



THE HOOD SCOOP

SEPTEMBER 2009

GTO of the Month

Dave and Diane Huesgen 2005 GTO

Gateway GTO Association



I'm Dave Huesgen and my wife Diane, who is for me "beyond comparison" for just over 30 years, are both co owners of a "totally stock" 2005 Phantom Black Metallic GTO with the manual 6 speed and 17 inch wheels ... lotsa fun and cool at the same time!

We are also the very proud parents of two daughters ... Jennifer and Julie! At 26 years old, Jennifer is our oldest and after first earning her degree at SLU is a Registered Nurse for over five years caring for tiny newborn babies at Cardinal Glennon Children's Medical Center in their Neonatal Intensive Care Unit. Our other daughter Julie, is following in her older sister's footsteps and is in her last year of Nursing School while also working in the same Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at Cardinal Glennon ... considering all of their daily life saving challenges ... I'd rather be driving my GTO ☺!.

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In the meantime, I am the Director of Materials Management and Purchasing for a direct selling, nutritional food products marketer/manufacturer operating as Reliv International ... and Diane is a registered Real Estate Agent working right here in St. Charles county for Susan Brewer's Service First Real Estate Company.

My history as a "car guy" started with a '69 Chevy Nova that also started out "**totally stock**" but was eventually filled with a lot of fun car stuff like a Holley Carburetor, Hooker Headers, Aluminum Slotted Mag wheels and Gabriel air shocks that jacked up the back end and provided great fun for cruisin ... once I had my new Eight Track Player, that is!! I'm sure you all recall what an affordable pastime "cruising" was when gas prices where less than 50 cents per gallon! Friday and Saturday night cruises always included trips around town going from various Steak N' Shakes to Jack In the Boxes, to the White Castles and back to yet another Steak N' Shake! Don't ya'll recall how much fun a night full of hot-roddin' around with other "car guys" and their other Muscle Cars of that time, like the Trans Ams, SS Chevy's, Boss Mustangs and Plymouth Road Runners? BUT ... the one Muscle Car that seemed to stand out above and beyond most, if not all of the rest of that era ... at least in my mind ... was the '69 GTO Judge! How cool it was with the functional Ram Air, all of its "The Judge" decals and hood tachometer. While my Nova was never a challenge to "The Judge", my Mom's '70 Dodge Challenger with the 340 cid motor provided its own fun amount of "oomph" off the line ... that is, whenever she'd let me drive it for the night! ☺

After graduating from UMSL, and considering all of the "detuning" of American Muscle Cars that was going on during the middle '70's, I considered it a perfect time to also graduate up to what would be my first red, two seater sports car. It was a 1976 Triumph TR7 from England, and wow, it was ever fun to drive with its aerodynamic styling and pretty quick 2 liter motor with



dual carbs ... and it sat so low! Heck, with all of the performance "wing clipping" that was happening back then, I was elated with the performance of my little red sports car. Did you know that it was also ranked by one of the major national car magazines like Road & Track as having one of the fastest combination times of 0 – 60 mph and 60 – 0? While the TR7 was pretty quick off the line, it's brakes were just excellent and it would virtually stop on a dime (or if you prefer mate, a British Pound)!!

Then in the early '80's, Pontiac redesigned and developed the third generation Trans Am ... of which I had to have one! So in 1983 Diane and I picked out a black Trans Am with the big gold screaming bird hood decal on it! We loved our very own "Knight Rider car" for a whopping total of only 3

months ... that is until I lost the battle up against a telephone pole. That was a real bummer, 'cuz while the new Trans Am was totaled, we had to replace it with a Buick Regal ... for obvious insurance purposes! Who woulda thought that a Buick first got me way back then and now, got me once again, since GM has in essence replaced all Pontiacs with Buicks ... OUCH!

After driving the Buick Regal forever (seemingly ☺), we drove up to Behlmann Pontiac in 1995 and found hidden away in an offsite warehouse, a bright white 1995 Grand Prix Special Edition. It had the GTP package “boasting” 210 horsepower in a “hopped up” 3.4L V6 DOHC 24V FI Engine ... I say “hopped up” because I found it ironic that this “little six” had 35 more horses than was in my 1983 Trans Am’s 5.0 liter (305 cid) motor! Mechanically speaking, my Grand Prix was excellent ... other than changing oil and tires, repairs were non existent. As a matter of fact, it still had the original exhaust system on it after 125,000 miles. Considering that this was my best overall car experience, that is since my original Chevy Nova, the Grand Prix Special Edition ended up being my first chance to get back into a Pontiac ... of which it ultimately ended up being my warm up car for the next arrival in the Huesgen’s garage ... the 2005 Pontiac GTO.

They say that timing is everything. My Grand Prix just happened to be nearing its point of replacement when Pontiac announced that they were reintroducing the legendary muscle car nameplate GTO for the 2004 model year. I was inspired as to what my next new car would be ... the GTO! I owned a great running front wheel drive Grand Prix sport compact for almost 10 years and so I once again returned to Behlmann Pontiac to test drive the new rear drive return of the original Muscle Car, the 2004 GTO. What a great car ... so the decision was made ... I had to have one ... The Great One that is!

While the limited production and availability of the 2004 GTO’s was initially frustrating, it ended up being a blessing for me ... timing once again ... because during the interim, Pontiac announced the upcoming changes for the 2005 GTO ... i.e. the extra 50 horsepower, 50 lb-ft. torque, hood scoops and split dual exhaust tips ... “extra cool” ... so I waited for the 2005’s!

During my continuing saga in my search for a 2005 GTO, I moved my efforts, negotiations, final purchase and delivery to the dealership where my Dad had worked in their Body Shop right after he got out of the Army ... and that was McMahan Pontiac. My initial concerns of a muscle car from Australia were alleviated by a couple things ...

1. Corvette LS2 motors and Tremec 6 speed transmissions, and
2. A GM Extended Warranty through June 30, 2010.

We took initial delivery on June 30, 2005 which also happens to have been ...

1. my Birthday and Wedding Anniversary in addition to
2. being right in the middle of the 2005 GTOAA National’s being held in St. Louis by who else, the **Gateway GTO Association**. Ironically this happened to be the first of our two GTOAA National’s that Diane and I have now attended. Shortly thereafter we joined the GTOAA.

Within a couple weeks of picking up the Goat, I had a 3M clear bra installed on it. This protected the front paint finish on the hood, complete bumper/headlight area and outside r/v mirrors from rock dings. We also got the windows tinted darker ... so ... beyond that and the installation of a K&N filter element, our GTO remains “**Stock as a Rock**”. Does the radar detector count? Back to the clear bra and window tints ... in my opinion, the one is very effective at protecting the outside of the car while the other cools down and helps protect the leather surfaces of the interior of the car ... i.e. protection inside and out!

While many 2004 – '06 GTO owners have had considerable problems documented with their suspensions, we've been lucky in that regard too! While both of the right side tires had considerable inside tire wear requiring replacement at only 15,000 miles ... McMahon Pontiac's excellent Service department traced my problem to defective rear coil springs which they replaced under GM's Warranty. They also reimbursed me for two tires while also replacing the other two tires ... all traced by McMahon to this problem with the rear coil springs. Tire wear on the replacements is virtually nil after another approximate 12,000 miles of tire usage since the replacement of the rear springs with stock GM parts.

Now, back to the fun part of owning the Goat ... **DRIVING IT** ... while we've always enjoyed the intermittent cruises set up via LS2GTO.com, our level of enjoyment really improved after we joined and started participating as members of the **Gateway GTO Association**. As a matter of fact, this year alone, we've participated in the King Louie's Drive In Spring 2009 Cruise, the Taste of Cottleville and Car Show and even more recently and importantly, the GTOAA/POCI Co-vention in Dayton, Ohio where our GTO placed 2nd overall in Popular Vote for Stock 04 – 06 GTO Coupes ... what a thrill!! Even though we were unable to get to Dayton until Thursday, Diane and I had non-stop fun while at this event! This was true, whether we were just hanging out with other "Club" members or while touring the almost 1,100 POCI and GTOAA members' Show Cars at the Nutter Center, or having Dinner Under the Wings, or enjoying the rock music of the Scotty Bratcher Band under another star lit night! But wait a minute ... did I forget to mention the fun in the sun we had on the bright, sunny afternoon out at the Drag Strip watching the related drag racing competition?? The only thing that would've made the Show any better is if I'd taken my car cover ... oh well ... that won't be necessary at next year's GTOAA Nationals in Wichita, KS!

HAPPINESS is ... owning and driving a GTO Muscle Car while you still can ...!



The Presidents Scoop

By Tom Oxler

It is that time of year again to start planning our Wheels in Motion Charity Car Show for Children's Cancer. Please mark your calendars for this next Sunday, September 13th at Westport Plaza from 9:00am to 4:00pm rain or shine. Bring your GTO and with a \$15 donation you can display it with all of the other Classics and Muscle Cars and help raise money for a very worth cause, Children's Cancer research.

September is a very busy month with the Wheels in Motion Charity show and our Gateway GTO Club Picnic on September 20th at Vago Park in Maryland Heights from 10am to 4pm. The Club will be cooking Harry Timmerman brats, pork steaks, chicken, burgers and hot dogs. Please bring a covered dish or desert or chips/dips and also your own beverages. Do not forget to bring your GTO as we always have a very impressive display at the picnic. Vago Park is located just 3 blocks north of Dorsett Rd. on Fee Fee Rd.

The Fall is the best time of year for car shows and cruising and if you check the calendar on our web site www.gatewaygto.org, you will see we have several of each scheduled from our Palisades car show in October to our Wine Cruise in November, there will be plenty to do with your GTO so keep it shined and ready to show and go.

This time of year also brings nominations for Officers of the Gateway GTO Club. A nomination form is in this month's newsletter and we will open the floor at the October and November meeting for nominations. Nominations will be closed after the November meeting and the ballot will be sent to the members for voting. The election results will be announced at the Christmas Party.

This is you chance to increase your participation in the Gateway GTO Club by running for one of the Officer positions. The Gateway GTO Club is an all volunteer organization that relies on the generosity of its membership to organize and manage the Club. If you have some time and think you have something to offer the Club, please consider running for office.



GATEWAY GTO CLUB AUGUST
MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 2, 2009

The monthly Gateway GTO meeting was held at JJ's at 1215 South Duchense in St. Charles, MO, Members began arriving by 6:00 PM for dinner and fellowship.

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

NEW MEMBERS: Jim Mutz, a brand new member was introduced. Jim said he is retired and has a 1970 2 door hardtop with 455 and 4 speed. Jim is a friend of Bob Blattel and has already joined GTOAA

OLD BUSINESS:

GTOAA 2009 Convention:

A slide show was assembled by Chris and Chuck Winslow, and shown at the meeting. It highlighted many of the major events of the Co-vention, speakers and Gateway GTO Members and their cars that were in attendance.

Tri-Power Nationals: On August, 7, 8, and 9, Mark, Steve, Will and Tom loaded up Steve's truck and trailer, and journeyed to Norwalk, Ohio to the Tri-Power Nationals. The weather did not totally cooperate with drag racing, but a good time and safe trip was had. A GTOAA booth was set up and our guys promoted membership in the organization.

Pontiac Rendezvous: On August 16, at the Museum of Transportation on Barrett Station Rd, it was a misty day but there were 42 Pontiacs that showed up and 16 of

which were GTO's. Another great function with the Arch Chapter of POCI.

Confederate Air Force Tour: On August 22, Bob Blattel organized a visit to Smart Airfield on Hwy 94, on the road to the Grafton Ferry. It is now being called the Commerative Air Force to be politically correct. They saw a B-25 piloted by Billy Mitchell, which led to the naming of that era plane as Mitchell Bombers. Also there was a TPM Torpedo Avenger, P80, and an early Jet from Korea. A pilot, Pat Kessler gave an informative talk. The Fly Girl Diner was overwhelmed by our crowd, but those getting in early had a nice lunch.

Newsletters by Email: Club Secretary, Kerry Friedman, asked if everyone was getting the newsletter via email. The response was affirmative.

Woodward Dream Cruise: Shauna W, made the trip to the Detroit area for the annual car festival the goes 23 miles from Detroit to Pontiac, Michigan. She had a great time and stated that even though the region has had a tremendous hit do to the Automotive Crisis, the morale was great. It was a neat trip and there were about 50,00 cars in attendance.

NEW BUSINESS:

Wagner Pontiac Show: In Belleville, IL with POCI. September, 12. Wagner has been notified by GM that they will lose their Dealership. They just built a new \$3M facility.

Truck Races: Anyone going to the truck races at Gateway, on September 12, should look for Steve Hedrick around the back area. He will have Brats, dogs and burgers on his grill.

Wheels In Motion: Charity Car Show at West Port Plaza. September 13. **Please**

start gathering auction items from vendors, members, and companies, to be raffled for the National Children's Cancer Society. Bob Blattel is our Chairman. We will run raffle and also park cars and collect \$15 entrance fee. Food and entertainment. Volunteers needed. Show is run by St. Charles Classic Car Club. Club Sponsored.

Scott Air Force Base Air Show: September 19 and 20. With the Canadian Air Force. Great show. Buses are available to the base from the Metro Link Station.

Annual Club Picnic: Sept. 20 from 10-4 at Vago Park. At Fee Fee Road and Midland in Maryland Heights. Club will furnish pork steaks, chicken, hot dogs, burgers, and Harry Timmermann Brats. Bring your own drinks, and a side dish to share or desert. Free to Members only. Bring your GTO. We will eat around 11:30 to 12:00. This is a rain or shine event.

Route 66 Festival: Springfield, IL. Sept. 25, 26, and 27. Meet at the west end of The Chain of Rocks Bridge between 8 and 9:30am. A drivers meeting will be held at 9:30 and for a \$5.00 donation, the bridge will be open to drive across. A cruise to Springfield on old route 66 will then proceed to the Festival. On Friday, 5-600 cars will cruise the streets of Springfield. The cars will be safely parked and hotels available. A good time is in store. The Hilton has rooms available at \$119.00 per night. Annette Morton is coordinating the event for the club. Early on-line registration will be beneficial to save considerable time at the event. www.visit-springfieldillinois.com/Route66

EPC Car Show: Saturday, October 10th. Annual Car show with GTO Class at Truman road and Hwy 70. Club Sponsored.

Pallisades Charity Show: Sunday, October 11th. At Marina in Portage de Sioux. Proceeds go to Children's Cancer Society, and Our Lady of the Rivers Shrine. 11:00 am with live band. Restaurant on site serves good food. Club Sponsored.

Wine Cruise: Cruise November 8th to Montelle Winery in Augusta, Missouri. Meet at Francis Howell High School near Hwy 40 and 94 at 11:00 am. Short 15 minute ride to Winery. No food or drinks allowed. They have food for sale. Club Sponsored.

Christmas Party: For Members only. Saturday, December 12 at Hawkins House, 1155 S. Rock Hill Rd, Webster Groves, MO. same place as last 3 years. Dinner will be by, Gragnani's Bistro, formerly Catering by Beth. We had her 3 years ago, and it was good. Cost will be \$15 per person, or \$30 per couple. Pay in advance, with a check to Gateway GTO c/o Will Bowers, before November 20th. Bring your beverage of choice. Club Sponsored. Bring a \$15-\$25 gift for rob your neighbor.

2010 GTOAA Convention: Will be held on July 1- 4, 2010 in Wichita, Kansas, at the Hyatt Regency Hotel and Convention Center. All of the cars and events will be held inside in air conditioned space. Should be a great event with visit to Cow Town. Steve Hedrick for questions. Another Co-vention like the one in Dayton may be a possibility in the future.

2009 Co-Vention Refunds: For those expecting a refund check from the Dayton Convention, the bills are being finalized and paid, and refund checks will be sent to those expecting them very soon. Contact Steve with questions.

Pontiac Uprising: In Wichita, Kansas. An annual event. This year, October 9-10,

drag racing under the lights at night. Steve Hedrick has more information.

GTOAA Membership Requirement: Years ago, any Chapter wanting to be associated with the GTOAA, had to have 100% membership in GTOAA. Over the years this was reduced. The current requirement is 40%, soon to go to 50%. New Chapters, since 1999 must again be 100%. Our chapter currently stands around 54%. It was voted on by the Chapter, and all new members must be in GTOAA, within 3 months of joining Gateway. The fee for GTOAA is \$35.00 per year. What do you get for \$35? An award winning color magazine with great GTO articles, For Sale and Wanted ads, access to Technical Advisors for ever year GTO, and \$3 million of liability insurance for Club events.

Sign Up Sheets:

The monthly meeting sheets were sent around to be marked with attendance.

Officer Nominations: It is that time of the year to start nominating New Officers for 2010. A nomination sheet will be included in the September Newsletter and Nominations will be open at the October and December Meetings. The Official Ballot will be in the November Newsletter. The Ballot should be mailed or emailed to Will Bowers. Election results will be announced at the Christmas Party.

TECH ISSUES

Shauna advised people to go to mechanics and supplier that you are familiar with. Recently a tire company tried to take advantage of her, by trying to sell her parts that she just replaced.

Jim Mutz stated that Autotire was recently purchased, and employees were let go or

quit because of new sales quota requirements.

Joe Mayweather was looking for information on where to buy the '04-06 Tech Manuals. A 2 volume set is available from Helms. Chris Winslow has them, and will lend them out.

Mark Melrose on his 3rd radio in his new GTO. Says it continuously comes on by itself.

Earl Lewis bought a new Console, Wood steering wheel, dash, and gauge cluster from Performance Years at the Dayton Convention. He was very pleased with the reasonable costs, perfect fit and good looks.

Kyle Keith is going to put a Ford 9" rear end in his Goat and slightly tub it out to fit 35 tires. He will have 623HP at the tires when he adds a Procharger and roll cage to his 408 Westec engine. Kyle is looking to be around 10:23 in the ¼ mile.

A friend of Earl's who is a crane operator, has told him of treasures that are being discovered while demolishing the Hazelwood Ford Plant. In one spot they have uncovered a supply of 9" rear ends wrapped in plastic, and in another location, brand new 429 engines wrapped in plastic. The demise of these parts are yet to be determined.

John Taylor has his engine in the car, new headers, and the transmission and drive shaft. All that is left is the "top Stuff". Chris Simmons commented on how great the Doug's Headers fit.

Ray Buckhurst's '67 was detailed by Shauna, Mike Ewens, Dale, and others at a Detail Shop in Belleville. The car turned from a dusty rose color to a bright red. Look's great.

After the Smart Airfield cruise, Mike Ewens and his mother, did a little racing on 367. At first black smoke came out of Ray's GTO. Now it is missing and blowing out white smoke. Members suggested it might be a blown head gasket, or worse.

Darrell May has determined the noise in his engine is a rod hitting the windage tray in his crankcase. This happened when the car fell off a jack onto the pan. The engine is out of the car and getting repaired.

Steve Hedrick displayed a new gadget he bought from the Snap-On Rep. It is a probe that can be put into engine orifices and the insides can be visually inspected on a small screen or recorded on a computer. With a UV tip, leaks can be found in air conditioning systems. The \$550 dollar is on sale for \$250 this month.

Chris Simmons announced that you can get Harbor Freight Coupons in High Performance Pontiac. He has some of these tools he has used for 30 years.

GOOD OF THE CLUB

Dave and Diane Huesgen will be the featured GTO of the month.

Kerry Friedman will be 60 on September 6th.

The meeting adjourned after Gail Schott the 50-50 drawing taking home \$28.00

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Minutes by Kerry Friedman, Secretary



Gateway GTO Activities

PONTIAC RENDEZVOUS

AUGUST 16, 2009

Sunday morning dawned to a overcast sky as our Gateway GTO Club members polished their GTOs to get ready for the Pontiac Rendezvous at the Museum of Transport. This ALL PONTIAC display was sponsored by the Arch Chapter of POCI and the Gateway GTO Club. 42 Pontiacs soon appeared including 16 from the Gateway Club.

No sooner than everyone got their cars all cleaned and shined, the light rain and mist began, stopped long enough for everyone to get their cars shined again, then started misting again. This was the pattern all day but it did not "dampen" the enthusiasm of those present.

Attached is the "Thank You" letter from Molly Butterworth from the Museum of Transport. She states they had a great turn out of visitors to the Museum due to the quality and variety of Pontiacs on display.

August 17, 2009

Tom Oxler
Gateway GTO Car Club, President
450 Muirfield Drive
St. Charles, MO 63304

Dear Tom,

"The Pontiac-GMC Rendezvous" at the Museum of Transportation was a great success this past Sunday, despite the weather not always wanting to cooperate. The quality and variety of vehicles on display were exceptional, and the spectators were very appreciative of how generous the exhibitors were in sharing information about the remarkable GTOs. Another test of a quality show is the gate number, and the show had the best attendance yet this year outside of the Father's Day car show. Congratulations on a well-run car show that was again a fan favorite, and we are looking forward to next year.

Sincerely,


Molly Butterworth
Director


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Cruise to Smart Airfield

By Bob Blattel



On Saturday, August 22nd at 9:30 am, the GTO Club met at Fast Lanes in St. Charles and cruised north to Smart Airfield in Portage Des Sioux to visit the Commemorative Air Force Missouri Wing. There were 17 cars present for this cruise.

We were greeted at Smart Air field by “Colonel Pat Kessler” and seated in their meeting room. Colonel Kessler explained how the Commemorative Air Force was started and its main purpose. He



talked about the planes that were stationed there. There is a **B-25J Mitchell** medium bomber, a **TBM Avenger** torpedo bomber and an **Aeronca L-C**. Just visiting Smart Airfield was a **Lockheed P-80 Shooting Star**, the first jet fighter used operationally by the US Army Air Forces and which saw extensive combat in Korea. I found Colonel Kessler’s presentation to be very interesting, filled with stories and personal antidotes which gave all of us some insight into the courage and spirit of the WWII pilots and the tremendous legacy they left for all of us.



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Next we toured the hangers and got a close up view of the airplanes. The B-25 was outside the hanger since they were still doing work on the left engines carburetor. Sounds familiar! Many of us were taking pictures and enjoying the vintage WWII aircraft.



After we finished viewing the various planes, we headed over to the “Fly Girls Diner”. The food was good but the size of our crowd slightly overwhelmed the staff a bit.

All in all, it was a most enjoyable day with the weather in complete cooperation. Hopefully, the next time we can get some pictures of the vintage airplanes and our vintage cars together.



TECH ARTICLE OF THE MONTH

Performance by Joe

By Ken Boyer

Finally got around to getting my GTO tuned. Wasn't like I was putting it off. It's just that I wanted to make sure that the car was the way I wanted it before I spent money on a tune.

My car is a 2005 GTO with automatic transmission. The LS2 engine is stock. Modifications to the car include a trick catback exhaust, Lingenfelter cold air intake, and Kooks long-tube headers. Catalytic converters and downstream O2 sensors are operating correctly (i.e. no codes).

So now it was time to tune and I made an appointment with Joe Donovan. Joe owns and operates PBJ. Performance by Joe is located in south St. Louis at 3443 Hampton, just up the street from Wise Speed Shop. Joe has been in business for about nine years and in his current location for the last three years. His place kind of reminds me of one of those "old school" shops that southern California hotrodders made famous so many years ago. He installs superchargers, turbo kits, cams, heads, engines, and more. He has tuned cars in every state but Alaska and Hawaii. Joe is a very decent and knowledgeable car guy. His services are in demand. It took a month for me to get in. You should expect a similar wait, if not longer.



I spent a little time prepping my goat prior to the dyno date. An oil and filter change were done, all fluid levels were checked and topped off, and I made sure that my battery was fully charged. The morning of the tune I set the correct tire pressure, filled up with 93 octane, and headed for PBJ.

After arriving we immediately got the goat up on the rollers and strapped her down. We then discussed what I expected out of this tune which was a sweet running GTO for all around driving. And, oh yeah, I also wanted

as much power as I could get but with a good safety margin.

Joe made his hook-ups, crawled into the car, plugged his laptop into the OBDII port, and fired her up. The big screen monitor on the wall came on, the LS2 got the rollers turning, and then it was showtime. Joe dropped the hammer, the LS2 roared to life, and laid down her baseline run. Joe got out of the car, grinned, and said, "She's really fat (i.e. running too rich)", took his laptop, went to his desk, and began making program adjustments.

After a sufficient cooldown period, run #2



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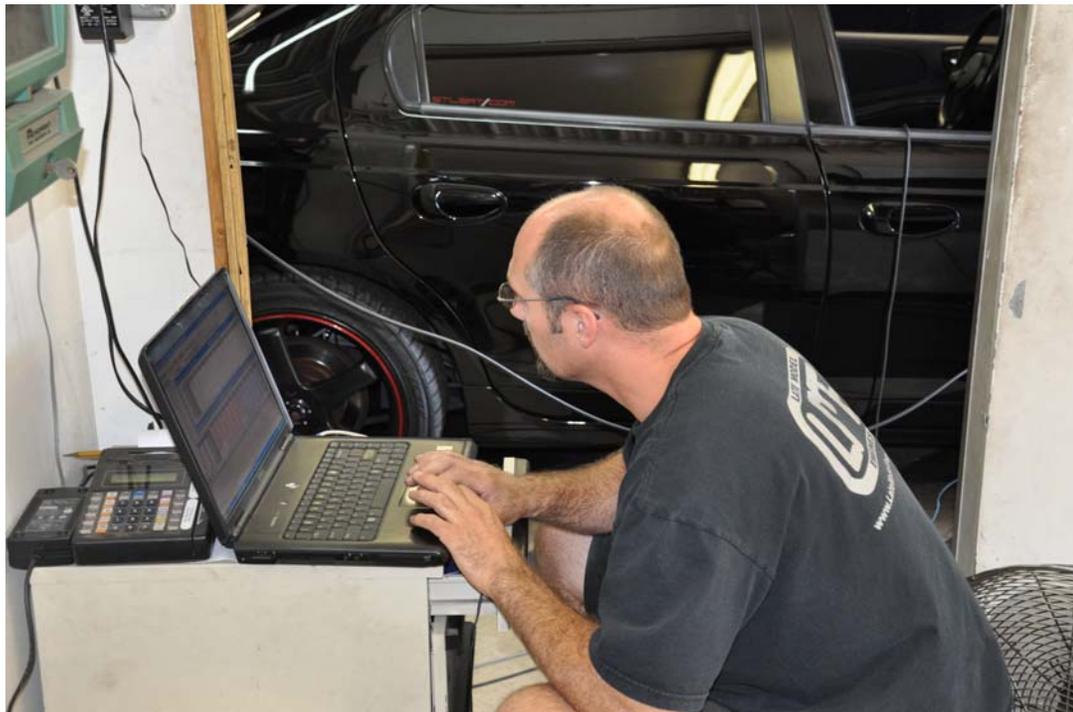
was recorded, and it was a good one. In fact, most of the horsepower and torque gains for the day came on that run. Altogether I was there for almost four hours and the goat made about six more runs. There weren't anymore big gainers but rather it was Joe working to finetune the air/fuel ratio, timing, and so forth just right. During this entire period, Joe never flogged the car. There was always adequate cooldown and he kept me in the loop on what he was doing and how he



was accomplishing it. Actually, I was having a great time and thoroughly enjoyed the session. The only time I felt unprepared was when Joe grinned and said "OK, take it out and try it and see what you think." If you don't know this part of the city, you would be wise to layout a test drive route in advance. Take it from me – hotlapping up and down Hampton Ave. just ain't too bright!

So, OK, what's my verdict? 32.78 actual horsepower gained, 41.48 actual foot pounds of torque gained. The compensated gains are 40.49 horsepower and 49.21 foot pounds of torque. The car simply idles, runs, and drives great. Joe definitely put some GR-RRRR into the goat!

So, if anybody would ask me if I would recommend PBJ, I would say there are a lot of tuners out there and it's your car – you pays your money and you takes your choice. As for me personally, it's **Peanut Butter & Jelly**. If you're in the area, stop by and say Hi to Joe – he'd be glad to see you.



2009 GATEWAY GTO CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- SEPT 2 GTO MEETING 7pm J.J.'s 1215 S. Duchesne, St Charles, Mo, 63301 (CLUB SPONSORED)
- 12 Wagner All Pontiac Display - Wagner Pontiac, Bellville, IL 11am - 3pm
- 13 Wheels in Motion Children's Cancer Charity Car Show - Westport - More info to follow (CLUB SPONSORED)
- 20 GTO PICNIC at Vago Park 11am to 4pm Club supplies the pork steaks, brats, hotdogs, burgers & chicken. Members bring a desert or chips or covered dish. Bring your GTO for a group display. (CLUB SPONSORED-MEMBERS ONLY)
- 25-27 Route 66 Festival – Downtown Springfield, IL. They close off the streets Downtown and have a huge car show all day Saturday & Sunday. They also have a huge “Cruise” through Springfield Friday Night with over 500 cars. The Chain of Rocks Bridge will be open on Friday morning for cruises to cross on their way to the Route 66 Festival. More info to follow.
- Oct 7 GTO MEETING 7pm J.J.'s 1215 S. Duchesne, St Charles, Mo, 63301 (CLUB SPONSORED)
- 10 EPC Car Show at 3941 Harry Truman Blvd. St. Charles, Mo. 63301 (CLUB SPONSORED)
- 11 Palisades Charity Car Show at Palisades Yacht Club at 1670 Riverview St. Portage Des Sioux, Mo. 63373 (CLUB SPONSORED)
- Nov 4 GTO MEETING 7pm J.J.'s 1215 S. Duchesne, St Charles, Mo, 63301 (CLUB SPONSORED)
- 8 Wine Cruise to Montelle Winery. Meet at Francis Howell HS (1mile west of Hwy 40 on Hwy 94) at 11:00am.(CLUB SPONSORED)
- Dec 12 Gateway GTO Club Christmas Party - Hawken House on Rock Hill Rd. in Webster Groves. (CLUB SPONSORED-MEMBERS ONLY)

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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, 12434 St. Charles Rock Rd, Bridgeton, Mo. 63044 (314) 739-6781.

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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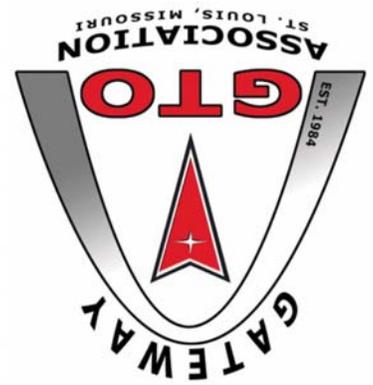
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