

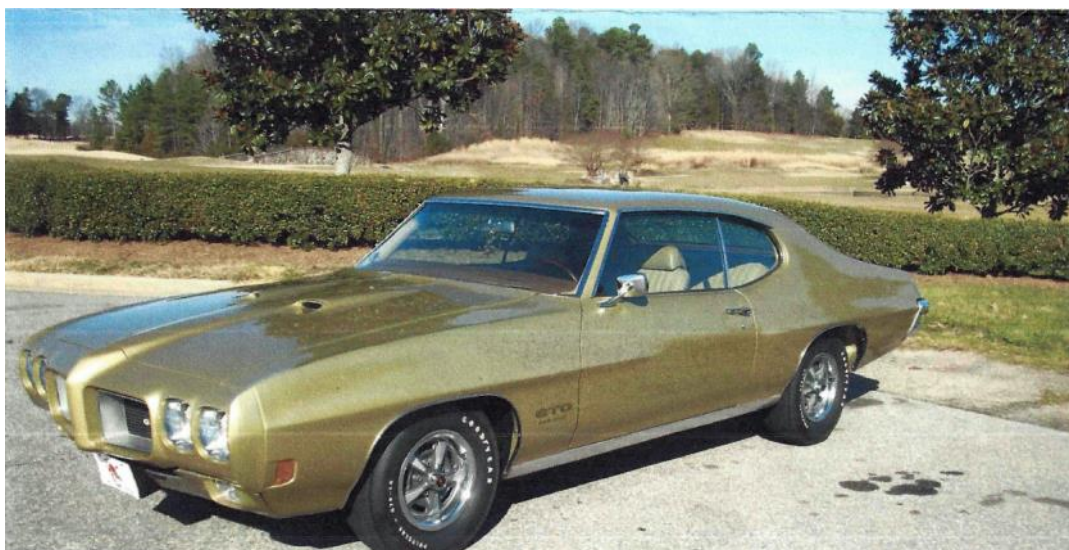


THE HOOD SCOOP

March 2020

My GTO Story

by Delbert Tift



My GTO story started in 1969 with a one owner '65 Blue Mist Slate with dark Blue interior. The car was equipped with 389/4 BBL. 4 speed and 3.23 Safe-T-Track and the then new Electronic ignition.

A couple of cars later, I acquired as a 2nd owner, a 1970 Polar White Judge. It had black interior ,4 speed, factory air and a Motorola 8 track. Since then I have gone through over 150 vehicles which included another 65,a 65 2+2 421, 2 1968s, a 64 Bonneville conv. and a 1970 Bonneville, 3 Grand Prix's, 1 1969 Ram Air IV Firebird and 1 400 4 speed Firebird. In 2018 I traded my 1950 Mercury for a 1966 GTO from a classic car dealer. The car had been stolen and stripped and therefore lead to a frame off restoration. The body and underside looked great, but beauty was only skin deep. The 66 389 had bad #77 heads, mismatched exhaust manifolds, a leaky timing cover, and a heating problem. This was only the tip of the iceberg. I literally worked on everything from the headlights to the back up lights. With the help of some legal assistance, I persuaded the previous owner to buy back the car at a great loss, but you never get to old to learn.

This brings me to my present GTO . Looking through a Legends magazine I saw an ad for a 1970 Baja Gold 455 with automatic and air. I contacted the lady owner, bought the car, and had it shipped to me. It is an all numbers matching (except for the carb.) and I am the 3rd owner. I was supplied with PHS, some receipts, 70 shop manuals, a 2005 POCI 1st place trophy and several other items. The car had been driven about 1,100 miles since 1993, there-

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GTO of the Month

fore I started by replacing the 27 year old polyglass tires, rear wheel seals and brake cylinders. I thought all seals and so forth should be checked and the carb needed much work, so the car is currently at V8 Speed and Resto shop. The guys are going through the differential, the rest of the brake system and the carb is going to be replaced with Holley Sniper fuel injection. Oddly enough the car was sold new at Barton Pontiac in St. Louis, so I guess it has come home so to speak.





Presidents Scoop



The Vice President's Scoop

By Chris Winslow

As he does every month, Terry sent me the President's Scoop to run in the newsletter. This month, he sent it to me on March 13.

I also talked to Terry a few times around that timeframe and every few days since. When Terry wrote the President's Scoop, we were still planning that our April events would go on unchanged. Obviously our national and local reality has changed dramatically in the last two weeks. As such, this month, for the first time since I took over the *Hoodscoop* in August of 2008, I am not running the submitted President's Scoop. Instead I am going to run a "Vice President's Scoop" with the latest information we know as of the day I am writing this (March 22).

We have ended up canceling all of our remaining March Gateway GTO activities. This included the Escape Room Event that Marty had planned for us as well as the Classic Car Studio tour that Mark Melrose had organized.

At this point, all of our planned events for April have also been canceled. This includes the April meeting at Gingham's and the Easter Car Show. The latter is particularly disappointing in my mind because that is the official kickoff of the car hobby season in our area. In addition, other events that we had planned to support in April, such as the Collector Car Trivia Night, have also been canceled.

Terry and Dan and I, along with the Gateway GTO Board of Directors, will remain in touch and make decisions on our May activities in April once we have a better sense of what the government guidelines are going to be.

Our overall goal is to protect our members from exposure. We are very sensitive to the fact that most of our members fall into the higher risk category and that reality is guiding our decisions. In a few months, we may look back and decide that we were overly cautious, but from where we sit today, overly cautious seems like the right place to be. The goal is to come out on the other side of this with all of our members healthy and ready for the rest of the 2020 car season.

For now, I encourage everyone to make the best of your time at home. Maybe use this time to get a few more projects or upgrades done so that when we get back to a more normal reality in a few months, you will be ready to roll.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, feel free to give me or Terry or Dan a call.

Chris





Gateway GTO Meeting Minutes



Minutes

3/5/20

7:04PM – Meeting Start – Old Business –

Marty Howard talked about the Pinball event

Terry Schott talked about a car show in Cuba MO that will take place in September, and about the Christmas party. He confirmed that it will still take place at Hawkin House.

7:07 – New Business –

Terry Schott talked about the trivia night in April

Mark Melrose talked about a tour of the Classic Car Studio

Marty Howard talked about the Mastermind Escape Room event

Tom Oxler talked about the Route 66 quarterly meeting at the Hawkin House on April 18th

Will Bowers talked about the Easter Car show at Forest Park

Marty Howard talked about a DJ event that he is hosting on April 4th

Earl Lewis talked about Hagerty Insurance. He said that all proceeds from club members joining Hagerty would be donated to the Gateway GTO Association.

7:20 – Upcoming Events –

3/21 – Mastermind Escape Room 2-3PM

4/4 – Car Trivia Night at American Legion 312 St. Charles, MO

4/12 – Easter Car Show

5/2 – Veterans Parade

6/16-6/20 – GTOAA National Convention. Wichita, KS.

7:22 – GTOAA –

Tom Oxler talked about the National Convention in Wichita, KS.

7:24 – Tech

Chris Simmons talked about GTO restoration kits

Mark Melrose talked about Chris Winslow's project to digitize all of our old newsletters. Mark proposed that we put together an archive of not only newsletters, but also other Gateway historical documentation.

John Grissom talked about an issue that his is having with some reproduction springs. He also mentioned that Hagerty insurance is great.

Terry Schott talked about someone who is looking to have a complete restore of a GTO done. He is looking for references for good reputable shops.

Tom Oxler mentioned that the 2021 GTOAA Nationals will take place in Wisconsin Dells.

7:48 – Club Personals

Darryl May is having a few health issues

Liane Finkenbinder retired

Bob Mullen (from Bob's Gasoline Alley) passed away

7:51 – Motion to Adjourn by Brian O'Sullivan, Seconded by Mark Melrose

50/50 of \$38 won by John Hunt



Annual Pinball Wizard Tournament

THE 6TH ANNUAL PINBALL WIZARD EVENT SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2020

By
Marty Howard

What can I say but “WOW”!! Sunday, February 23, 2020 is a day that will live in infamy; at least in the minds of those that participated in our 6th Annual Pinball Wizard Event. The weather was perfect; not too hot, not too cold. So were the machines and players.

What a great pinball event we had. What, with the computer running the (almost) entire event, I didn't have much else to do but supply some treats, answer questions and make sure everyone had fun. I mainly watched as everyone had a good time. I did have a little trouble convincing some of the players to participate in the tournament, but they were glad that they did. We had a record turn out with about 35 players.

The computer insured that everyone was kept up to date with statistics such as who was leading in the points standings along with all the players' scores. The 'machine' never failed with our Manager, Jim, at the helm. He assured me that the 'machine' would do all that was needed to keep track of every player and decided how the winner would be determined. After over 2 hours of play time there were four (4) semi-finalists that competed for top prize and grand champion.





Annual Pinball Wizard Tournament



The ribbon was presented to Mr. Brian Bowers, a relative of our illustrious Treasurer, Will Bowers. Be it known that our annual pinball event is getting better and larger. Next year might require Chuck (owner/operator of “CP Pinball”) to acquire another building with more pinball machines. Thanks to all that attended and made this another successful event.

Marty Howard,
Club Events Chairman “Working
Diligently For Your Fun”



Gateway GTO 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.
- 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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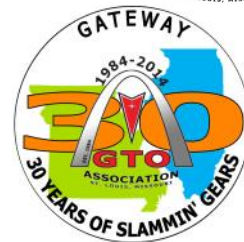
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Year Of The 0's



Calling all owners of 1970 GTO's!

**In 2020, in celebration of:
50th Anniversary of the 1970 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



2020 GATEWAY GTO CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April

All April Activities have been canceled

May

May Events will be evaluated in April based on National and State government guidance

SEE THE FULL CALENDAR AT 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 are no Gateway GTO membership dues for the year 2020. The rate for membership dues to Gateway GTO for 2021 and beyond will be determined by December of 2020. 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.

The Hood Scoop is published as an informative news bulletin to keep our members up to date on past, present, and future events.

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