



THE HOOD SCOOP

MAY 2009

GTO of the Month

By Tony Tosto

Gateway GTO
Association



Tom asked that I write the GTO of the month article, so I will attempt to briefly cover some 40 years of personal automotive and family history.

I graduated from CBC High School in 1967. Attended St. Louis University '67-'68 and UMSL '68-'69, Meteorology was an intended career. Time off from studies resulted in a two year "employment" in the U.S. Army, courtesy of the draft. Sue and I married while in the military and spent time together in Germany in 1970-1971. Wheeled Vehicle Mechanic was my military job, so I pursued that career path after service.

I was an avid softball player (until 2 years ago) am active in NHRA Drag Racing in the sportsman division with a stock eliminator car in the A/Stock Class, specifically a 1969 Camaro, 396 4-speed combination. But I love driving Pontiacs.

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Sue and I have been club members for approximately 14 years. A very dear friend, John Seabolt, introduced me to the club prior to the purchase of my current '64 GTO. The car is a clone of the first car I purchased right out of high school: A midnight black, red interior, post car that I owned from 1967 to 1969. That car introduced me to Pontiac Muscle and the classic design has been a favorite of mine ever since. Sue and I dated while I owned the car and it was a very successful "acceleration vehicle" on the streets of north county. (I hope that was politically correct).

We have two grown sons, Mark & Matt and they have given us four grandsons: Taylor, Hunter, Kaiden and Dominic. Many of you know Mark thru the Auto Repair Business that Sue and I operated for over 20 years. He was very much a part of our success. I was pleased to have helped some of you with your performance and repair needs and I Thank You. My youngest son, Matt spent five years in the Marine Corps and is currently employed at Boeing as an Avionics Engineer. We are proud parents and Grandparents.

Now back to Pontiac Muscle. We purchased our current 1964 GTO on a trip to the Phoenix area for an NHRA Drag Race. Sue noticed the car in the parking lot while trying to locate the white rental car with Arizona plates-in Phoenix, everyone owns a white car. She left a note on the windshield asking them to call if ever a sale was anticipated. About 8 months later, we received notice that indeed it could be bought. A trip back to Phoenix, a call to a transport company and the car was delivered to my shop in Florissant for inspection and restoration.

Not being a Body Repair person, I called Jim Novelli (Jim's Auto Body) to perform the body and paint work. I performed all mechanical repairs. Chris Simmons handled the interior and upholstery work. Many thanks to Jim and Chris for their help.

In closing I will say that my membership in the GTO Club has been very enjoyable. Sue and I hope to become more involved in Club Activities this year. If I can be of any help with auto repair or performance questions, please let me know.



The Presidents Scoop

By Tom Oxler

Well, it is officially spring and the weather is beginning to look like it. Warm days, cool nights and GTOs in the driveway getting cleaned and polished. It is that time of year where we get our cars out and begin looking for car related activities. Your Gateway GTO Club has many events and activities planned for this year that should keep you and your GTO very busy.

Our Ray Brunkhorst Memorial Drag Race is scheduled for May 30th at I-57 Dragway in Benton, IL. The Club has rented the track for the entire day and for just \$35, you can race your GTO or any other vehicle as many times as you want. This is your chance to challenge your trash talking buddy to see if they really have the horses they say they have. This is open to anyone so invite your friends and relatives. Last year was a huge success and everyone had a great time.

I visited Behlmann Buick, Pontiac, GMC yesterday and picked up our \$500 sponsorship check. I was surprised that Dan Behlmann and Al Mormino were able to sponsor us again this year but they are really looking forward to the Behlmann GTO Show on June 13th from 10am to 3pm. We have invited the Arch POCI Club and the Buick Club and will have hotdogs, brats, drinks and trophies. Last year we had 61 cars which was the largest crowd we have ever had. I hope we can surpass last year and show the Behlmann's our true appreciation for their continued sponsorship in these very difficult times.

Thanks to the help of Terry and Gail Schott, they have organized a great cruise down old Route 66 to Bob's Gasoline Alley in Cuba, Mo. on June 6th. Bob will be supplying lunch when we arrive and the cost is \$10 per person. Please send your money to Will Bowers to make reservations no later than May 29th as we must notify Bob of how many will be attending.

These are just a few of the many events planned for the Gateway GTO Club in 2009. If you have any suggestions, please let me or one of the other officers know. I hope to see you at one of these events.

OUR NEXT MEETING ON JUNE 3RD WILL BE AT THE CHUCK-A-BURGER ON ELM ST. IN ST. CHARLES. WE WILL EAT IN THE RESTAURANT THEN HAVE OUR MEETING OUTSIDE UNDER THE CANOPY SO BRING YOUR GTO AND YOUR CHAIRS. CHUCK-A-BURGER 3150 ELM POINT IND. DR.

GATEWAY GTO FINANCIAL STATEMENT

CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE 12/31/08		4,108.17	
INCOME			
DUES		1,285.00	
50/50		79.00	
DRAG DAY		175.00	
EASTER SHOW		90.00	
SPONSORSHIPS/ADVERTISING		250.00	
GASOLINE ALLEY		60.00	
MISC. INCOME		57.50	
TOTAL INCOME		1,996.50	1,996.50
EXPENSES			
PIZZA PARTY		353.26	
PRINTING, NEWSLETTERS, MAILINGS, PLAQUES		365.39	
DRAG DAY		743.00	
EASTER SHOW		90.00	
SCRAP BOOK		113.63	
MISC.		56.50	
CHRISTMAS PARTY		166.50	
TOTAL EXPENSES		1,888.28	-1,888.28
CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE 3/31/09	4/30/2009		4,216.39

GATEWAY GTO CLUB MAY MEETING MINUTES – May 6, 2009

The monthly Gateway GTO meeting was held at Culpepper's on St. Charles Rock Road in Bridgeton. Members began arriving by 6:00PM for dinner and fellowship.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by President Tom Oxler. Officers in attendance: Tom Oxler, Mark Melrose, Darrell May Steve Hedrick and Will Bowers.

NEW MEMBERS: Were announced and introduced:

Mike Ewens is Ray Brunkhorst's grandson and recently took delivery of a 2006 GTO in "Arrest Me" (Torrid) Red with Black interior, auto trans and 17" wheels. Mike plans to bring and race the car at Drag Day.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Karen Ewens, Ray Brunckhort's daughter announced that her mother, Ida, has reluctantly decided to sell Ray's 1966 GTO. Karen plans to drive the car to Drag Day for members to evaluate and ultimately assist in the sale of the car.

Tom Oxler announced that the Club is now in receipt of sponsorship funding from Behlmann Buick, Pontiac, GMC. Many thanks to Dan Behlmann for his support of Gateway GTO during these difficult times in the auto industry.

Harry Smelcer announced he took recent delivery on a Black/Black 2009 Pontiac G8 GT with the 6-speed auto

tranny and 19" wheels. Harry says the car is "scary-fast", smooth and very nice indeed.

GUEST SPEAKERS:

Elliott Cytron, organizer of Wheels in Motion benefitting Kids with Cancer thanked the Club for its past assistance and participation in the show. Elliot provided Bob Blattel (Club Charity Director) with letters to be given to show commercial sponsors and promotional brochures for general distribution. As we did last year, the Club is being counted on to manage this year's show raffle as well as collecting entry fees and managing the show field parking. Elliott mentioned that some commercial sponsors donate a portion of certain proceeds to Kids with Cancer and this is a viable option to the provision of door prizes, raffle items, etc. Look for Bob Blattel to begin soliciting raffle items and workers.

Gene Bosslar from the St. Louis Oldsmobile Club talked to us about the upcoming Olds/Pontiac Show June 5th-7th at Tan-Tar-A Resort in Lake of the Ozarks. Show cars will all be parked indoors at Wingate Hall (fire extinguisher is a MUST). Arrival and setup is Friday the 5th, judging is Saturday 10AM-2PM, then a visit to the owner of "The Happy Fisherman" restaurant's car collection and then dinner at the restaurant. Sunday morning is the Awards Breakfast with everybody headed home by noon. Show costs \$50 and includes one breakfast (\$15 for each additional breakfast) and a block of rooms at the Resort is reserved at \$109/night.

OLD BUSINESS:

Marty Howard recapped the Club tour of Fastlane Classic Cars on April 25th. In attendance were 10-12 cars and at least 24 people. Todd, Fastlane Sales Manager, showed us the entire operation and discussed their methods and operations. Very informative.

Steve Hedrick manned his usual spot at the Gateway Swap Meet on April 26th. Gracious host that he is Steve offered hot dogs, brats (courtesy of Harry Timmerman) and libations to Club members at the meet. Steve said overall attendance at the meet was "way off" but he managed to sell his goods, BBQ the "tube steaks" and relax with some suds – a good day all around.

NEW BUSINESS:

King Louie Drive-In Cruise: As a joint cruise with the Bluff City Pontiac Club May 9th in Wood River, IL. Dash Plaques, good food and a Pontiac Car Show on the Drive-In's lot. Meet at Behlmann to caravan to the cruise at 10AM. Rain date is 5/16/09. Club Sponsored.

Dave Sinclair Pontiac Show: Annual event with Arch/POCI 10AM-2PM on May 16th. Free hot dogs and soda.

Benton Drag Day: May 30th in Benton, IL for open "outlaw" 1/8 mile drag racing 9AM to 3PM. Track will be fully prepped and the concession stand will be open. Cost is \$35 per driver and guest, spectators at \$5. Send your checks to Will Bowers. Open to all, invite your friends from other clubs to show them what Pontiacs can do. Long pants a MUST, helmet and fire extinguisher suggested. Meet at Fed-Ex Kinkos in Fairview Heights (Exit 12 off I-64) for caravan to the track. Rain date is

7/19/09. Organized by Shauna Wollmershauser. Club Sponsored.

Centralia Anchorfest Car Show: May 31st, registration 8AM-11AM, show 9AM-4PM. 78 trophies in 26 classes with 13 special awards. Last year we had about 10 cars from the Club and we took home 4-5 trophies including Club Participation. Pre-registration is \$13, \$16 day of the show and includes a T-Shirt and Goodie Bag to all and Dash Plaques to the first 200 entries. Organized by Mark Melrose, meet at Francis Howell North to depart by 7:45AM. Will travel mostly 2-lane roads. Details for pre-registration, etc. to follow in email to members. Club Sponsored.

Bob's Gasoline Alley Cruise: June 6th, cruise down old Route 66 to Cuba, MO. \$10 per person catered lunch – must pay in advance for reservation (send check to Will Bowers). Organized by Terry and Gail Schott – rain or shine. Members only, Club Sponsored.

Behlmann Car Show: Annual event for all Buicks, Pontiacs and GMCs. June 13th. Behlmann is the Club's main sponsor so if you only display at one show a year make it this one. Please come out to support our longtime and faithful sponsor – last year we had over 60 vehicles. Free brats (courtesy of Harry Timmerman), hot dogs and soda. Trophies. Club Sponsored.

GTOAA/POCI Covention: July 7-11 at Wright State University in Dayton, OH. Hotels are filling up fast. Make your reservations now. You must be a member of GTOAA or POCI to participate. If you want to show your car in both sections you MUST be a member of both Clubs. Several caravans

will be forming to cruise to the meet. Tom Oxler will lead one caravan departing at 8AM on 7/7 from the Pocahontas, IL Exit (#36) on I-70. Check out www.gtoaa.org for info and links. Steve Hedrick is the National Convention Coordinator and can address individual questions. Club Sponsored.

TECH ISSUES:

- Harland Sharp now offers rebuilding of late model GTO rockers.
- Cecil Morton should have Darrell May's car finished by 5/8 - Darrell is "chomping-at-the-bit".
- Chris Simmons talked about the 1962 Catalina Super Duty Tribute Car being assembled by John Novelli. The beautiful black Cat(alina) with black and burgundy interior is equipped with a Mickey Thompson powertrain - aluminum block, heads and manifold, dual quads and 4-speed tranny with custom fabricated rearend. Many other goodies too numerous to mention. A beautiful car, it is intended to be displayed at the Covention in Dayton (see above).
- Cecil is also nearing completion on Kerry Friedman's '69 conversion from the original

TH400 to a new Tremec 5-speed. Also included in the work are a number of "uh-ohs" and "might-as-wells".

GOOD OF THE CLUB:

- Earl Lewis' mother passed away. Memorial Service is 6PM on 5/8 at Pheasant Point Baptist Church 3400 Hwy K O'Fallon, MO.
- Mark Melrose and others were interviewed by KSDK Channel 5 regarding the demise of Pontiac. See the clip at: <http://www.ksdk.com/video/default.aspx?aid=98900>
- May's featured Goat of the Month is Tony and Sue Tosto's 1964 GTO.
- Jim Kiburz' father is in the hospital, please keep him in your prayers.

NEXT MEETING: Is scheduled for 7PM on June 3rd at the St. Charles Chuck-A-Burger (Elm exit off I-370).

MEETING ADJOURNED: At 8:20PM after Mark Melrose won his second consecutive 50-50 drawing - this one good for \$23.

Minutes submitted by Mark Melrose

Technical Article Of the Month

Coolant Change On A 2004 GTO

By Chris Winslow

My Pulse Red GTO was built in August of 2004. With the Dexcool approaching 4 years of service, I decided it was time to change it out. Now, while I have changed coolant on a lot of cars in my time, the 2004 GTO was not exactly designed for easy maintenance in terms of the cooling system. This is because the radiators on these cars have neither a drain plug or a cap.

To do this job you will need the following:

1. Large drain pan
2. Funnel
3. Screwdriver
4. Hose Clamp Pliers (definitely easier) or regular pliers if you don't have those
5. A few feet of 5/16 ID clear tubing. (Not required but helpful)
6. A jack.
7. An assistant (Needed to assist with the refill).
8. 2+ gallons of premixed DexCool or 1+ gallon of full strength DexCool.

The first thing I decided to do was consult the factory service manual to see what the factory recommended drain procedure was. The instructions in the manual were fairly simple:

Draining

1. Park the vehicle on a level surface
2. Remove the coolant pressure cap.
3. Place a drain pan under the lower radiator hose.
4. Remove the lower radiator hose.
5. Drain the cooling system.

Before starting, I decided to take a few steps to keep things clean. (You guys know me!). I started by installing the seat cover that Justice Pete had given me at the 2007 nationals on the drivers seat so that I would not need to worry about getting the seat dirty when I was climbing in and out. I also put a large towel over the front fascia to protect it. In addition, I removed the trim piece that is over the radiator. This last step is definitely not necessary, but it made it a lot easier to get photos of some of the work.



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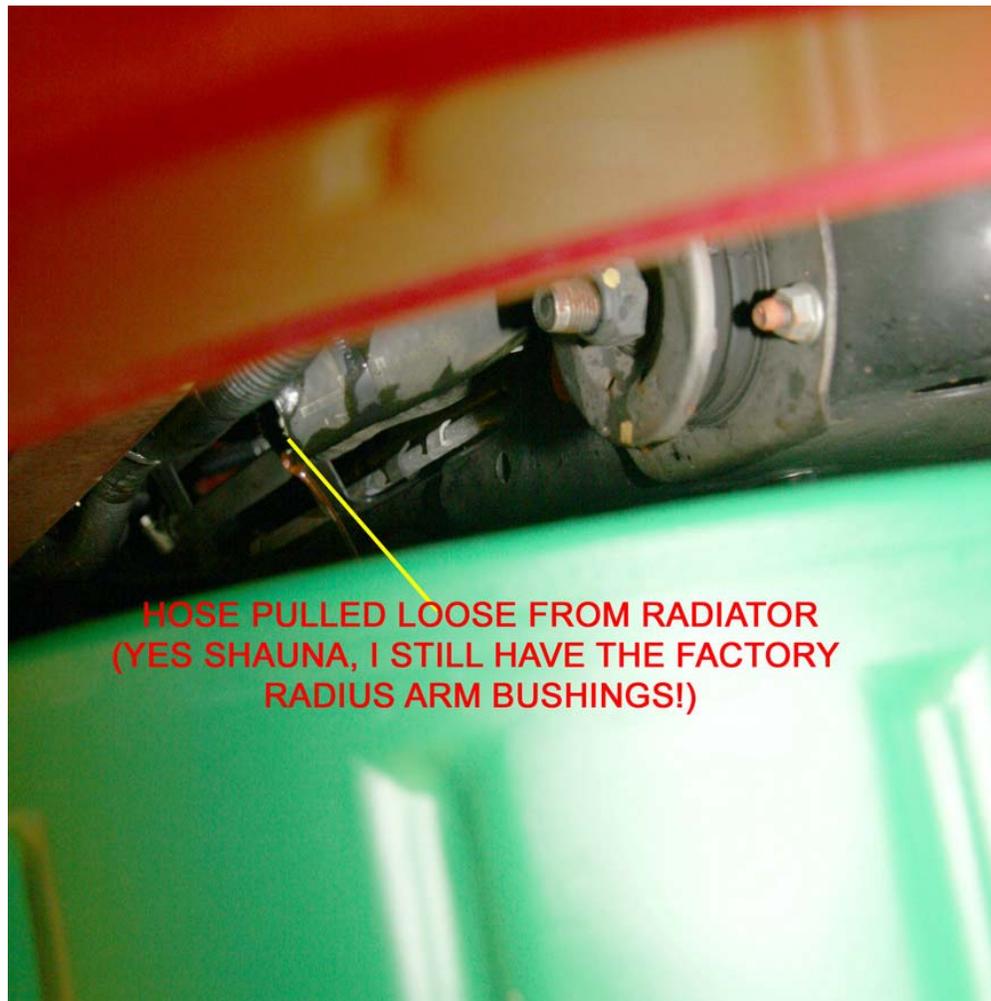


The next step was to get the lower radiator hose loose without making a huge mess of the garage. On my car, that lower hose is secured to the radiator with a screw style hose clamp. I slid under the car with a screwdriver to loosen it. That was when I hit my first problem. The car sits so low to the ground that although I could get my head underneath, the hose clamp was too close for me to see it. (Something I am sure the more “seasoned” members of the club will relate to!).

In order to get the hose clamp far enough away that I could see it, I ended up jacking up the front end a bit. After the clamp was loose, the rest of the process was really just finessing the hose off very slowly so that I could control the rate that it drained. Once the hose was off and draining, I lowered the car back down. Once the flow had slowed, I removed the pressure cap from the overflow tank. (I know this is out of order, but it made more sense to me to keep some vacuum on the system until I had the draining under control).

It took about 15 minutes for the car to fully drain. I examined the coolant and it looked very clean. I then used a mirror and flashlight in the lower radiator outlet to get a peek and the radiator core. It also looked spotless. With those inspections out of the way, I reinstalled the lower radiator hose making sure to get the clamp back in exactly the same spot.

With the cooling system drained, it was



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now time to refill. The procedure in the manual was a little more involved than the draining procedure:

1. Slowly fill the cooling system through the upper radiator hose with a 50/50 coolant mixture until the coolant comes out the coolant air bleed hose.
2. Fill the radiator with coolant through the surge tank opening up to the full line.
3. Install the coolant pressure cap.
4. Start the engine.
5. Run the engine at 2000 rpm until the engine reaches normal operating temperature.
6. Allow the engine to idle for 3 minutes.
7. Shut off engine.
8. Allow Engine to cool.
9. Top off as necessary.



Right off the bat I had a problem with step one. What was the coolant bleed air hose? There was no picture or description in this section of the manual. After checking the index I found that the coolant air bleed hose was the hose connected to the small pipe that connects the left and right heads together

underneath the throttle body. This pipe had a small hose that went from about the center of the pipe up to the coolant inlet to the throttle body. The idea of disconnecting this hose and letting coolant run down the front of the engine did not appeal to me at all, so I came up with plan B.

Plan B was to disconnect the hose from the coolant outlet of the throttle body and connect a 3 foot piece of clear tubing to the outlet. I ran the tubing down the front of the car and placed the end in the drain pan. This would allow me to see the coolant exiting the throttle body without allowing it to run all over the engine.

With the bleed hose in place, I was ready to refill. On my car, the upper radiator hose is connected to the radiator with a spring type hose clamp. Using the hose clamp pliers, I moved the clamp out of the way and removed the upper radiator hose from the radiator.

In order to fill the engine through the upper radiator hose I needed an assistant to hold a funnel in the end of the hose so that I could put a coolant in without spilling it all over the engine.

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Fortunately, one of my neighbors had stopped by to supervise. (Pretty much all I have to do is open the garage door. He is usually there and letting me know what I am doing wrong within less than ten minutes.) With my neighbor holding the funnel, I began pouring coolant into the engine while watching the clear tubing. Once coolant emerged at the clear tubing, we stopped and installed the upper radiator hose back on the radiator. Then, after placing a rag under the clear tubing, I removed it and re-installed the hose on the throttle body outlet.

With everything buttoned up, I filled the surge tank to the full line. What I found here was that patience was the name of the game. As the tank was filled, more air would work its way up, dropping the level. After a few minutes, the level was stable. I installed the cap and made one last check to make sure everything was tight and all the rags were clear.

I started the engine and turned the heater on to make sure that the heater core was filled. What I did not do was rev the engine to 2000 RPMs until it warmed up. I did not think that was really necessary. Instead, every few minutes, I tweaked the throttle a few times from under the hood. (Something that you can't do on an LS2). After about 10 minutes, the thermostat was open and the hose connected to the thermostat housing was hot. I shut it down and let it cool for a few hours. After I cooled down, I re-topped the fluid level in the surge tank.

All told it took a little over an hour to do the job start to finish.



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2009 EASTER SUNDAY HORSELESS CARRIAGE CAR SHOW AT FOREST PARK

Review by Marty Howard (CEO)

Sunday, Easter Sunday. A fun day with its dark side, the weather. Although not really a bad weather day, it certainly could have been better. For the past 15 years that I have lived here in the St. Louis area, the great weather vs. the not-so-great weather is about 50-50. For the first few years, I was lulled into thinking that the weather would be beautiful on each and every Easter Sunday. It was sometimes hot, with the sun shining on all the great cars on the upper and lower parking lots. We had to get out the beach umbrellas to keep from getting burned. Those were the days, my friend. Although it was mostly cloudy on this day, the sun did peak through. And, the rain held off for the entire day and all of us were very thankful for that.

Even though the weather was not the best, the parking lots were quite full. Our Gateway GTO Club of St. Louis was represented by 8 CARS. Participating were:

- Marty Howard (& Barbara)
- Tom & Terrie Oxler
- Mark Melrose
- Will & Donna Bowers
- Earl & Barb Lewis
- John Folluo
- John & Linda Kehrein
- Chris Winslow
- Buzz & Vicki Simpson
- Joe Mayweather
- Darrell May

As usual, at 9:00 am, we all met at the McDonalds located on Hampton. We waited for our last minute stragglers (names withheld) and then proceeded to do burnouts down Hampton. Guess everyone was feeling a bit tiger-ish! We had to detour from our normal route to get to the upper Munt lot because some of the streets were closed due to the reconstruction of Highway 40. It did take quite a long time to finally get to our assigned spaces, at least a half hour waiting in line. Normally, this goes quite fast but for some reason it took longer than usual. Seemed to be a bottleneck at the entrance to the show. Maybe not enough workers? At least no car overheated, probably because of the cooler weather (there's always a bright side to the weather).



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Also, as usual, Jon Havens led us to our assigned spots, which were marked “Pontiacs” on the concrete. Somehow, 2 very old cars (20’s, 30’s?) were parked smack dab in the middle of our assigned spaces. I did see Jon talking to one of the owners and the owner apologized for being in the middle of our spaces. I don’t know how that happened. Oh, well...At least the other owner did move his car after a while. Maybe he felt ‘muscle-in’?



So, we arrived at the show at about 10 am and stayed until 2-3 pm. We pulled out our chairs from our trunks, got out our non-alcoholic beverages (?!), treats (even had hard boiled colored Easter eggs and the normal basket of suckers free for the taking) and talked, browsed and schmoozed for the next 4 hours. Our cars drew a lot of attention as usual.

Somehow, there was not much traffic getting out of the park. That was great since I remember being in traffic for over an hour on a few occasions when leaving the

event. Maybe leaving at about 2:30 pm was part of the reason. The show usually lasts until 4-5 pm after the trophies are awarded unless the weather is very threatening.

After the show, a few of us decided to get something to eat. We decided to meet at Schafley’s but when we arrived, it was closed; closed on Sunday? We then went to Michael’s Restaurant located in Maplewood. We parked our cars together in a lot right across the street, had a great meal and then departed to our respective homes.

All in all, I’m glad that I went. Our get-togethers are always interesting and what a fun way to get with our good friends. Forest Park is always a great place to visit for many reasons especially for the great car show on Easter Sunday. I’m hoping that, next year, the weather will return to what it was for the first few car shows that I attended. See ya soon.



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Fast Lane Classic Car Tour – April 25, 2009

Written by Marty Howard

(CEO) Club Events Officer, Gateway GTO Association of St. Louis

I can't think of a better word to describe our tour of Fast Lane other than GRRRRREAT!
The weather was great, our turnout was great, the members were great, and the tour was really great. Originally scheduled for April 18th, I was fortunate to secure the 25th on last minute notice since the forecast was pretty dismal for the 18th. And, one of the local Corvette clubs was also scheduled to meet at Fast Lane on the 25th. Somehow it all came together and worked out just great.

In attendance (in no particular order) were:

- Bob Blattel
- Will and Donna Bowers
- Kerry and Andy Friedman
- Marty Howard and Barbara
- Dave Huesgen
- John and Linda Kehrein
- Kyle Keith
- Darrell May
- Joe and Bev Mayweather
- Mark Melrose
- John Novelli
- Tom and Terrie Oxler
- Dudley Shaw
- Gary Sullentrop
- John Taylor
- Shauna Wollmerhauser
- John Scrima

(Sorry if I misspelled anyone's name or omitted anyone)



Our Clubs met at noon and we all parked together in the lower lot that was assigned just for us. By the time the tour started we had about well over a dozen cars and almost 30 members. I consider that a fine turnout. Most of us were from the GTO Club and we had a couple from the Arch Chapter, POCI. Our tour guide was Sales Manager, Todd Anthony. He gave us a briefing of the facilities while we were all outside with our cars. He started with a tour of the lower building, then the next building, then and the garage where most people are not allowed in. Actually, the garage was their first building and it was their showroom when they first opened many years ago.

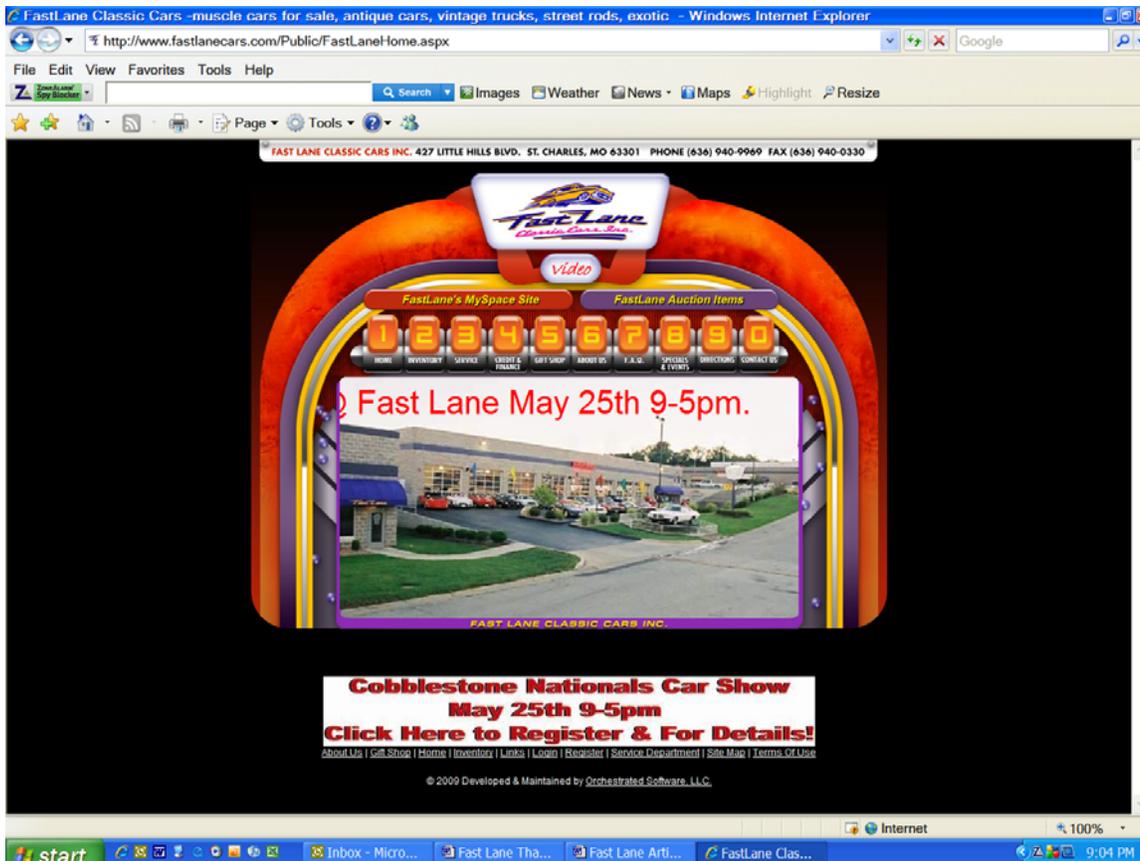
So many cars to see. But this was not like any other 'browsing' that most of us do. This was a guided tour that lasted about an hour. Todd provided so much information that I can hardly remember all that was said. He answered many questions and pointed out various items strewn along the walls and how they were acquired. You just had to be there. When Todd answered the last question, he asked the owners, Dave and Laura Williams, to share some memories and stories about themselves and how they became owners of FLCC.

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Afterwards, we cruised to Chuck-a-Burger on Elm St. for some burgers. Everyone agreed that this was a Grrrrreat event for our Clubs.

Please see attached Word document for the letter I sent to Fast Lane thanking them for their hospitality.

For more information you can go to their web site at fastlanecars.com. Don't forget their annual show, The Cobblestone Nationals Car Show:



See you there.....Marty Howard

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Fast Lane Classic Cars
427 Little Hills Blvd.
St. Charles, MO 63301
Att: Laura and Dave Williams, Owners

April 27, 2009

Dear Laura and Dave,

I, and The Gateway GTO Association of St. Louis, along with the Arch Chapter, POCl, would like to thank you for the informative tour that was presented by your Sales Manager, Todd Anthony this past Saturday, April 25, 2009. We know that your time is valuable but you allotted enough time for Todd to show us around to all of your buildings and answer our questions.

Many of us have visited Fast Lane over the many years that you have been in business. However, having a personalized tour gave your venue it a new meaning. Todd represented your business in a very friendly, professional, knowledgeable way. We were all very appreciative and learned a lot about your business, buildings, vehicles, collectibles and repair facility.

In addition, both of you (Laura and Dave) also took time out to address additional questions from our group and gave us some great stories about how you obtained Fast Lane and subsequent humorous tales about acquiring vehicles and a history lesson, or two, about how you met and decided to open Fast Lane.

We all felt that your business is handled in a family-oriented style and every customer, as well as a 'browser' is treated with integrity.

We look forward to attending your 21st Annual Cobblestone Nationals 2009 as we have done for the past several years and in fine attendance.

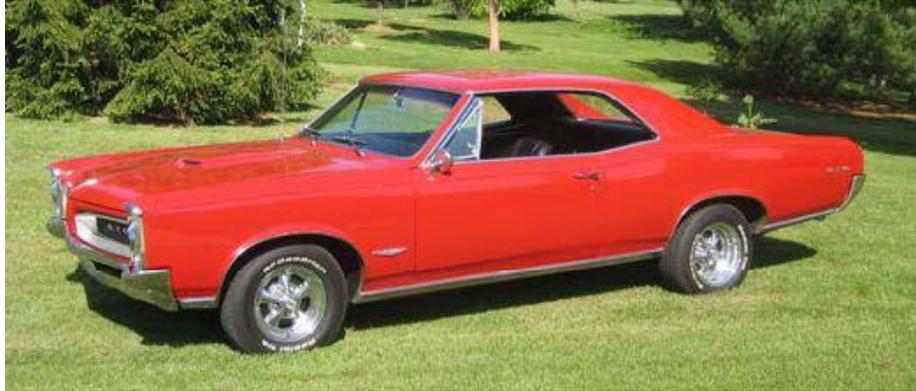
Sincerely,

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2009 GATEWAY GTO CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- MAY 6 GTO Meeting 7pm Culpeppers Restaurant 12434 St. Charles Rock Rd. Bridgeton, Mo. 63044 (CLUB SPONSORED)
- 9 CRUISE IN @ KING LOUIE'S DRIVE IN – 11am – 3pm - Joint event with Bluff City Pontiac Club – Rain date May 16th (CLUB SPONSORED) Missouri members can cruise to King Louie by meeting at Behlmann at 10am and we will cruise together.
- 16 CRUISE IN @ KING LOUIE'S DRIVE IN – Rain Date
- 16 DAVE SINCLAIR PONTIAC SHOW 10am – 3pm Lindbergh & Tesson Ferry Rd. Sponsored by Arch POCI
- 30 DRAG DAY at I-57 Dragway in Benton, Illinois – 9am to 3pm - \$35 to race all day. \$5 for spectators. Send checks to Will Bowers, 1 Goshen Woods, Edwardsville, IL. 62025. See www.gatewaygto.org for more details. (CLUB SPONSORED)
- 31 ANCHORFEST CAR SHOW – Centralia, MO. 9am – 4pm (CLUB SPONSORED) Registration 8-11am \$16
- JUNE 3- GTO Meeting 7pm CHUCK-A-BURGER 3150 Elm Point Ind. Dr St. Charles, Mo. 63301 (CLUB SPONSORED)
- 6- CRUISE TO BOB'S GASOLINE ALLEY in Cuba, Mo. Hosted By Terry & Gail Schott. (CLUB SPONSORED-MEMBERS ONLY) Lunch will be provided so you must get your \$10 per person to Will Bowers, 1 Goshen Woods, Edwardsville, IL. 62025, to make your reservations by May 29th.
- 13- ANNUAL BEHLMANN ALL PONTIAC, BUICK & GMC DISPLAY - 10am – 3pm at Behlmann Buick Pontiac GMC 820 McDonnell Blvd. Hazelwood, Mo. (CLUB SPONSORED) Hotdogs, brats, drinks & trophies provided.
- JULY 1- GTO Meeting 7pm Culpeppers Restaurant 12434 St. Charles Rock Rd. Bridgeton, Mo. 63044 (CLUB SPONSORED)
- 7-11 GTOAA/POCI COVENTION – Dayton, OH (CLUB SPONSORED)
- 18 DRAG DAY at I-57 Dragway - Rain Date
- 25 BEHLMANN ALL PONTIAC, BUICK, GMC DISPLAY – rain date
- AUG 5 GTO Meeting 7pm Culpeppers Restaurant 12434 St. Charles Rock Rd. Bridgeton, Mo. 63044 (CLUB SPONSORED)
- 7-9 TRI-POWER NATIONALS – Norwalk, OH.
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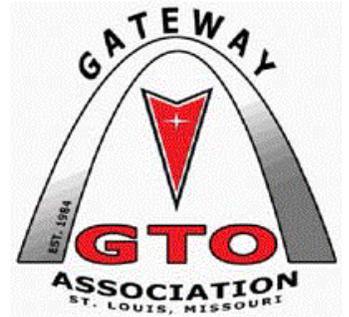
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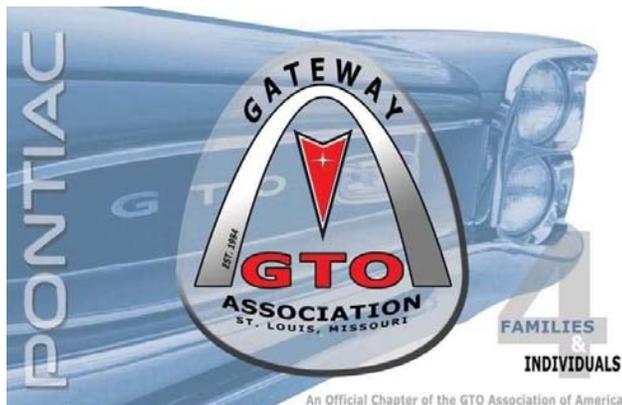
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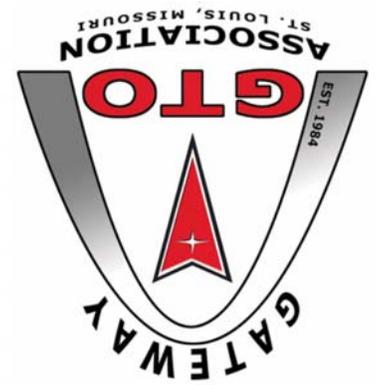
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