



THE HOOD SCOOP

May 2021

GTO of the Month (Sept 1991)

By Will Bowers

Gateway GTO
Association



Editors Note: Since I am not having much luck getting new Car of the Month articles, for this month I am running a classic Car of the Month article from our September 1991 newsletter, but with color photos.... - Chris

If it had not been for some bad weather, I might never have purchased my first, GTO. The first Pontiac I owned was a '62 Ventura with a 425A motor (346 HP Tri-Power), 4 speed, 3:90 posi and 8 lug wheels. It was a beautiful automobile and one that I was not considering selling until it got caught in a golf ball size hall storm. I took the insurance settlement and traded the Ventura for a '64 Aqua GTO Sport Coupe with matching interior, which was sitting on the dealer's floor. It had all the right stuff Tri-Power, 4 speed, tach, 3:90 posi, handling package, splitters, red lines and three bar spinners. It was basically the same set up as the Ventura; but much lighter and faster. I always considered it best car I ever owned.

In 1983, I started getting the bug for a GTO again. It was really Vic Nettle's cars that were the final straw. I was working for McDonnell Douglas and kept seeing all these great looking GTOs and Grand Prix's that he was driving to work. After watching the local papers for some time, I finally purchased a '65 GTO (which I still have) for \$800. I really like the '65 but I always wanted another '64.

I spotted a '64 In Hemmings that was advertised as having the original motor and being an almost rust-free Florida car. After several discussions with the owner, who had brought the car to Chicago, I bought a plane ticket and headed North. It's funny how things are never quite how they are described. The car was supposed to be drivable and the tri-power had just

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GTO of the Month



been rebuilt. The owner picked me up at the airport and we drove to his home in Park Ridge. During the drive, he mentioned that the car was not actually, running (not for 2 years) and that the carbs were off the car. He said not to worry as his buddy had rebuilt them and would meet us at his house.

The car was the ugliest thing I had ever seen. It had been painted burgundy and was chalked so bad it almost looked like red primer. All the trim and bumpers had been removed. However, it was almost rust free and straight. It did have the correct motor and was a 4 speed. After going over the body, his friend arrived with the "rebuilt carbs." They were greasy and rusty, but he offered to rebuild them on the spot if we could get some hot water to boil them out! I told the owner to forget it and take me back to the airport. I hated to say it because under burgundy was traces of the original Aqua paint, the same color as my original '64. He said if I was really interested in the car, there was a complete tri- power on a '64, 4 speed Catalina he had for sale and we could use the carbs. They were in pretty good shape and even had the original tags which were the correct number for a GTO, so we installed them on the Goat. We poured in some fresh gas, but it would not fire. After some further checking we determined that the points were not opening. After adjusting the dwell it fired and we took it for a test drive. The battery was not charging so we replaced the voltage regulator and continued with the test drive. It actually did not run bad and was not over-heating.

After some serious negotiations, we agreed on a price and the sale was concluded about 9:30 P.M. Believe it or not, I drove home that night with bumpers and trim stuffed in the trunk. I arrived home without incident about 3:30 A.M.

I purchased the car in July and played around with it over the winter and decided to have the paint and body work done that spring. Over the next couple of years more work was done including rebuilding the motor to original specs except for .030 over bore and the addition of a

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'65 068 cam. The front end has been rebuilt with new components including springs, and the 4 speed has been checked out with new synchro's, bearings and a couple of gears. An Olds 3:43 posi has been added, since the original 3:55 had disappeared.

As far as I can determine, it was an 80K mile car when I purchased it. This conclusion was supported by the condition of the interior, which was nearly perfect, and the fact that the motor was unmolested prior to the rebuild. Overall the body was very solid. No patch panels were required in the quarters, and only minor rust was found in the trunk. A good deal of the trim has been upgraded and all of the stainless has been buffed. Original options included radio, tach, console, tri-power, 4 speed, 3:55 posi, handling package, windshield washers and deluxe hubcaps. A wood wheel and spinners have been added. It's almost the way I remember it in 1964 except on nice days the top goes down!





Presidents Scoop

The President's Scoop

By Terry Schott

It looks like things may be getting back to normal again, or at least close to normal. The mask rules are starting to be lifted and some businesses are beginning to open up to full capacity again. Hopefully, people will continue to get vaccinated so that everyone can feel more at ease. The car season is well under way and hopefully we will see an end to the spring rains real soon.

For those of you not able to make the May meeting, we had about 31 people in attendance. Eric Beasley, from Schaeffer oil was present and did a demonstration on their oils vs. other oil. Several of the newer members had never seen his demo and his presentation was very informative.

We have a few events scheduled. On Monday, May 31 (Memorial Day), Tom and Terrie Oxler are hosting a cruise to Lake Creek Winery. The musical guest at the winery will be "Butch Wax and the Hollywoods". They are supposed to be a great band, so I hope many of you can make it.

The GTOAA National Convention is right around the corner, July 5 to July 9. You need to finish your reservations if you haven't already done so. I think that Chula Vista resort has a waiting list for the rooms so hopefully you have already booked your room.

I also received a call that the Wheels In Motion show is definitely on for this year. After having a rainout in 2019, and COVID in 2020, we really need to have a good show this year. The profits all go to the National Children's Cancer Society which is a great organization. We do have several things left from the last shows, but we definitely could use gift certificates for oil changes, restaurants, tires, etc. These are all popular items, so talk to people that you deal with regularly and see if we can get those items to add to the raffle.

Things are also shaping up for our 10th Annual GTOAA Regional Event in Pontiac, IL. Chris Winslow has been working hard and has gotten sponsors for trophies for most of the car classes. Thanks to him for all his hard work. Thanks to Brian O'Sullivan for his time in designing the trophy. Be sure to mark your calendar for September 18 & 19. This is always a great weekend and as it continues to grow in size, we need your help to run it smoothly. I look forward to seeing many of you there.

Our next meeting is Thursday June 3, until then, enjoy your GTO.





LAKE CREEK WINERY



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MEMORIAL DAY, MONDAY

MAY 31, 2021

1:00 – 4:00 PM

Meet at Francis Howell High School

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Gateway GTO Meeting Minutes



Meeting Minutes 5-6-21

7:08 PM – Meeting Start – Eric Beasley from Schaeffer Oil gave a presentation.

8:05 – New Member – Matt Tranney has a 65 GTO.

8:06 – Old Business

Marty Howard talked about the Easter Show and about the double booking of the Pinball Event. The Pinball event has been rescheduled to May 23rd.

Terry Schott talked about the Cecil Morton memorial cruise. He thanked John Grissom for putting it together.

Steve Hedrick talked about the Sunrise Cruise that was rained out. It will be rescheduled for a later date.

Terry Schott talked about the veterans car show.

Chris Simmons talked about a swap meet at the Warrenton Outlet Mall.

8:10 – New Business

The Schaeffer Oil order is in.

Terry Schott talked about a revised date for the St. Pius car show.

Tom Oxler talked about a Wine Cruise to the Lake Creek Winery.

8:14 – Upcoming Events

5/15 – St. Pius Car Show – Festus, MO

5/31 – Cruise to Lake Creek Winery

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 – GTOAA Convention – Wisconsin

Dells

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

9/11 – Randi 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

10/30 – Trivia Night

12/4 – Gateway GTO Christmas Party

8:15 – GTOAA

Tom Oxler talked about the Nationals at Wisconsin Dells.

8:18 – Tech

Craig Glenn is looking for someone to install an under-dashboard wiring harness in his 69 GTO. Please call him at 636-293-9765 if you can help.

Chris Simmons talked about headers

8:19 – Club Personals

Jon Havens is recovering from Covid-19 and pneumonia

Donna Bowers is recovering from foot surgery

Joe Mayweather is having some leg issues.

Steve Hedrick talked about Missouri collectors plates and the fact that you need to carry a mileage log. If you are caught without it, you can possibly lose the plate.

8:29 – Motion to Adjourn by Tootie May, seconded by Paula Winslow.

50/50 of \$43 won by Annette Morton



42nd GTOAA NATIONALS MAKING A SPLASH AT CHULA VISTA RESORT



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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



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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: _____

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

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Occupation: _____

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PLEASE FILL IN ALL FIELDS

And mail to:

Will Bowers, Treasurer
Gateway GTO Association
4213 Napa View Lane
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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:

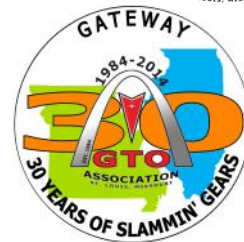
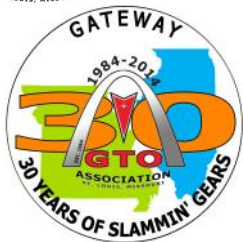
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The Hoodscoop will be featuring Car of the Month articles on the anniversary year

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

May

- 1 - Immanuel Lutheran Church Parade for Veterans - Parade cars should gather at 9:30 at 115 S 6th Street, St. Charles, MO
- 2 - Model T Swap Meet - Worldwide Technology Raceway - Madison, IL
- 6 - GTO MEETING 7PM at Gingham's
- 15 - St. Pius Car Show, Festus, MO [St. Pius X | Car Show \(stpius.com\)](http://stpius.com)
- 31 - Lake Creek Winery Cruise with Butchwax and the Hollywoods

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](http://2021.GTOAAInternationalConvention.org)
» [GTO Association of America](http://GTOAssociationofAmerica.org)

August

- 5 - GTO MEETING 7PM at Gingham's

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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