



**Southeastern GTO Association**

# *Tiger Tales*

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**Celebrating our  
37th Year!**

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## **September Club Event:**

**~ Saturday September 9th ~**

# **17th Annual Flowery Branch Car Show & Chili Cookoff**

**9 am—3pm**

**Downtown Flowery Branch  
5506 Main St  
Flowery Branch, GA USA**



**Click on the Event Notice above for  
additional event information**

# President's Message:

## Jim Andrews

"Good things come to those who wait" so they say. In case you haven't heard me tell the story, I have been searching for a 1967 Pickens County license plate for 10 years or more. I have been to every swap meet and antique shop in north Georgia, and have run internet searches every couple of weeks. I even had two club members, Jim Paumen and Chad Wade, searching for me.

The closest we came was a 1969 plate. Speaking with J.L. Houze, who was getting ready to sell his large collection of vintage plates, we agreed that the only way I was going to find a '67 County 105 plate would be to go door to door. Yeah, I don't think so – these people have guns...

My last resort was to run an ad in the local Pickens County paper which comes out once a week. I ran an ad for four weeks and received no calls.

Until 4 days after the last ad ran. My phone rang that morning. Seven minutes from my house, the search ended. Some surface rust, but it is definitely restorable. Should be one of the last parts for my '67. Until the next one. Part that is, not car.

As always, we had a good turnout for the annual picnic last month. Be sure to mark your calendars for our September event, the car

show/chili cook-off in Flowery Branch on Saturday September 9<sup>th</sup>.

Details are in this issue, and I'll be emailing details for a meet up spot so we can head into the show together. If we get rained out on the 9<sup>th</sup> we'll have an alternate event listed in this issue. As always, if you hear of a show that we have never been to, let me or Danny know so we can see if it would make a good event for the club.

You have received by now the description and agenda for this year's Tail of the Dragon trip. You may think November is a long way off, but it'll be here before you know it. 14 people and 7 cars are signed up so far, so it should be a good turn out again. As always, the trip is secondary to the camaraderie. It's a chance for you to get to know some of your other club members.

And I am bound and determined to have my '67 ready for it this year.

### ***Keep 'em between the ditches!***

Jim Andrews  
President



## Road Trips!

We 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 [d\\_finkelstein@comcast.net](mailto:d_finkelstein@comcast.net)



## SEGTOA EVENTS CALENDAR

**\* September 9**      **17th Annual Flowery Branch Car Show**  
**9am -3pm**            **& Chili Cookoff**  
                              **5506 Main St.**  
                              **Flowery Branch, GA**

### Other September Events:

September 16            PoBoys  
3pm                        225 Reformation Pkwy  
                              Canton, GA

September 16            RIDZ on the River—Fall Car Show  
10am—4pm              210 Etowah Springs Rd  
                              Cartersville, GA

September 16            11th Annual Smyrna Jonquil Lions Club Car Show  
9am—12:30              Adventure Outdoors  
                              2500 South Cobb Drive

September 30            Acworth Downtown Classic Car Cruise  
3pm—8pm                Logan Farm Park  
                              4405 Cherokee St.

### ***Pontiacs on the BIG & small screen:***



1964 Bonneville in "Color Me Blood Red";  
(1965)  
source: Internet Movie Car Database



1969 Gran Prix in "Miami Vice"; (1984—  
1989); S1.Ep9  
source: Internet Movie Car Database

# Wheels From Hell

*Paul Sorrells*

I worked at a place once that expected you to make mistakes because they thought that was the best way to learn to teach yourself not to screw up. I asked the vice president if he could just point out the pitfalls, as I did not think I was especially stupid, and he replied

“No”. That being said please pay attention.

I had always wanted a set of American Mags. When I was driving my first '65 GTO to Georgia Tech from 1968 to 1971 all my money went to college. A few years ago when I had my 2<sup>nd</sup> '65 GTO I decided it was time. As I would need new tires as well I had my local tire dealer order the mags I wanted. On the way home after getting the new wheels I lost an expensive lug nut. Every time after when I drove it I would check the lugs. There was always a slightly loose lug. So I sat down to figure this out.

With plain OEM wheels and Rally wheels the wheel metal is about 1/8" thick and the lug seat is bent outward and takes up maybe 3/16" to 1/4" worth of lugs - leaving only 3/4" of stud threads for the standard or Rally lug nuts to engage. These lugs have a standard **60 degree Conical Seat**. The new American mags also used lug nuts with a 60 degree conical seat. The steel wheels used maybe 1/4" of threads leaving plenty for the lugs. On the Americans the wheel web was at least 1/2" thick leaving only 4 or 5 threads for the lugs to use. I thought all mags used the old time lug nuts that went all the way through the wheel almost to the brake drum so they could have a lot of threads to keep them tight.

These lugs are called **Shank Lug Nuts**.

So, to make things right I had to buy and have installed longer lugs in the rear axles and front drums. I'm not sure but this maybe cost around \$200. Had I known all this I would never have bought those wheels. I checked google and the only wheels I could find that still used Shank Lugs was Cragar S/S and Keystone mags (made by Cragar).



# Flowerly Branch Car Show

## & Chili Cookoff, Saturday Sept. 9th

FLOWERY BRANCH CAR SHOW  
5506 MAIN ST  
FLOWERY BRANCH GA 30542

Benefiting The Childrens Center for Hope & Healing

Free Entry for Spectators

Open Car Show Entry - \$20 online / \$25 in person

\$ Cash Prizes

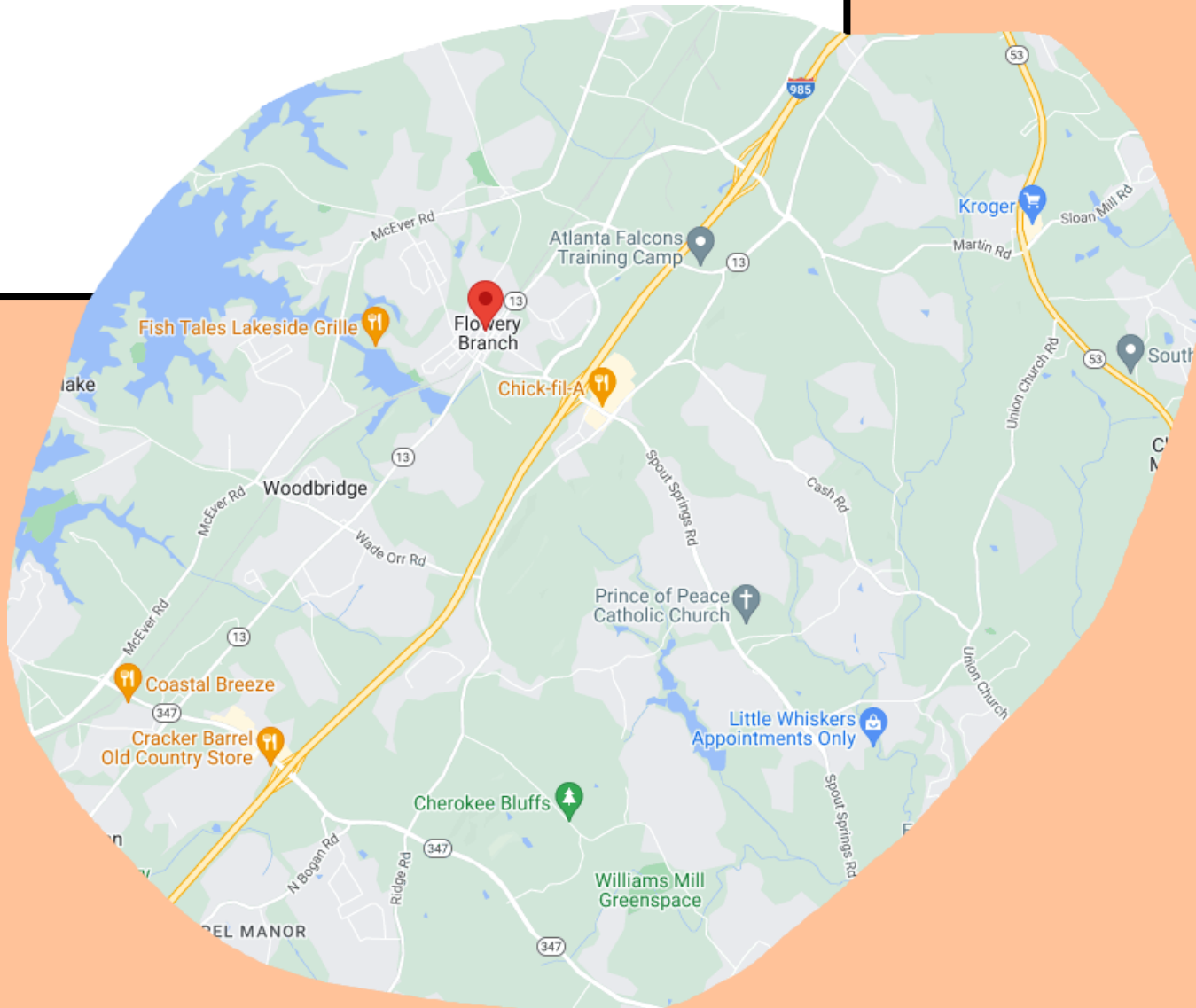
Best of Show, Sponsor's Choice, Top 20

50-50 Raffle / Food Trucks / Vendors

Downtown  
Businesses  
Will Be  
Open

Details on a meeting time  
and place to ride into the  
event together will follow  
via email.

[RSVP HERE](#)



Silver Certificate  
for the  
Southeastern GTO  
Association

Thank you very much for  
your continued support of  
the GTOAA. My sincere  
"thank you" as a Silver club  
in support of the GTOAA

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**Cheers,**  
**Bill Sanders**  
**[chapters@gtoaa.org](mailto:chapters@gtoaa.org)**



**Silver Level Certificate**

awarded to the

**Southeastern GTO Association**

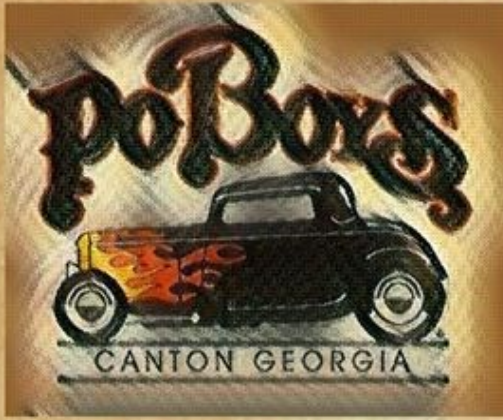
On this 1st day of July 2023

**In Recognition of their Outstanding GTOAA Chapter  
Membership**

*Vic Schreck*  
President

*Bill Sanders*  
Chapter Coordinator

<https://www.facebook.com/poboyscarclub>



# NEW LOCATION!

Cruise-Ins &  
Fundraiser



225 Reformation Pkwy, Canton, GA 30114

## **2023 Schedule @3 PM**

March 18th

July 15th

April 22nd

August 19th

May 20th

September 16th

June 17th

October 21st

Questions? Call Keith Cline at 404-226-8087 or Mike McCracken at 404-597-6689

**FASTEST GROWING CAR SHOW IN THE SOUTHEAST!**

**Sept. 16, 2023**  
**10:00 - 4:00**

**FIELD OF  
DREAMS**

# **Ridz BY THE River**



- No Entry Fee
- No Awards
- Food Trucks
- Live Music
- Raffle for a 383 Chevy Stroker Long Block
- Swap Meet (*Auto Parts Only*)

**210 ETOWAH SPRINGS RD. / CARTERSVILLE, GA 30120**



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Donations of any amount appreciated,  
but not required, when you enter the show.

**Help Us Support**





# Tail of the Dragon

## November 3-5, 2023

It's time to start thinking about our 2023 Tail of the Dragon weekend. Those of you who have made the trip before know it's one of our best events of the year. If you've never gone, you'll want to consider it. The drive on the Cherohala Skyway and the Tail of the Dragon is only part of the experience. More than anything it is the camaraderie. I have attended every year since 2015 and it gets better every year. Many members who have gone for the first time remark that they'll be going every year.

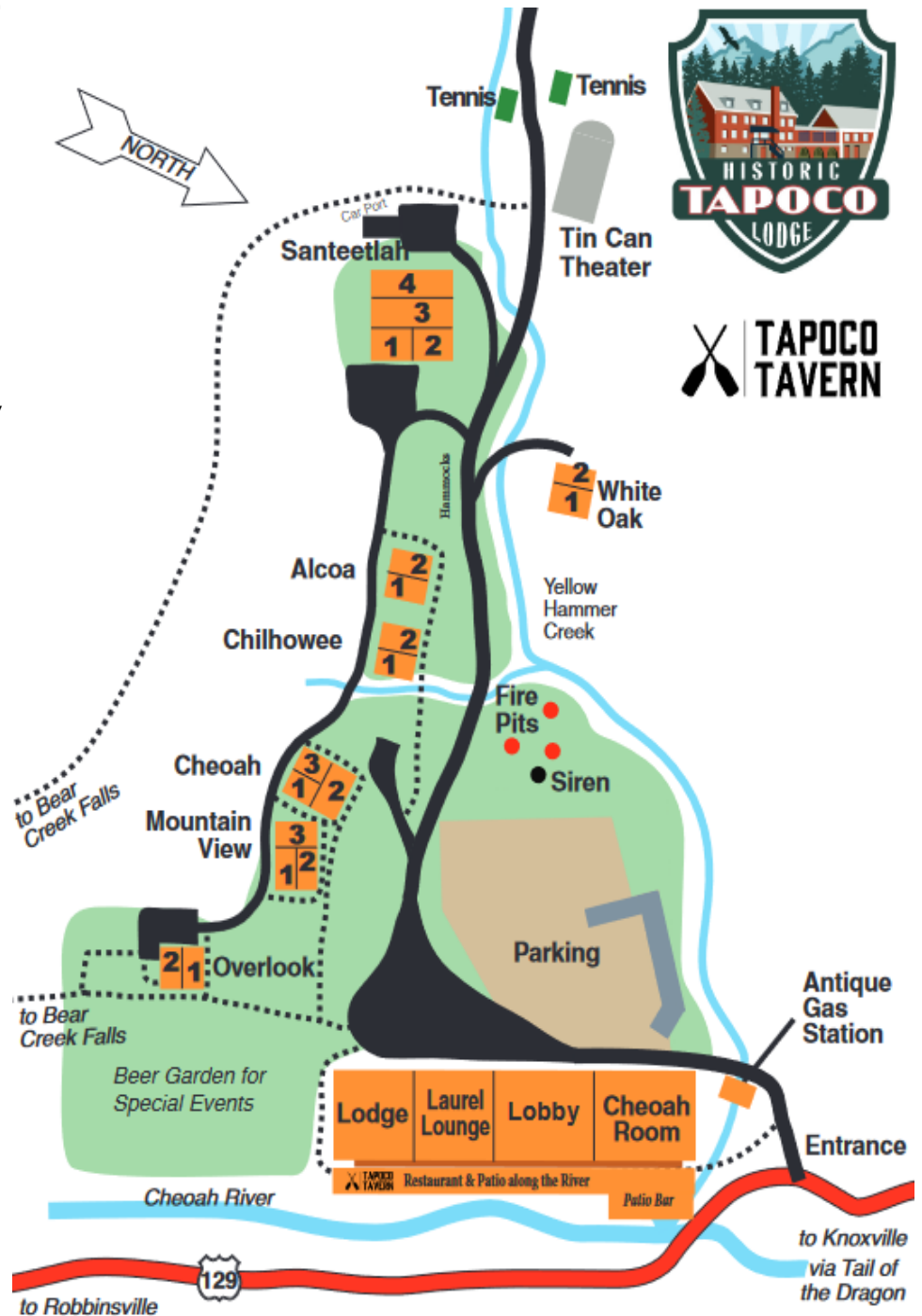
We gather for lunch midday Friday (11/3) and travel to the Historic Tapoco Lodge north of Robbinsville NC. After Happy Hour, a carry-in dinner and campfire stories Friday evening, we head out Saturday morning (11/4) after breakfast at the lodge for our loop around Lake Santeetlah, the Cherohala Skyway, lunch at Fort Loudon State Park, then onto the Tail of the Dragon and back to Tapoco. Sunday (11/5) is breakfast at the lodge and a 'spirited' run up and down the Tail for those interested, check-out, and departure. Multiple gas and restroom stops are scheduled. This is just an overview. I have attached a more detailed agenda, subject to change, but basically accurate.

As we have done the last few years we have a block of cabins from which you can reserve, including White Oak 1, which is a large cabin with a full kitchen, private fire pit, and room for a crowd inside and out. If you want to be the hosts for the group you can go ahead and reserve White Oak 1. The club will reimburse you for the difference between White Oak 1 and the other cabins. Alternatively, we will hold a lottery in late August to see who stays in White Oak 1. Hosting the group does not require any effort at all.

**If you reserve White Oak 1 or want in on the lottery, let me know via email.** Reservation instructions, the list of cabins, and a property map are attached. You will be charged a refundable deposit, and we will send out reminders as cancellation and event dates approach.

I'm looking forward to another great outing.

Jim Andrews



# **Tail of the Dragon; Agenda**

**November 3-5, 2023**

## ***Friday November 3rd***

1. The Marietta and Jasper groups will meet at BigUn's BBQ for lunch, 362 Carns Mill Road, Talking Rock GA 30175 at 12:00 noon. Depart at 1:00 PM to drive to Murphy NC.
2. The Murphy NC group will meet at Citgo/Subway at 451 US 64 West, Murphy NC at 2:00 PM and meet up with the Marietta/Jasper group. Restrooms and fuel, then we will depart at 2:30 to head to Robbinsville NC. There will be one more stop for gas for anyone who wants to top off before Saturday's loop.
3. Happy Hour (BYOB) will be at the White Oak 1 Cabin starting at 5:30 PM and this will give everyone time to check in and freshen up or take a walk around the grounds. White Oak 1 has a huge indoor and outdoor reception area. Your hosts this year are TBD. Dinner will be at 6:30 at White Oak 1 cabin
4. Friday night dinner will be a pot luck carry-in with all attending members bringing a dish from home for all to share. With a full-size kitchen including 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 ate dinner at the restaurant. More details on dinner to come as the event gets closer and we have a count.
5. After dinner we will gather around our private fire pit and/or inside for some adult beverages (BYOB), fellowship, and tall tales.

## ***Saturday November 4th***

1. Breakfast at the lodge whenever you get up.
2. Meet in the lower parking lot with cars packed and warming up, at 10:15. Departure at 10:30.
3. Everyone should bring their own cooler and chairs. The cooler should be large enough to hold their beverages and box lunches (made by the hotel or from home) for Saturday's day-long trip.
4. Anyone arriving on Saturday should arrive no later than 10:15 Saturday AM, gassed up and ready to go.
5. We will depart the hotel at 10:30 AM for our loop around Lake Santeetlah and onto the Cherohala Skyway.
6. Stop at the Turkey Creek Overlook for pictures and restrooms. (1 hour, 41 miles)
7. Next stop will be the Fort Loudon State Historic Park for lunch. We will picnic outside. You have the option to bring your Saturday lunch from home or order one of the boxed lunches from the Tapoco restaurant. (1 hour, 37 miles)
8. Shell station for fuel & restrooms. (6 minutes, 2 miles)
9. Drive the Tail of the Dragon and stop at the Souvenir Store. (1 hour, 34 miles). Time permitting you may skip the store and travel to Fontana dam for a short visit, then back to Tapoco with a stop at the store if desired. (1.5 hours, 27 miles)
10. Return to Tapoco to freshen up for dinner and Happy Hour (6 minutes, 3 miles)
11. 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.
12. After dinner we will gather return to White Oak 1 Cabin and our private fire pit for some adult beverages, fellowship, and tall tales.

## ***Sunday November 5th***

1. Breakfast at the lodge whenever you get up.
2. For those of you who want to run the tail of the Dragon again, a 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 check out, meet the rest of the group, and Not delay the regular departure time.
3. After checkout we will gather at the lower parking lot with all cars packed and ready to depart for home.

# Tail of the Dragon; Lodging

November 3-5, 2023



## Historic Tapoco Lodge

14981 Tapoco Rd.  
Robbinsville, NC 28771  
828.498.2800  
[info@tapoco.com](mailto:info@tapoco.com)  
[www.tapoco.com](http://www.tapoco.com)

## Lodging Proposal

for SE GTO Association

Proposal Date: 11/3/22

Check-In	Check-Out	Nights	Room Description	Avg Nightly	Sub-Total
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- 1) Visit [www.tapoco.com](http://www.tapoco.com)
- 2) Click on "Reservations"
- 3) Enter in your arrival and departure date and the number of adults and children staying in the room
- 4) Enter in the access code of: SE110323
- 5) Review and select your preferred room
- 6) Include each guest name staying in the selected room
- 7) Complete the remaining reservation steps

For further assistance, please feel free to call us at the Historic Tapoco Lodge at (828) 498-2800 or email us at [info@tapoco.com](mailto:info@tapoco.com).

11/3/23	11/5/23	2	Mountain View Cabin 3 for 2 Adults	\$278.10	\$556.20
11/3/23	11/5/23	2	Cheoah Cabin 1 for 4 Adults	\$278.10	\$576.20
11/3/23	11/5/23	2	Cheoah Cabin 2 for 4 Adults	\$278.10	\$576.20
11/3/23	11/5/23	2	Cheoah Cabin 3 for 3 Adults	\$269.10	\$548.20
11/3/23	11/5/23	2	Santeetlah Cabin 1 for 2 Adults	\$269.10	\$538.20
11/3/23	11/5/23	2	Santeetlah Cabin 2 for 3 Adults	\$269.10	\$548.20
11/3/23	11/5/23	2	Santeetlah Cabin 3 for 2 Adults	\$278.10	\$556.20
11/3/23	11/5/23	2	Santeetlah Cabin 4 for 3 Adults	\$278.10	\$566.20
11/3/23	11/5/23	2	White Oak Cabin Suite 1 for 4 Adults	\$368.10	\$756.20
11/3/23	11/5/23	2	White Oak Cabin 2 for 2 Adults	\$269.10	\$538.20

**WANTED**

Set of Rally II center hubs - Red or Black

Paul (404) 702-3398;  
[p.sorrells@comcast.net](mailto:p.sorrells@comcast.net)

**WANTED**

Enclosed trailer about 6x10 or 12.  
Could buy or rent.

Ed Downing; [goat455ho@icloud.com](mailto:goat455ho@icloud.com)

**GTO TLC**

Recently completed! This '65 Tri-Power factory A/C 4-speed is ready to go and show! Stop by and get your GTO ready for summer cruising!

James Lee Norman; 770-778-5945



**WANTED**

Looking to purchase any old Rochester Quadrajets sitting around on a shelf or rebuild any you have on your car.

James Lee Norman; 770-778-5945



**GTO Interiors**

Do you need your dash upgraded or cleaned, seat covers replaced, or interior restored? Stop by GTO Drive for a Spring cleaning or repair of your GTO!

James Lee Norman; 770-778-5945



**GTO & LeMans Parts For Sale**

If you don't see what you need for a 1969 or 1970 GTO, ask.  
 Bill Thiele, Marietta. 305 302 0776 text is best.

**Prices are flexible for SEGTOA members**

Pontiac OEM Crank .30/.30 Ready	\$150
1970 GTO Repairable Original Sheet Metal: Doors, Fenders, Deck, Hoods	\$200—\$400
1970 GTO Front Bumpers Repairable. One bare, One Loaded	\$500 & \$800
1965 GTO Front and Rear Bumpers, Good Cores or use as is	\$300 ea
1972 GTO Rally Gauge Cluster, Restored and Ready	\$500
1965-1966 Lemans Hub Caps like new	\$150
1965 Lemans Flat Hood OEM Repairable	\$125
Pontiac Edelbrock Torker Alum Intake (needs cleaning)	\$75
1969 GTO Bare Front Endura Bumper Repairable OEM	\$800
1969 GTO Front Endura Bumper Brackets (New Repro)	\$300
1969 GTO Radiator/Core Support OEM Repairable	\$350
1969 Gold Cad Caliper Brackets repro	\$45
1969 GTO Interior Door Trim. Repro and nice originals	\$10 - \$50 ea
1969 GTO upper and lower Radiator hoses nice repros	\$20 ea
1969 GTO Fixed Headlight bezels Driver Q	\$50
1969 GTO Hideaway Headlight hardware & door covers Driver Q	\$30 - \$150
1969 GTO RA III Water Pump Pulley (late production)	\$75
1969 GTO Black Plastic 8 track covers OEM Diff conditions	\$50 - \$75 ea
1969 GTO Non-A/C Dash Air Controls Driver Q	\$100
1969 GTO Oval Antenna and lead, correct repros new	\$100
1969 GTO Trunk mat slightly used, but correct	\$20
1969 GTO Door Weather Strip (New Repro)	\$40
1969 GTO Front Hood Spring Repro	\$20
1969 GTO Ram Air Pan Foam (New Repro)	\$30
1969 GTO Front Lower Valance Moldings several	\$25 - \$50 ea
1969-70 GTO Glove Box inserts OEM Driver Q	\$50 - \$75 ea
1969 GTO Rear Taillight Bezles Driver Q (several)	\$50 - \$75 ea
1969 GTO Three Pod Dash gauge bezel (New Repro)	\$125
1969 GTO Red Dot AM/FM Stereo radio prof. reconditioned	\$600
1969 GTO Trunk Lid edge moldings most pieces, (several)	\$50 - \$75 ea
1969 GTO Throttle Bracket (mounts to intake)	\$35
1969 GTO Heat Riser Exhaust Shield (New Repro)	\$75
1969 GTO Stove/riser black tube (New Repro)	\$10
1969 GTO Ram Air Underdash cable bracket and cable (New Repro)	\$100
1969 GTO Front Windshield, Driver Q	\$50
1968-1970 GTO hood scoop inserts closed type (several)	\$30 ea

## GTO Parts Resources

### General Info

[http://www.olderide.com/library/pontiac\\_gto.html](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](http://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](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](mailto:segtoaboards@gmail.com), specify who you need to speak with and we will forward your information to that individual.

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1969	William Thiele	WilliamThiele@hotmail.com
1970	Jim Norman	segtoa70guy@yahoo.com
1971-1974	BJ Benton	bjbenton@unitedpump.com
2004-2006	<i>OPEN</i>	

### 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 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