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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.

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Gateway GTO Association

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IMPORTANT NOTICE

Our October Meeting will be an important meeting for all members.

There will be a vote taken for a change in our Constitution.

Change wanted is **Term of Office from one year to two years.**

This will take effect with the new Officers' term.

If you have an opinion be at the October meeting for discussion.

Vote taken at November Meeting.

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE VII

OFFICERS & ELECTIONS

Section 1. The elected officers of the Gateway GTO Association shall be President, Vice President Missouri, Vice President Illinois, Secretary, Treasurer and GTOAA Chapter Representative; each of whom shall be a member in good standing of the GTO Association of America at the time of election. **Term of office shall be one year for all officers.**

Amendment: Term of office shall be two years for all officers.

The President's Scoop

WHAT IS A GTOAA CHAPTER

Every November, the Chapter Director of GTOAA, in this case our own John Johnson, sends out the Annual Chapter Survey to each local club President. This Survey asks for a list of our local members and who are GTOAA members to be sure our Gateway GTO Club meets the minimum of 40% participation in GTOAA. Also included in the Chapter Survey packet is a GTOAA Chapter Charitable Works Form used to describe the charitable activities the local club has performed and will be used by GTOAA in considering the local club for Chapter of the Year.

When I filled out the Chapter Survey Packet last November, I had nothing to put on the Charity Form and yet felt strongly that our Gateway GTO Club was certainly a candidate for Chapter of the Year. I brought this concern to the Club Officers at our January officers meeting. It was decided that the Gateway GTO Club would name a Charity Chairman, Kerry Friedman, and we would pursue some charitable activities in the interest of giving to the less fortunate and to assist us in our quest for Chapter of the Year.

We are currently involved with the Children's Cancer Charity Car Show, working on Adopt A Soldier and helping with a benefit car show in Portage Des Sioux. The Children's Cancer Car Show is scheduled for this Sunday, September 9th and Kerry and our Club have done an outstanding job in getting donated items for the Raffle. Now all we need is 50 – 60 members bringing their GTO's to the Car Show. Please consider this as your participation and your \$15.00 admission will determine the success of this event.

Cory Evans is very busy organizing the Adopt-A-Soldier program. We are still taking donations and are trying to organize the presentation to the family around Christmas time. You can bring checks to the meetings or send them to Cory Evans, 2813 Ehlmann Rd. St. Charles, Mo. 63301. Make the checks payable to Gateway GTO Club and put "Adopt-A-Soldier" in the memo section.

And lastly we have a benefit car show co-sponsored by our Gateway GTO Club and the Palisades Yacht Club (Earl Lewis' son Scott Lewis) in Portage Des Sioux to be held on October 28th from 10am to 4pm. Proceeds will benefit Our Lady of the Rivers Shrine and the Children's Cancer Fund. Registration is \$10.00 so please come and show your car while helping two very worthy causes.

Our Club is very new to charitable activities and I am sure we will look back on this first year with some very good successes and some things we will want to change. All of our current charitable activities are excellent, worthy causes and deserve our support so please assist in any way you can.

GATEWAY GTO CLUB MINUTES Sept. 5, 2007

By Vic Nettle

Pre-meeting discussion of National Children's Cancer Society car show (Sunday Sept 9th at Westport Plaza)

Logistics by Kerry Friedman

Workers needed by 6:30 to 7 AM to erect tents, set up tables and such.

Marty will run the raffle, Vicki Simpson has 200 pens, Bob Blattel has a classic car rental, 2 dyno runs from Omer Phelps, 4 rounds of golf, Will donated about 50 die cast cars, the entrance fee is \$15 per car. Other arrivals about 8 AM.

Meeting begun at 7:04 pm by Tom Oxler.

GUEST SPEAKER

Kathy Fitzgerald Air National Guard told us about sending gifts (what kinds and how to send them) to soldiers in the Gulf area and will help Cory to get a candidate for the Adopt a Soldier funds to be given at the Christmas Party.

OLD BUSINESS

Museum of transport car show (joint GTO/ POCI show) had 50 cars in 100+ degree weather. We had tents, fans and generators to run the fans. There were lots of nice cars and it was a good show.

Tri-Power Norwalk was attended by Steve and Tom. 500 show cars plus 500 racecars made a big event.

Hazelwood Drive-In showed Smoky and the Bandit on a hot evening. Those who went had a fun time then went to Chuck-a-Burger afterwards.

Muscle Tour started at 8AM in Arnold and meandered to 9 other stops ending at Chuck-a Burger at 10:30PM. 13 cars participated

Sky-View Drive-In was attended by over 20 members who met at various places before going to Sonic and then the Drive-In.

NEW BUSINESS

American Road House Car Show at the Warrenton Outlet Mall will be Sept 15th (rain date Sept 29th)
The GTO Club sponsors the GTO class

Annual GTO Club picnic at Vago park Sept 23rd 10AM to 3PM. Bring a dish, drinks, chips or dessert.
The Club will supply meat to Bar-B-Que.

Route 66 Cruise to California on Sept 29th 7 couples are going.

Mystery Tour Oct 21st up to 4 teams of 4. 9AM ending up at the Museum of Transport at 10:30 More details later.

Vote next month on officers term. See "**Important Notice**" in Newsletter.

TECH SESSION

Speed channel tested old time muscle car engines. Chev 409 = 406 hp, Pontiac 421 SD = 488 hp, Chev 427 = 527 hp, Ford 427 = 634 hp, Chrysler 426 hemi = 820 hp (maybe we should put hemis in our cars, *ed*).

Mark Obukowicz reviewed a test of camshafts (flat tappet, hydraulic roller and solid lifter roller), which concluded that there was no need for roller camshafts at rpm levels below 5200 like old Pontiacs run.

CLUB SOCIAL NEWS

Brian O'Sullivan and Amy have contract on a new home. Congratulations on a big step.

Cecil Morton has hit a milestone: 60th birthday last week. Congratulations on reaching maturity, Cecil.

ADJOURN

The 50-50 was won by Ken & Kathy Boyer who donated the \$27 to the Children's Cancer Fund (as did the Club with its \$27).

Meeting adjourned at 8:42 PM

Bill Fenlon led Shauna and us to I-44 at 80 mph (he has a radar detector).
Wild man.



POCI NATS '07, TULSA

(The Really Good, The somewhat Bad, and The REALLY Ugly)



THE GOOD: Mark, there is hope. The king can be and has been beaten by a car with at least 70 hp less. Okay, the reason is Mr. GTO overpowered the tires when all three carburetors were opened up, and once he lost traction...I was gone! The good thing about slippery tires is that you have less of a tendency to break things, and since both Tom and I drove to Tulsa, not breaking things was high on the priority list. Some great cars showed up to race (81 total), from Mike Cooper's blown 63 Lemans and the Royal Pontiac 62 Catalina, to a pro-stock style Grand Am, and everything in between. Overall the drag race was a lot of fun and we got to watch some great cars run down the track!

We traveled to Tulsa on Wed, and it couldn't have been a more perfect trip. The air was fairly cool, the roads

were good, and the traffic was light (I even got 19 mpg at 75 mph). Mary Ann and Eric followed me in the Yukon so that we could have a vehicle to run around in (which came in handy) and for...just in case. When we arrived in Tulsa, I couldn't believe that they actually shut down several roads in downtown Tulsa! It was very cool that the cars were separated out from the general public if you left them in the parking areas behind the hotel. Of course with the rain and threat of hail we had for later that night (and almost all day Thu, and Fri morning), we opted for the parking garage at night, but overall, it was a good set-up. There were of course some glitches on Saturday morning, with having to get cars into their proper places while others were parked in those spots from the night before. Another real highlight of the actual show (other than all of the great cars) was the class markers. I hate to say it, but they were as good as or better than the trophies (which were also very nice).



The best part of the whole trip was getting to hang out with the old gang, and the new gang. Seeing friends from all over the US has always been a great time, but I believe that half of the St. Louis clubs (Gateway GTO Association and the Arch Chapter) showed up in Tulsa! On top of that, we had a few of the members from our Arkansas Pontiac Association at the show and at the races, which was great introducing the past and present Pontiac friends. We are also lucky to call Arnie "The Farmer" Beswick and Dave Anderson (I left off "Big" since he dropped 100 lbs!) friends and they were there as well. Arnie introduced us to his daughter and son-in-law, who are both in the AF, and he was giving us pointers on what to do with Eric's 63 Tempest...of course he said to drop a V-8 in it! Dave was without the GEETO Tiger, but was busy working all of Jim Wangers' events.



One of the more unusual, but fun things that a bunch of us did was to visit the Darryl Starbird Rod and Custom Museum, which was about an hour northeast of Tulsa. I believe he had over 50 custom cars, most of which he had built over the past 50 years. There were other builder's cars featured, as well as thousands of pictures of everything "Kustom". While they weren't my cup of tea, it was neat to see, and Cecil even got a personalized autographed book from the man himself!



THE BAD: Did I mention it rained?

Well, like a lot of conventions, when it rained, it really came down in buckets, basically washing out most of Thursday and pushing the drag racing back two hours (luckily only two). We actually went to Darryl Starbird's museum in our Yukon and in John Folluo's Suburban. Not the coolest way to visit a car museum, but looking at Grande Lake, which was almost to the top of the bridge we crossed to get there, it was probably the best way to go. I felt bad for the Early Times Chapter as their Thursday cruise got rained out. Also, the Concourse judging was delayed on Friday, though with a relatively light turnout, they still finished in time to come out and watch some racing. Fortunately, Saturday's weather was sunny and hot, but at least it was dry! Sunday was also dry for us, but I'll bet most you got wet as we skirted just to the south of a big thunderstorm.

THE REALLY UGLY: I'm sure you've all heard this, and those of us that were there experienced it. The hotel was undergoing some renovations while we were there, which closed the pools. That was an inconvenience, but what happened on Saturday could be classified as a catastrophe. The one of the contractors painted the railings that were on the roof of the hotel...with a spray gun...on Saturday. News reports say that virtually all of the 329 cars that were there got some overspray on them. I know that everyone I talked to has this all over their cars and it isn't easy to get off. I plan on trying a clay bar, but I've heard that at least one car's clear coat showed damage even after using a clay bar to remove the roughness. I can't fathom the damage to survivor cars if it can't be removed. What was a really good convention (not as good as ours, of course), was overshadowed by this sheer act of stupidity. While we are quite a ways from a resolution for this mess, I'm sure we will all get through it. (Cecil, you may be busy!)



FINAL THOUGHTS: I really love this hobby of ours, and despite the overspray, we'll still be show and race goin' Pontiac nuts. We have a great group of friends down here to share our hobby with and we know we have y'all (we live in Arkansas now) to call friends (and occasionally beat on the drag strip!)

Brian, Mary Ann, & Eric Ray

Sky-View Drive-In 2007 08 18

By Vic Nettle

Three groups of Pontiyakkers converged on the Sonic on West Main in Belleville at about 6:30.

The first group consisted of 5 new style GTOs: Paul Jenkins and Cory Evans, Shauna Wollmershauser, Buzz and Vicki Simpson, Bill Fenlon, and Vic and Joyce Nettle who all had met earlier for dinner at Romano's Macaroni Grill. Buzz and Vicki led this group to Sonic without incurring any speeding tickets.

The second group consisted of Frank and Cheryl Chapman, Mike and Joy Soto, Harry and Amy Timmerman, Paul and Becky Jett, Ty and Tammy Baker. This group came from diverse locations around Southern Illinois.

The third group included Mark and Sandra and Erica Melrose, Earl and Barb Lewis, Tom and Terrie Oxler, Brian and Amy and Andrew, and Cindy O'Sullivan, Chris and Paula and Chuck Winslow, Mark and Rosie O'bukowicz, Kerry Friedman, Darrell and Tootie May, and some POCI club members. This group had met at the Wal-Mart in South County prior to cruising to Sonic.

Most ordered ice cream or hamburgers or soda and/or talked for about an hour until 7:30 at which time the whole crew drove over to the Sky-View Drive-In. Admission was \$8.50 per person and there were hundreds of cars there. The temperature was still a bit warm (maybe 90), but as the evening progressed the temperature became quite pleasant. Most stayed for 2 movies. We saw The Bourne Ultimatum in which the cinematographers chose to use an "unsteady cam" (UGH). The second picture was a comedy about a fireman running afoul of insurance survivor benefits after loss of his wife. It was a funny "feel good" movie with a happy ending.

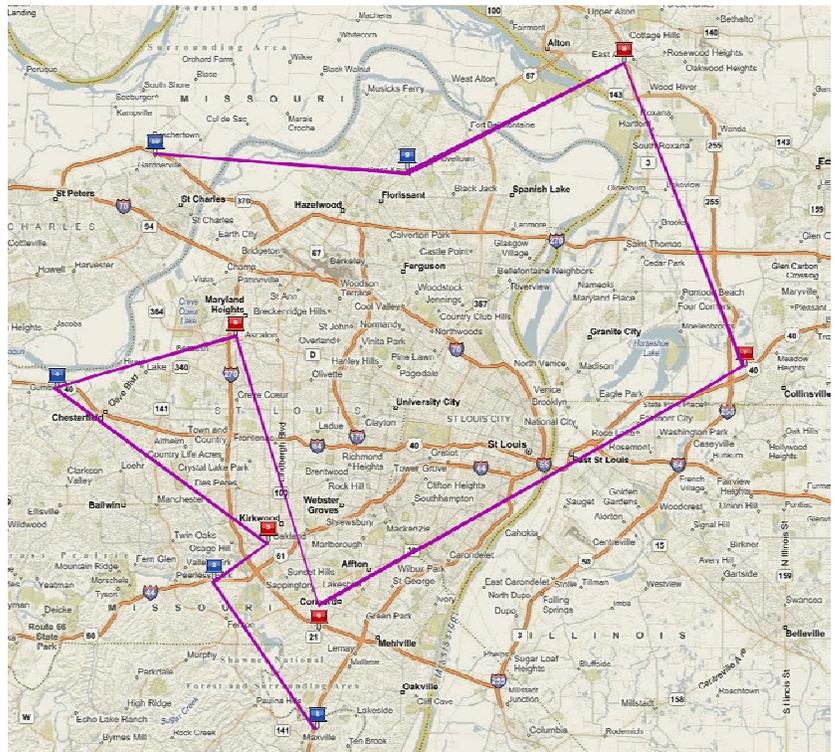
Afterwards we drove home at a sedate 65 to 71 miles per hour. That is very difficult to do in a 400 hp GTO, let me tell you.



AUGUST 2007 MUSCLE TOUR REPORT

The August 2007 Muscle Tour was held on August 25th. The Muscle tour is designed to be an ever-changing mobile car show with stops at specific locations and times around the St. Louis Area. For August 2007, the route started at 8:00am at the old K-Mart in Arnold and ended at Chuck-A-Burger in St. Charles.

The exact route is seen to the right. For this event, a few changes were made following suggestions from the May tour. First, the tour started later. Second, the tour had several segments where the drives were a little longer than in the previous tour to allow more wheel time. Finally, additional time was scheduled in for the Lunch Stop to help keep the tour on schedule. The details at each stop are as follows:



Stop #1 Arnold

6 Cars Total

- 1 1970 GT-37
- 1 1978 LS-1 Phoenix
- 2 2004 GTO's
- 1 2005 GTO
- 1 2007 SVT Shelby Mustang

The big surprise of this stop was the appearance of the SVT Shelby Mustang owned by John and Linda Kehrein. They had just recently picked it up and it had only a little over 400 miles on it. It was also spotlessly clean. (At least when the Tour started). The Mustang turned out to be one of only 2 cars to join the tour that were not Pontiacs. Several other local clubs were invited, including the Nova, Olds, Buick, Mustang, Camaro and Mopar clubs, none had any members present.



Stop #2 Hot Shots in Fenton

6 Cars Total

- 1 1970 GT-37
- 1 1978 LS-1 Phoenix
- 2 2004 GTO's
- 1 2005 GTO
- 1 2007 SVT Shelby Mustang

No new cars joined the tour at this stop. During the run from Arnold to Fenton, the Tour participants hit the only rain of the day. It was more of a mist than a rain. It was noted that the first two stops did not have convenient restrooms close. This is something that will be taken into account for the next Tour.

Stop #3 St. Louis Community College at Meramec in Kirkwood

11 Cars Total

- 1 1966 GTO
- 3 1969 GTO's
- 1 1970 GT-37
- 1 1978 LS-1 Phoenix
- 3 2004 GTO's
- 1 2005 GTO
- 1 2007 SVT Shelby Mustang

The Kirkwood stop was a new location for the Tour and it was added knowing that several Gateway GTO members live in the area. The car count nearly doubled from 6 to 11. This turned out to be a great location for a stop and possibly one that should be considered for a starting point on a future tour.



Stop #4 Best Buy in Chesterfield

11 Cars Total

- 1 1966 GTO
- 2 1969 GTO's
- 1 1970 GT-37
- 1 1970 GTO Judge
- 1 1978 LS-1 Phoenix
- 3 2004 GTO's
- 1 2005 GTO
- 1 2007 SVT Shelby Mustang

Getting to this stop proved to be a challenge for a number of the tour participants. The lead group of cars became separated from the rest of the group shortly after leaving Meramec. Some became lost after taking Old Big Bend Road instead of staying on Big Bend. There was also a group that was following Kerry Friedman, which was OK except that Kerry was actually heading home! In the end, everyone except Kerry, who by then was home, regrouped in Chesterfield. In addition a 1970 Judge joined the group at that stop.



Stop #5 Westport Plaza

11 Cars Total

- 1 1966 GTO
- 2 1969 GTO's
- 1 1970 GT-37
- 1 1978 LS-1 Phoenix
- 3 2004 GTO's
- 1 2005 GTO
- 1 2006 GTO
- 1 2007 SVT Shelby Mustang



This was the lunch stop. Based on feed back from the May Tour, the stop was lengthened to 90 minutes. The entire group went into The Trainwreck Saloon for lunch. For this stop the car count held at 11 cars with one car leaving and one car entering the tour.



Stop #6 Dierberg's at Sappington

10 Cars Total

- 1 1965 GTO
- 1 1966 GTO
- 1 1969 GTO
- 1 1970 GT-37
- 1 1978 LS-1 Phoenix
- 3 2004 GTO's
- 1 2005 GTO
- 1 2006 GTO

For this stop, the first of the original 6 cars that started the tour dropped out. John and Linda Kehrein headed home. Darrell & Tootie May joined the tour at this stop and graciously offered to lead the next leg of the tour using a less complicated route than the one that had originally been planned.



Stop #7 Gateway Convention Center in Collinsville

10 Cars Total

- 1 1965 GTO
- 1 1966 GTO
- 1 1969 GTO
- 1 1970 GT-37
- 1 1978 LS-1 Phoenix
- 4 2004 GTO's
- 1 2006 GTO

The May's did a great job of leading this leg of the tour and everyone arrived at the convention center. Mark Melrose reported that there was a pottery show going on that weekend. Most of the tour participants chose not to check it out personally. The second of the original 6 cars on the tour, the 2005 GTO, departed leaving 4 of the original 6.



Stop #8 Eastgate Shopping Center in East Alton

8 Cars Total

- 1 1966 GTO
- 1 1969 GTO
- 1 1978 LS-1 Phoenix
- 5 2004 GTO's

Bridge work caused the Tour to re-route from the planned route over 270 and instead take IL-255 to get to Route 3. The alternate route worked out and everyone that ran that leg of the tour made it. This time, the 1970 GT-37 had not continued from Collinsville leaving 3 of the original 6 cars still running the tour after 8 stops.



Stop #9 K-Mart in Florissant

9 Cars Total

- 1 1965 GTO
- 1 1966 GTO
- 1 1969 GTO
- 1 1978 LS-1 Phoenix
- 5 2004 GTO's

By this point, the tour was running somewhat behind schedule. Fortunately, the two participants wanting to join the tour at this location, John Taylor and John Lally, were patient and waited for the tour to arrive. Because of the later arrival and the desire to get to the final stop by 5:00, the tour only stayed in Florissant for about 15 minutes.



Stop #10 Chuck-A-Burger in St. Charles

11 Cars Total

- 1 1965 GTO
- 1 1966 GTO
- 1 1969 GTO
- 1 1978 LS-1 Phoenix
- 3 2004 GTO's
- 1 2005 GTO
- 2 2006 GTO's
- 1 2007 Sky

This was the final stop of the tour. Notable arrivals for this stop were Brian O'Sullivan's parents driving their new Saturn Sky (top down of course) and Terrie Oxler driving her new 2006 GTO. (Apparently Tom does let her drive it occasionally).

Conclusion

The second Tour of 2007 built on the first and overall was more successful. The second Tour had more overall participation with a total of 19 cars versus 15 cars last time. This was despite weather that looked questionable in the morning. It would still be better to get more participation from the other car clubs in the area. That is an area to focus on for the Tours in 2008.

Special thanks for the Tour go to Joyce Nettle who put the maps for the tour together and did her usual great job getting it all posted on the web site.

This is the last Tour planned for 2007. We will be doing two to three tours next year, so if anyone has any suggestions on routes or Tour stop locations, please let Chris Winslow know.

2006 Kooks Header and Mid Pipe Install

by Shauna Wollmershauser

As many of you know I ordered a new set of headers and mid pipes for my 2006 GTO. This is intended to be a guide only. Different header brands will install slightly differently.

When I ordered my headers I ordered them in the Jet Hot Cherry Red coating. This is what they looked like when they arrived:



Yes I was a happy camper.

My brother, nephew, and I installed these headers, the mid pipes and new spark plug wires in four hours and thirty-seven minutes. That also included a trip to the parts store because I didn't realize I'd need more power steering fluid.

You'll need a couple of metric sockets (10 and 13MM I believe), a box end wrench (5/8th), power steering fluid/ATF fluid, and some patience.

The driver's side header is the most difficult header to install because of the power steering (PS) lines.

Step one: remove fuel rail covers.

Step two: remove spark plug wires and spark plugs. If you were planning on doing a spark plug change now wouldn't be a bad time to do so. Also if you purchased new motor mounts this would be a great time to do that install because the headers aren't in the way.



Step three: Loosen the manifold bolts. (By this time I assume you know that the car needs to be in the air in order to get to your mid pipes and O2 sensors). Now that the manifolds are loose, crawl under the car and remove your O2 sensors. BE CAREFUL. If you strip the O2 sensor you're making a trip to the parts store, and be prepared to spend around \$100 for a new one. Now unbolt the mid pipes crawl from under the car and finish removing the manifold.

This is what the engine, (once the mid pipes are loose) looks like now.

Repeat steps for the other side of the car.

Make sure to lock the steering wheel in place. This will help keep your steering wheel aligned somewhat.

Now here comes the fun part. The power steering lines are two different sizes. Use a wrench to remove the lines, but before you do place a catch can of sorts under the car otherwise you'll be lying in some fluid.



Now there are two bolts holding the steering rack in place. Remove those and lower the steering rack. This will open up enough room to get the driver's side (DS) header in place. There's also a knock sensor that runs along the engine on the DS. Some people have used heat resistant tape or spark plug booties to help with possible heat issues and melting the wire. I picked up a spark plug boot and shielded the wire with that. Now slide the DS header in from the bottom of the car and use the supplied bolts to hold the header in place. The passenger side header is a breeze to install. Just remove the stock manifold and mid pipe and slide the new header in it's place.

Now bolt up the mid pipes and install the O2 sensors. The rear O2 sensors will need the extensions that come with your headers. Now here's the great part. The mid pipes bolt up to the stock exhaust.



Knock sensor wrapped in the sparkplug boot



Now all that's left is to button things up. Make sure you get all of the header bolts tight. Replace the spark plugs and spark plug wires. The stock wires leave little clearance between the

header pipes. Most people (including me) opt to go with an aftermarket wire. Reinstall the PS rack and PS lines. The PS lines can be a little tricky at this point. This is where having an extra set of hands helps tremendously. Refill the PS reservoir with PS or ATF fluid. I believe the owner's manual calls for ATF fluid.

Below is what things should look like





Now that you've done all of that hard work, it's time for a test drive. Enjoy the new exhaust note and added horsepower.

There's no mistaking these headers for anything other than headers.

Shortly after this install I was at Omer's getting the car dyno tuned. It's a very good idea to tune the car after an install such as this. One thing you will notice after about fifty miles of driving is that your Check Engine light comes on. This is because the rear O2 sensors aren't used to getting so much airflow so they wig out. The best way to handle that is to have your tuner turn them off.

A few months later I'm still very glad I made this upgrade to the car. Yes, the headers still look the same.



Schedule of Events 2007

SEPTEMBER:

- 5th **GTO MEETING** Culpeppers St Charles 7pm (CLUB SPONSORED point value 20 - 40)
 8th **CAR, TRUCK, & MOTORCYCLE SHOW** Rain or Shine First Baptist Church of St Charles
 9th **WESTPORT CHARITY CHILDRENS CANCER (CLUB SPONSORED point value 20 - 40)**
 15th **AMERICAN ROADHOUSE SHOW** Warrenton Outlet Mall reg 9 – 12 awards 4
 (CLUB SPONSORED point value 20 - 40)
 23rd **GGTOA PICNIC** Vago Park, Fee Fee Road and Midland Avenue (CLUB SPONSORED point value 20 - 40)
 28th – 30th **RT 66 MOTHER ROAD FESTIVAL** 9th and Capital, Springfield, IL (downtown) 217-698-4800
 29th **AMERICAN ROADHOUSE RAIN DATE (CLUB SPONSORED point value 20 - 40)**
 29th **GGTOA ROUTE 66 CRUISES** 12 days to California <http://www.gatewaygto.com/route66tour/index.html>
 (CLUB SPONSORED point value 20 - 40)

OCTOBER:

- 3rd **GTO MEETING** Culpeppers St Charles 7pm (CLUB SPONSORED point value 20 - 40)
 6th **OLD DOG STREET RODS OPEN HOUSE AND NSRA APPRECIATION DAY** 9 – 4 on site parking for 72 and older
 11435 Dorsett Road, Maryland Hts., MO
 6th – 7th **MUSCLECAR REUNION and NOSTALGIA DRAGS** Kansas City MO www.musclecarreunion.com
 21st **Mystery Tour MUSEUM OF TRANSPORT** more info to follow (CLUB SPONSORED point value 20 - 40)
<http://www.museumoftransport.org/pdf/mot2007events.pdf>
 28th **PALISADES CAR SHOW** Portage des Sioux, MO reg \$10 from 10 - 1 awards 4
 (CLUB SPONSORED point value 20 - 40)

NOVEMBER:

- 7th **GTO MEETING** Culpeppers St Charles 7pm (CLUB SPONSORED point value 20 - 40)

DECEMBER:

- 8th **HOLIDAY PARTY WEBSTER GROVES BARN** (Hawkins House), 1155 South Rock Hill Road, Webster Groves, MO

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ANDERSON	0
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BESWICK	0
BOYLE	0
BRAZILE	0
BURSTEIN	0
CREWS	0
CRUMP	0
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DAVIS	0
FOX	0
FRAME	0
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KONDRICK	0
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EBENSTEIN	20
FRASKA	20
JENSEN	20
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KIRK	40
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WOLLGAST	140
TIMMERMANN	150
KEHREIN	160
SCHOTT	180
SIMMONS	160
SMELCER	180
JOHNSON	170
VIE	180
KIBURZ	240
McNEIL	230

BIEN	270
RAY	270
CHAPMAN	280
BRIGHT	300
BRUNKHORST	320
LALLY	340
MAYWEATHER	380
HEDRICK	430
BLATTEL	440
BOWERS	460
OBUKOWICZ	520
HOWARD	550
MAY	560
FENLON	620
WINSLOW	640
LEWIS	780
FRIEDMAN	840
OXLER	930
SIMPSON	1190
O'SULLIVAN	1260
JENKINS	1410
MELROSE	1440
NETTLE	1870
WOLLMERSHAUSER	2050

GATEWAYGTO PICNIC

September 23rd

Vago Park

NOON

Fee Fee Road and Midland Avenue

Bring a covered dish of your liking,
or chips, desserts.

BYOB

(bring your own beverage)

The club will furnish the rest



Adopt a Soldier & Family Program

Donate TODAY

Make check to

GatewayGTO

In memo put

Adopt a Soldier

Mail to

Cory Evens

2813 Ehlmann Rd

St Charles MO 63301



Please be
Generous



CAN FOOD and



FAMILY CARE



DRIVE



Bring to any event and give to Joyce or Vic Nettle

Will be given to local Food Bank November

in the name of GatewayGTO

Start giving now!!!!

Not GGTOA official event

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Coat Drive

**Bring to any event and
give to Joyce or Vic Nettle**

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**New or Used
Go through your
and family/friends Closets**

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Official Gateway GTO Officer Ballot Form
For 2008

This is the official Nominations form that must be filled out
and Mailed to Will Bowers treasurer
before November Meeting
Only this form will be accepted

Current Officers

Nominations

President: Tom Oxler

Vice Pres MO.: Mark Melrose

Vice Pres IL.: Darrell May

Secretary: Vic Nettle

Treasurer: Will Bowers

Chapter Rep.: Steve Hedrick

Only one vote per member please.

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Gateway GTO Association Participation Points Submission
Aug 2007
from Aug 01 - Aug 31

Name:

Gateway GTO Sponsored Events:

- 8/01/07 MEETING with GTO
- 8/01/07 MEETING without GTO
- 8/05/07 Pontiac Rendezvous with GTO
- 8/05/07 Pontiac Rendezvous without GTO
- 8/11/07 Hazelwood Drive Inn Movie with GTO
- 8/11/07 Hazelwood Drive Inn Movie without GTO
- 8/18/07 Sky-View Drive Inn Movie with GTO
- 8/18/07 Sky-View Drive Inn Movie without GTO
- 8/25/07 Muscle Tour with GTO
- 8/25/07 Muscle Tour without GTO

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, POCl 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)

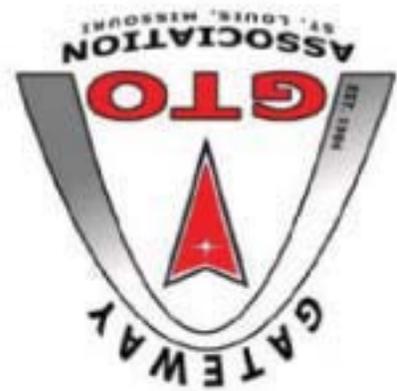
Submit **ONE** completed form for each month within 30 days of month end:

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Also can be sent via web

<http://www.gatewaygto.com/points/index.html>

or go to calendar page and click on points submission



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