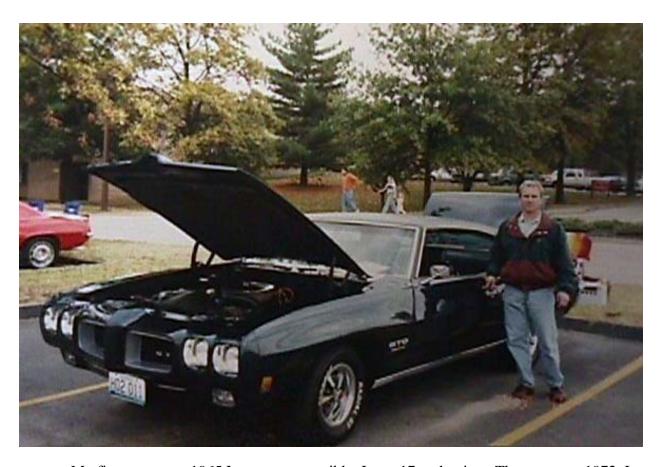
## History of My Pontiacs By Gary Suellentrop



My first car was a 1965 Lemans convertible; I was 17 at the time. The year was 1972. I purchased it for \$300.00 Dollars. The car was white with Bk. Interior and a two-speed six cylinder. "Very Cool" A couple years later the rear end went out and my parents wanted me to sell it. "Big Mistake" I sold the car for 150.00 bucks. "Stupid" I'm blaming this one on my parents. "I did not want to sell this car"

The next car was a 1968 GTO, I purchased it in 1974. Dk. Blue coupe with a 400 Fourspeed, Paid \$800.00 for the car at the time. The car was in great shape, no rust, no dents and had thrush mufflers. Very loud. I put steel wool in the tail pipes to quiet it down before showing it to my dad. It worked, He let me buy it. This car was really cool. After shifting through the gears one time, I then became a GTO lover.

I owned the car for a year before totaling it out. I hit a tree on Hwy 21 about (2) miles North of the Meramec River. This car sat in the woods at my parent's house where no one could see it up until 2001. Ray from Walnut Park Auto Body finally came and got the car for parts. "Car sat in the woods for 25 years"

In 1975 I purchased my current 1970 GTO coupe for \$1000.00 Dollars. The car and interior is still original and looks new. The car has been painted five times through the years. When new, it was gray with a black vinyl top. Since then, the car was painted silver, then green, green again, then silver. The current color is teal green.



In about 1989 or so,

I was rear ended by a ford F-150 on Hwy 21 near Shady valley; I was pushed into the car in front of me. I remember hearing the truck skidding, tires squealing as I was bracing myself, Thinking, my cars is going to get wrecked. I got out and looked at the damage and said to myself. Oh, my GTO, I also said few other words.

The car was put back together again and was parked in the garage and not driven much. I hated the new silver color. In 1999 I decided to paint the car teal green. In November of 2011 I rebuilt the engine and installed an Edelbrock intake, a big cam, 2.5 inch Ram air III exhaust manifolds and a few other items. Now the car is really fun to drive.

Back in the day, I used to slide each of these cars sideways around the turns on Lion's Den Rd. (a gravel Rd) ..... So I've always been a GTO guy!

I grew up in Shrewsbury, in St Louis and then moved to Imperial Mo. When I was 9 years old. My wife's name is Pam and I have two daughters, Ashley and Angela. I currently work at LMC Industries as a co-owner with family members; we are Located in Arnold Mo. I also go boating, scuba dive and currently a member of the APA and Missouri 8 ball pool leagues.

