

1966 PONTIAC GTO CONVERTIBLE

by Joe LaFave



This car is a 1966 Pontiac GTO convertible, 389 auto transmission.

The only real change done to the car was the wheels were swapped for period correct rally wheels and redline tires in place of the spoked hubcaps.

The GTO was purchased in Denver by Earl & Marge Larson (hense M&E on the license plate).

John Birkholz assisted me in getting the GTO home from Denver, along with a load of used cars he was taking back for Riverwood RV and Auto.

In 2001 we started restoration. All body work and paint was done by Mike Doll which at the time was doing business as Northland Auto Restoration.

The only incident since restored was when my Granddaughter, Skyler, hit a pheasant on the way to Rusty's for a car club dinner cruise (no damage done)! I think everyone who was witness to this had a photo taken with the pheasant!



Skyler is driving across the stage at the Medora Musical. Earlier that day, the GTO took 1st place in its category at the 2019 Medora car show.

Donna and I did any upholstery work that needed to be done. Gerald Meidinger of Napa in Mandan along with his two sons, helped completely rebuild the original 389 engine. Ryan Loraas had a friend of his completely rebuild the transmission.



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