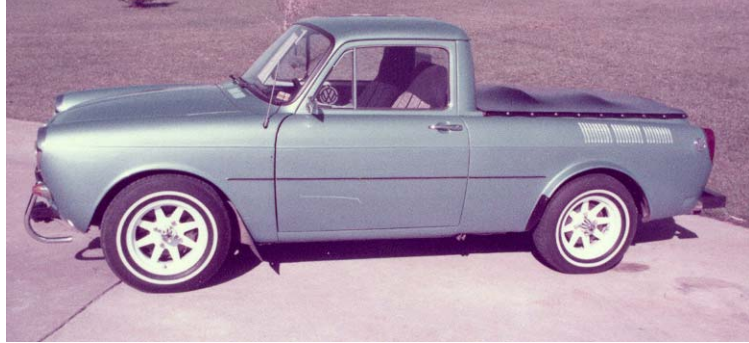


# GATEWAY GTO CAR OF THE MONTH

## Ray Brunkhorst's 66 GTO

I'm a retired carpenter since 1995 and have been a member of the GTO club for just a few years. I've always had an interest in cars but couldn't afford one as a hobby until late in life. My wife Ida and I have been married for 54 years and have 2 girls and a boy. As the kids got old enough to drive, out of self-defense I took a couple of auto body courses at Lewis and Clark Trade School. After that it was a lot of trial and error. I cut off the back of a 68 Volkswagen and made it into a sort of clone El Camino. My wife liked it because it was easy to drive and got good gas mileage. (Could use that



now) Next I bought a very rough 31 Ford pick up and made a street rod out of it. It had independent front suspension with power disk brakes, automatic transmission, power windows, and 302 V8. It took me 9 years and much trial and error to do, but it was very interesting to build. After 2 knee replacements I needed something with more legroom.

My neighbor bought a 66 GTO and I had to have one too. It needed a lot of little things and a few not so little things to get it up to standards. I hope to put in a 5 or 6 speed transmission and a/c but it may be a while, as my wife doesn't seem to understand these things. I enjoy the GTO club and their activities and am very impressed with the large number of members that attend functions and a surprising number of Ladies that also participate.

