



THE HOOD SCOOP

November 2020

Pontiac Regional Car Show Check Presentation

By Chris Winslow

Gateway GTO
Association



As covered in the September edition of *The Hoodscope*, our 9th Annual Regional Car Show at the Pontiac Museum was a HUGE success. We ended up with 211 cars. That translated into a lot of registration revenue.

After the show was over, we tallied our net proceeds from the weekend. This year, that was pretty easy since our only significant expense was the cost of the trophies and some of that cost was offset by sponsors. Once it was all added up we determined that we had raised a total of \$5360 for the Museum at the event. Some of that money was cash raised by Earl's amazing 50/50 efforts, some of it was cash donations and the rest was revenue from the registrations.

Based on Will's totals, and subtracting the money that we had left with the Museum the weekend of the event, there was a balance of \$4650 that needed to be delivered to the museum.

Normally Tom and Terrie Oxler head back to Pontiac a few weeks after the event to present a final check for the proceeds from the show but this year Tom asked if Paula and I would like to do it. We happily accepted the task.

We coordinated with Tim and Penny as well as Pontiac Tourism Director Ellie Alexander and Pontiac Mayor Bill Alvey for our visit on Fri-

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day, October 30th. Since we were operating on a budget, I did not go out and get a big ceremonial check printed. Instead I made a medium sized one at home.

On that Friday morning, Paula and I jumped in the car (no Pontiacs for this trip, trying to keep the milage down!) and headed for Pontiac.

The check presentation was made at about noon at the museum. We were all wearing masks, as is the rule in Illinois, so that is reflected in the photo of the presentation. A year from now, when we will hopefully be presenting the check for an even bigger 10th annual event, we will not need the masks and will look back at this photo and remember how crazy 2020 was.

Also joining us at the museum, but not in the picture, were Gateway GTO members Alan and Liane Finkenbinder. After the presentation, we enjoyed lunch at DeLongs restaurant with the Finkenbinder's and the Dye's before heading back to O'Fallon.

As I noted in the September article on this event, this was pretty much the only major Pontiac event in this part of the country that did not get called off in 2020. We managed to pull it off safely while still allowing everyone to enjoy the event. This is a testament to how many great members we have in Gateway GTO and how dedicated they are to the Pontiac hobby.

In recognition of our efforts, we have received two letters from the Pontiac Museum. The first is a letter from Penny on October 1st thanking us for pulling off such an amazingly successful event, even in the middle of a pandemic. The second letter was from Tim on October 27th thanking us for sponsoring the 1970 to 1974 GTO class for the event. I have included both of those letters here.





Letter From Penny Dye



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Pontiac, IL 61764

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October 1, 2020

Gateway GTO Assoc. GTOAA
18903 St. Albans Rd.
Glencoe, MO 63023

Dear Gateway GTO Association members,

Wow, what a weekend! We had such a great show this year and we have each one of you to thank for it. Every year the planning goes into this show with hopes of good weather and a great turnout and this year did not disappoint. With 211 Pontiacs on the square downtown it made for a beautiful site; even with masks and social distancing I believe everyone had a great time.

Thank you for your Car Class Sponsorship of \$100 for this year's show. This is just one of the many things we would like to express our appreciation and gratitude for. We know that none of this would be possible without the many months of planning and meetings that are needed to make it the success it is every year. We are fortunate to have your support each year as you give of your time, energy and resources to benefit the museum's work of preserving the history of a brand we care so much about.

We look forward to seeing everyone again next year and in the meantime please stay safe!

Sincerely,

Penny Dye
Secretary/Treasurer
Pontiac-Oakland Museum

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Letter From Tim Dye



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October 27, 2017

Gateway GTO Association
11580 State Road WW
Dittmer, MO 63023

Dear Gateway GTO Association Club members:

On behalf of the staff and board of directors, I want to say "Thank You" for your generous donation. We appreciate your support of our annual All Pontiac Cruise & Show.

We truly appreciate your generosity. Your donation helps make it possible for the people who have never had the opportunity to own a magnificent piece of history, like a Pontiac or an Oakland, come in to see and learn about the automotive history that we are all so passionate about.

We have been fortunate to collect many wonderful pieces of Pontiac and Oakland history and to be able to house them in a brick and mortar location is even better. Your contribution to our show, which is our biggest fundraiser, helps us to store and maintain these pieces of history and with your donation it will help keep these artifacts available to the public so we can continue to educate those who visit.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tim Dye".

Tim Dye
Director





Presidents Scoop

The President's Scoop

By Terry Schott

As the holidays approach, we typically look forward to having our annual Gateway GTO Christmas party. Sandra and Mark Melrose have been busy planning and getting things ready for it for some time now. Unfortunately, as has been the case for 2020, we had to cancel it due to the new regulations put in place due to COVID-19. This is the first time I can ever remember having to cancel it. It is very unfortunate that we have to add this to the many other long-standing events that had to be canceled in 2020. I'm sorry that we couldn't do a lot of this year's events, but none of these decisions have been easy. Myself and your officers have weighed out the options on each individual event before ever deciding to cancel them. I'm thankful that we have been able to have a few meetings, as well as a couple of events through the year since the pandemic was realized in March.

Unrelated to our events, we have had a few members that did get COVID-19, and several of us that had been exposed and fortunately did not get it. Most of our members that did get it, didn't have it too bad, while others did go through the worst case and had to be ventilated. I am happy to report that to my knowledge everyone has gotten through it and are now doing well. The good news is that the vaccine seems to be about to be released and should be available before the end of the year. Hopefully, everyone can keep trying to follow the guidelines so we can cut back on the number of cases. We need the numbers to start going down instead of up, so that the health care system in the area can handle the cases. Looking forward, hopefully the numbers start to drop soon and the current regulations can be re-evaluated.

Our next event will be our annual Pizza Party in January of 2021. We liked last year's venue and the food was great, but we know that there isn't enough room there to allow for social distancing. I will be calling other places to try to find a bigger place and then possibly order in pizza to be delivered. We will continue to work on that, and I will keep you posted as we get closer to January. In the meantime, stay safe and try to enjoy the holidays.





Gateway GTO Meeting Minutes



11/5/20 Minutes

7:08PM – Meeting Start – Lisa from the Missouri Route 66 Association of Missouri came in to talk about personalized plates that they are plan on proposing to the state of Missouri. They need \$15 per vehicle for the proposal application. They need 200 committed applications for the plates to be accepted by the state. The plates will be black with custom Missouri Route 66 artwork.

7:18 – Old Business – Tom Oxler and Earl Lewis talked about the Route 66 Motor Tour. Earl sold 50/50 tickets on the cruise and made \$186 to donate to the National Children's Cancer Society.

Chris and Paula Winslow talked about the Pontiac Regional Event check presentation. The club was able to donate \$4650 to the museum. Chris read a letter from the mayor of Pontiac, thanking the club for putting on the event.

Terry Schott talked about the Gateway GTO Picnic.

Will Bowers talked about the Randi Gori Memorial Car Show.

Marty Howard talked about the Wine Cruise.

7:36 – New Business – Chris Winslow talked about the Holiday Magic Toy Drive

Terry Schott talked about the new dues that will begin in January.

Terry Schott talked about some possibilities for locations for the January pizza party.

Sandra Melrose talked about the Christmas Party.

7:45 – Upcoming Events –

12/12 – Gateway GTO Christmas Party

EDITORS NOTE: Since the meeting on November 5th, the Gateway GTO Christmas Party has been canceled.

1/??/21 – Annual Pizza party, location TBD

7:47 – GTOAA – Tom Oxler talked about the 2021 Nationals

7:48 – Tech

Chris Winslow talked about going back to an Optima battery in his 04 GTO

Will Bowers is looking for a bolt cutter due to a problem he is having with a lock on his car trailer.

Marty Howard had questions about a problem with his drum brakes that may be causing the car to pull.

Mark Melrose is having a whining problem on his recently repaired transmission.

8:06 – Club Personals –

Frank and Cheryl Chapman are recovering from COVID-19

Mark Melrose is recovering from carpal tunnel surgery

Craig Glenn is recovering from hip replacement surgery

Clayton Melrose caught COVID-19

Ron Wildebrandt will be having surgery soon.

8:17 – Motion to Adjourn by Earl Lewis, seconded by Mark Melrose.

50/50 of \$35 won by Marty Howard





Gateway GTO Annual Winery Run



GATEWAY GTO 2020 Fall Colors Wine Cruise Sunday, Oct. 25 - Montelle Winery

By

Marty Howard

Every year a greater part of our Club looks forward to our annual fall wine cruise. Usually, the weather is warm and sunny. Usually, we have about a dozen cars and about 15-20 wine aficionados. When we get to the winery, establishing our turf at the winery is always a hunt for the best scenic view. We move tables and chairs around to accommodate ourselves so that we can all sit together and schmooze. Although, this year was different than others, it did reflect what we as a Club are experiencing as well as our country. Attendance was down as well as the patrons at Montelle.

The pandemic is always in the picture these days. The weather was far from perfect. I think we have been spoiled by previous years' weather. Still we met on time at Francis Howell H.S.. We departed there on time and arrived at the winery nice and early. The first thing we noticed was there were no cars in the lower parking lots as we usually see. So, we were able to get VIP parking on the upper/main lot. Still, the 6 of us had a pleasant time. Club members that attended were:

- ♦ Brian O'Sullivan (Our Club Secretary) & his young and lovely wife, Amy.
- ♦ Rich Vie (One of our founding members) & his lovely and forever wife, Sue Vie.
- ♦ Marty Howard (Somehow got a Chairmanship in this Club) with his date, Amy.
- ♦ Andrew and Mrs. O'Sullivan stopped by briefly, but did not stay for the whole time



Music was fabulous as usual with Scott & Karl performing so many songs that we all love and remember (except for those that are still young...you'll get there soon enough). We danced, told jokes and stories, met others that we knew and some that we didn't know. Sometimes, a smaller table of Club members creates a more personal party atmosphere. We talked about other Club members that were not in attendance. Unfortunately, those members will never know what was said about them since we are all sworn to secrecy. Suffice it to say that everyone was included in our frank, honest and (not-so) fun stories. You know who you are! Some will never live it down. Some will wonder forever. HA!

It was very chilly so the band was moved (sort of) indoors which was under a roof. We were kept warm by these large, standing, outdoor heat lamps. Some of us were colder than others which necessitated a few games of "Find the Warmest Spot for our Tables" in which we moved about 3-4 times around the heat lamps which was pretty easy with only 6 chairs and 2 tables. We smiled during the time we were there and enjoyed each other's company.

So THANKS to all 6 of us that attended. Sort of brought us more together than before. Looking forward to 2021 and a better and brighter year for us all. And, Wishing everyone a Happy & Healthy Holiday Season and New Year!!!





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Gateway GTO

Membership Renewal

Gateway GTO Dues for 2021 are \$20 and are due by the Gateway GTO Pizza Party

- 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
(Please print clearly)

Name: _____ Date: _____

Associate Name: _____

Address: _____

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Home Phone: () _____ Cell Phone: () _____

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GTO Association of America membership number: _____

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PLEASE FILL IN ALL FIELDS

And mail to:

Will Bowers, Treasurer
Gateway GTO Association
4213 Napa View Lane
St. Charles, MO 63304

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.
- All Gateway GTO Members must be GTOAA members in good standing.
- Please contact GTOAA Chapter Representative Tom Oxler with any questions:

Tom Oxler Contact Info:

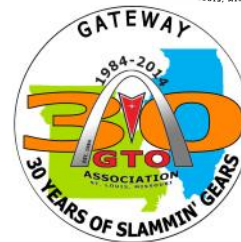
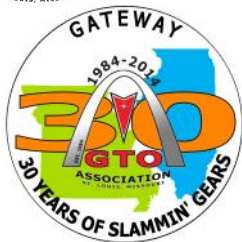
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2020 GATEWAY GTO CALENDAR OF EVENTS

December

12 - The Gateway GTO Annual Christmas Party has been canceled.

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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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