



THE HOOD SCOOP

March 2021

GTO's of the Month

By Cecil Morton

Gateway GTO
Association



Editors note: The Gateway GTO family suffered a great loss this month with the passing of Cecil Morton. In memory of Cecil, I am rerunning an article he wrote for us in April of 2016 - Chris

The love for the almighty American automobile has gone on most of my life. In May of 1965, I graduated from high school and started a job at the auto body shop in an Olds, Pontiac and Buick dealership in Edwardsville.

The Pontiac G.T.O was most popular followed by the Olds 4-4-2 and Buick's Grand Sport.

Road testing these cars was a great perk of the job. The G.T.O was always my car of choice.

That lasted for about two years and was traded for a drab green Jeep (ARMY Issue).

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GTO of the Month



I played around with many different cars for several years and in 1989 I bought my first G.T.O, a 1967 Hardtop. This car was a real basket case with two truck loads of parts. Since then I have had several G.T.O s and still haven't used up all the parts.

As of right now we have a 1965 Hardtop in process of being restored, a 1966 hardtop with 60,000 original miles, this is a vary fun and reliable car. We also have the "Show Stopper" a 1968 covetable 4-speed and a 1969 Hardtop with original bench seats.

Some day I will be able to have all of these cars finished, but once I do I will be ready to buy more. I really appreciate the help I get from the Gateway G.T.O Support Group.





Presidents Scoop

The President's Scoop

By Terry Schott

Spring is finally here. Time to put away the snow shovels and start looking over our GTO's. It's time to start to check over the car and do all those little things that it needs before cruising time is here.

The month of March has started out on a sad note. We lost one of our longtime members, Cecil Morton. He passed away on March 8, 2021, under hospice care at home. He was a good friend to everyone he met. He was an active member and he and Annette participated in many Gateway GTO events. Cecil was an Army Veteran of the Vietnam war. He was buried with full military honors at Jefferson Barracks cemetery. For Cecil's "final cruise", Annette had asked if some Gateway GTOs could be in the funeral procession from the church in Granite City, IL to Jefferson Barracks. The procession was led by the "Patriot Guard", and 7 GTOs. We were all there to support Cecil and Annette on his last cruise. Please keep Annette and her family in your thoughts.

We held our 2nd meeting of the year at Ginghams on Thursday, March 4. We had 31 in attendance and in discussion we saw that almost everyone there had gotten at least 1 of their COVID-19 vaccine shots. As the vaccines become more available, I encourage everyone to get the inoculation. Most people that I have talked to have had little, to no, reaction to the shot. I think that the sooner everyone gets vaccinated, the sooner we can get back to more of a normal way of life again. It's what we need to be able to get back to car shows and other events to be held.

Steve Hedrick is working on hosting a "Sunrise Car Cruise" on Saturday, April 24. Mark your calendar and we will be sending out more information by email as soon as it is available.

John Grissom has also volunteered to set up a car cruise. A couple of cruises will give us a chance to get the cars out and drive them until we can start having more events. Thanks Steve and John.

Gateway GTO is planning to give rides to the Veterans as we have done in the past on Saturday, May 1, for the Immanuel Lutheran Church and School Parade. More info will be sent out by email.

Several Gateway members have signed up for the Lebanon, MO, Route 66 Festival, for June 18 & 19. You can check it out at www.lebanonroute66.com>festival.

Plan on attending the 2021 GTOAA Nationals in Wisconsin Dells, July 5 – 9. Please mark your calendars to help us for WIM (Wheels In Motion) on September 12, and our Pontiac Regional Event, September 18-19. Please note that all of our events are on the website calen-



dar, some with links for more information.

We will continue to monitor any cancellations of activities due to COVID-19. Watch for emails on all of these events for any changes to them. I believe that we should be able to have most all of our events this year and start getting back together again. If anyone has any suggestions for any future activity, and willing to host it, please email or call me or one of the officers and we can help pick out a date that is open. I hope to see all of you real soon.



Presidents Scoop





Gateway GTO Meeting Minutes



Meeting Minutes 3-4-21

7:15PM – Meeting Start – No new members in attendance.

Old Business

Terry Schott talked about the cancellation of the Forest Park Easter Show. The group that normally puts on the lower lot show has moved the event to the Family Arena.

The Gateway GTO dues are officially in effect. Please pay Will Bowers if you have not already done so.

The Veterans car show may still be happening. The event hosts will keep us updated.

7:20 – New Business

Terry Schott talked about the St. Patrick's Day Parade in Pacific and a possible car show at St. Pius. He also spoke about the Lebanon Route 66 Festival. We are looking for members to set up some simple cruises to get back into the swing of things.

Steve Hedrick talked about a Sunrise Cruise.

Earl Lewis talked about some Hagerty items that he was offering for the 50/50 drawing and he brought in some Route 66 magazines for anyone that wanted one.

Marty Howard talked about a possible pinball event and an escape room.

7:30 – Upcoming Events

4/13 – St. Patrick's Day Parade – Pacific, MO

5/1 – Veteran Car Show – St. Charles, MO

5/1 – St. Pius Car Show – Festus, MO

5/2 – Model T Swap Meet – Worldwide Technology Raceway – Madison, IL

6/3-6/6 – Pontiacs at Pigeon Forge – Pigeon Forge, TN

6/18-6/19 – Lebanon Route 66 Festival and Cruise-In

7/5-7/9 – 2021 GTOAA Convention – Wisconsin Dells

7/30-8/1 – Ames Tri-Power Nationals – Norwalk, OH

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 Picnic – Vago Park – Maryland Heights, MO

12/4 – Gateway GTO Christmas Party

7:37 – GTOAA

Tom Oxler talked about the GTOAA Nationals at Wisconsin Dells

7:39 – Tech

John Grissom talked about a problem with his GTO. It would start ok, but would not stay running. It turned out to be a clamp issue on the fuel lines.

7:50 – Club Personals

Jack Lapeire's wife Barb passed away.

Harry Timmermann is recovering from knee surgery.

We got updates from Frank Chapman and Craig Glenn. They are both doing well.

Cecil Morton is on hospice care and is not expected to be with us much longer. Terry and Gail Schott showed a club picture and special plaque that Tom and Terry Oxler are giving to the family. Annette has asked that some members with GTOs participate in the procession after he passes as a last send off.

7:56 – Motion to Adjourn by Earl Lewis, seconded by Chris Winslow

50/50 of \$35 won by Marty Howard



42nd GTOAA NATIONALS MAKING A SPLASH AT CHULA VISTA RESORT



JULY 5-9, 2021
WISCONSIN DELLS, WI



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42nd ANNUAL GTOAA NATIONALS

JULY 5 – JULY 9, 2021

Chula Vista Resort, Wisconsin Dells, WI

Hosted by the Original GTO Club

Tentative Schedule of Events

May be updated monthly as event times are confirmed

Sunday, July 4

5:00 – 10:00 GTOAA Board Meeting-Exec. Board Rm

Monday, July 5

All Day Early Arrivals and Staff Arrivals
All Day Swap Meet/Vendor/PV & Concours setup
9:00 – 4:15 Registration Open, Tech/Photo
Noon – 5:00 Car Wash Open
5:00 – 10:00 GTOAA Staff Meeting-Exec. Board Rm

Tuesday, July 6

6:00 – 5:00 Car Wash Open
8:00 – 5:00 Registration Open, Tech/Photo
8:00 – 5:00 Swap Meet, Vendors, Display Cars, Model Car Displays
8:00 – 4:00 Driving Tour EAA Aviation Museum
TJs Harbor Restaurant
09:00 – 4:00 **Bus Tour** - Circus World Museum, & AL Ringling Museum
10:00 – 12:00 **Speaker Session** OPEN Room I
1:00 – 3:00 Duck Boat Road/Water Tour
1:00 – 3:00 **Speaker Session** OPEN Room I
4:15 – 4:45 Concours Owner's Meeting: Rm I
4:45 – 5:30 Concours Judge's Meeting: Rm I
5:30 – 6:30 Judges training
6:45 – 9:15 Dinner Cruise

Wednesday, July 7

6:00 – 5:00 Car Wash Open
7:30 – 8:30 Judges Breakfast Mtg-Kilbourn City Grill
8:00 – 5:00 Registration Open, Tech/Photo
8:00 – 5:00 Swap Meet, Vendors, Display Cars
08:30 – 3:30 Driving Tour: Mid-Continent Railway Museum, The Gravy Train Restaurant & Cedar Grove Cheese
8:30 – finish Concours Judging
8:30 – finish Concours Tabulation, Santa Fe Rm
09:00 – 5:00 **Bus Tour**: Monroe Cheese Tour OR beer/distillery tour
3:00 – 5:00 Street Legend Cruise/Pontiacs on Parade into Town
10:30 – 12:30 **Speaker Session** John Kraman of MECUM Auctions. **Room I**
1:00 – 3:00 **Speaker Session** OPEN Room I

Wednesday, July 7, continued

1:00 – 3:00 Duck Boat Road/Water Tour
1:00 – 2:00 Kids Make & Take Model Building
3:30 – 5:00 **Speaker Session** OPEN Room I
6:00 – 8:00 Chapter Recognition & President's Meeting, Cash Bar- Room I

Thursday, July 8

6:00 – 5:00 Car Wash Open
8:00 – 5:00 Swap Meet, Vendors, Display Cars
9:00 – 1:00 **Popular Voting, Ballots Due 1PM**
10:30 – 12:30 **Speaker Session** Randy Pribyl, Don Micetic
"Making your GTO Loo it's Best. **Room I**
1:00 – 3:00 Duck Boat Road/Water tour
1:00 – 3:00 **Speaker Session** Milt Schornack History of Royal Pontiac. **Room I**
2:00 – 3:00 Model Car Judging
2:00 – 4:00 Ladies Activity
3:30 – 5:30 **Speaker Session** Tim Dye History of Pontiac **Room**
7:00 – 11:00 "Ames" Parking Lot Party with DJ
Banquet Room **FREE ADMISSION**

Friday, July 9

8:00 – 5:00 Swap Meet, Vendors, Display Cars
8:30 – 4:30 **Bus Tour**: Monroe Cheese Factory OR Beer Distillery Tour, and Lunch
09:00 – 4:15 Driving Tour: Cave of the Mounds Baraboo Candy Factory, Rookies & The Dells Raceway Park
9:15 – 4:15 **Bus Tour**: Mid-Continent Railway Museum & J's Pub Grill
09:30 – 4:00 Driving Tour: Carr Valley Cheese & Burr Oak Winery, Shipwreck Bay, & The Dells Raceway Park
10:00 – 12:00 **Speaker Session** Jim Mattison TBD **Room I**
1:00 – 3:00 Duck Boat Road/water tour
1:00 – 3:00 **Speaker Session** Arnie Beswick; Racing **Room I**
5:00 – 6:00 Awards Happy Hour
6:00 – 7:00 Awards Dinner
7:00 – 9:30 Awards



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
(Please print clearly)

Name: _____ Date: _____

Associate Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

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

E-mail Address: _____

Occupation: _____

Year & Body Style of Car(s) **ALL PONTIACS:**

Auto related interests, hobbies or talents:

GTO Association of America membership number: _____

GTO Association of America membership renewal date: _____
(found on address label of *Legend*)

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:

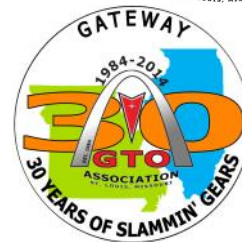
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Year Of The 1's



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

April

- 1 - GTO MEETING 7PM at Gingham's
- 4 - Easter Car Show at the Muny has been canceled but the "Real" Easter Car Show (normally held in the lower Muny lot) will take place at the St. Charles Family Arena
- 24 - Sunrise Cruise - Details to follow

May

- 1 - Immanuel Lutheran Church Parade for Veterans - Parade cars should gather at 9:30 at 115 S 6th Street, St. Charles, MO
- 1 - St. Pius Car Show, Festus, MO
- 2 - Model T Swap Meet - Worldwide Technology Raceway - Madison, IL
- 6 - GTO MEETING 7PM at Gingham's
- 31 - 33rd Annual Cobblestone Nationals at Fastlane Classic Cars, St. Charles, MO

June

- 3 - GTO MEETING 7PM at Gingham's
- 3-6 - Pontiacs at Pigeon Forge - Pigeon Forge, TN
- 18-19 Route 66 Festival, Lebanon, MO - <http://www.lebanonroute66.com/festival/>

July

- 1 - GTO MEETING 7PM at Gingham's
- 5-9 - GTOAA National Convention - Wisconsin Dells, WI - [2021 GTOAA International Convention](#)
[» GTO Association of America](#)

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.

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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