

Goat of the Month

By Steve Hedrick



Goat of the month this month is Steve's 1967 Sport coupe. I was asked to write a short story on the '67, so here we go.

My name is Steve Hedrick I have been in the Gateway GTO club a few years, 1985 just seem like yesterday. In that time we have owned a few GTO's. Since the age of 14 I have always had a least one GTO. Most of the GTO's I've owned were 68-70 round bodies.

Sometime in the '90's we ran across the '67. I had never had a (long body) GTO. So Tammy let me buy one more basket case GTO. At the time we had a very nice 70 and spent a lot of time working and showing it. The 67 sat around the house and I collected parts I knew it would need. With kids another GTO and a few sport trucks, not much got done on the '67, it sat and waited. Out of garage space we looked into expanding our garage, then into building a new house. The 67 sat and waited. So after selling the house, moving the hulk 67 GTO to our rental house with a garage, which turned out to be the farthest it had gone in a few years. The 67 sat. After building our new house and new garage we moved the 67 again, guess what? due to house stuff the 67 sat.

Not sure when, but I decided the 67 had sat long enough. We jumped into restoring the 67 with both feet. At first, the jump was a shock; little did I know the water was deep. And man was the long bodies different. There was a learning curve, a big one. But with the help of friends that have 67's and a lot of studying books, and cars at meets the car

came together. Friends and myself did all the work from the frame up. After about a year, the car was coming along. The only thing left was the bodywork. I met a guy that wanted to do the 67 at my house, which worked for 6mo. Then the car sat. After about another 6 months I decided to take it to a friend that owned his own body shop. He agreed to take the car in as filler for his regular bodywork. 6mo later the car was painted and coming home.

So after about 10-12 years in the family it was finally ready to show.

Since the car was finished it has attended many shows and seen some cruising. It has been to many GTOAA nationals and has won gold in concours and many awards in popular vote. Over the years we have added a few things and worked hard to maintain the finished look on the car. One item I'm glad we added was the red fender liners. I think they make the car look great.

As you might know I love GTO's and Tammy thinks they come first but if she sits in a GTO I love her just as much.

I do think an important part of my passion for the GTO is GTOAA and Gateway GTO club. To any person that cares what happens to our GTO's you have to care about these two clubs. They will increase your knowledge and reward you with many friends and you get to hang out with some great cars.

A few guys in the club give me grief because I trailer the car to shows out of town. I take that in stride, one because we are very proud of the 67 and also it sat in garages for the last 12 years if feels at home riding in an enclosed trailer there.

