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our 36th**

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43rd GTOAA Nationals

Next Events:

- No club events scheduled for July
- Summer Picnic August 13th



President's Message:

Jim Andrews

The 2022 GTOAA National Convention has come and gone, and it was a huge success. The success of this event was largely due to those of you who volunteered for the various shifts that helped things go smoothly. I was asked by the GTOAA to commend you for contributing to the success of the event, I second the motion, and thank you personally. I won't have the numbers to report until next month's Tiger Tales, but attendance was huge, the cars were fantastic, and your fellow Southeastern GTO Association members won big. Basically everyone who showed their car was awarded. Details later in this issue. The 2023 Convention will be in Springfield Illinois at a facility that they have used before. The space for indoor Concours cars will not be as big as this past show, so get your reservations in early. I will let you know when hotel and show registrations open as soon as I hear.

Now that things are back to whatever 'normal' is these days, I was hoping to get more work done on my car this week, but after arriving home from the GTOAA Nationals two days ago, my social chairperson has scheduled yet another fight to visit family. Sometimes I wonder if my '67



GTO will ever be ready for shows and cruise-ins. I was hoping to take it to last week's show, but that didn't happen. If it's not ready for 2023, I'll let you know when I put the For Sale sign in the window (LOL).

We don't have an official event booked for July, but there are lots of cruise-ins and shows every weekend. If you are going to one or more, let us know and you may get some company.

For August, the annual SEGTOA Picnic will be held on Saturday the 13th, so make sure you put that on your calendar. It's one of our biggest events of the year, so let's get those Goats out to Red Top Mountain State Park for the day! Details in this issue.

I'm looking forward to seeing many of you in August, maybe before.

***Keep 'em running and stay safe
(and cool) out there!***

Road Trips!

By Mike Walling

I need suggestions for upcoming events for our club meetings/activities. See below for upcoming events. Those in bold type are "official" SEGTOA events. As always, we need your input to keep things rolling! As you can see below, we need suggestions for several months. Email your ideas to mike@smarterfs.com



SEGTOA EVENTS CALENDAR

July

No club events scheduled

August 13

**SEGTOA Annual Picnic
Redtop Mountain Park, Shelter #7
Cartersville, GA
Park opens at 8am,
Arrive by 11am; Lunch at 12pm**

Pontiacs on the BIG & small screen:



1969 GTO in "The Happy ending"; (1969)
source: Internet Movie Car Database



1967 Ambulance in "Hawaii Five-O"; (1968—1980);
S1/Epo8
source: Internet Movie Car Database

SEGTOA ANNUAL SUMMER PICNIC

SATURDAY August 13th—Red Top Mountain Park

Shelter 7; 10am—2pm

The much anticipated SEGTOA picnic will be held August 13, 2022 at Red Top Mountain State Park located at Picnic Shelter #7 on Red Top Beach Road, Cartersville, GA 30121. The gate opens at 8am and we have the shelter until park closing 8pm. Come and stay as long as you wish. It's the same location as we've had most of the recent year's picnic. It's the shelter that over looks Lake Allatoona! The food will be purchased from Williamson Bros again. Lunch will be served at 12 Noon.

In the past we had one of the largest turnouts in club history and it was a quite the sight having all of our

Pontiacs lined up around the lake! We've traditionally had great weather and we hope for great weather again!

In the event we have leftover food, members are welcome to take portions home. However, I would suggest that you bring a container with you to the picnic for that purpose. There will be tea and lemonade with the Williamson Bros ordered food. If you wish to bring other non-alcoholic beverages please do so, to include ice.

In the past a few of our members donated their time and talents to provide decorations, music, games, side dishes, ice, and desserts. If you would like to bring your favorite dish to share with the SEGTOA family, we will be happy to enjoy your offering! If you would like to lead or assist in setting up decorations or play music, please let me know.

Please bring your family—children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren are welcomed!

Williamson Bros will be providing:

BBQ Pork and BBQ Chicken

BBQ Beans

Cole Slaw

Cookies

Tea

Lemonade

Buns

Plates napkins and utensils for 40+ people

Please reply [here to Mike Walling](#) with your attendance and if you care interested in bringing something to share with everyone.

43rd Annual GTOAA Nationals June 28—July 2, 2023

Kingsport, TN

Danny Finkelstein



The 43rd GTOAA Nationals was a great success. According to the announcements made during the awards ceremony there were over 370 registered cars and 800 attendees. Awards were presented to 130 Popular Vote and Street Legends cars, 93 Concours cars (including 17 New Gen GTOs), and 7 new original owners were recognized. Tours included the Birthplace of Country Music Museum, East Tennessee Distillery (for sampling of flavored moonshine), Bellafina chocolates (where all proceeds go to charity), and driving laps at the Bristol Motor Speedway. The McPhersons, Weisbarths, and Kenny Simpson are RV-ers and stayed a few miles from the host hotel at the

Warriors Path State Park. Many of us went there on Friday night for a pizza dinner sponsored by the McPhersons for some cold drinks and more moonshine sampling.

Many SEGTOA members and their cars received awards covering multiple classes and categories. Congratulations to all!

◇ **Street Legends**

Ed Belair, "Blue Velvet Award"; 1968 GTO Convertible

◇ **Popular Vote**

Class G: '64—'71 GTO Conv. (Stock) - Bo Dunn; 2nd Place

Class K: '67 GTO HD-Coupe (Modified) - Mike Walling; 3rd Place

Class R: Other Pontiac (Modified) - Chris McPherson; 2nd Place

◇ **Concours (Modified)**

Randy Haney, 1971 GTO; Silver

Kathy Norton, 1967 GTO; Gold

◇ **Concours (Restored)**

Bill Thiele, 1969 RAIIII GTO; Gold

Jim Norton, 1966 GTO Htp; Gold

The 44th Annual GTOAA National Convention will be held on June 27—July 1, 2023 at the Crowne Plaza in Springfield, IL. Reservations at the host hotel will be open mid-August. More detail to follow as it becomes available.

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Above, left to right; Ed Belair (Street Legends), Chris McPherson (Other Pontiac, Modified), Bo Dunn (Popular Vote, Stock), Jim Norton (Concours Restored), Kathy Norton (Concours Modified), Mike Walling (Popular Vote, Modified). Not Pictured; Bill Thiele (Concours Restored). Randy Haney (Concours Modified)

Johnny Cash Built Pontiacs

Contributed by Bo Dunn; source, Internet



It's not uncommon to hear about celebrities owning cars, whether they are costly ones or your average cheap vehicles. However, it's not all that often you hear about famous people working at automotive plants, but one popular singer once did. Johnny Cash built Pontiac cars for a brief period in his youth. How did his music career start, what cars did he help make, and what plant did he likely work at?

Johnny Cash spent a good part of his life in music, but he did work a few odd jobs here and there during his lifetime. One notable position was his brief stint at the Fisher plant. When he was 18 years old, he left home, hitchhiked to Pontiac, Michigan, and was hired on by Fisher, making 1951 Pontiacs, according to an NPR interview. "I worked there three weeks, got really sick of it, went back home and joined the Air Force."

While the interview doesn't specifically say which

vehicles he would've worked on at the building, it can be assumed, during that time frame, that it was likely either the Chieftain De Luxe line or the DeLuxe Catalina. Both were the most popular of the day, but Pontiac also had a Streamliner Coupe made there.

Pontiac's 1951 models would've come with either a straight-eight engine producing 116 horsepower, mostly seen with the more expensive cars, but not with Pontiac. Or you could choose an economical six one that would generate 96 hp. They also came with cushioned seats, Hydra-Matic drive, Flex suspension springs, and wide access doors, according to Motorologist.

The slogan of Fisher was "Body by Fisher," which was used to designate the products the company churned out for its customers. Back in the company's early days, bodies had a modular passenger compartment instead of the chassis we're familiar with today. Those compartments could be switched out with others to form different styles to suit the tastes of the customer contracting with Fisher. So, automotive flyers for vehicles would add "Bodies by Fisher" as a sort of car feature.

Johnny Cash enjoyed one of the longest music careers of any singer in decades. While he spent most of his life singing, writing music, and strumming his guitar, he still had a short stint building cars at one of the Fisher plants before getting sick of doing it. While we don't know if that short period of his life impacted his music, we can certainly hope it did.

Birthplace of Country Music Museum; Bristol, TN

The Museum was one of the tours available during the GTOAA Nationals. For those wondering why a "Birthplace of Country Music Museum" is located in Bristol and not, say, in Nashville...From the Museum website—*The Museum is an affiliate of the Smithsonian Institution, and tells the story of the legendary 1927 Bristol Sessions, a historic event that sparked what is now known as the "big bang of country music." These recordings continue to influence and inspire the music of today. Johnny Cash called these sessions "The most important event in the history of country music".*

The 1927 Bristol Sessions featured Ernest Stoneman, performing in a variety of configurations made up of family and friends. Stoneman had been recording hill-billy songs since 1924 with great success and acted as a talent scout for Ralph Peer of the Victor Talking Machine Company, recommending Bristol to him as a good base for finding the music he wanted to record.



These sessions also included the first recordings of both Jimmie Rodgers and The Carter Family. Jimmy Rodgers, exalted as the "Father of Country Music," was the first person inducted into the Country Music Hall of Fame. The Carter Family, featuring A. P., Sara, and Maybelle Carter, the esteemed "First Family of Country Music," is also honored in the Hall of Fame.

All three of these acts have had immeasurable influence on the country musicians who followed them—and beyond.

The 1927 Bristol Sessions not only initiated and sustained the careers of these superstar performers, they brought country music into the mainstream by sparking the broad commercialization of country music. Many of the songs and stylings of those sessions still resonate and influence the music of today. For these reasons, in 1998 the United States Congress officially designated Bristol TN-VA as the "Birthplace of Country Music."

2022 TAIL OF THE DRAGON

We are starting the 2022 Tail of the Dragon sign up early this year as the response has been overwhelming about what's in store for us in 2022! Below is a summary of our itinerary with a few new adjustments highlighted in yellow that will make the trip even better. Meeting locations for will be provided as the event gets closer.

Friday November 11th.

1. Happy Hour will be at the White Oak 1 Cabin starting at 5:30 PM. Huge indoor and outdoor reception area. Dinner will be at 6:30 at the White Oak Cabin and this will give everyone time to check in and freshen up or take a walk around the grounds.
2. Friday night dinner will be a pot luck dinner with all attending members bringing a dish from home for all to share. With a full size kitchen to include a full size oven, microwave, and refrigerator, we can bring dishes pre-cooked or cook them there. This is a change from past years where we will not eat dinner at the restaurant.

After dinner we will gather around our private fire pit for some adult beverages, fellowship, and tall tales. Duck tales to be exact.

Saturday November 12th.

1. We will depart the hotel at 10:30 AM and for our loop around Lake Santeetlah and onto the Cherohala Skyway.
2. Lunch will be the Fort Loudon State Historic Park. This year as the last two, we are all going to picnic outside and bring our lunches. You have the option to bring your Saturday lunch from home or order one of the boxed lunches from the Tapoco restaurant. Please see the attached picture from 2021.
3. Drive the Tail of the Dragon and stop at the Souvenir Store.
4. Last stop will be the Fontana Dam. Time permitting we will also stop at the Cheoah Dam.
5. Back to the Tapoco Lodge. ETA to the lodge will be around 4:30 PM.
6. Happy Hour will be at the White Oak 1 Cabin at 5:30 PM. Dinner will be at 6:30 PM at the hotel restaurant.

After dinner we will gather return to White Oak 1 Cabin and our private fire pit for some adult beverages, fellowship, and tall tales. More Duck tales.

Sunday November 13th.

1. For those that want to run the Tail of the Dragon again before heading home, a much more spirited drive with less traffic, we will meet in the parking lot at 9 AM. This way we are back by 10 AM to meet the rest of the group and not delay the regular departure time.
2. At 10 AM we will gather at the lower parking lot with all cars packed and ready to depart for home.
3. At 10:15 AM we will depart and drive the reverse of the route up on Friday.

2022 TAIL OF THE DRAGON

Now it's your turn to make your reservations! Below are the instructions on how to accomplish this with the discounted room rates expiring October 10, 2022. Once you have completed your reservations, please email [Mike Walling](#) so he can confirm everything is set on your behalf. A map of the property is attached.

For 2022 the Club will be utilizing the White Oak 1 Cabin as our club host cabin. The description of the cabin is below. It has a huge living room area to host 20 people and a big porch outside as well as a private fire pit. It of course is the most expensive of the cabins and therefore we have assembled some new guidelines on how the club will utilize it:

- To rent the cabin is strictly voluntary. If you choose to, you would have to be willing to host the Happy Hour, Dinner, post dinner festivities for both Friday and Saturday nights.
- The average cabin rents for \$250/night all in. This one rents for \$360/night all in.
- In order to be considered for the cabin, once the trip attendees are finalized on October 1 of 2022, those who would like to have the cabin, their names would be "thrown into a hat" and a winner chosen.
- That winner would pay the standard \$250/night and the club would pay the \$110/night difference.
- Each yearly winner cannot be considered in future years for the cabin to give everyone a chance to be in the host cabin that wants to and to avoid anyone from having the cabin more than once.

The White Oak 1 Cabin reserved for the club already, so do not attempt to reserve that one.

White Oak 1 Cabin:

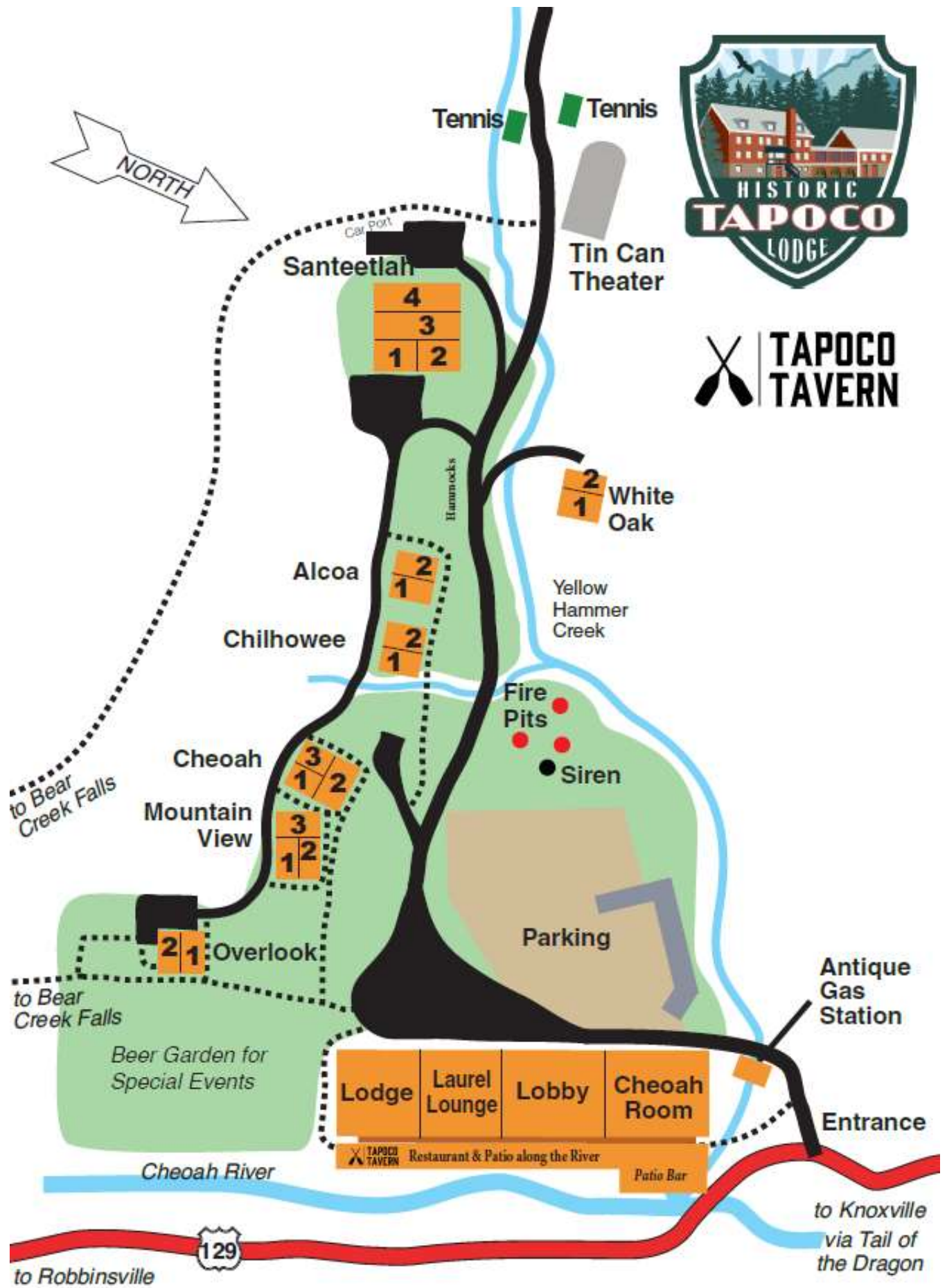
This cabin features a private bedroom with a plush king bed, a private full bath, a large private porch and a spacious living room with cathedral ceilings and wide windows to take in your beautiful surroundings. This cabin is unique as it has a full kitchen to enjoy your time dining with friends and family. This cabin is perfect for those who want to have space to enjoy company.

Reservations:

1. Go to www.tapoco.com
2. Click on "Reservations"
3. Enter your arrival (11/11) and departure (11/13) dates and the number of people
4. Enter the access code SE111122
5. Review and select your preferred room
6. Note the \$100 deposit and 30-day cancellation policy
7. Complete the remaining steps

Once you sign up and book a room, or plan to join us just for Saturday, send and email confirmation to [Mike Walling](#).

2022 TAIL OF THE DRAGON



WANTED

Looking for a nice 1967 GTO convertible; prefer auto. Does not have to be show, but at least driver quality

Rick 239-839-0257

WANTED

Looking for a '66 GTO frame Tom Arnold

Phone is 770-367-1444

FOR SALE:

Pontiac OEM Crank .30/.30 ready: \$175

'70 GTO repairable sheet metal. Doors, Fenders, Decklids, Hoods: \$200-\$400 ea.

'70 GTO front bare bumper repairable: \$500.

'70 GTO repro black int. door panels: \$100.

'65 GTO straight front and rear bumpers, great cores (possibly use as is): \$300 ea.

'69 GTO factory intake for 4bbl, call/text for cast # and dates: \$175.

1972 GTO Rally Gauge cluster restored and ready: \$500.

'65-'66 Lemans hubcaps like new: (4) \$150.

'65 Lemans OEM flat hood : \$175.

Edelbrock PontiacTorker intake: \$100.

Bill Thiele in Marietta (305) 302-0776 text is best.

Prices are flexible for club members.

GTO Maintenance/Repair Resource List:

Club Resource Reference

A few years ago I came up with an idea of compiling a list of shops or people that provide important services for our vintage cars. The list had the services performed listed in alphabetical order to make finding what you need easy.

Members were asked to send a message to me to add info to the list which was sent out to the club members every year for a while. I thought this was good for club members especially those who would prefer others to do work they cannot.

Unfortunately my own computer had several internal issues and somehow my own copy of the list is gone. I would appreciate if you would look to see if you may have saved this list and if so please send me a copy. If you have a preferred shop,etc. please send that to me as well so that I can compile a new list. Thanks so much!

Paul Sorrells (404) 702-3398 / p.sorrells@comcast.net

A/C UPDATE—Jim Norman

Just checked with all of the local parts stores:

DUPONT R134A Freon has gone from \$10 per 12oz can to \$26 per can.

Online; R12 Freon has gone from \$45 per 12oz can to \$65 per can.



ALL ARE CLAIMING INFLATION.

GTO Rebuilding/Repair

Ready to have your GTO refreshed? Recent projects on member's cars have included:

ENGINE DETAILING—FRONT END SUSPENSION UPGRADES—AC RECHARGING/REPAIR—QUADRAJET REBUILD—DISTRIBUTOR REBUILD—REPLACEMENT OF HEAD LINERS, VINYL TOPS, CARPET—SEATS RECOVERED—DASH CLEANED UP—REBUILD AUTO OR HURST SHIFTER—REPAIR ANY WIRING—REAR PACKAGE TRAY REPLACEMENT—TRUNK REPAINTING—COMPLETE ORIGINAL JACK—BRAKE JOBS

I am currently working on a 1970 Orbit Orange GTO with Judge stripes and rear spoiler as seen in the movies "Two Lane Blacktop" and "Dazed and Confused" as well as chase scenes from the tv shows "Beretta" and "Adam-12". The project included complete engine detail and interior installation. A/C and dash will also be completed as part of the project.



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GTO Parts Resources

General Info

http://www.olderide.com/library/pontiac_gto.html

Pontiac Years Forum on Everything Pontiac

<http://forums.maxperformanceinc.com/forums/>

Carbs

<http://www.carburetion.com/>

<https://quadrajetparts.com/>

<http://quadrajetpower.com/>

QuadraJet Forum, rebuild service, parts, Q&A

<https://cliffshighperformance.com>

Excellent Article on Quadrajet Tuning & Operation

www.studebaker-info.org/Tech/qjet/tuneaQjet.pdf

Engines & Heads

<http://www.spottperformance.com/engineid.htm>

<http://www.wallaceracing.com>

Wheels

<http://www.pontiacserver.com/wheels.html#rally2>

Pontiac Tripower

<http://www.pontiactripower.com>

GT-37 and LeMans GT Literature

<http://www.gt-37.org>

Engine Color Reference

<http://www.pontiacpower.org/enginecolor.htm>

Original Classic Car Brochures

<http://wildaboutcarsonline.com/cgi-bin/pub9990289237970.cgi?categoryid=9990289238012>

Accessories and prices for 1966 Pontiac full car line

http://wildaboutcarsonline.com/members/AardvarkPublisherAttachments/9990414098658/1966_Mini_Accessorizer_Catalog.pdf

Battery Cables

<http://www.batterycablesusa.com>

Fastener Kits & Hardware

<https://www.amkproducts.com/i-kits/pontiac/>

Pontiac Instrument Gauges Restoration & Hurst Shifters

<http://precisionpontiac.net/Default.aspx>

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The members listed below have volunteered to share their special knowledge with other members. To contact an Officer, Board Member, or Technical Advisor, email us at segtoaboards@gmail.com, specify who you need to speak with and we will forward your information to that individual.

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Club Membership Dues

Dues are \$20 per year, payable January 1st each year. New members receive a \$10 discount on membership their first year. SEGTOA dues requirements are waived for all active military. Membership in GTOAA (preferred) or POCI is required for all members joining after 2007. Members must be in good standing to attend meetings, with the option to bring their membership up to date at any scheduled meeting. Membership application is available on the SEGTOA website.

Checks should be made payable to Southeastern GTO Association and mailed to Dan Williams, 154 Whitney Street, Eatonton, GA 31024-5732.

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SEGTOA is a chapter of the GTO Association of America (www.gtoaa.org), the premier organization for GTO enthusiasts. Each month GTOAA members receive *The Legend* magazine, a Golden Quill Award Winning publication. SEGTOA is also associated with Pontiac Oakland Club International (www.poci.org). POCI members receive their monthly magazine *Smoke Signals*.

SEGTOA is an organization dedicated to the survival of the Pontiac GTO, LeMans, and other classic Pontiacs. SEGTOA is open to anyone who shares our common interest in GTOs and other Pontiacs. We enjoy monthly Chapter meetings, including cruises, car shows, picnics, technical sessions and other fun