

1964 Pieces and Dreams

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Chris asked if I could put together an article on my 1964 GTO. I explained to him this could be a very short article. He said he could work with it, so here it goes.

One evening we had the '67 out for a cruise and we came across a guy with a very nice '64 Nocturne Blue hardtop. After talking for a bit, he explained how he came to have the GTO. Many years before, he bought a '64 Nocturne Blue and started a full frame off restoration. He had dreamed of a beautiful '64 GTO to cruise in and show. He took the car apart, I mean apart. After being overwhelmed for many years and not making much head way, he decided, to make his dreams come true; it might require a visit to E-bay. After finding the Nocturne Blue '64 he was dreaming about, he explained he needed to get rid of the '64 he was working on. I told him I was interested and we made plans to come over to see the car.

After a few trailers full of parts we had a '64. While Tammy was proofreading this article, she reminded me that I forgot to mention that I wrapped up the title and presented it to her as an anniversary present. Ah true love. After all, you can only ask for forgiveness so many times, then you have to get creative.

Nocturne Blue hardtop 389 4 barrel 4 speed, the car still had the original paint on it.

This is the point where the article might come to an end. But my dream '64 would look something like this. Frame off resto-mode GTO, beautiful deep Nocturne Blue paint, blue stock interior, 5-speed tremic, 389 4 barrel with Eldbrock heads, cut-outs, disc brakes, riding on gator back red line tires, and some cool 17 inch rims, for showing and cruising.

The '64 we own is nowhere near there yet. We have had the car for a few years and have been slowly accumulating parts and getting some things done. Progress is slow but as I've told others "it doesn't eat much"

I guess part of the joy of owning a GTO is the dreams you have for it.

My dreams of GTO's are always on my mind and always changing. I suppose my ultimate dream for my '64 is to finish the car and make it my son Lucas' GTO, one to be proud of, and then a new dream starts for this car.

It certainly makes you wonder just how many dreams can one car foster? As I watch my grandson help me with my GTO's, I wonder if he will have dreams someday of a GTO; Grandpa's, Dads, or another. I also wonder, was there any way Russ G. and John D. and all those guys working to make the GTO happen, had any idea what would come from those cars, or the dreams and passion they would spur. It also begs the question, what are your dreams for you and your GTO? Only time will tell.

