.

Following this, I did some additional research on this part and found there are lots of listing issues in the part number cross referencing. According to an original parts breakdown list for the 2004-2006 cars, the original gas cap fitted was part number 10372866. That part was discontinued (probably because it tended to fail so prematurely). The GM sites now call



for 10372246 when you search the catalog for the correct current part number for these cars. This, however, is where things get interesting. If instead you search for the original part number (10372866) the GM sites tell you that the correct superseding part number is 15794103, not 10372246. Confused yet?

And, of course, all of these caps are really manufactured by AC-Delco. They have different part numbers in their system. The table below summarizes all of this:

Listings	GM PN	AC-Delco PN
Original (Both now obsolete)	10372866	V24A01R1
GM Catalog (Current)	10372246	GT283
GM Superseding Cross Reference to 10372866	15794103	GT291
AC-Delco Catalog (Current)	15794103	GT291

What is interesting about all of this is that GM considers 15794103 to be the correct superseding cap for 10372866, but yet instead lists 10372246 as the correct cap for the new GTO's. Even more confused??

So, if you go to a GM parts retailer, such as GM Parts House, and use their catalog and order a cap, you will get an AC Delco GT283. On the other hand, if you go to the AC-Delco website or any retailers the rely on their listings for their AC-Delco inventory, you will end up with a GT291 (which is what we put on Terrie's car).

To check all of this out, I ordered a 10372246 from a GM dealer and a GT291 from Amazon. What I got from the dealer (once the strike was over!) was an AC-Delco cap in a bag that carried both the 10372246 part number and the GT283 part number. What I got from Amazon was an AC-Delco cap in a bag that carried both the 15794103 part number and the GT291 part number.

So, which one do I think is correct for these cars? Actually I think either will work. They both have a very similar shaped feature to grab the underside of the fuel filler neck and snug down the seal. Also, the one we put on Terrie's 06' is the GT291. Looking at the one I have in my car, it is clearly the GT283 (not surprising since I ordered it from the dealer a few years back). Both seem to be doing the job. Which one is better? I would probably give the nod to the GT291 since it has the additional feature of guides to help get it initially positioned.

Of course, neither of these parts matches what Amazon sent Tom, so I have no idea how they came to that cross reference. I think the message there is that you cannot trust Amazon to give you the correct parts listings. If you want to buy parts from them, you will want to check the listing independently.

How did we end up with two different listings for the same application? I am guessing

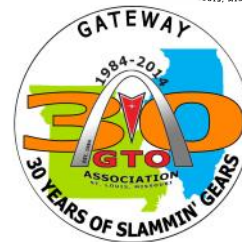
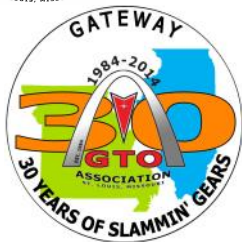


this may be an Australian cross reference issue. Probably some application folks at GM US looked for a suitable sub and locked in on the 10372246 for the parts catalog, but some other folks somewhere else within GM thought 15794103 would be better. I think the moral of this story is that with these cars, we are going to have to really watch the part number supersedences when trying to buy replacement factory parts.





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## 2019 GATEWAY GTO CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### December

- 7 - Gateway GTO Christmas Party at Webster Groves Barn, 1155 South Rock Hill Road from 5 to 10 PM. \$20 per person due to Will Bowers by November 23rd. Make all checks payable to Gateway GTO

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

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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.

## 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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