



THE HOOD SCOOP

August 2024

6th Annual Car Show at St. Louis Car Museum

by Chris Winslow



The 6th Annual car show at the St. Louis Car Museum was held on August 24th. The show has gotten bigger and bigger every year and this year was no different. In fact, in talking to some of the folks there, it seems the only way to get a really good spot is to show up around 8:30 even though the event itself does not start until 10:00. Note to self for next year!

Gateway GTO had an outstanding turnout. In attendance were Frank and Cheryl Chapman in their '70 Judge, John Grissom in his '67, Alan and Pam Neal in their '68, Jesse and Sharon Gill in their '69, Mark Melrose in his '68, Jim and Shelly Schneider in their '67 Convertible, Will and Donna Bowers in their 64 Convertible, Barb and Earl Lewis in their '67, Terry Schott in his '06 and Paula and I with the '04. By my count, that puts us at 10 cars. Not a bad showing at all. I was really happy about that since the St. Louis Car Museum is one of our sponsors for GTOAA.

Unfortunately, Paula and I were not able to stay very long since we had folks working on our house, but I was able to get some photos, try to convince (unsuccessfully) a friend of Jim Schneider's in a really nice '69 GTO to join and sneak in a shaved ice.

And, of course, like every year at this event lately, the Museum tried to convince Frank to sell his '70. Like I said, I left early but when I left the answer was still at a hard no.....

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GATEWAY GTO



40 YEARS OF SLAMMIN' GEARS

Presidents Scoop

The President's Scoop

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September is Gateway's really busy month. First up is Wheels In Motion in support of the National Children's Cancer Society on September 8th. As we have discussed the last few meetings, for 2024 Elliot has moved the show from the back lot at Westport Plaza to the Elks Lodge on Ladue Road. All of us that support this show think that this is going to be a huge improvement. I am hopeful that with this new location we will get better attendance and hopefully turn that into more money raised for the NCCS. We will want to put on a really nice raffle for this new location, so please be sure to keep collecting raffle items. If you have some items, but cannot make the event, please let me know and I will make arrangements to pick them up from you.

I spoke with Elliot a few weeks ago after our last meeting. He told me that one change for this year is that we will need to supply our own chairs. So, for those that are attending, please be sure to pack some chairs. Table will be provided, so we don't need to bring any tables. And, as usual they will have the big pop up that we usually have for our raffle.

The other really big event in September is our annual show in Pontiac Illinois at the Pontiac Museum September 20-22. We will be having our traditional Bar B Que at the Finkenbinder's on Friday the 20th to kick off the weekend. I sent out a message earlier looking for a head count of who will be coming so that Alan and Liane will know how many are coming. If you have not let me know you are coming, please do so soon. As I have mentioned before, Liz from the City of Pontiac has indicated that there are other events in the area on the weekend of our show. They are not going to cause any interference with our activities, but folks may use up some of the hotel rooms we usually occupy, so if you have not already booked your room, now is the time. See our website for details.

For those that plan to head up to Pontiac on Friday, we will be organizing a caravan. More details to follow on that shortly.

For October, be sure to mark your calendars for our annual Gateway GTO picnic on Sunday, October 6th at Vago Park. For this year, we are featuring a new twist on our annual washers tournament. You will not want to miss it. Our other annual activity for October is the Olds Club Collector Car Trivia night on the 19th. We need to confirm the head count so I can reserve the right number of tables. So please let me know if you are planning to attend.





Gateway GTO Meeting Minutes



Minutes

8/1/24

7:07 PM – Meeting Start

New member Robert Woolsey and his daughter Janell were in attendance. He is from Kansas City and has a black 68' GTO.

7:10 – Old Business

Steve Hedrick talked about the “60 Years of Pontiac GTO” display at the Good Guys National in Columbus, OH. He said that there were 100 GTOs inside the main building and that there was an unbelievable number of cars that attended the event. We gained 30 new GTOAA members.

Steve Hedrick talked about the Tri-Power Nationals.

Chris Winslow talked about a “Design Connect” event that he was invited to in Auburn Hills, MI. It specifically honored Bob Lutz and a selection of vehicles that he had a hand in, were brought in and displayed. He had a slide show of the event.

7:30 – New Business

Chris Winslow talked about the Wheels in Motion show and mentioned that we are still collecting items for the raffle.

Chris Winslow talked about the Woodward Dream Cruise.

Chris Winslow talked about the Collector Car Trivia night in October. We should have enough people attending to get at least 2 tables.

Chris Winslow displayed a slideshow of pictures from the Pontiac Transportation Museum in Pontiac, MI. The museum is not specifically for the Pontiac brand, but for all brands that were built in Pontiac, MI.

7:43 – Upcoming Events

8/24 – Car Show at the St. Louis Car Museum,

from 10:00 to 2:00

9/8 – Wheels in Motion car show at new location at Elks Lodge on Ladue Road.

9/20-9/22 – GTOAA Regional event at the Pontiac Museum in Pontiac, IL.

10/6 – Gateway GTO Picnic at Vago Park

10/19 – Collector Car Trivia Night

October or November wine cruise

7:51 – GTOAA

Steve Hedrick talked about the 2025 Nationals in Kingsport, TN. Registration should open in October or November. You can make hotel reservations now.

7:54 – Tech Session

Tom Oxler talked about an upcoming East Coast cruise and about a drag link hitting an oil pan.

Will Bowers talked about replacing a steering box.

Earl Lewis talked about a car cruise that happens every Friday at the Sonic at 79 and Saltlick.

8:00 – Club Personals

Laura Fox's mother passed away on July 28th.

Mary Ann Ray is recovering from throat cancer.

Anita Jackson's mother is recovering from a stroke.

Paula Winslow is having issues with sciatica

John Grissom talked about the Norwalk show

Motion to Adjourn by Brian O'Sullivan, seconded by Jim McCarthy

50/50 of \$41 won by Donna Bowers



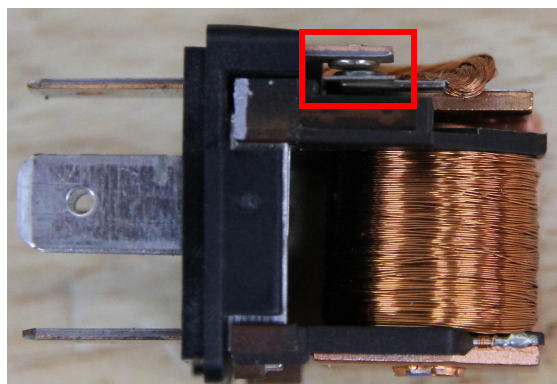
tion off and popped the cover off the panel and pulled the relay out. As soon as I did, the fan stopped running. Expecting that this would be the case, I had ordered some replacement relays and had one in the glove box. I popped in a new relay and that has been the end of that problem for my '04.

Not being one to just let something like that go, I decided to do a bit of failure analysis on the relay to see what was driving the issue. The relay in question is a relay made by Tyco Electronics. They make a lot of commercial, automotive, and aerospace grade relays. This particular relay is from their automotive line

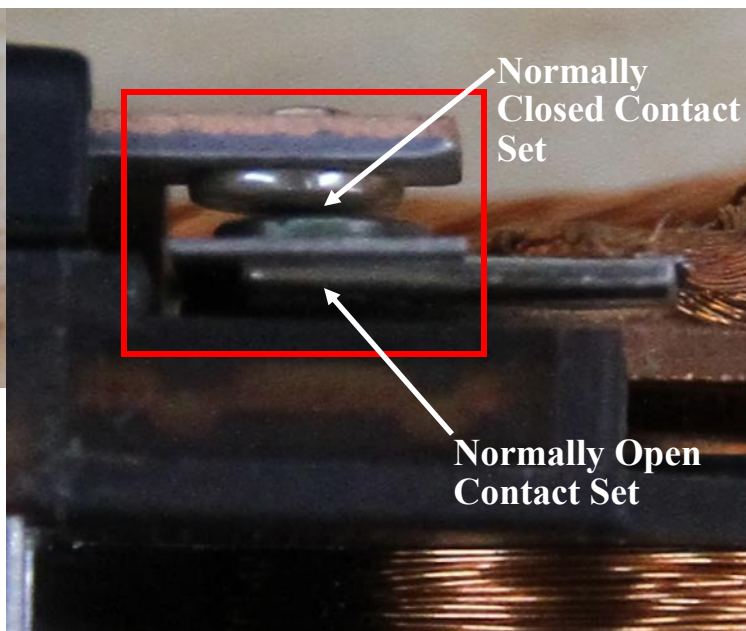
The info in the lower right hand corner tells us that the relay was manufactured at the plant in India. (IN). We also know that it was manufactured on the 30th week of 2004. (0430 is electrical date coding - first 2 digit are the calendar year, the second 2 digits are the week). This puts it at around mid July of 2004. This matches up for a car that was assembled in August of 2004.

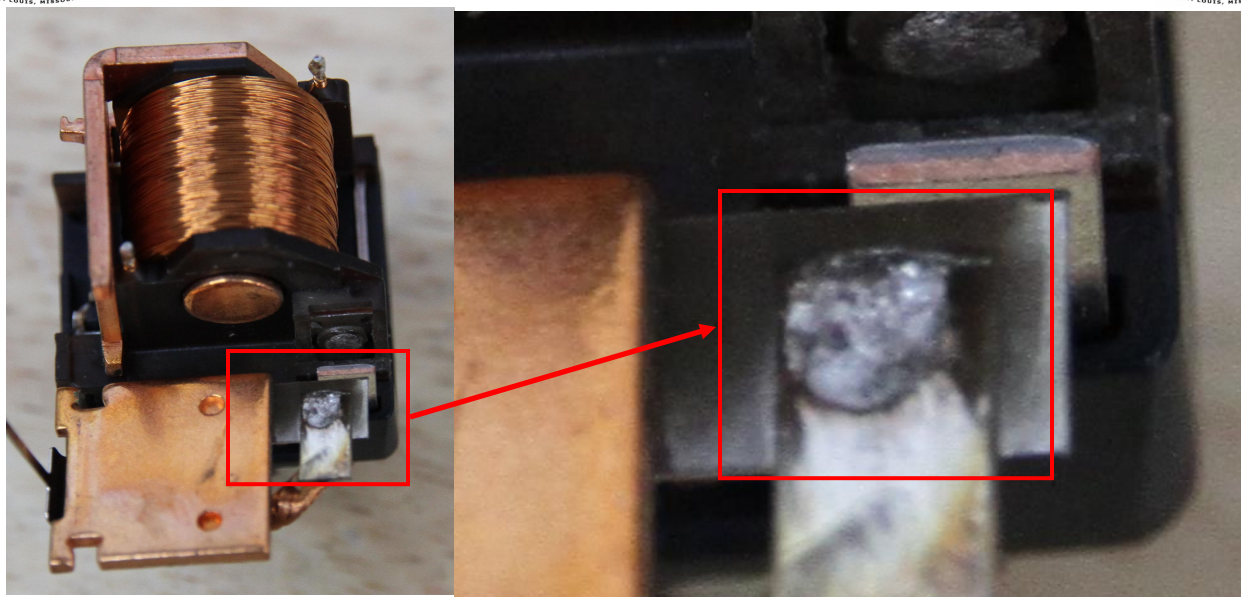


Unlike aerospace grade relays, which are typically hermetically sealed, automotive grade relays are at best environmentally sealed. So, de-lidding this device was a simple matter of using a small screw driver to pop off the cover. Once inside, the failure mode was obvious. The normally open contact set was badly pitted with obvious signs of material transfer from the movable contact to the stationary contact. The normally closed contact set, however, looked almost pristine.



Further disassembly by removing the armature confirmed that the movable contact side had significant material transfer. This was causing the normally open contact to weld itself shut, resulting in the fan running even when the body control module was not calling for it by energizing the relay.





This sort of damage in a relatively short time frame (I have about 35,000 miles) suggests that this relay's motor load rating is simply not high enough for the fan motors it is driving. So, my suggestion for those that have this problem is to buy a new relay and swap it out. The relays are readily available from Rock Auto by the GM part number (92092445) for just over \$20. Even better, the swap only takes about 1 minute. Of course, it is going to fail again, but for \$20, it is easy enough to keep one in the glove box ready for next time.

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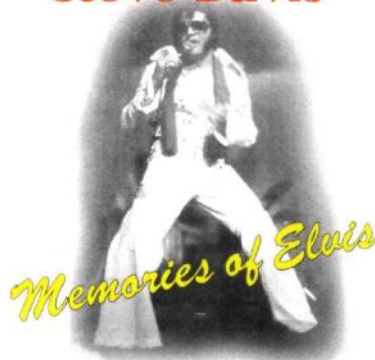
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All Gateway GTO Members must also be members in good standing with GTOAA

Go to WWW.GTOAA.ORG to join or renew GTOAA membership



Gateway GTO

Membership Renewal

Gateway GTO Dues for 2024 are \$20 and are due by the annual Gateway GTO Pizza Party.

- Send dues to Will Bowers by mail or pay in person at the Next Meeting
Will's Address:
4213 Napa View Lane
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- In order to Renew with Gateway GTO, members must be members in good standing with GTOAA.

Contact Chris Winslow if you have any questions on renewing your Gateway GTO membership



GTOAA Membership Renewal

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 Steve Hedrick with any questions:

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2024 GATEWAY GTO CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September

- 5 - GTO MEETING 7PM at Gingham's
- 8 - Wheels In Motion Charity Car Show
- 14 - JJ Cruise Night - 1215 S. Duchesne in St. Charles
- 21-22 - Regional Car Show at the Pontiac Museum

October

- 3 - GTO MEETING 7PM at Gingham's
- 6 - Annual Gateway GTO Picnic at Vago Park
- 12 - JJ Cruise Night - 1215 S. Duchesne in St. Charles
- 19 - Archway Olds Club's Collector Car Trivia Night

SEE THE FULL CALENDAR AT WWW.GATEWAYGTO.ORG

Gateway GTO Classifieds

2024 GTOAA Nationals Photo Wanted-

For anyone who went to the Springfield MO GTOAA Nationals, I am looking for a photo of Miss Hurst Golden Shifter Linda Vaughn when she was at the Expo Center (where the Concours cars were) that shows her and the big 7 foot tall GTOAA Shifter.

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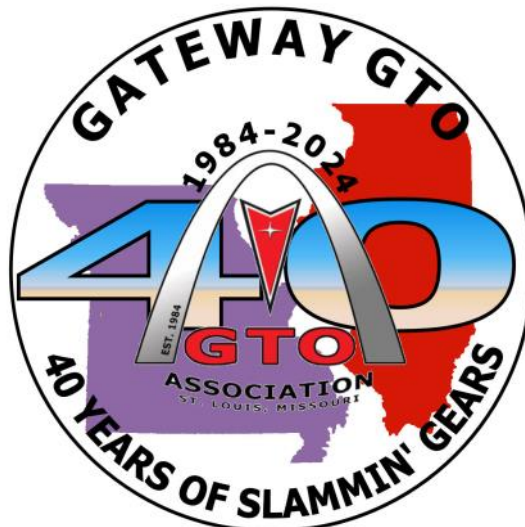
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Gateway GTO Club Information

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

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