

THE HOOD SCOOP

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Gateway GTO Club Information

The Gateway GTO Association was initially formed in the summer of 1984 by a group of seven. They all had a common interest in the Original Muscle Car, the Pontiac GTO. As a form of communication we publish a monthly newsletter called "The Hood Scoop". The purpose of this newsletter is to keep our members informed of all upcoming activities as well as providing interesting event coverage. The club meets every first Wednesday of the month at Culpeppers Restaurant St. Charles Mo. 3010 West Clay 636-916-3105

Membership dues are \$20.00 per year and all renewals are required to be paid by December 31st. You are allowed to have one associate member.

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The Hood Scoop is published as an informative news bulletin to keep our members up to date on past, present, and future events.

Gateway GTO Association Meetings

Are held monthly. Dates, times, and locations are listed in the **Upcoming Events** section of the newsletter.

Gateway GTO Association Photo Album

If you have photos of past events or if you take pictures of future events that you think would be good for our Photo Album, please put your name and date and a description of the event on the back and send them to the Photo Album Editor.

The Gateway GTO Association is an official chapter of the GTO Association of America
<http://www.gtoaa.org>

Advertising Guidelines

Classified ads up to 50 words are free to members, add 10 cents per word for any ad over 50 words. Payment is due upon submission. (members need to update ads at 3 month intervals or ads will be dropped).

Classified ads up to 50 words for non-members are \$5.00 per issue. Advertising rates are: full page \$25.00, 1/2 page \$15.00,

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Visit us at www.gatewaygto.com

Gateway GTO Association Ads

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1964-1972 GTO Restoration Guides
New from club store \$15.00

Contact Chris Simmons @ 636-456-3653

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Renewal Reminder

Just a reminder that the dues for
2006 were due in December Please
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www.gatewaygto.com

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Gateway GTO Association

Club Meeting Minutes

March 1, 2006

The meeting was called to order by Steve Hedrick at 7:03PM and conducted at Culpepper's Restaurant in St. Charles. Officers in attendance were Steve Hedrick, Tom Oxler, Will Bowers, Mark Melrose and Web Mistress Joyce Nettle. Congratulations to John and Brenda Novelli on the birth of their son Jonathan Joseph who checked in on February 19th at 7 lbs. 15 oz. and 20 inches in length.

All members are asked to check their Roster listing on the club website to be sure all info is current – especially email addresses. Please notify Joyce Nettle of any changes.

Steve circulated and commented on an Australian article quoting GM's Bob Lutz 2/26/06 statement that "there will be a 2009 GTO". Pontiac's Jim Hopson announced the June 2006 termination of the current Holden Monaro-based GTO production several weeks ago and an article in the March '06 *Motor Trend* magazine declared that "the new GTO is definitely dead". Conceptual drawings for the US-built '09 GTO published in *Motor Trend* last year bear a striking resemblance to the Camaro concept car displayed at this year's Detroit Auto Show. Hopefully GM will follow through on Mr. Lutz's pronouncement.

A tentative Club Activity List was handed out and after general discussion the following activities and dates were confirmed (see club newsletter for a complete listing of club sponsored events):

MARCH:

- World of Wheels car show at America's Center. Friday 3/10/06 through Sunday 3/12/06. Club display employs "Original American Muscle" theme. The club is allocated space for eight cars down from ten cars in the preceding years due to heavy registrations. It was decided to purchase an electrical hookup to power the TV, light display, etc. Members displaying cars are asked to meet at America's Center at 1PM on 3/9 to begin setup. Other club members are invited to come down to help setup between 1-9PM and to help man the club display during the show.
- Valve Cover Practice at the Nettle residence. Saturday 3/18/06 starting at 4:00PM. Contact Vic Nettle for rules, regulations and to participate.

APRIL:

- Dyno Day. Saturday 4/8/06, \$40 for three pulls. Contact Tom Oxler for details and to participate.
- The Forrest Park Easter Car Show sponsored by the St. Louis Horseless Carriage is April 16th. As in the past Gateway GTO will display jointly with the Arch Chapter of POCl. Cost is \$12.50 per car – get your money to Will Bowers and let Tom Oxler know you plan to display.

MAY:

- Mike Bien outlined the Highway 94 Club Cruise planned for May 21st. Cars will leave from St. Charles and travel to Washington, MO and back with several interesting stops along the way. See Mike or Tom Oxler for details and to participate.

In other business:

- Tom Oxler discussed plans for a Club Prom Dinner in October. A number of club members and their spouses were high school sweethearts and the dinner is intended to help celebrate the longevity of their relationships. Please note that everyone is invited. While Terrie Oxler asks for '60s-'70s vintage Prom night photos, happily we are not expected to wear or fit in similar outfits.
- Club Business Cards, Points System Rules and Submission Forms along with copies of the Club Constitution are available to all members through Mark Melrose.
- 50-50 drawing was good for \$36 to the winner – Harry Smelcer. Four pairs of World of Wheels tickets were also raffled off.
- Next meeting is called for 7:00PM on Wednesday, 4/5/06 at Culpepper's (I-70 at Zumbahl Rd.)
- Meeting adjourned at 8:41PM.

Minutes respectfully submitted March 9, 2006, Mark J. Melrose

**Gateway GTO Association
Participation Points Submission
March 2006**

NAME: _____

GTOAA MEMBER#: _____

Gateway GTO Sponsored Events:

2/1/06 Club Meeting: wGTO _____ w/oGTO _____

2/25/06 NASCAR IMAX Movie: wGTO _____ w/oGTO _____

GTOAA Sponsored Events – Be sure to indicate wGTO or w/oGTO for each entry:
(GTOAA Nationals, GTOAA Regionals, etc.)

Gateway GTO Non-Sponsored Events – Be sure to indicate wGTO or w/oGTO for each entry: (JJ's, POCI Nationals, Roadhouse Warrenton, Tri-Power Nationals, etc.)

Other Activities: (Event Helper, Hood Scoop Article, Sponsor New Member, etc. -- See Gateway GTO Association Participation Points System 01/06 Rev.)

Submit **ONE** completed form for each month within 30 days of month end to:

Mark Melrose
151 Plant Ave.
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Email: MJMELROSE@AOLI.COM

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GATEWAY GTO CLUB PRESENTS:

PROM NIGHT

THEME: **Groovin in the 60s**

WHEN: October (date to be announced)

WHERE: To Be Announced

COST: (To be determined - \$20 per person ? Appetizers or dinner?)

MUSIC: Marty – our beloved DJ

ATTIRE: Think 1960s!

A flashback to our favorite era when the GTO was born. Were you a greaser or a hippie?

Or a member of the mod squad?

If this EVENT is of interest to you, please e-mail Tom and Terrie Oxler

(toxler@prodigy.net) as they are looking into a facility, catering, etc. and will need a

preliminary head count! Hoping for great attendance like at the Christmas party!!!

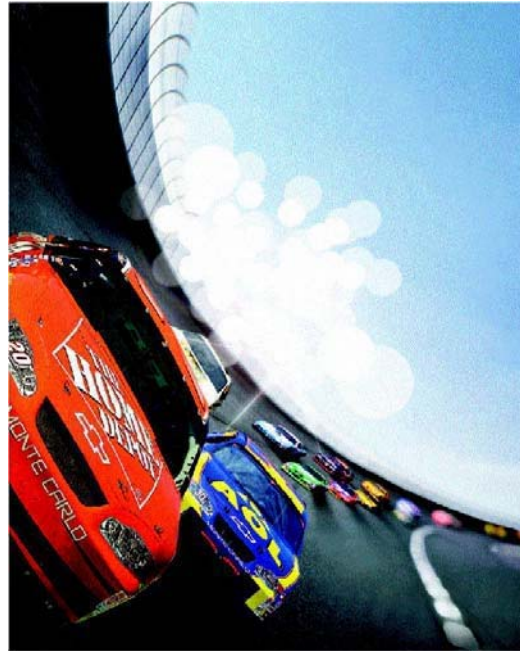
IMAX AND DINNER

The day started out at the Science Center with

an Imax movie, NASCAR.

Members present: Steve, Tammy, and Lucas Hedrick, Tom & Terrie Oxler, Mark and Sandra Melrose, Mark and Rose Obukowicz, John Lally, Kerry and Debbie Friedman, Earl and Barb Lewis, and Vic and Joyce Nettle.

We all enjoyed a 45-minute movie filled with speed and the excitement of what makes Nascar a popular and spectacle sport.



We then got the group together and went to Felix's Restaurant in Dogtown. The food was reasonable and delicious. We all had a good time just enjoying each other's company.



Mystery Dinner Theater

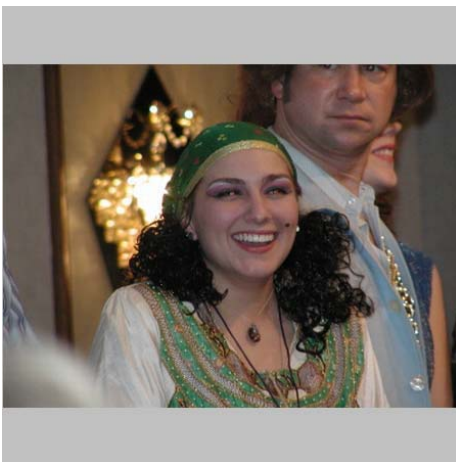
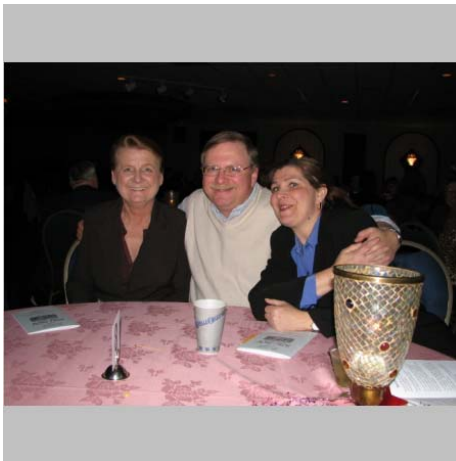
On Friday March 3, 2006, Steve and Tammy set a Mystery Dinner Theater for our club. We all got together at the Royal Orleans in Lemay to enjoy the evening. First we had a very good buffet style meal. We had time for some pictures then the presentation. Some of us just enjoyed the act others took notes of the events.



We were then given time out for desert and a break, and time to guess WhoDidIt. I still think that no one in our group came up with WhoDidIt. It was quite a surprise.

There were door prizes given, winners included Steve, Tammy and Joyce.

Members present were: Steve and Tammy Hedrick, Tom & Terrie Oxler, Mark and Sandra Melrose, Mark and Rose Obukowicz, Earl and Barb Lewis with Barb's Mom, and Vic and Joyce Nettle.



World of Wheels Car Show March 2006 at St Louis Convention Center

Setup for the World of Wheels car show was Thursday March 9th. Eight cars were in the Gateway GTO club display. Kerry Friedman's 69, Marty Howard's 69, Will Bowers' 67, Steve Hedrick's 67, Don Bright's 71, Tom Oxler's 66, Earl Lewis's 67, and Brian O'Sullivan's 2004.



Persons observed at the car show were:

Will & Donna Bowers, Brian, Amy and Andrew O Sullivan, Chris Bermudo, Chris, Paula and Chuck Winslow, Brian, Mary Ann and Eric Ray, Marty Howard & Sharon, Steve, Tammy and Lucas Hedrick, Earl, Barb and Mel Lewis, Kerry & Ryan Friedman, Don Bright, Gina and Joe, Tom & Terrie Oxler, Lisa & Scott, Jim & Kathy Kiburz, Mark, Sandra and Erica Melrose, and Vic & Joyce Nettle.



Saturday evening many of us walked over to Charlie Gitto's restaurant where fun was had talking, eating, and taking pictures. Afterward we went back to the WOW until closing time.

Sunday the car show awards presentation started at 4:30 and lasted until 6:40 PM. At 7 PM the show was over and we beat a path home.

The GTO club received a 3rd place award for Best Club Display (worth \$100)



Steve Hedrick 2nd place outstanding award



Earl Lewis 4th place outstanding award

