



THE HOOD SCOOP

September 2020

Finally!

Gateway GTO
Association



2020 has been a really long year for the car hobby. Week after week, events which have happened every year for decades were canceled because of the Covid-19 pandemic. There would be a slight glimmer of hope where we thought an event might actually happen, only to see the event canceled, sometimes only a few days before it was to occur.

These cancellations included local events like the Easter Car Show, the Cobblestone Nationals, Wheels in Motion, and, most recently, the Lion's Club car show in Cuba scheduled for the September 26th weekend. It also included national events like the GTOAA and POCI national conventions and the Tri Power Nationals.

So, as the weekend for our annual car show in support of the Pontiac Museum approached, many of us worried that there might be a last minute cancellation by either the City of Pontiac or the State of Illinois. But, in the week leading up to the event weekend no such cancellation message came. In addition, the weather report for the weekend had predicted excellent weather for both Saturday and Sunday. As we woke up Friday morning and prepared to head to Pontiac, the weather was still predicted to be perfect for a car show.

Having taken the GTO on the Route 66 mini cruise earlier in the summer, it was the Trans Am's turn for a long run, so we loaded it up, popped out the T-Tops and headed for Pontiac.

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Regional Car Show at Pontiac



For those of us that headed to Pontiac on Friday, the first event in town was a Bar B Q at the home of Gateway GTO members Alan and Liane Finkenbinder. This has become a favorite part of the weekend for those of us go every year to put on this car show. The Finkenbinders graciously open their home and welcome all of us over for an evening of great food and great company.

We rolled into the town square in Pontiac around 8:00 on Saturday morning to set up registration. As we arrived, we had 16 pre-registrations but we were not really sure what to expect in terms of overall attendance. In a normal year, we would have expected a good turn out based just on the weather prediction. But 2020 was anything but a normal year. Having worked with Mark Melrose on setting up the registration for the event, I had spoken with some who really wanted to come to the event, but had decided not to come due to health concerns. Others, were anxious to get out of the house and attend a car show. For those, this was the only significant Pontiac show in this part of the country all year that had not been canceled.

We were also not sure what exactly to expect for Saturday attendance. Normally for this event, there is an organized cruise on Saturday to look at car collections or travel to some historic Route 66 sites. In addition, there is a chicken dinner followed by an ice cream social and a performance by the local theater group. All of these activities had to be canceled this year. Initially, there had been hope that we could have a food truck event for Saturday evening as a substitute for the chicken dinner, but ultimately that also had to be scrubbed. The City did organize a tour of some local historic homes and ran the trolley to get people to and from the homes. In addition, the Pontiac Museum, along with the other museums and shops in the town square were open. In the end, we registered 64 cars for the event on Saturday. This was a very respectable number and suggested that Sunday could be huge.



Regional Car Show at Pontiac



For Saturday evening, those of us in town for the car show the next day joined with local car enthusiasts for a car show around the square in Pontiac. Since it was open to everyone and there was no official registration, it is hard to say how many people and cars attended, but it was a sizable event with some really great cars.

On Sunday morning, we headed into town early. We wanted to get registration set up early expecting there could be a big crowd and also we wanted to make sure we were there to get control of parking. When we arrived there were already a lot of folks there and a steady stream of cars continued to arrive. Registration was consistently busy early and then got crazy around 10am. By the time we closed registration at 12:00, we had registered a total of 211 cars. This was close to a record for the event. Thanks to Paula, Gail Schott, Barb Lewis, Sharon Wildebrandt, Donna Bowers, and Sue Vie for all their help pulling off the successful registration.



Regional Car Show at Pontiac

I did not get a chance to spend a lot of time looking at the cars this year, but in general it looked like a great quality show field. We had, of course, a large contingent of GTOs, but there were also sizable groups of other Pontiacs like Firebirds and Fieros.



At the end of the day, once we totaled up all of the revenue, we ended up generating \$5360 for the Pontiac Museum with this car show. This included a record 50/50 take by Earl Lewis. This is an amazing amount of money to raise given the current economic climate. The members of Gateway GTO and Heart of Illinois GTO can be proud of pulling off such a successful event in such challenging times.

Regional Car Show at Pontiac



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Presidents Scoop



The President's Scoop

By Terry Schott

As you all know, our annual "Wheels In Motion" event got canceled this year because of COVID 19. We really wanted to be able to do it this year since the rainout at last year's event. Had we been able to attend, we would have paid the \$20 to display our cars. I'm happy to say that several of our members donated money to the club to send to the National Children's Cancer Society at our last meeting. I'd like those of you who were not at the last meeting to consider donating and we can add to the money already collected. We will be sending in a check a little later in the year, but I wanted everyone to have the opportunity to donate. It is a wonderful cause. If anyone would like to, please send in your check made out to NCCS, National Children's Cancer Society, or Gateway GTO and note on the memo line for W.I.M. You can send them to:

Will Bowers, Treasurer
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Better yet, bring your cash or check to our October meeting which will be held on Thursday October 1, 2020 at Ginghams (unless something changes). I will email closer to the meeting date to verify Ginghams availability.

I am happy to announce that we were able to have our Pontiac Regional Event in Pontiac, Illinois. Things were a little different, we weren't able to have the Saturday cruise to individual collections, and the Saturday buffet dinner had to be eliminated as well. We did try to spread the cars out a little further apart. The weather turned out to be fantastic and we had a great turnout of over 200 cars. We all felt that the show was a big success and I think all those in attendance were happy to be able to get their cars out and finally do something. I want to thank all the Gateway members for all the hard work to help us put on another successful show. Special thanks to Alan and Liane Finkenbinder for hosting the Friday night cookout at their home.

Looking ahead, we are still planning on having our annual Gateway GTO picnic on October 11. I will keep you posted as we get closer to that date.

Some of you may have heard that both Frank and Cheryl Chapman have tested positive for Covid. Cheryl, fortunately, has had only mild symptoms but Frank's case was more serious, resulting in Frank being hospitalized. He was released from the hospital on September 19th and then went to rehab to regain his strength. Frank was released from rehab this past Thursday and is now continuing his recovery at home.

Stay healthy and see you at the October meeting.





Gateway GTO Meeting Minutes



9/3/20 Minutes

7:11 – Meeting Start – New/Returning member present. Bill Marcus has 68 GTO.

Roamin' Rich and Lisa came in to talk about the Route 66 Club and the Route 66 Motor Tour. It is a 3-day 2-night cruise to multiple locations along the Mother Road in Missouri.

7:37 – Old Business – Terry Schott talked about the cancellation of the Wheels in Motion car show, and discussed possible fund raising options to help out the charity.

Terry Schott said that the Cuba MO car show is also cancelled.

As of this date, the Pontiac Regional Event in Pontiac Illinois is still on.

Future meetings will continue to be held at Gingham's until notified otherwise.

7:41 – New Business – Terry Schott talked about a caravan to the Pontiac Regional. Tom Oxler talked about the Finkenbinder barbeque being held during the event, and some tours that are available. Watch the website for updates.

7:48 – Scheduled Events –

9/19-9/20 – Pontiac Regional Event in Pontiac, IL.

10/11 – Gateway GTO Annual Picnic

10/16-10/18 – Pontiacs at Pigeon Forge

12/12 – Gateway GTO Annual Christmas Party

7:49 - GTOAA – Tom Oxler talked about the 2021 GTOAA Nationals. This will be a Monday through Friday convention. \$149 per night

at the hotel allows access to the waterpark for all room guests. Chris Winslow talked about concourse for the new GTOs.

7:54 – Tech – Terry Schott talked about someone that is selling several GTO parts.

7:57 – Club Personals – Kerry Friedman is doing fine recovering from Covid

Steve Paul has been hospitalized due to lung infection. Covid has not been ruled out.

Tom Oxler talked about Cecil Morton.

Jon Haven's wife had cataract surgery.

Bev Mayweather had cataract surgery.

8:03 – Motion to Adjourn by Andrew O'Sullivan, seconded by Brian O'Sullivan

50/50 of \$28 won by Harry Timmerman.



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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:

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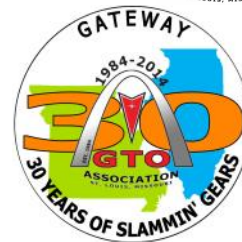
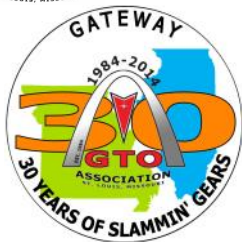
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**In 2020, in celebration of:
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The Hoodscoop will be featuring Car of the Month articles on the anniversary year

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

October

1 - GTO MEETING 7PM at Gingham's (Terry will send out a message on this meeting once it is determined if Gingham's will be able to accommodate the meeting)

11 - Gateway GTO Annual Picnic in Vago Park

November

5 - 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.)

December

12 - Gateway GTO Annual Christmas Party at the Webster Groves Barn in Webster Groves, MO.

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 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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