



# 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.

As a GatewayGTO member please consider



joining the GTO Association of America

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

REMEMBER  
Your Membership

Renewals  
Are Due

Don't miss any  
newsletters

Send your \$20.00

To: Will Bowers

#1 Goshen Woods

Edwardsville IL. 62025

### 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.

### 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, 1/4 page \$7.00 for three (3) months running time. Payment is due upon submission, discount of 10% for one year pre-paid. Acceptance is at the sole discretion of the editor. All ads should be submitted to the editor by the 10th of the month

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

Visit us at [www.gatewaygto.com](http://www.gatewaygto.com)

# If you have purchased a new or used GM from Behlmann in 2006 please e-mail [joyce@gatewaygto.com](mailto:joyce@gatewaygto.com)

## For Sale

### Literature:

1964-1972 GTO Restoration Guides

New from club store \$15.00

Contact Chris Simmons @ 636-456-3653

### Die Cast:

GMP 1:18 Die-Cast GTOs – 1970 Black Judge,

1972 Red GTO, each \$89. plus shipping

1970 Triple Black

convertible \$350. plus

shipping.

Contact Harry Smelcer 636-230-6120

### Trans Am Parts:

1977 and up

Contact John Novelli @ 636-925-9916 or

314-495-0332 e-mail [gto6472@yahoo.com](mailto:gto6472@yahoo.com)



## 2006 GTO 1:18 from GMP

GMP, producer of some of the most detailed scale models in the industry, has released a pair of limited-run 2006 GTOs

The 1:18-scale models are available in either Brazen Orange or Cyclone Gray each is limited to 750 examples.

They feature posable steering, plumbed and wired chassis, cloth safety belts, detailed brake calipers and working doors, hood and trunk.

Find one by calling (800) 536-1637 or go to [www.gmpdiesecast.com](http://www.gmpdiesecast.com)

## Wanted

### Lionel Trains

American Flyer Marx. Ho-N-G Gauge, Rail road.

Books and memorabilia, Free appraisals.

Contact John Novelli @ 636-925-9916 or  
314-495-0332

1970 GTO Red upholstery or hard plastic interior trim panels. Good/Nice used or better is OK.

John Johnson 573-581-8013

[johnjohn@midamerica.net](mailto:johnjohn@midamerica.net)

Anyone got any 67-68-69 Firebird cars/parts for sale? Got a friend looking for some misc. items, or perhaps a project car. John Johnson 573-581-8013

[johnjohn@midamerica.net](mailto:johnjohn@midamerica.net)

## Services Available

### Tony's Carburetor Rebuilding

Call Tony Bezzole between 9am-1pm

@ 314-878-6892

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All types of occasions from weddings to retirement parties. Disc Jockey & Karaoke.

Contact: Mobile Marty Howard @ 636-724-8641

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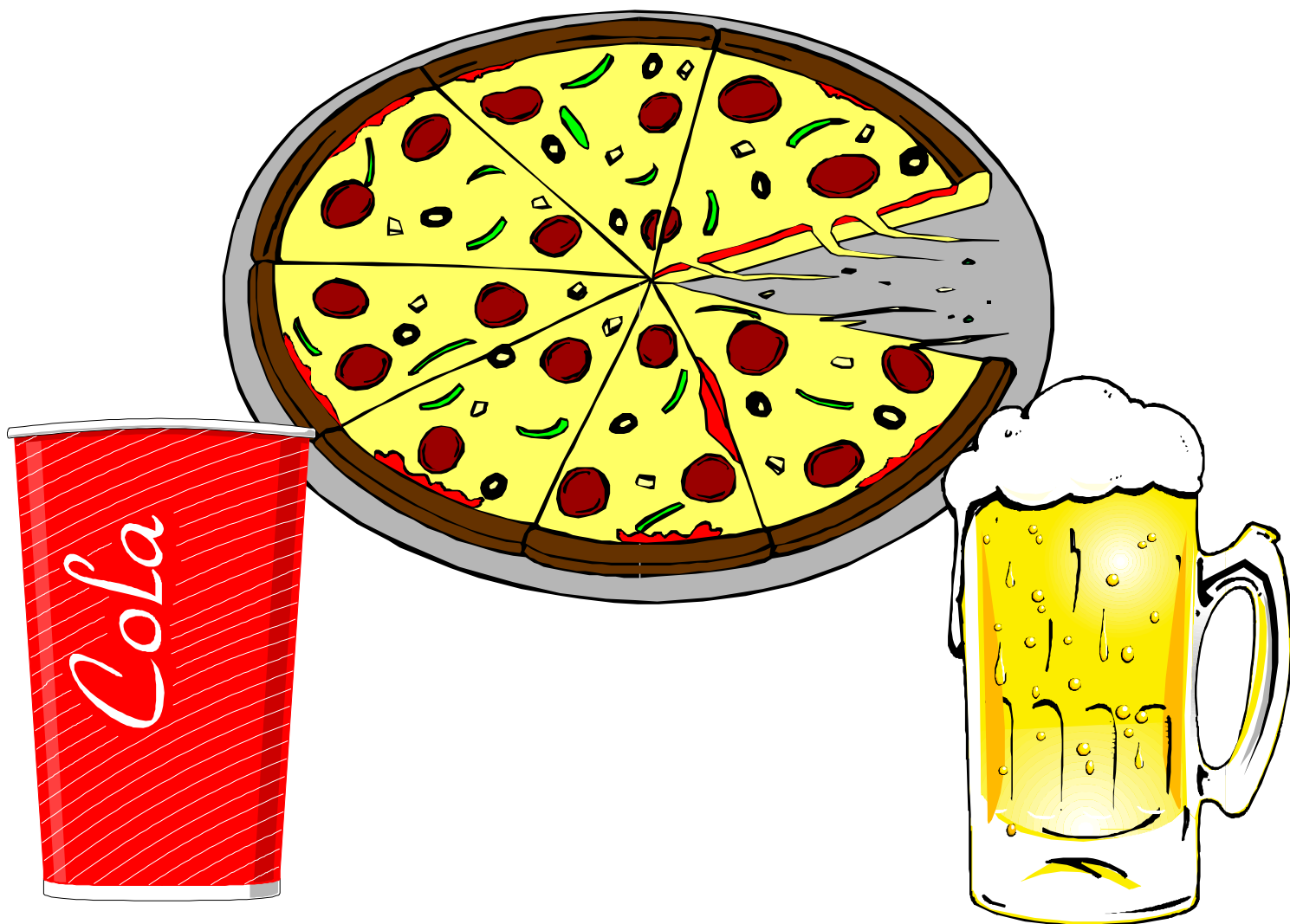
very very affordable prices

# Gateway GTO Club

## Pizza Party

January 21, 2007 from 1-5 pm

Serra's Pizza 12218 McKelvey Rd  
McKelvey and Creve Coeur Mill Roads close to I-270 and I-70 in Maryland Heights  
(314) 739-0881



# THE PRESIDENT'S SCOOP

## Gateway GTO in 2007

By: Tom Oxler

Happy New Year to everyone from Mr. and Mrs. GTO. We can now look back on another very successful year for the Gateway GTO Club. From the pizza party at Alphonso's to the Christmas party at the Hawken House, the Gateway GTO Club is very much alive, well and active. The successes of this Club for the last 5 years are directly attributed to the leadership of Steve Hedrick. Steve very quietly transformed this Club into a very vibrant, active group of both old and new GTO owners and even non-owners.

The new Officers for 2007 hope to continue the tradition of having activities that appeals to as many members as possible. Here are just a few of these events planned for 2007:

**St. Louis Muscle Car Tour**  
**Pontiac Rendezvous at Museum of Transport**  
**Dyno Day**  
**Behlmann Show**  
**Missouri & Illinois Cruises**  
**GTOAA & POCI Nationals**  
**Route 66 Cruise to California**  
(YES, ALL THE WAY TO THE SANTA MONICA PIER)

We have formed the new position of **Charity Chairman** headed by Kerry Friedman. Kerry will be looking at ways our club can assist those in our community who are less fortunate. If you have some ideas you would like to share, please contact Kerry at [kfriedman1@charter.net](mailto:kfriedman1@charter.net). We have also appointed Chris Winslow and Vic Nettle as **Club Photographers**. Both Chris and Vic have always taken many pictures of our events, now they can do it and get some recognition along the way. Lastly, we are hoping to arrange **Guest Speakers** for some of our club meetings so if anyone has contacts with vendors, who would be willing to give a demonstration or would like to discuss their products with us, please contact me ([toxler@prodigy.net](mailto:toxler@prodigy.net)) or Mark Melrose ([mjmelrose@aol.com](mailto:mjmelrose@aol.com)).

As I hope you know, this is your **Gateway GTO Club** so if there is any activity you would like us to do, please do not hesitate to bring it to our attention. Our motto has been and will remain:

**The more activities you have for the members,  
The more members you will have.**

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**RENEWALS ARE DUE  
AND CAN BE PAID  
AT THE  
PIZZA MEETING**

# MUSCLE CAR SHOOT OUT

## SPEED CHANNEL DECEMBER 29, 2006

On December 29, 2006, the Speed Channel hosted a Muscle Car Shootout featuring six vintage 1969 Muscle cars:

1969 GTO Royal Bobcat Ram Air IV  
1969 Yenko 427 Chevy Nova  
1969 Baldwin Motion 427 Camaro  
1969 Shelby GT500 428 Mustang  
1969 AMC 390 Scrambler  
1969 Mr. Norm Dodge 440 Six pack Super Bee

All of the Muscle Cars were equipped with 4 speed transmissions, limited slip differentials with between 3.91, 4.1 or 4.11 gears and all had new Coker bias ply tires.

There were four tests conducted with each vehicle:

0 to 60 MPH (acceleration)  
60 to 0 MPH (braking)  
Slalom (handling)  
Quarter Mile (speaks for itself)

### 0 to 60 Acceleration Test

GTO	5.40 sec	6 points
Dodge	5.65 sec	5 points
AMC	5.85 sec	4 points
Camaro	6.05 sec	3 points
Mustang	6.20 sec	2 points
Nova	6.25 sec	1 point

### 60 to 0 Braking Test

Mustang	169.0 ft	6 points
GTO	173.8 ft	5 points
Camaro	178.4 ft	4 points
AMC	191.9 ft	3 points
Dodge	199.4 ft	2 points
Nova	204.4 ft	1 point

### Slalom Handling Test

Camaro	35.98mph	6 points
Mustang	35.74mph	5 points
GTO	33.12mph	4 points
Dodge	33.02mph	3 points
AMC	32.72mph	2 points
Nova	31.99mph	1 point

## Quarter Mile

GTO	13.04sec	106.08mph	6 points
Camaro	13.41sec	106.42mph	5 points
Dodge	13.83sec	102.42mph	4 points
AMC	13.87sec	101.69mph	3 points
Nova	13.96sec	101.55mph	2 points
Mustang	14.08sec	99.70mph	1 point

## Grand Total

<b>GTO</b>	<b>21 points</b>
<b>Camaro</b>	<b>18 points</b>
<b>Dodge</b>	<b>14 points</b>
<b>Mustang</b>	<b>14 points</b>
<b>AMC</b>	<b>12 points</b>
<b>Nova</b>	<b>5 points</b>

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John Johnson of Mexico, MO (“got my RA-IV motor fired up in my Judge for the first time in about 16? years”)



## 2006 GTOAA -INTERNATIONAL MEET

... The Montero Red '66 GTO on the lower left is Brandon Goodwins. It was featured in the Dec. '06 issue of HPP, and it took Best of Show honors at this event.

# "GOATS LOVE BLUEGRASS"

BY THOMAS A. DeMAURO  
PHOTOGRAPHY BY THE AUTHOR

Employing registration numbers and car count as a barometer, we have to conclude that Goats really do love bluegrass. About 170 cars participated in Popular Vote and 78 in Concours for the Louisville Pontiac GTO clubhosted 2006 GTOM International Meet, more affectionately known as the GTO Nats.

Just over 450 people registered for this Louisville shindig, the most ever for a GTOAA event. The lot at the host hotel, the Executive West in Louisville, Kentucky, was so full of GTOs, some weren't parked with their respective classes. But let's be realistic-an overabundance of show cars participating in any club's national event is a good thing.

When it came to weather concerns, the club had things well in hand, at least for most of the

Concours cars, which were parked in the hotel's ballroom. The remaining Concours cars were under tents outside. It rained a bit almost every day of the July 11-15 show. When it wasn't raining, it was very warm and humid so a respite in' air-conditioned comfort to see the Concours Goats made the event a bit easier to navigate.

Showing pristine stock and modified GTOs wasn't the only activity. There was drag racing at Ohio Valley Raceway, too! *HPP* sponsored the Jim Wangers' Invitational Race this year, and though rain early in the day kept a few would-be participants back at the hotel, by midmorning the sun was out, the track was dry, and the GTOs (and Grand Prixs, LeMans, and a Catalina) were flyin' down the eighth-mile strip. *HPP* also hosted a "Pontiac Pavement Pounders Shootout" at the track, to be published in a future issue.

If dodging raindrops or soaking in the heat wasn't your thing, there were plenty of indoor activities, including tours of Churchill Downs Museum, the Louisville Slugger Museum, and the PUI (Parts Unlimited) facilities; seminars by Milt Schornack, Pat Knight, Arnie Beswick, Jim Mattison, John Sawruk, Art Fitzpatrick, Paul Zazarine, Meguiar's (detailing workshop), and others; a roundtable discussion on the new GTO; and the '04-'06 GTO presentation by LSIGTO.com. There was also an Ames Performance reception and a surprise birthday party for Jim Wangers to celebrate turning 80.

For the outdoors types, there were cruises to Kingfish Restaurant, Hooters, Woodford Reserve Distillery, Six Flags Kentucky Kingdom, which was just across the parking lot from the host hotel, a parking lot social, and valve-cover races.





HPP shootout participant pastor Paul Wilhams provided a burnout clinic in the Ohio Valley box prior to making 11-second passes.

Talk about blending the best of new and old: Vic and Joyce Nettles 78 Phoenix features the drivetrain, rear suspension, and wheels and tires of a late-model GTO. Nicely done and very unique.



The GTOAA judges earned their keep on Donald Babbs fascinating factory-original '67 GTO.



For '66, 8-Lug wheels were to be offered as an option on GTOs, then the option was cancelled. That didn't stop Bill and Kathy Kraeling, who wanted them for their '65. They look like they grew there, don't they?



*A Tom Oxler and his '66 GTO drove in from St. Louis, competed in the HPP shootout and the show, then drove home. Nice Goat!*

Let's not forget that amongst all this was a massive GTO car show that drew some of the finest, rarest, and most peculiar Pontiacs from around the country. From Brandon Goodwin's Best of Show, restored '66 GTO (Dec. '06 HPP) to Bill Bolin's double-blown, Pro Street '70 GTO (Feb. '00 HPP), there was a lot to cover at the Nats-not to mention the swap-meet area outside and even more vendors inside the host hotel. The respective winners' lists will tell you who attended and won, and the pictures will offer some more insight to this very special event.

To get on board for next Year's GTOM Nats in Columbus, Ohio, log on to [www.gtoaco.com](http://www.gtoaco.com). The GTO Association of Central Ohio will host the event June 25-July 1, 2007. ....



*A Lacey and Mary Lou D'Quinn earned Best Modified honors with their exquisitely done '65 GTO convertible.*



*..... Dave Anderson put the Gee TO Tiger through its paces at the HPP-sponsored race day, running the Beat the Tiger program.*



*.... Read the hoodscope and the license plate on Ray DeCrescenzos Concours-Gold 70 Judge convertible and you'll get the picture.*

**GATEWAY GTO ASSOCIATION 2006  
INCOME AND EXPENSES**

<b>CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE 12/31/05</b>		<b>8,184.47</b>
<b>INCOME</b>		
DUES	1,530.00	
T SHIRT & HAT SALES	154.00	
SPONSORSHIPS	500.00	
50/50 DRAWINGS	299.00	
CHAIR SALES & REFUND	1,618.51	
SALE VC TRACK	500.00	
BEHLMANN TROPHY	358.00	
PROM	1,000.00	
CHRISTMAS PARTY	660.00	
MISC. INCOME	734.00	
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>7,353.51</b>	<b>+7,353.51</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
PARTIES, PICNICS, AWARDS	2,141.07	
NEWS LETTERS AND BROCHURES	757.26	
CHAIRS	974.27	
WORLD OF WHEELS	434.00	
SCRAP BOOK	353.03	
WEB SITE	491.60	
HATS & PATCHES	547.00	
PROM	1,312.00	
CHRISTMAS PARTY	1,559.81	
MISC.	50.00	
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>8,620.04</b>	<b>-8,620.04</b>
<b>CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE 12/31/06</b>		<b>6,917.94</b>



**Vic Nettle's 70 GTO LS2**

Still has yet to interface with LS1 computer, Omar dyno, and  
body shop.

# Tentative Schedule of Events

## 2007

### **JANUARY:**

21<sup>st</sup> **GTO PIZZA MEETING** Serra's Pizza, 12218 McKelvey Rd., Maryland Heights from 1 - 5

### **FEBRUARY:**

7<sup>th</sup> **GTO MEETING** Culpeppers St Charles 7pm

17<sup>th</sup> **GRAND PRIX RACING**

### **MARCH:**

7<sup>th</sup> **GTO MEETING** Culpeppers St Charles 7pm

24<sup>th</sup> **COMEDY CLUB**

### **APRIL:**

4<sup>th</sup> **GTO MEETING** Culpeppers St Charles 7pm

8<sup>th</sup> **EASTER SHOW**

14<sup>th</sup> **ILLINOIS CRUISE**

21<sup>st</sup> **DYNO DAY**

28<sup>th</sup> **ILLINOIS CRUISE RAIN DATE**

### **MAY:**

2<sup>nd</sup> **GTO MEETING** Culpeppers St Charles 7pm

5<sup>th</sup> **MUSCLE TOUR**

19<sup>th</sup> **BEHLMANN SHOW**

26<sup>th</sup> **BEHLMANN SHOW RAIN DATE**

### **JUNE:**

6<sup>th</sup> **GTO MEETING** Culpeppers St Charles 7pm

10<sup>th</sup> **HANNIBLE, MO CRUISE**

26<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> **GTOAA NATIONALS**

### **JULY:**

4<sup>th</sup> **GTO MEETING** Culpeppers St Charles 7pm

10<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> **POCI NATIONALS**

### **AUGUST:**

1<sup>st</sup> **GTO MEETING** Culpeppers St Charles 7pm

5<sup>th</sup> **PONTIAC RENDEZVOUS AT MUSEUM OF TRANSPORT**

10<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> **TRI POWER**

25<sup>th</sup> **MUSCLE TOUR**

### **SEPTEMBER:**

5<sup>th</sup> **GTO MEETING** Culpeppers St Charles 7pm

9<sup>th</sup> **WESTPORT CHARITY CHILDRENS CANCER**

15<sup>th</sup> **AMERICAN ROADHOUSE SHOW** Warrenton Outlet Mall reg 9 – 12 awards 4

23<sup>rd</sup> **GGTOA PICNIC**

29<sup>th</sup> **AMERICAN ROADHOUSE RAIN DATE**

29<sup>th</sup> **GGTOA ROUTE 66 CRUISE** 12 days to California

### **OCTOBER:**

3<sup>rd</sup> **GTO MEETING** Culpeppers St Charles 7pm

### **NOVEMBER:**

7<sup>th</sup> **GTO MEETING** Culpeppers St Charles 7pm

### **DECEMBER:**

??? **HOLIDAY PARTY**

# Gateway GTO Association Participation Points System (Revised January 2007)

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Points</u>
Attend GGTOA Monthly Meeting With GTO	40
Attend GGTOA Monthly Meeting Without GTO	20
Attend GGTOA Sponsored Event With GTO	40
Attend GGTOA Sponsored Event Without GTO	20
Attend GGTOA Non-Sponsored Event With GTO	10
Attend GGTOA Non-Sponsored Event Without GTO	5
Attend GTO Regional/National Event With GTO	50 to 100 pts.
Attend GTO Regional/National Event Without GTO	20 to 70 pts.
GGTOA Event Worker/Helper	30
Have your GTO featured as the Goat of the month	50
Write an article for the Hood Scoop	50
Sign up a new member	25
GTO Association Member	50 to 200 pts.
Have your GTO featured in a magazine publication	40

## ***Point System Rules***

1. Attendance at GGTOA Sponsored or Co-Sponsored events:
  - a. To receive maximum points for the event, members/associates must participate with their GTO/LeMans or Tempest.
  - b. If a member brings one GTO and their associate brings a second the maximum points plus half the maximum will be awarded.
  - c. If one member drives another members GTO to an event, the owner receives the maximum and the driver receives half (1/2) the maximum.
  - d. For any other situations, the decision will be at the discretion of the officers.
2. Members/Associates shall be responsible for signing the Monthly Attendance sheet at all GGTOA Sponsored & Co-Sponsored Events. You must sign the sheet or mail your monthly points in to get points for that month.
3. Points shall be awarded only once per event if the event lasts more than one day.
4. Members/Associates must be able to provide proof of participation in any Non Club Event (entry form, dash plaque, race slip, etc.) or be vouched for by another member.
5. Members/Associates shall have (One Month) to inform scorekeeper (Club Secretary) of their participation in any events.
6. Points shall be tallied from Jan 1<sup>st</sup> through Nov with awards being presented at the Christmas/Holiday Party.

## **Awards**

Overall Points Winner: GGTOA Plaque or Trophy  
 First Runner Up: GGTOA Plaque or Trophy  
 Second Runner Up: GGTOA Plaque or Trophy

## **Definitions**

**Attend with GTO-** Attend an event with your GTO, LeMans, or Tempest

**Event Worker/Helper-** Any individual responsible for helping out at a Club Event i.e. parking, cooking, setting up  
 And cleaning up.

**GGTOA Non-Sponsored Events-** Non GTO Events voted to be GGTOA Co-Sponsored Events attended by two  
 Or more members with GTOs

**GGTOA Sponsored Events-** GGTOA hosted Events

**Gateway GTO Association  
Participation Points Submission  
January 2007**

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Gateway GTO Sponsored Events:**

1/21/07 Pizza Meeting: wGTO \_\_\_\_\_ w/oGTO \_\_\_\_\_

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

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**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.)

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

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

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4450 NAZARETH HILLS DRIVE.  
ST LOUIS, MO 63129  
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