



LAND OF ENCHANTMENT GTO'S

THE TIGERS' ROAR

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Events for February:

- * February 3, 2005 - LOE GTO's Chapter Meeting
- * February 12, 2005 - Mardi Gras Parade
- * February 12, 2005 - Los Lunas Cruise

Modified Classes Added to 2005 Nationals

The popular vote car show classes have been expanded to separate the modified GTO's from the stock appearing GTO's in recognition of the changing face of the muscle car hoppy and the need for owners to update their cars for safety and driveability. This month's copy of "The Legend" outlines the new classes and how they will be enforced in detail.

GTO's & Clones Average 41K at Barrett-Jackson

Seventeen GTO's and GTO-Clones were up on the blocks at the Barrett-Jackson Collector Car Auction in Scottsdale, AZ the weekend of January 25-30, 2005. The highlight cars were a \$105,840 rotisserie restored and PHS Documented Red on Black 389-Tri 4-Speed 1966 GTO Convertible that sported a total of 24 factory & dealer installed options including Hurst wheels, and a similarly restored Gulf Turquoise 400-4 4-Speed 1967 GTO Convertible that had a mere 20 factory & dealer options that sold for \$76,680. Oh, yes the value of the original muscle car is still intact and growing! For special

interest bidders one of the "XXX" GTO's was up for auction and sold for \$20,520, while a White-on White 1965 GTO Clone that was built to mimic a 60's PMD Show circuit car complete with tiger print seat inserts sold for \$22,140.

If you have never been to the Barrett-Jackson it is worth the trip. Auction aside, it is easily one of the best car shows you are likely to ever see!

2005 GTO's Have Arrived in Albuquerque!

That's right, there are 2005 model year GTO's on the lots of Sunshine, Quality, and Pitre! Of the cars on the lots there are a number of the new Midnight Blue and Cyclone Gray cars. Pop on over and check 'em out! These dealers all have a few 2004 cars on the lot as well -- I'd imagine they're very motivated to sell ...

New Website Location Coming Soon!

The chapter website will be moving to <http://www.loegtos.com> very soon! The domain has already been registered and we're just waiting to hear from GoDaddy about a special deal on hosting. The site probably won't change much at first, but look for a forum, guestbook, and a fully searchable tech article database.



February Car of the Month

The member Car of the Month for February is Gary Ebert's 1974 GTO. Gary competed at the nationals last year and was invited to show at the LA Auto Show in previous years. Look for a gallery and full write up at the chapter website within the week -- sorry for delay getting the feature and gallery up,



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I'm just swamped right now!

President's Corner

The first meeting of the New Year had a great turn out. Thank You! We talked about our yearly dues and unanimously approved collecting \$10 a year. We will be collecting dues at our February meeting.

GTOAA has stated that you have to be a member of the national association in order to be a member of a chapter. There will be a short application form to fill out next meeting which will help us update your current information and email address.

The meetings from now until March will be on Thursday nights. Starting April our montly meetings will be changed to Saturdays to allow us time for cruising or working on our GOATS!

We have a chairman for the fall BOP show that the chapter will be putting on this year. The committee chairman is Chris Padilla. He is looking for volunteers to help him with the planning and execution.

We have put out a tentative event schedule. Look Through it and see if the dates are correct and if we have left anything out. We need your input because this is afterall your club.

We are trying to get a GTO from every year for the Southwestern Muscle Car Nationals. It is a three day show at the Lujan Complex. In particular we need help with three years, 1964, 1968 and 1973. If you know someone who has one of these cars please contact him and get him in the club.

-- Gary Ebert

Notes from the Vice President

Summertime and the show season are fast approaching. Now is the time to start thinking about your cars and what you need to do to them as far as detailing and/or restoration. Lots of our members have experience in these areas. They have either done the work themselves or had the work done and know what is involved. Please be thinking about topics you would like to discuss at future meetings and let us know. I know from past experience that any information can be very helpful.

-- Don Fitch

From the Desk of the Secretary

I am still waiting to hear back from Jim Johnson or Tom Szymyck for guidance with chapter dues & voting and GTOAA associate memberships. I have registered the www.loegtos.com

domain for us and the website will be moving to that new location soon. The chapter roster and survey will be finalized at this month's meeting because it must be submitted next week. I will distribute a brief questionnaire to everyone that must be filled out and handed back.

I only have a couple of submissions for the Car of the Month feature on the website. If you want to be considered for the feature please let me know of your interest and give me a brief write-up about your car. It can be a story of the restoration or just a story of a fun time you had with your car. If you have a collection of photos you wish to have displated submit those also, otherwise I will sift through the chapter archives and gallery for photos.

-- Chris Knight

The Treasurer's Ledger

Dues will be collected at this month's meeting. Unfortunately I won't be able to attend, but I have provided the officers with a receipt book to issue everyone a receipt and to track those that have paid. See you at the Los Lunas Cruise this month!

-- Jim Knight



**SEE YOU
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EVENTS!**