

THE HOOD SCOOP

August 2021







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Like most teenage boys in the 60's and 70's having a neat car was important. In my hometown of Washington Mo. It wasn't how fast your car went but it had to look cool. My first car was a 58 Chevy. It was transportation and that's about all I can say about it. Next was a 66 Mustang 6 cylinder. (Not fast but it looked good). After that for a while I just had drivers.

When Deb and I met I was driving a Buick Regal and she had a Chevy Nova, both 6 cylinder. Some years later we started talking about getting a cool car that we could cruise in. Since Deb and I both had Mustangs when we were younger we thought we would keep our eyes out for an old Mustang but then the story changes.

Terry and Gail Schott were friends of Deb's before Deb and I met and we had been seeing them once in a while and Terry would always want to show me his GTO and what he was doing to it. He kept telling us we needed a GTO not an old Mustang.

One Saturday when I was at work, Deb called me and said Terry called her (by mistake I might add, he had wanted to call me) and asked her if we wanted to buy his old 65 GTO. Well one thing led to another and I now have his old 65 389 4bbl in our garage. That car has led us to THE REST OF THE STORY.

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GTO of the Month





The car we drive the most and have the most fun in is our 1967 Lemans / GTO Clone ragtop. I had seen the car around town for a number of years and always thought it would be a neat one to have. I knew the owner as he would come into the NAPA AUTO PARTS STORE where I work and I kept telling him if he ever wanted to sell it to be sure and let me know. Sometime later he came to

me and said he was ready to sell the ragtop. Needless to say I was excited until he told me it had an under hood and under dash fire. I told him that I was not interested as I thought he was asking too much for the amount of work I needed to put into it. He kept bugging me to buy the car and coming up with a different price so I went and looked at it once more, agreed on a price and he delivered it to our house.

After we got the car home our plans were to fix the fire damage under the hood and dash, put a GTO hood on it, new windshield, new top and a quick paint job. All we were looking for was something that looked ok as we were driving down the street .Our son and son-in-law being body techs would hear nothing of the kind, so after spending several evenings messing around with it they had it down to a body on one side of the shop and the frame on the other side. That's when they told me we were going to turn it into a GTO, so the process begins. By this time my son in-laws brother (also a body tech) was coming over also. The boys spent many evenings in the shop when they should have been

home with their families. (Thank you Erin and Jen, you gave up a lot so the guys could work on our car.) We decided to start on the frame and work our way up. In the process the frame fell on me and broke my leg just before the St. Louis Nationals. I was in a wheelchair during that time.





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The work continued for the next few years. The body got new quarters, a GTO tail panel and GTO grills. I found a GTO hood but after we got the paint and bondo off of it, it was not useable. Terry had an old Lemans hood that was in fair shape so the boys cut the scoop out of the old hood and fabricated it into the Lemans hood. Now it looks just like it came out of the factory.

As most of you know some of the parts we need are just not reproduced so many hours were spent in junk yards and at swap meets but we still could not find all of our parts. Once in a while things just seem to fall into place as one evening I received a phone call from a guy that asked if I was building a 67 Lemans ragtop. I told him I was and he told me he had a car he wanted to get rid of and that it had some good parts on it. I told him I was interested and then found out it was a complete car. After talking to him for some time I tried to get a price from him but all he wanted was a ride in ours when it was finished.

We finally got the car on the road in the spring of 2010. Since then we have had a few problems but all very fixable.

Deb and I enjoy our driver as often as we are able, sometimes 2 or 3 times a week just to go for an evening cruise. Twenty years ago if someone would have told me I would be the proud owner of a GTO as a toy I would have told them they were crazy. Now we can only thank Terry Schott for making the phone call to the wrong person.





Presidents Scoop



The President's Scoop

By Terry Schott
President's Scoop August 2021

The August heat is upon us. Welcome to summer in St. Louis. People always say that dry heat isn't as bad, but we will never know. We always seem to have high humidity to add to our heat. At least we have had a few cool days to give us some relief. I always try to get the cars out on those days. It makes cruising the back roads really enjoyable.

Speaking of cruising the back roads, Gail and I did just that this week. We drove the 70 convertible down Hwy. 61 to Jackson, MO to see my 89-year-old uncle, the last Schott from his generation. The weather was great, in the low 80's, the top was down, and avoiding the "super slab", I-55, was a good choice. The 260-mile round trip cruise was great.

August has been a little slower time for Gateway events. There are still plenty of local car shows around and hopefully some of you have been able to participate in them.

A few Gateway members attended the Pontiac Tri-Power Nationals in Norwalk, Ohio. GTOAA had set up the promotional tent to attract new members and as typical, Gateway members were on hand to assist. Some of us even got to spend a little more time at the actual show this year. I believe this may have been the largest in attendance/participation for the show in the Tri-Power Nationals history. They usually have 400 race cars and about 400 show cars, as well. The swap meet was completely sold out and some vendors had to be turned away. The weather was beautiful and as usual the ice cream was GRREAT! Summit Motorsports Park is run by the Bader family and their claim to fame, outside of being one of the premier tracks in the country, is their ice cream. You can get 1 pound of ice cream for \$1. This year the lines got REALLY long, and they actually ran out of several flavors on Saturday. By Sunday they had replenished their supply, and once again, everything was, "right with the world", I highly suggest going to this event if you want to see a great all Pontiac show. We will keep you informed when the 2022 information is available.

Our busy month of September is coming up soon. Several of our members belong to the Rt. 66 Association of Missouri. The association is having a car cruise/tour for September 3 – 5, that looks to be a lot of fun. It starts in Miami, OK and heads back East over Rt. 66 with stops along the way through Kansas and Carthage, MO. It ends on Sunday in Springfield, MO. They still have spots available, and if you are interested, please check it out at this link https://www.missouri66.org/event-4346978

Sunday, September 12 is our annual WIM (Wheels in Motion) charity car show, benefiting the National Children's Cancer Society. We have quite a few items for our raffle table, left over from last year's rainout, but can always use more. If you plan on bringing anything for the







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raffle, please contact Terrie Oxler or myself and give us a heads-up. We do need all of you to plan on helping us with running the gate and with the raffle. Mark your calendar and I will send out an email reminder with more info as it gets a little closer.

The following weekend, September 18 & 19, is our 10th annual Regional All-Pontiac Show in Pontiac, IL. The proceeds from this show go to the Pontiac/Oakland Museum. It's always a great event and we need everyone to try to make it and help us run the show.

As many of you know, Chris Winslow has helped spearhead an effort to raise money for replacement awnings in front of the museum. The city is in the process of doing that now. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the city of Pontiac, IL, has lost a tremendous amount of their typical Rt. 66 tourism revenue throughout 2020 and into 2021. We felt it would be appropriate for us to try to raise money to help offset the cost of the replacements over the Pontiac/Oakland Museum.

GTOAA was approached and they agreed to donate \$1000. Gateway GTO voted, and we are donating \$500 to the city of Pontiac as well. We have received individual donations from club members and have been able to write a check to the City of Pontiac, IL, for \$3265. This is almost 1/3 of the cost of the awnings. THANK YOU, to our entire club and all who have donated. If you didn't get the chance to donate, we can still take your donation. Just send a check made out to Gateway GTO, noting "awnings" in the memo section, and send it to Will Bowers. Or if you'd rather, give it to me or any of our officers at our next meeting or event. I hope to see all of you at both of these charitable events.

Don't forget to mark your calendar for:

Sunday, October 3, our annual Gateway GTO picnic, and

Saturday, October 30, will be a collector car trivia night, for which the club will get a couple of tables.

We will keep you posted as the time gets closer.

I hope to see you at our next meeting on Thursday, September 2, at Gingham's Restaurant in St. Charles.





Gateway GTO Meeting Minutes



Meeting Minutes 8-5-21

7:04 PM – Meeting Start – No new members. Old Business

Terry Schott and Tom Oxler talked about the nationals in Wisconsin. Terrie Oxler talked about a jacket that was given to Sharon Wildebrandt by the family of Milt Shornak. Barb Lewis talked about the fun that she had on the waterslides.

Terry Schott talked about the Tri-Power Nationals in Norwalk. Steve Hedrick said that Earl Lewis recruited over 20 new members for GTOAA. He also spoke about a really nice 66' GTO California car with an interesting story.

Chris Winslow talked about the new awnings for the Pontiac Museum. As of the meeting we have raised \$3050 to help offset the cost of them.

Terry Schott talked about dues.

7:16 – New Business

Terry Schott talked about possibly moving 50/50 collection to the beginning of meetings instead of the end.

Chris Winslow talked about proposed changes to the club bylaws and constitution and displayed them in front of membership present at the meeting.

Bylaw Change #1 is a change of heading for Section 2 to reflect "reinstatement" of membership

Bylaw Change #2 is a new Paragraph D to Section 2 to make clear that members who have let membership lapse for more than a year will be subject to new membership application and approval process.

Bylaw Change #3 is a change to the order of business for meetings to either move the 50/50 collection to after adjournment. This will just be an official change to reflect how we've already been handling 50/50.

Bylaw Change #4 will add a new paragraph 4B that states that any meeting speakers will need 5 days advanced notice from the meeting that

they would be speaking. Final approval will be made by Officers and the Association Board of Directors.

Constitution change #1 updates Article III Section 5 to include text that states that all new membership will have a 5-review process and vote by the Association Board of Directors, with input by Officers considered.

Tom Oxler motioned (seconded by Kerry Friedman) for a vote to approve the proposed changes to the bylaws and constitution. There was a vote and the changes were unanimously approved.

Craig Glenn talked about a car show at the Chain of Rocks Bridge on August 29th.

Steve Hedrick talked about a Veterans car show in Arnold on August 14th.

Marty Howard talked about possibly putting together an Escape Room event.

Terry Schott mentioned that new club officer nominations will be open at the next business meeting.

7:31 – Upcoming Events

8/28 – Hazelwood Baptist Church Annual Car Show - Hazelwood, MO

9/11 – Randy Gori Memorial Car Show – Edwardsville, IL

9/12 – Wheels in Motion – Maryland Heights, MO

9/18-9/19 – Pontiac Regional Event – Pontiac, IL

10/3 – Gateway GTO Annual Picnic at Vago

Park – Maryland Heights, MO

10/30 – Archway Olds Collector Car Trivia Night

12/4 – Gateway GTO Christmas Party

7:39 – GTOAA

Tom Oxler talked about the 2022 GTOAA Nationals in Kingsport, TN. It will run Tuesday June 28th through Saturday July 2nd.

7:46 – Tech

Tom Oxler talked about an ignition problem





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that he had a few years back that has recently returned.

Frank Chapman talked about distributor problems that occurred on trip from the GTOAA Nationals in Wisconsin to the POCI Nationals in Connecticut.

Earl Lewis talked about a Hagerty insurance rental program. Anyone who opts in would make their car available for photo shoots, chauffeured drive or non-chauffeured drive depending on their preference. Hagerty would insure the vehicle for up to 2 million dollars and the member can make \$250-\$600 for photo shoots and \$400-\$900 for a chauffeured

drive.

Terry Schott decided to take a group picture of everyone who won an award at the nationals.

7:57 – Personals

Kathy Kiburz is recovering from Covid

Jon Havens is doing well after Covid. He was able to travel to POCI with a little fatigue.

8:01 – Motion to Adjourn by Brian O'Sullivan, seconded by Paul Winslow.

50/50 of \$41 won by Marty Howard.







Next Gen GTO Concours Project Achieves Judging of All Model YearsBy Chris Winslow

In May of 2010, I sent a letter to then GTOAA President Bob Alexander suggesting that GTOAA begin to prepare for concours judging of the Next Gen GTOs. At that time, my suggestion was to begin that program in 2014 to coincide with the 50th anniversary of the GTO and the 10th anniversary of the return of GTO. That proposal was to add 2004 GTOs to the concours judging in 2014 with the 2005 and 2006 model years following in 2015 and 2016 respectively. Ultimately, GTOAA Board did agree with folding the Next Gen cars into the concours program, but decided to start in 2019 as the cars achieved 15 years of age.

As I started to talk to more people about this in 2010 into 2011, I had what turned out to be a very important conversation with Steve Hedrick at one of our club meetings. During that conversation, Steve noted that given that there were still many of these new GTOs in the area that had been unaltered from the factory, it would be great to do something with these new GTOs that was never done with the classic GTOs. That something would be to take detailed photographs of these cars to document exactly how they were delivered from the factory so that these photos could be used in the judging process as the referee to address questions of what was or was not factory original.

So, in the fall of 2011, with the support of Gateway GTOs leadership, Gateway GTO launched off on the Next Gen GTO Concours Manual Project. This project would eventually become the foundation on which the GTOAA Next Gen concours project would be based. In all, 6 cars were documented for this project, one manual and one automatic for each of the models years. The owners of these cars were:

2004 Automatic - Ron Fiebiger

2004 Manual - Chris and Paula Winslow

2005 Automatic - Tom Szymczyk

2005 Manual - Dave and Diane Huesgen

2006 Automatic - Tom and Terrie Oxler

2006 Manual - Frank and Cheryl Chapman

Each of these manuals is about 100 pages long and contains over 150 high resolution color photographs. These manuals were Gateway GTOs contribution to the Next Gen GTO concours project and as such each carries Gateway's logo and Gateway has a copyright on the books to protect them from use by other organizations outside of GTOAA without Gateway's permission.

With these manuals in place fully documenting the as built condition of the new cars, the next step in the process turned out to be equally as challenging. That step was to create judging standards for the new cars that built on the gold standard of judging standards already established by GTOAA for the classic GTOs. The GTOAA concours program for the classic cars had established a







judging manuals for both the Original/Restored program and the Modified program. For the Original/Restored program, the judging is based on a 700 point system that grades the cars on originality based on how the cars left the factories. The modified class, which is more focused on the number and quality and workmanship of the modifications that have been made to cars, is based on a 400 point system.

Based on these outstanding existing judging manuals for the classic cars, new manuals for the Original/Restored and Modified programs were created. In addition, in order to facilitate the judging Next Gen specific judging sheets were created based on those manuals.



With all of the parts needed in place by early 2018, we had a trial judging of cars at the GTOAA national convention in Philadelphia. The Susquehanna Valley GTO Club stepped up in a big way for this effort by supplying some of their best examples of the Next Gen cars for use in our trial. That "soft opening" turned out to be very helpful in helping make a few final adjustments to the judging materials.

While all of this was underway, the GTOAA board had provided final approval the initiation of Next Gen concours judging to begin in 2019 at the GTOAA convention in Lawrenceburg, Indiana. As has been previously proposed, the judging would be in stages with the 2004 in 2019, the 2005's added in 2020 and the 2006's added in 2021.

So, in 2019, we rolled into Lawrenceburg ready to go. We had four 2004's registered for the concours event. That inaugural class was made up of three in the stock class and one in





the modified class.

I was fortunate to have a number of volunteers for judging for that event and with 4 cars to judge, we all worked together to judge both the stock cars and the modified car. The judging went extremely well although poor lighting in the outdoor parking garage made judging of the one car we had outside challenging!

We completed our judging for that first class without any real issues. We did find a few items that we agreed we should change in the judging manuals and forms and we made those changes to be ready for the 2020 GTOAA event.

Of course, as we now know, the 2020 event was not to be. So, the 2005 GTOs did not get their inaugural judging opportunity as they hit 15 years old had been originally planned. The decision to cancel the event was absolutely the right one, but it was disappointing. We quickly decided that the right approach to address this in terms of the Next Gen program was by adding both 2005 and 2006 GTOs to the program in 2021.

The one issue on these new cars that really became apparent during our trial judging in 2018 and actual judging in 2019 was that they are so low to the ground that performing the under car judging is difficult at best. I had brought flashlights and mirrors to the 2019 event after we ran into that issue in 2018. Some of the mirrors I brought also had built in lighting, but even then judging underneath was not easy. So, in 2019 and into 2020, I worked on a number of different electronic approaches to this where a video camera was placed under the car with a connection to a laptop or tablet so that the judge could perform a thorough inspection under the car without the need to physically be under the car to see it. I made three different setups but in the end, none of them really worked like I wanted. When the 2020 convention was canceled, I took advantage of the extra time, but still did not have anything that was working good enough as the 2021 event was approaching.

For the 2021 event, we ended up with a total of 10 Next Gen GTOs registered in Concours. One of them did have to cancel, but the rest were there leaving us with a total of 9 cars to judge with a mix of stock and modified. I really wanted to have separate teams for stock and modified classes, but I was not sure if we would have enough judges. As it turned out, that ended up not being a problem. A number of people with experience with the Next Gen cars, including Gateway GTO's own Brian and Amy O'Sullivan stepped up to help. So, we broke up into 2 groups with one group taking the Stock cars and the other group taking the modified cars. Brian and Amy worked with me on the judging of the stock cars with Brian taking the undercar judging and Amy performing the judging on the interiors. Since they have owned their 2004 GTO since it was new, they were both excellent judges given how well they both know these cars.

We were able to get all of the indoor cars judged as planned. Unfortunately, the weather prevented us from judging the two cars we had outdoors (one stock and one modified) so we contacted those two owners and made arrangements to judge them the following morning.

During that judging the next morning, Brian had a genius idea on the undercar judging. He bought his Go Pro with an extension stick so he could slide it under the car and his cell phone as a monitor. He was getting great images, far better than anything I had tried, and it was essentially an off the shelf solution! So, going into next year, I think we are going to plan to use Go Pros, probably linked to tablets, for the undercar inspections.

With the judging this year in Chula Vista, the project to establish Next Gen GTO Concours is complete. We have successfully implemented a judging program and integrated it with the rest of the GTOAA Concours program for all three model years for the new cars. It has





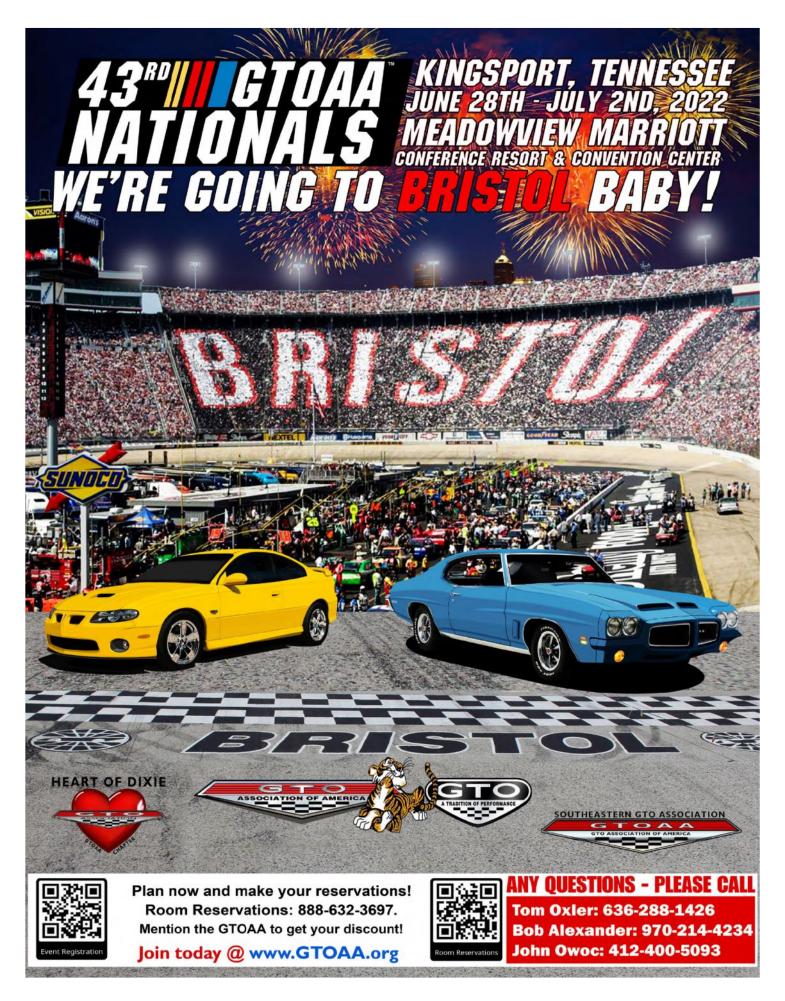
been a journey that has taken just over 11 years. Along the way, we took 1652 photos, generated 6 photo manuals with a combined total of 611 pages, a pair of judging manuals (one for stock and one for modified) and judging sheets to match.

Also along the way we have had great support from Gateway GTO, GTOAA and many members of both organizations. Along those lines, I have included a photo of all of the judges who helped with the 2021 judging below. From left to right they are: Steve Goscinski, Amy O'Sullivan, Tom Rudnicki, Dan Bridenbaugh, Brian O'Sullivan, Dennis Kennedy, and Walt Wasyliw.

I would like to offer a special thanks to both Brian and Amy volunteering to help. Without them we would not have had enough team members to break up into two teams and I think that really contributed significantly to how smoothly the judging went. They both jumped right in to the task and both did a great job!







Gateway GTO Membership Renewal

Gateway GTO Dues for 2021 are \$20 and are due by the February Gateway GTO Meeting but there is still time if you missed that deadline.

 Send dues to Will Bowers by mail or pay in person at the Next Meeting

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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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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Calling all owners of 1971 GTO's!

In 2021, in celebration of: 50th Anniversary of the 1971 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



2021 GATEWAY GTO CALENDAR OF EVENTS

August

- 5 GTO MEETING 7PM at Gingham's
- 29 Route 66 Car Show on the Chain of Rocks Bridge (Click HERE for details)

September

- 2 GTO MEETING 7PM at Gingham's
- 12 Wheels In Motion Car Show Westport Plaza
- 18-19 GTOAA Regional Car Show at the Pontiac Car Museum

October

- 3 Annual Gateway GTO picnic at Vago Park
- 7 GTO MEETING 7PM at Gingham's

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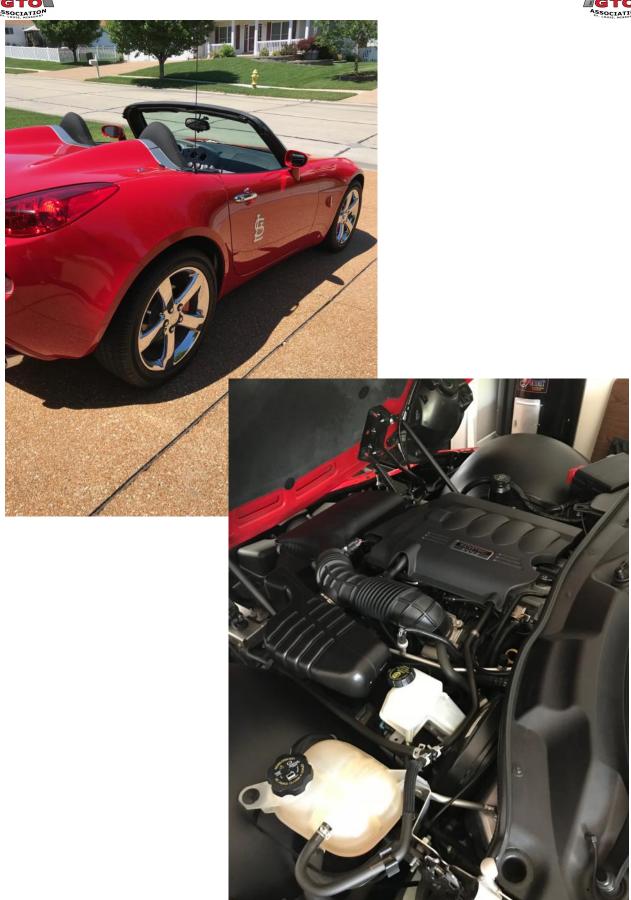
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Gateway GTO Association Photo Album

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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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.





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