



THE HOOD SCOOP

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GTO of the Month

My GTO

By Jim Mutz

Gateway GTO
Association



I got started with more than a driving interest in cars when I was a teenager. I had a friend whose father agreed to rebuild his 1955 Mercury. His dad said he would buy the parts if my friend would do the work, with dad's supervision of course. My buddy asked me if I would be interested in helping, and I said "you bet". So, while his dad provided tools, parts and training, we provided the grunt work through pulling the engine, breaking it down, honing the cylinders, rebuilding top and bottom, and reassembly. The feeling of accomplishment the first time we started it was awesome. Since then, and until I got too busy, I've always performed the basic maintenance procedures on my vehicles.

My first car was a used 1957 Chevy Bel Air 4 door hardtop, 283 CID 4 bar-

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and Scott. Since then they have blessed us with four grandchildren.

Shortly after my discharge from the service, I traded off the 1962 Volkswagen Bug that I had brought back from Germany for my first NEW vehicle. This was a 1969 Pontiac Firebird, 350 CID, 2 barrel, 4 on the floor. This was as close to a “muscle” car I came. The common sense enforced by my father earlier in life was still with me. During some senseless moments, I tried to run my

rel, power glide. I really wanted a 57 Chevy because my dad had a 1957 Bel Air 2 door hardtop. With the popularity of these vehicles today, its mind boggling to think we had 2 of these in the garage at one point in time. If only this were still the case! What a lost opportunity.

Next came an unsuccessful attempt to purchase a used 1962 Corvette convertible, 283 CID 4 barrel, 4 speed My father wouldn't co-sign the loan for me. His reasoning was something about concern for me killing myself. Go figure! I eventually ended up with a Rambler American 2 door hardtop, 6 cylinder 3 on the floor. What a change enforced common sense can make! I don't think I could have hurt myself with it if I tried.

This was followed by a 4 year tour of duty in the US Air Force during which I married Ginnie, the love of my life and wife of 45 years and started our family of two sons, Jim

Firebird against the likes of real muscle cars and of course, always got beat. This just wetted my appetite more for a “real” muscle car.

Fast forward about 20 years to when my eldest son was in college. At the time, I had given him our 1976 Dodge California Surfer Van, to travel back and forth to school in Warrensburg, Missouri. It was old and well traveled, so one year during Christmas break, I made him a deal. I would buy the parts to rebuild the van if



he and his brother would supply the labor. Sound familiar? I had a friend who was a very knowledgeable mechanic with an engine hoist and was willing to provide the technical training, so the project began. The look on the boy's faces when they started it for the first time after the rebuild brought back sweet memories. I was very happy that I could provide this experience for them.

Fast forward through another 20 some years of very conservative family and business life, raising children and grand-children, trying to be president of something, and finally retiring. When I got close to retirement, I decided that I needed to get a second opinion on whether or not I was in a financial position to retire, so I sought and found a Financial Planner who confirmed that retirement could be financially supported. As it turned out, this Financial Planner has a hobby, muscle cars.

I retired in 2008 and toyed with the idea of either buying a "third childhood" 2 seater sports car or an old muscle car. I looked at the Pontiac Solstice and Saturn Sky Redline series, but could not pull the trigger on either and let the idea die of apathy. By this time I had gone "cruising" in a couple of muscle cars and was bitten by the bug again.

When I'm asked how retirement is, I usually respond that "Life is good" and "My accomplishment of note is that my wife hasn't locked me in the basement, yet." One day my wonderful wife told me that I needed to find a hobby or something that would get me out of the house occasionally. I guess she needed a break, from me. You think? Anyway, my response to her was that I could quickly think of 4 different things I could get involved with. 1) a Redhead, 2) a Brunette, 3)

a Blond, or 4) a Muscle car. She liked the muscle car idea. So I went shopping.

In August of 2009 I purchased my 1970 GTO 2 door hardtop, 455 CID, 4 on the floor. The color is the biggest detractor, Palisades Green (Granny Green as I call it.), but the original interior really caught my interest. After I purchased the GTO, my wife, who is into quilting, was looking to upgrade her sewing machine. She was very interested in an embroidery machine and when I asked "How much does it cost?", she responded "Less than a GTO!" Ouch!! I won't ask that question again. Yes, she bought the sewing machine, and yes, I know exactly how much it cost!

The car needs some mechanical work to build my confidence. I plan on having that done after the current cruising season, although the season never really ends, it just presents fewer opportunities to take it for a ride. I have purchased a rear spoiler for it and also want to add an in hood tachometer. Since I've only owned it for about a year, I haven't done much with it but drive it, which was my main reason for buying it. I really want a cruiser rather than a real show car or a real performance car. I guess I have never really overcome that enforced common sense. There must be something to it I'm writing this article.





Presidents Scoop

The Presidents Scoop

By Mark Melrose

Car Season Wind-Down

As the temperatures retreat and the leaves start to fall, October also signals the beginning of the end of “Car Season” every year. But Gateway has some big events still on our 2012 agenda: our annual *Ray Brunkhorst Memorial Drag Day with Special Guest Arnie Beswick* is October 20th, the *Colorful Six Flags Road Rally* will take place on October 27th, the *Gateway Wine Cruise* to Montelle Winery will happen on November 4th and don’t forget the club *Christmas Party* is December 8th. You’ll find event flyers in this newsletter and, as usual, I’ll be sending out email reminders.

Gateway Presidents Emeritus Steve Hedrick and Tom Oxler (current GTOAA President) have penned an article, also in this newsletter, about the recent GTOAA Pontiac Regional event held in Pontiac, Illinois. All I can add to their article is “Great event, great town and great Pontiac Museum!”. Gateway GTO will definitely work in future support of the Pontiac-Oakland Museum, it’s a terrific display of vehicles and memorabilia and the most complete resource center for Pontiac-Oakland aficionados in existence. Muchos Gracias to our club’s “Orange T-Shirt Brigade” for their help in making the Regional Meet a success – handling registration and show car parking. Many event attendees have very little appreciation for the planning and hard work that goes into making these events seamless successes – thanks again “Orange-People”!

Our final 2012 *North County Cruise Nite* was without food and music and had to compete with the Cardinals final game of the NLDS. Believe it or not, about three dozen cars turned out and were still there when I had to leave at 7PM (it’s a long story). I hear tell that Behlmann may sell the building and the section of property where the *Cruise Nites* are held, but we’ll see soon what the future holds for this event.

See you at Drag Day, the Road Rally and Wine Cruise.

For other upcoming area car shows & cruises see <http://clubs.hemmings.com/lakerscarclub/>





Meeting Minutes



GATEWAY GTO MEETING MINUTES October 3, 2012

The monthly Gateway GTO meeting was held at JJ's at 1215 South Duchesne in St. Charles, MO. Members began arriving by 5:30 PM for dinner and conversation.

President Mark Melrose called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM. Officers in attendance: Mark Melrose, Will Bowers, Darrell May, Steve Hedrick, and Kerry Friedman.

NEW MEMBERS: No new members were in attendance.

OLD BUSINESS: The Dues Proposal that was presented at the last meeting, and sent out in the October Meeting Reminder, was discussed. The proposal is: The annual dues for the Gateway GTO Association will be increased from \$20/year to \$35/year.

With the increased dues, every member will be enrolled in the GTOAA for one year, or their current registration in GTOAA will be extended for 12 months.

A motion by Earl Lewis was seconded by Karen Ewens to vote on the proposal. A unanimous vote was held to pass the new proposal.

In order to keep the GTOAA memberships as seamless as possible, it was stressed that the \$35 dues be paid by the deadline of December 31, 2012. Will Bowers will contact Beth Butcher to coordinate the GTOAA dues payments.

The 16th Annual Wheels In Motion charity car show was held on a beautiful day on Sunday September 9th at West Port Plaza. The show benefits the Nation Children's Cancer Society. The final results were not in yet, but our Raffle

Booth, added over \$1100.00 to the tally. Thanks to all of our members who attended and work on the lot and in the Booth.

The Annual Club Picnic was held at Vago Park on September 16. The rain held off and there was a large crowd in attendance to take part in the meat prepared by Chris Simmons and the side dishes and desserts brought by our members. The homemade ice cream by Joe Mayweather was a big hit. The Lewis's washer game was played for the afternoon activities.

The Annual Route 66 Mother Road Festival was held in Springfield, Illinois on the weekend of September 21st. Over 1000 cars were shown with the City closing down the streets downtown for the show. Darrell had brake problems and his car was scratched and Bill Hargrove had an oil leak .A burn-Out contest was won by a green Army Jeep with an LS1 engine.

The 1st Annual GTOAA All Pontiac Cruise and Show was held on September 29th and 30th in Pontiac, Illinois in front of the Pontiac Oakland Automobile Museum. All though only 75 Pontiacs were shown, it was a great show with good participation from The Gateway Club. The City of Pontiac was a very gracious host that put on a nice Ice Cream Social with local entertainment on Saturday Night. The event was co-sponsored by the Heart of Illinois and Gateway GTO Chapters of GTOAA. All of the proceeds were donated to the Museum.

Club members took home the following awards: A 2nd place to Jim McCarty's '66, A 2nd place to Terry and Gail Schott's '67, A 3rd place to Will and Donna Bowers' '67, A 3rd place to Kerry Friedman's '69, A 2nd place to Mark Melrose's '06, A 1st place to Chris and Paula Winslow's '04, and a 1st place to Brian and Mary Ann Ray's '08 GXP, who came all the way from Little Rock to participate with us, and The Mayor's Choice Award (actually the Museum's Choice) to Frank and Cheryl

Chapman's for their '70 Judge.

The MAR Re-Union was attended by Chris Simmons and John Taylor. Arnie Beswick was there also. The Track is completed and currently an 80 square foot area of wetlands is holding up the completion. They are hoping to have the ¼ mile track open for drag racing in April or May of 2013.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Pontiac Oakland Automobile Museum is funded mostly by donations. If you haven't been there, you should plan to go. Most of the artifacts belong to Tim and Penny Dye. They accept items for the museum for on-loan display or to keep. If you can, consider an annual donation or lifetime membership to the Museum. This is the final home for our beloved Pontiac, and we need to support it. Go to the Museum website to see what memberships are available. www.pontiacoaklandmuseum.org/membership/.

LifePointe at 1400 Babler Park Rd. will hold The Fall Festival Car Show on Saturday October 6.

North County Cruise Nights: The last Cruise Night of the 2012 will be held on Friday October 12 at Behlmann GMC. If you haven't been to one this year, try to attend. A Burger truck will be there to feed the crowd. Come with your ride at 6:00 to 9:00 PM.

EPC Annual Car Show: Saturday, October 13, 2012, at I-70 and Cave Springs Exit, Truman Road. Registration 8:30 to 12:00. There will be 40 Car Classes and 6 "Best of" Trophies.

March of Dimes Car Show: Sunday, October 14 at Federal Express in Earth City. 8am to 4 pm. \$15 donation.

Officer Mike Vernon Classic Car Show: will take place during the Florissant Fall Festival at the Knights of Columbus, 25 West Washington. 35 awards. 8-12 registration. No entry fee, donations accepted to outfit Mike's Classic Camaro with Hand Controls. Mike was paralyzed while 'On Duty' on the Florissant Police Force.

Ray Brunkhorst Drag Day: Will be held October 20, with a rain date of the 21st. Arnie Beswick will be in attendance with probably 2 of his race cars to make a few runs down the track. The event will be held at the I-57 Race track in Benton, IL. Meet Kerry Friedman in Fairview Heights at the Mobil Station at Hwy 159 and US 50, Lincoln Trail Hwy at 8:00am to caravan to the track.

A Gimmick Rally will be held on Saturday, October 27. Meet at the Holiday INN in front of Six Flags in Eureka. Mark and Sandra have planned a fun cruise with questions and answers to the trip and ending at an undisclosed restaurant for a Buffet Lunch provided by the Club.

Wine Cruise: To be held November 4 to the Montelle Winery. Details to follow.

2013 GTOAA NATIONAL MEET: 2013 GTOAA/POCI co-vention will be again held in Dayton, Ohio at the Nutter Center where it was held in 2009. If you weren't at the last one, plan on attending to see the largest assembly of GTO's and Pontiacs ever. If you were at the last one, then you won't want to miss it. Registration online is a link on the GTOAA website., www.gtoaa.org.

If you are planning on entering the Concourse Judging, register soon as space will be at a premium. The Concourse Modified rules are in the process of being revised. There will be a minimum number of mods, and the points will

be on quality not quantity.

The GTOAA popular vote show will be on Friday with awards Saturday afternoon.

The POCI popular vote show will be on Saturday with awards Saturday Evening, You can be in both popular vote shows with the same car. See the site for details.

Hotel registrations should be done as quickly as you can.

Bob Blattel is asking for donations of New or Gently used unwrapped toys for the Saint Teresa and Bridget annual toy sale. He will accept the toys from Nov 1st through the 20th. You can drop them off at his office or join in the caravan to the Church to deliver them. They will then be displayed where parents of under privileged children can buy the toys for the kids at 50 cent or a dollar. This helps the parents actually buy the toys and makes sure that the kids get something for Christmas.

TECH ISSUES:

Chris Simmons has installed 2" Headers on his '64 GTO race car. He has located smaller than normal K&N Oil filters. Also Purolator and

Bosch have 3" diameter by 4" long filters for use with headers.

Steve Hedrick brought in a replacement lamp to fit in the old style drop light. It is a fluorescent type of lamp that screws into the handle, after you take the old metal guard off. You won't get burnt with the cool 20 watt lamp, that is brighter, cooler and bump resistant than a 100 watt incandescent lamp. . It costs about \$16.00 at Speedway..

<http://www.speedwaymotors.com/TFL-Work-Light-Upper-Housing-w-Bulb-Only,46256.html>

CLUB PERSONALS:

Steve and Tammy Hedrick's Daughter, Christa got engaged to be married on May 18, 2013. Earl will teach Steve to dance before the wedding.

Mark and Sandra Melrose became Grandparents to Ewan Mark Robert Bird, 7lbs.2oz, at 2:30pm on October 3.

Chris Winslow won the 50/50 drawing of \$25.

The meeting was adjourned.





Technical Article



Coolant Change On A 2004 GTO

By Chris Winslow

With Fall in full swing, it is time to change out the DexCool to prepare the GTO for its long winter sleep. Of course, being a 2004 GTO, the car has neither a drain plug or a cap on the radiator. This makes changing out the coolant a bit of a challenge.

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. I started by installing the seat cover that Justice Pete had given me at the 2007 nationals on the driver's 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 trip 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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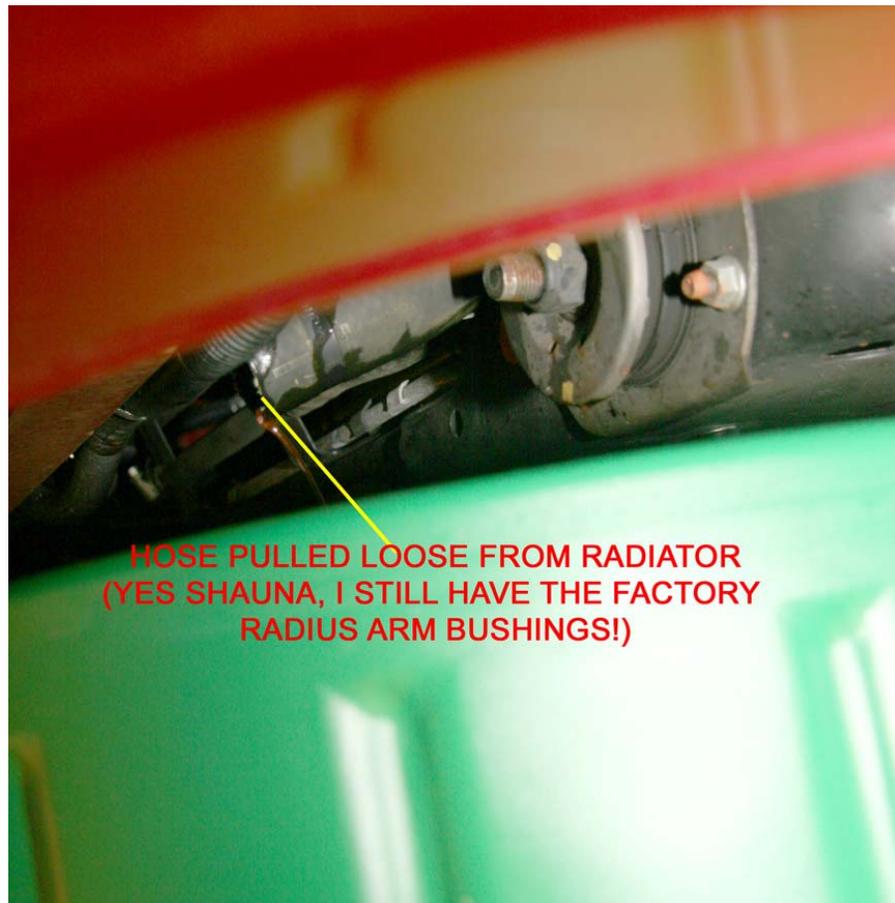
The next step was to get the lower radiator hose loose without making a huge mess of the garage. On my car, that lower hose is secured to the radiator with a screw style hose clamp. I slid



under the car with a screw driver to loosen it. That is 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 proc-

ess 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.





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With the cooling system drained, it was 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





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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. Fortunately, one of my neighbors stopped 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. 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 retopped the fluid level in the surge tank.

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





Gateway GTO Activities



North County Cruise Night By Chris Winslow



The Final North County Cruise Night for 2012 had a great early Fall evening weather wise, but also had huge competition from the Cardinals who were playing Game 5 against the Washington Nationals for a spot in the NLCS. So, despite a really nice night for a car show, the turnout was a bit light.

Despite the light turnout, we once again had a few new cars that we had not seen before. The most interesting to me was a 1957 Chevy that had been turned into a sort of El Camino by the owner.





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We also had a good showing of cars from Gateway GTO as well as a number of our regulars.



The North County Cruise Nights were once again a lot of fun this year. In general we had better weather than last year and turnouts were up. Hopefully we can continue to build on this next year and get even better turnouts for 2013.





Gateway GTO Activities



First Annual GTOAA Pontiac Museum Regional September 29 - 30 By Tom Oxler and Steve Hedrick

The First Annual GTOAA Pontiac Museum Regional was held over the weekend of 9/29-30. The event was a great success for the Pontiac Oakland Museum and for the two sponsoring GTOAA clubs, the Heart of Illinois GTO Club and the Gateway GTO Association. It must be noted that the City of Pontiac must be the most helpful city on earth as they were ever present with help in organizing most of our events.



The weekend started off with some outstanding weather on Saturday morning, and over 45 Pontiacs arrived for registration. At noon, Brian Sorenson and his Heart of Illinois Club led a group of 35 Pontiacs north on old Route 66 to visit several old refurbished gasoline stations and a stop at the old fashioned Pokka Dot Drive In for some lunch. There is nothing like 35 Pontiacs descending upon old filling stations and a vintage drive-in for some great photo opportunities.





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After returning to the downtown square in Pontiac, Illinois, the Pontiac Lovers displayed their cars and visited the Pontiac Oakland Museum where Directors Tim and Penny Dye had the new GTOAA Display ready for viewing. In the display, Tim had dash plaques from the first three GTOAA National Conventions in Indianapolis, Indiana in 1980 to 1983. He also had an original GTOAA jacket and a judge's shirt from the first Convention. The Pontiac Museum





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was busy all day with participants looking over the vast display of Pontiac memorabilia. Folks also visited the Route 66 Museum and the World War II Museum and took the opportunity to take pictures of their Pontiacs under some of the spectacular “wall art” that is painted on many of the buildings in downtown Pontiac.

Saturday evening, the Host Chapters featured an old fashioned Ice Cream Social at the Chautauqua Park Pavilion where over 80 Pontiac Lovers made their own ice cream sundaes and listened to a musical revue presented by the Citizens of Pontiac. The ice cream was good and the music was great.



Sunday morning brought another beautiful autumn day and another 30 Pontiacs arrived for registration. The Pontiacs were parked around the Livingston County Courthouse where participants and town folks viewed the spectacular display of vintage



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American Muscle. Mayor Bob Russell was on hand to select the Mayor's Choice and Museum Director Tim Dye selected the Museum's Choice. There were 11 classes in the Popular Vote show and at 3:00 pm, the awards were presented by Steve Hedrick, GTOAA Convention Coordinator, Tom Oxler, GTOAA President, Brian Sorensen, the Heart of Illinois

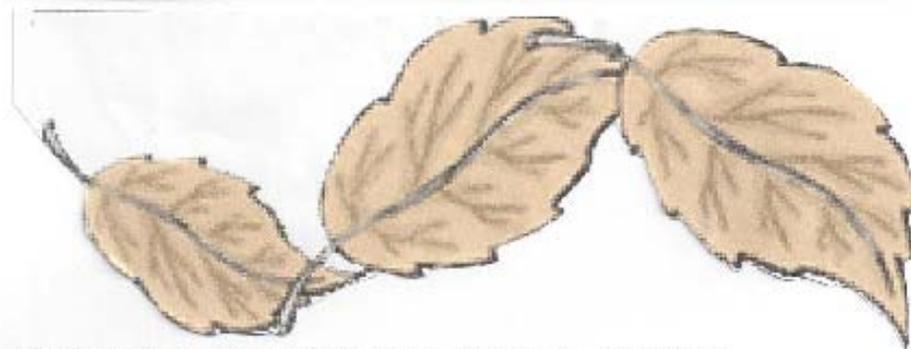
President and by Mark Melrose, the Gateway GTO President.

The purpose of having this GTOAA Regional was to make Pontiac Lovers aware of the great resource at our disposal, the Pontiac Oakland Museum. With 75 Pontiacs coming from Wisconsin, Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Michigan, Arkansas, Illinois, Indiana, and Alabama, we think the First Annual GTOAA Pontiac Museum regional was a great success. Please watch for information on the Second Annual GTOAA Pontiac Museum Regional at the end of September, 2013.



The Gateway GTO Club has decided to donate their portion of the proceeds to the Pontiac Museum. This will double the amount we will give to Tim & Penny Dye to help keep the Museum something we can treasure for many years to come. If you would like to personally help the Museum, please visit www.pontiacoaklandmuseum.org and sign up as a member. The Pontiac Museum is our new HOME now that GM has abandoned Pontiac so it is up to each of us to support this effort financially so we will always have somewhere we can visit and fell at HOME.

Editors Note: For many more photos of this event, click [HERE](#).



Colorful Six Flags Road Rally

When: Saturday, October 27th at 10:00AM

Where: Holiday Inn at Six Flags (I-44 at the Six Flags exit) in the lower, front parking lot.

What is this?:

This is a "Gimmick Rally". Each participating vehicle should consist of at least a Driver and a Navigator/Spotter who are given a set of directions to follow and a list of questions to answer about the route between way-points. There are no timing or distance requirements other than adherence to the posted speed limits.

Bring:

A pen/pencil, something hard to write on and *your sense of humor*. The driving portion of the event takes about 1-1/2 hours on rural two lane and back roads and will terminate at a restaurant for a club-provided buffet.

Do I need to do anything?:

Yes, show up at the Holiday Inn at Six Flags parking lot at 10:00AM on October 27th. Participating vehicles will begin the Rally course from there at about one-minute intervals.

This is a rain-or-shine Club-Sponsored Event for members in good standing and their passengers. The Club is providing the buffet and we ***MUST*** have a head-count of all participants to the restaurant by October 20th. Accordingly, please RSVP to me by October 19th at the absolute latest with your head-count of participants.

Questions?:

If you have any questions please contact Sandra or me via email or phone (314-968-3106 or mjmelrose@aol.com)

It will be fun!:

We're looking forward to a nice, fun rural cruise on a beautiful fall day and enjoying good food with fellow members. All you have to do is navigate your way to the restaurant at the finish line.



2012 Gateway GSO Wine Cruise

Sunday, November 4, 2012

Montelle Winery – Augusta MO

Meet at Francis Howell High School

7001 Highway 94 South

10:45 a.m.

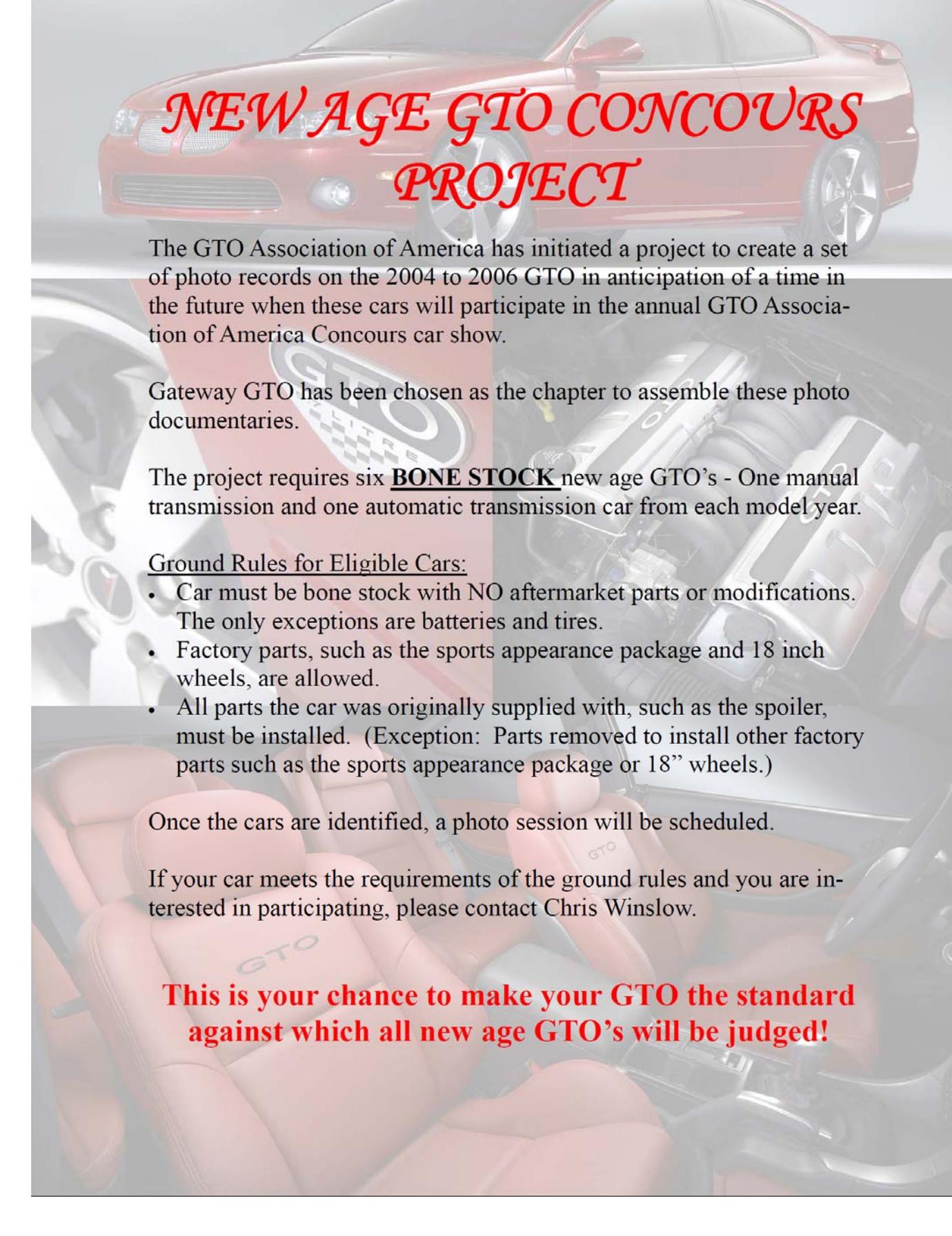
Leaving promptly at 11:00 a.m.

Rain or Shine Event

Any questions, call Mark Melrose

314-968-3106/314-807-2520





NEW AGE GTO CONCOURS PROJECT

The GTO Association of America has initiated a project to create a set of photo records on the 2004 to 2006 GTO in anticipation of a time in the future when these cars will participate in the annual GTO Association of America Concours car show.

Gateway GTO has been chosen as the chapter to assemble these photo documentaries.

The project requires six **BONE STOCK** new age GTO's - One manual transmission and one automatic transmission car from each model year.

Ground Rules for Eligible Cars:

- Car must be bone stock with NO aftermarket parts or modifications. The only exceptions are batteries and tires.
- Factory parts, such as the sports appearance package and 18 inch wheels, are allowed.
- All parts the car was originally supplied with, such as the spoiler, must be installed. (Exception: Parts removed to install other factory parts such as the sports appearance package or 18" wheels.)

Once the cars are identified, a photo session will be scheduled.

If your car meets the requirements of the ground rules and you are interested in participating, please contact Chris Winslow.

**This is your chance to make your GTO the standard
against which all new age GTO's will be judged!**

Gateway GTO Association Points Submission Form

Member Name _____

Month _____

Club Sponsored Events and Monthly Meetings

Event	With GTO (40 Points)	Without GTO (20 Points)

Total for Club Sponsored Events _____

Non Sponsored Events

Event	With GTO (10 Points)	Without GTO (5 Points)

Total for Non Sponsored Events _____

Other Activities

GTO Regional/National Event	With GTO (100 Points)	Without GTO (70 Points)

- GGTOA Event Worker/Helper (50 Points) _____
- Car Featured as GTO of the Month (50 Points) _____
- Write an Article for *Hood Scoop* (50 Points) _____
- Sign up a new GGTOA member (25 Points) _____
- GTOAA Member (200 points*) _____
- Have GTO featured in a National Pub (40 Points) _____

Total Points for Month

Submit completed form at GGTOA monthly meeting or to:
 S. Wollmershauser
 1948 A Sidney Street
 St. Louis, MO 63041

*Report on points form submitted month of GTOAA registration or renewal.

GATEWAY GTO ASSOCIATION
Membership/Renewal Form
(Please print clearly)

Name: _____ Date: _____

Associate Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Home Phone: () _____ Cell Phone: () _____

E-mail Address: _____

Occupation: _____

Year & Body Style of Car(s) **ALL PONTIACS:**

Auto related interests, hobbies or talents:

GTO Association of America membership number: _____

GTO Association of America membership renewal date: _____
(found on address label of *Legend*)

PLEASE FILL IN ALL FIELDS
And mail with check to:

Will Bowers, Treasurer
Gateway GTO Association
1 Goshen Woods Lane
Edwardsville, IL 62025

Membership dues are \$35.00 per year, which includes you and one associate member (spouse, girlfriend, etc.) and your GTOAA yearly membership.

2012 GATEWAY GTO CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Oct 3 GTO MEETING 7pm J.J.'s 1215 S. Duchesne, St Charles, Mo, 63301 (CLUB SPONSORED)
- 12 North County Cruise Night sponsored by Behlmann Buick/GMC and Gateway GTO Association at Behlmann on the 2nd Friday of each month April-October (CLUB SPONSORED)
- 13 JJ's Cruises at 1215 S. Duschene in St. Charles second Saturday of the month April-October
- 20 Gateway GTO Drag Day (Rain Date Oct 21) (CLUB SPONSORED)
- 27 Colorful Six Flags Road Rally
- Nov 4 Gateway GTO Wine Cruise (See Flyer) (CLUB SPONSORED)
- 7 GTO MEETING 7pm J.J.'s 1215 S. Duchesne, St Charles, Mo, 63301 (CLUB SPONSORED)
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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 J. J.'s Restaurant, 1215 S. Duchesne Rd, St. Charles, Mo. 63301.

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