



# THE HOOD SCOOP

December 2020

## GTO of the Month

Terry and Gail Schott's 67 GTO

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Association



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You might say that I was born with Pontiac in my blood. My grandfather started selling Pontiacs in 1926, the first year that they were available. The dealership was known as Fox Creek Garage, on what was then old U.S. Route 66 in Fox Creek, Missouri. It had a one car showroom, wooden floors, and two work/service bays. My father and my 3 uncles all worked for my grandfather in the business. Uncle Harold and Uncle Bud were the salesmen and my dad and Uncle Gil were the service mechanics. Over the years, the business had several names, but as I was growing up it was known as Schott's Pontiac. I grew up in the house next door to the garage. Every morning before school while waiting for the bus I would sweep the showroom floor and help carry out the trash. Around new car announcement in mid September, we would throw away all the old Pontiac brochures and posters. (You know, the stuff we all pay good money for now!) After school my time was spent scraping carbon from piston heads and helping disassemble and clean heads for valve jobs. After all, isn't that what all guys did after school? So my love for Pontiacs runs deep.

My first car, (at the age of 14) was a 1949 Chevrolet with a 3 speed on the column. At weekend gatherings, my cousins and I would drive our



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cars in the fields close to home. The cars would be driven like little old ladies in front of the parents, but as soon as we were out of their sight... the dust would fly! We worked at putting the cars into skids versus trying to recover from them!



When I turned 16, I paid \$50 for a flat-head straight 8, 1951 Pontiac. It had fat round-end fenders, a fat sun visor over the windshield and a prism on the dash in order to see the traffic signals from under the visor. (You know; a real chick magnet.)

My longings for a GTO were just that, longings. There was no way I could afford one, much less pay for the insurance. So instead, my next car when I was 17 was an Aquamarine, 1966, 2-door Catalina with a 3 speed on the column and bench seats. Although it was only a 2-barrel single exhaust it did beat a 352 Ford 4-barrel, twice! My buddy Steve whined after the first run, so we did it again.

He didn't even stop after the second one...

With cars in my blood, in my junior year of high school I transferred to South County Technical School for their auto mechanics course. Within one week of graduation, my friend Tom and I decided to join the Army. We spent 3 years in the Construction Engineers and discharged in 1975. Gail and I got engaged and we married in 1976.

In 1983, after 7 years of marriage we built our home and then in 1986 started our family. We have 2 wonderful daughters, Kelly and Jennifer. Along with starting our family I joined the Gateway GTO Club and started going to a few car shows even though we did not own a



GTO yet. In March of 1988, I found a 1970 GTO locally. It was advertised as a Judge and had the stripes and spoiler and it had the correct motor, a 400 automatic. When I went to look at the car and checked the numbers it was a GTO, but not a Judge. I think





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I hurt the owner's feelings when I told him that his car was not really a Judge, because he insisted that it was. The car was priced fair and after a little more talking, I was the owner of a black/black 70 GTO "joker" Judge. Not really what I was looking for, but I couldn't wait any longer to own a goat. In my haste to buy it, I didn't look as closely as I should have underneath. I learned more about that later.

My one Ford buddy, Dave, had just bought a 1988, 5.0 Mustang and every day he was challenging me to race. In September of 88, we drove them both to Gateway to find out how they ran. We couldn't get paired up side by side so we just had to go by our time slips. I ran my best ET of 15.52 at 93.808 mph. The car had more, but it had no posi and only street tires. It took a lot of brake torque to get that good of a run. I beat Dave on mph, but with his posi-traction and new tires he bested me with 15.50 on his best run. (Fast forward Benton Dragway, 2008; I beat him 2 out of 2! J But it was a close race both times and worth the wait!)

The next day when I got home from work and opened the garage, gasoline was all over the floor. I had flexed the rusty frame enough that it cracked the gas line. After a repair and lot of careful inspection, I decided to sell this car in

October of 88.

During the Judge ownership, I was still looking for my dream 67. While looking through the paper, I found a Verdoro Green, 68 GTO in Maryville, IL. It only had 65,000 miles, was exceptionally clean, and even though it wasn't my 67, I had to have this one. This was May of 88. I still own the car and drive it occasionally but it has an exhaust manifold leak and the radiator is leaking, so it sits.

Still I was looking for my 67. Spring was just around the corner! I got a copy of Hemmings and decided to start looking "away" from the salt belt. I tried a phone inquiry out of Scottsdale, AZ. After several calls and photos, I just wasn't satisfied. The next inquiry, I headed east. I found a 67 that looked promising close to Erie, PA. Road trip! Gail and I left after work on a Friday night and tried to stay in Dayton, OH, but all the rooms were booked at 1 AM and we ended up in Columbus at about 4 AM. A couple hours of sleep and we were on the road again. I met the guy around noon. The car wasn't bad, but it wasn't near what I thought it should have been. It had rust repairs, but they weren't very good. We waved goodbye to that one also and headed back home to work on Monday morning, tired and disgusted.

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Our next trip took us South. May of 89, I had seen a 67 red advertised in Hemmings and called on it. It sounded promising. This one was located in Atlanta, GA. We left on a Saturday morning and met up with the guy selling the car at noon Sunday. After a careful examination and a test drive, I was SOLD! The car was a 400, 3 speed on the floor, red/red. The carpets were shot and the interior was fair, but overall the car was straight and not a rust bucket. There was no rust on the frame either; I looked this time! Now came the fun part; driving it home.

We left Sunday afternoon heading for home. I was driving the GTO, Gail followed in our car complaining about the blue smoke she had to deal with coming from my new goat. We drove just north of Chattanooga, TN and stopped for the night. The area didn't look the best. I made sure that we parked so that we could see the car from our room. In order to make sure no one else took my new goat, I pulled out the battery and took it to our room. The next morning we got gas and another quart of oil for the main run home. Going up I-24 by Monteagle thru the mountains, I lost sight of Gail at times because of the smoke. Before I made it home I was down to 7 cylinders due to fouling one of the sparkplugs. With an AM radio that didn't work; it made for a long trip.

I drove the car around a little bit over the next few months, but the original motor was tired, so in Dec. of 1990 I pulled the motor. While looking for parts in July of 91, I ran across a 67 parts car in Ware, MO, which I still have, but that's a whole other story. In April of 1992, I started building a motor for the red 67. It was a 400 bored .030 over with #16 GTO heads and a Ram Air III cam. A special word of thanks to Dan Whitmore and Tony Bezzole; Tony was very helpful in advising me of what to build from his previous experience and was always there to answer any questions I might have. After assembly, Dan Whitmore of Whitmore Engines in Wisconsin helped me work through cooling problems and other issues. Once the bugs were worked out the car made 2 trips to Gateway and 2 trips to MAR in Wentzville that summer. Its best time was at MAR with a 14.17 ET at 97.67 mph.

It was running decent, but now it was time to work on her looks. I pulled the motor, stripped the car out and took it to my buddy's body shop in the spring of 1993. The car was stripped to bare metal and was pretty straight. The rear tail panel was replaced, it got primed and painted and I picked it back up in late summer 1993. While the motor was out of the car, I decided that it would be better to build a motor to run on premium unleaded gas if I





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wanted to drive it around town. Not wanting to let this motor just sit, in April of 1994 I put it in the 67 parts car previously mentioned. In Oct. of 1994 I ran the parts car in the GTO vs. Corvette drag event at MAR. In the lighter parts car, I lost first round because I broke out, but was not too dissatisfied because the car ran a 13.49 ET vs. the Corvette's 14.54.

As you can see I always get side-tracked with other projects but finally in November of 1995, I started putting the red 67 back together. I stayed at it and by October of 1996 it was time for the 2<sup>nd</sup> motor assembly for this car. I chose another 400 bored .030 over, using small chamber 6X heads. Dan Whitmore did the valve job and installed the guides. This one has a Ram Air IV cam but a compression ratio of 9 to 1, so that I can run premium unleaded gas. In May of 1997 I got to drive it for the first time with the new motor and paint. I finally completed the rest of the car, interior and wheels, in June of 1998; a mere 7 ½ years after starting the project.





# Presidents Scoop

## The President's Scoop

By Terry Schott

Well, it's almost Christmas and normally everyone is very busy preparing for the holiday. For most people, this year's celebration will be quite different from years past. Everyone has made major changes throughout 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Gateway GTO has been no exception. After last year's pizza party, we started out planning events for a normal year. As time went by, COVID-19 hit, and everything changed. Our cancellations started in March shortly after our meeting. It was the right thing to do, but it has made for a long year. The cancellation of the Easter Car Show, GTOAA Nationals, and Norwalk Tri-Power Nationals, made for a long summer. Although we did have to cancel several meetings, we were able to have our June meeting outdoors at Civic Park in O'Fallon MO. We held our July meeting outdoors at Kircher Park in Eureka, MO. By August, Gingham's Restaurant was able to let us back in and we held meetings there through November.

We thought that WIM would be able to go on this year. Since last year's rainout, we really needed to have this benefit car show. But as the time approached, it got canceled as well. I want to thank everyone in the club for helping us raise money for NCCS in spite of the cancellation. With donations collected at our meeting, a return of the 50/50 winnings to the club, money raised from a 50/50 drawing on the Route 66 Association Cruise Event, and Gateway rounding up the total, Gateway GTO was able to send a check to NCCS for \$600. In talking to Elliot's group, including our money, they were able to send in around \$6900 for NCCS. Thanks to all of you that helped make that possible.

In spite of COVID-19, Gateway was able to have our Pontiac Regional car show September 19 & 20. Many changes had to be made to be compliant to the current rules in effect. The event was a great success. Beautiful weather and a total of 211 cars made for another great show. In total, between 50/50 sales and registration revenue, Gateway was able to donate \$5,360 to the Pontiac Oakland Museum.

We were also able to have our annual picnic in Vago Park on October 11. We had to make several changes to be more compliant with current guidelines to make it work, but it too was a great success.

Gateway held our annual wine cruise on October 25. The weather wasn't particularly good, but in spite of that, about 8 people were able to attend.

Bob Blattel and I want to thank everyone in the club for their toy donations this year. His regular charity was unable to do their normal event, however, Bob was able to find another group where we could donate the toys for the kids.

Although we had to cancel the Christmas party, I still feel our club has had a good year





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in spite of all the COVID restrictions. A few in the club have gotten COVID, but none of them were from any of our events that we were able to have. Thankfully, all have gotten through it and are doing well.

We have had a few members with various health issues through the year. Craig Glenn is doing good after orthopedic surgery. Mark Melrose is recovering from carpal tunnel surgery with good success. Ron Wildebrandt is recovering from knee surgery and is doing well. Cheryl Chapman had a stroke and is doing better. Frank Chapman is now home after aortic stent surgery on December 18 and is doing well.

As 2020 wraps up, I think everyone has agreed it is the year to forget. I know everyone is looking forward to 2021. With the new vaccines out, things should start to get better. I think 2021 will still be a slow start. It took months to get to this point and I think it will take a few to get back to something normal again. I am checking on venues for our pizza party and will let you know when I have more info. It too may have to be cancelled, but I will let you know by email shortly.

We will start planning events for 2021, but it will probably be for a little later start than normal.

Hope you all have a blessed Christmas however you get to celebrate it, and let's all look forward to a Happy and Healthy New Year.







## Gateway GTO Charitable Activities



# Gateway GTO Charitable Activities Continue Despite Pandemic

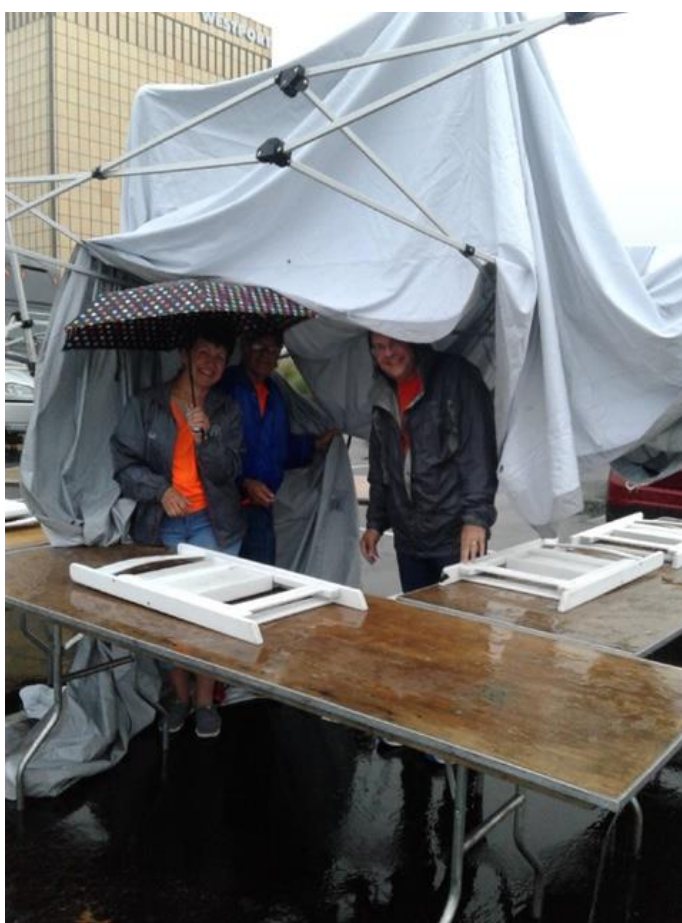
By  
Chris Winslow

2020 will go down as a year where we were not able to pull off many of our traditional club activities. This included the cancelation of the GTOAA National Convention and our annual Gateway GTO Christmas Party. It looks like there is hope on the horizon that by the summer of 2021 we will be getting back to our more customary activity levels, but for now things are still far from normal.

Despite this, we were still able to pull off many of our charitable activities. Last month in the *Hoodscoop* we noted that Gateway GTO working with the Heart of Illinois GTO was able to make a total donation to the Pontiac Museum of \$5360.

One of the events that we were not able to pull off early this fall was the Wheels In Motion Car Show. This was the second year in a row that the event had to be canceled. (Recall that last year the event got canceled because of major storms the morning of the show, including one that destroyed the pop up for our raffle tables). This year, of course, it was pandemic related. Paula and I now have one bedroom in our house full of 2 years worth of donations for that event. 2021's raffle should be a big one!

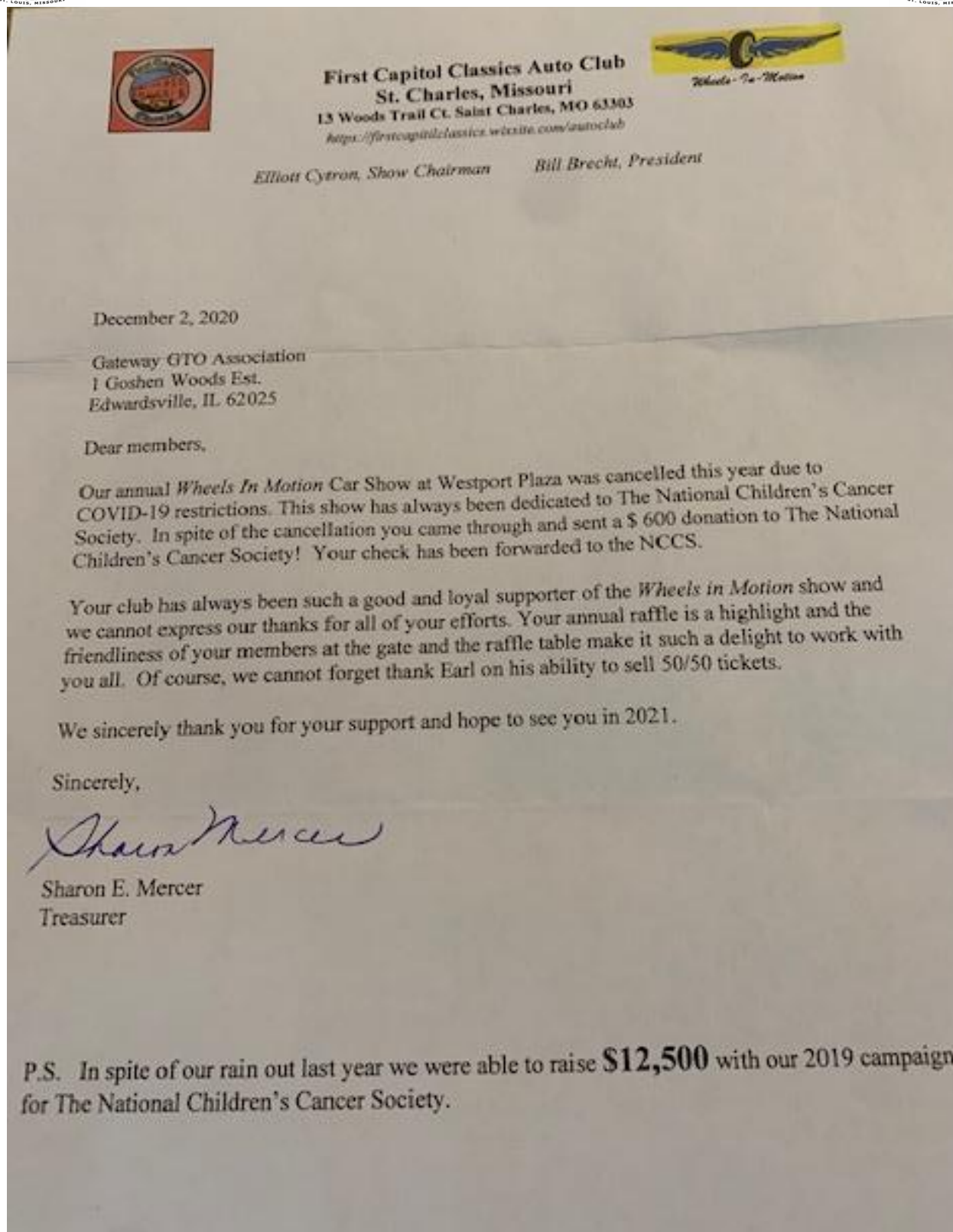
Despite not actually having the Wheels in Motion Event for 2020, the members of Gateway GTO stepped up. Earl Lewis conducted a 50/50 at the Route 66 event this fall and other members made direct monetary donations. Once we totaled all of that up we were able to make a donation of \$600 to the National Children's Cancer Society through the Wheels In Motion Show charity. In appreciation for our donation in such a challenging year, we received a letter of appreciation from Sharon Mercer, the treasurer for the event. A copy of that letter is included here.







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Letter on the Wheels In Motion Car Show Donation





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The other traditional activity that Gateway GTO participates in late in the year is the donation of toys to families in the St. Louis area that are not able to provide toys for their children for Christmas because of financial hardship. This year, the event that Bob normally partners with for the toy donations was canceled. Fortunately, Bob was able to find another charity, The Employment Connection, that could take the toys we collected and make sure they found their way to needy children who otherwise would not get a new toy for Christmas. Paula and I collected the toys at our house and we delivered them to Bob's house on December

## TOY DRIVE 2020

My wife, Chris and I would like to thank Gateway GTO for their support this year of the Toy Drive. You deserve our gratitude for the excellent job you did. Though our normal channel of families has changed, the Employment Connection offered us a viable alternative. They work with the homeless, women on welfare, U.S. veterans, non-custodial fathers and many others. Our toys were greatly appreciated and their CEO, Sal Martinez called and thank me for our participation. Special thanks to Chris and Paula Winslow for storing the toys and to Chris for delivering them directly to our house. It was really helpful.

Merry Christmas to all and Happy New Year. I can't wait for 2021!

## Letter from Bob Blattel on Gateway GTO Toy Donation

Bob Blattel





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# **Gateway GTO**

## **Membership Renewal**

**Gateway GTO Dues for 2021 are \$20 and are due by the Gateway GTO Pizza Party or the February Gateway GTO Meeting**

- Sent dues to Will Bowers by mail or pay in person at the Christmas Party or Pizza Party:

Will's Address:

4213 Napa View Lane  
St. Charles, MO 63304

- In order to Renew with Gateway GTO, members must be members in good standing with GTOAA.

Contact Chris Winslow or Terry Schott if you have any questions on renewing your Gateway GTO membership





**GATEWAY GTO ASSOCIATION**  
**Membership/Renewal Form**  
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Membership dues are \$20.  
You are allowed one associate member (spouse, girlfriend, etc.).

# **GTOAA Membership** **Renewal**

**Starting in 2020 GTOAA Dues are to be paid directly to GTOAA:**

- Do not send GTOAA dues to Will Bowers. Instead renew directly with GTOAA by mail or at [www.gtoaa.org](http://www.gtoaa.org).
- All Gateway GTO Members must be GTOAA members in good standing.
- Please contact GTOAA Chapter Representative Tom Oxler with any questions:

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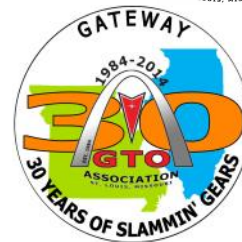
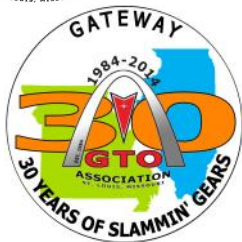
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**In 2021, in celebration of:  
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**The Hoodscoop will be featuring Car of the Month articles on the anniversary year**

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## 2021 GATEWAY GTO CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### January

TBD - The Gateway GTO Annual Pizza Party (Location and Date are TBD)

### February

4 - GTO MEETING 7PM at Gingham's (It is expected that this meeting will take place at Ginghams, but Terry will send out a notice to confirm the week of the meeting.)

### March

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### April

4 - Easter Car Show at the Muny

8 - GTO MEETING 7PM at Gingham's (It is expected that this meeting will take place at Ginghams, but Terry will send out a notice to confirm the week of the meeting.)

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

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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 Gingham's, 1566 Country Club Plaza Drive, St. Charles, MO 63303

**The yearly dues for Gateway GTO is \$20. The dues are due by the Pizza Party in January. All Gateway GTO members must be a member in good standing with GTOAA. 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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