

GTO of the Month



GTO's of the Month

By Cecil Morton



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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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.

