

Gateway GTO Annual Pizza Party

by Chris Winslow



Our first event of 2025 was our annual Gateway GTO Pizza Party on Sunday, January 19th. This was our first year at our new venue at Fortel's Pizza Den in South County.

Despite the bitter cold, we had a nice turnout and filled up the room.

At this new venue, we had ordered the pizzas and salad ahead of time and everyone got their own drinks on the way into the room. That worked out really well and avoided the issues we had seen in previous years waiting for drinks and salads to come out. They also did a great job of getting the pizzas out right on time.

Will was busy with lots of folks renewing their Gateway GTO membership and we got to see some members that are not often able to make our normal monthly meetings at Gingham's.

Thanks to everyone for coming!



Annual Gateway GTO Pizza Party





Presidents Scoop



The President's Scoop

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Welcome to 2025! With the 12 inches of snow that we got up here in O'Fallon, it will be a good long while before either of my Pontiacs see the roads. They are currently tucked in under their dust covers with the battery tenders running. Hopefully Easter will be here before we know it.....

In the mean time, we already have some events lined up for 2025. First up will be our annual pinball wizard tournament at Atomic Pinball. We have that set for March 2nd. I have included the flyer in this newsletter. Be sure to let Marty know if you are coming by **February 16th** so he can get a good head count. This tournament is open to our friends and families too, so feel free to invite them as well. The cost is \$15 per person. We will be heading out for a group dinner afterward for anyone that is interested.

Marty has also arranged for a private event at the Coke Museum in St. Charles on March 15th. This event will run from 8:30pm to 10:30pm and will include pizza. The cost is \$15 per person. We will need about 20 people to make the numbers work, so if you are planning to come and have not already let me know, please do so as soon as possible.

We also have the annual St. Patrick's Day dance on March 29th. More details to follow on that as the event gets closer, but it has always been a lot of fun and it raises money to support the Semper Fi Fund and Toys for Tots, so it is for great causes.

The other thing we will be talking about a lot over the next few months is the Wheels in Motion car show that will take place on May 17th at the Church on the Rock. This will be a new location and the first time that this show will occur twice in the same year. We will have both this spring event and then later we will have the show in the fall in our usual September time slot. This show will also be at the Church on the Rock. Gateway will only be organizing a raffle for the fall show. For both shows we will be taking money as the cars enter and then helping with parking if needed. I have included the flyer for the May show in this newsletter. This new location, by the way, was Earl's idea and he brought everyone together to make it happen.

One other item to cover this month, since it is January, is our annual financial statement. I have it attached on the next page. We started 2024 with \$17297.29 and ended it with \$16609.52. All things considered that is not too bad. We would probably have actually ended the year with a net gain had there been a higher attendance at the GTOAA convention. That said, we do need to take a good look at the Christmas party moving forward. That is by far our biggest event. For 2024 it cost us over \$2400 to put on, but we only took in \$1025. So, for 2025, we may need to look at increasing the cost of attending.

Finally, 2025 is an election year for Gateway, so we will be looking for people to run for the officer positions so please consider running.



GATEWAY GTO ASSOCIATION				
INCOME AND EXPENSE SUMMARY AS OF 12/31/24				
CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE 12/31/23				\$17,297.29
	INCOME			
50/50		437.00		
REGION MEET INCOME		3,971.00		
GGTO DUES		1,280.00		
CHRISTMAS PARTY		1,025.00		
GTOAA CONVENTION		1,000.00		
MISC.		70.00		
		TOTAL INCOME	7,783.00	-
	EXPENSES			
PIZZA PARTY		472.86		
PICNIC		320.75		
DUES TO GTOAA		75.00		
REGIONAL MEET EXP.		1,784.19		
CK TO MUSEUM		2,500.00		
INSURANCE		504.00		
CHRISTMAS PARTY		2,452.14		
WEB EXP		241.40		
MISC. EXPENSES		120.43		
		TOTAL EXPENSES	8,470.77	
CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE 12/31/24				\$16,609.52

2025 Pinball Wizard Tournament

WHAT: "10th ANNUAL GATEWAY GTO PINBALL WIZARD EVENT"

WHERE: ATOMIC PINBALL ARCADE, 102 WHITELAW AVE, WOOD RIVER, IL, 62095

WHEN: SUNDAY, MARCH 2, 2025 ***** SAVE THIS DATE *****

TIME: Noon – 3:00 pm (3 hours)

NOTE: I will be looking for a local restaurant to have dinner after pinball. TBD.

ADMISSION PRICE: \$15/PLAYER

Atomic Pinball (ATOMICPINBALLARCADE.COM) in Wood River, IL., is an 8,000 sq. ft. Pinball Spectacular with Over 125 Pinball Games, Video Games, Skee Ball, and More! At Atomic Pinball Arcade, Private Parties are a blast for kids and even more fun for parents! Bring your own drinks, snacks, and party decorations! Alcohol is permitted, but must be consumed responsibly.

- Pay me on arrival– Exact cash appreciated.
- New building, kitchen, washrooms, and refrigerators plus rest areas.
- Plenty of parking in Atomic Pinball parking lot attached to building, or out front or back.
- You can invite anyone, and any number of players, to join in the fun. Kids, too.
- **Please RSVP before Sunday, February 16, 2025.**
- I will send out a final notice of players on Sunday, February 23, 2025.

Please let me know via email (nycgto@att.net) or home phone (636-724-8641), or cell/text (314-640-0959):

- 1. How many people in your party**
- 2. Name of each person**

If you are considering participating in the "GTO Pinball Wizard Tournament", as most have in the past, you can sign up when you arrive although it would be appreciated if you send me this info before the RSVP date:

NOTES:

- Don't be afraid. We are all here to have fun!
- Most members have not played pinball in a long time, or have only played at Club Howard, Pinball events or have never played but have joined in just for the fun of it.
- You have nothing to lose and bragging rights to win. Plus, your picture in our newsletter.
- This event, as in previous years, has turned out to be a hoot! Much Fun!!
- The tournament will take 2 hours, 12:30 – 2:30 pm, to complete.

2025 Pinball Wizard Tournament

- Prizes will be awarded at the end of the tournament.
- IF YOU ENTER THE “GTO PINBALL WIZARD TOURNAMENT”, YOU NEED TO ARRIVE **BY NOON**, IN ORDER TO REGISTER BEFORE THE TOURNAMENT. TOURNAMENT WILL START AT **12:30 PM SHARP** TO ALLOW TIME TO COMPLETE THE TOURNAMENT BY 2:30 PM. YOU CAN PRACTICE ON ALL MACHINES AFTER YOU REGISTER UP UNTIL 12:30 PM. LEAVE EXTRA TRAVELING TIME IF NECESSARY.
- Prizes will be awarded at the end of the tournament.
*** PLEASE DO NOT ARRIVE EARLIER THAN 11:45 AM SINCE THE MANAGEMENT WILL BE CLEANING UP FROM THE WEEKEND ***
- Remember: You want **The Thrill of Victory** and not **The Agony of Defeat!!**

Those that do not want to participate in the Tournament:

- You are more than welcome to play any of the games for the entire afternoon.
- ** The only specific rule here is: If a player is in the ‘Tournament’ and needs to play that machine, the tournament player must be granted 1st choice.
- You can arrive anytime during playing hours and still enter the tournament since winners are calculated by most games played along with most games won. Also, you can come and go as you please.
- LET THE GAMES BEGIN !!!

MOST OF ALL, HAVE FUN!!!

See ya there.....Marty Howard, CEC



**Marine Corps League JeffCo
Detachment 707 Presents**

Trivia ? Night ?

**All Proceeds Benefit the MCL Sick & Distressed Fund
Supporting Local Veterans**

APRIL 12TH, 2025

Doors Open

6 PM

Trivia Starts

7 PM

**\$25 per person
\$200 per table of 8**

**Meramec Arnold Elks Main Hall
1515 Miller Road, Imperial, MO**

Bring your own snacks, but NO outside alcohol allowed!

Wristbands for unlimited rail liquor, beer & wine available for \$15 at the door, \$5 all night soda or cash bar available

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**Saturday, May 17th, 2025
9 am to 2 pm**



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GATEWAY GTO ASSOCIATION

Membership/**Renewal** Form

(Please print clearly)

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☐ Returning

Name: _____ Date: _____

Associate Name (Spouse/Significant Other): _____

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 to:

Will Bowers, Treasurer
Gateway GTO Association
4213 Napa View Lane
St. Charles, MO 63304

Membership dues are \$20.

You are allowed one associate member (spouse, significant other, etc.).

All Gateway GTO Members must also be members in good standing with GTOAA

Go to WWW.GTOAA.ORG to join or renew GTOAA membership

Gateway GTO

Membership Renewal

Gateway GTO Dues for 2025 are \$20 and are due by the annual Gateway GTO Pizza Party.

- Send dues to Will Bowers by mail or pay in person at the Next Meeting
Will's Address:
4213 Napa View Lane
St. Charles, MO 63304
- In order to Renew with Gateway GTO, members must be members in good standing with GTOAA.

Contact Chris Winslow if you have any questions on renewing your Gateway GTO membership



GTOAA Membership Renewal

**GTOAA Dues are to be paid directly to
GTOAA**

- Do not send GTOAA dues to Will Bowers. Instead renew directly with GTOAA by mail or at www.gtoaa.org.
- All Gateway GTO Members must be GTOAA members in good standing.
- Please contact GTOAA Chapter Representative Steve Hedrick with any questions:

Steve Hedrick Contact Info:

Phone: 314-640-4020

Email: sthedrick@aol.com



2025 GATEWAY GTO CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January

- 19 - Gateway GTO Pizza Party at Fortel's Pizza Den, 7932 Mackenzie Rd, 63123. The event is from 1– 4. Gateway supplies pizza and salad and club member cover their own beverages.

February

- 7 - GTO MEETING 7PM at Gingham's

March

- 2 - Gateway GTO 10th Annual Pinball Wizard Tournament at Atomic Pinball Arcade, 102 Whitelaw Ave. Wood River, IL 62095 at 3:00
- 6 - GTO MEETING 7PM at Gingham's
- 15 - Private event at the Coke Museum, 126 N Main Street, St. Charles, MO 63301. Event runs 8:30 to 10:30 and includes pizza. Cost is \$15 per person
- 29 - Marine Corps Dance - Details to follow

April

- 3 - GTO MEETING 7PM at Gingham's
- 12 - Marine Corps Trivia Night - Meramec Elks Lodge, 1515 Miller Road, Imperial, MO. Doors open at 6:00, Event starts at 7:00.
- 20 - Easter Car Shows

SEE THE FULL CALENDAR AT WWW.GATEWAYGTO.ORG

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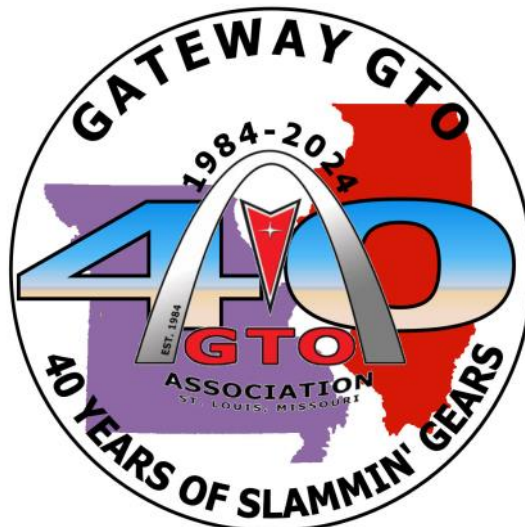
13 Shamblin Dr.
Florissant, MO 63034



The image shows a business card with a yellow and orange background. On the left, it reads: "Lewis Insurance Agency", "W Earl Lewis", "LUTCF, CIC, CSP, CSG", "636-219-4932", and "Welewis1949@gmail.com". On the right, it says "The HAGERTY Guy" above a photo of a red classic car with its hood open.

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[Gateway GTO Club Store](#)



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Classified ads are free to members. Classified ads up to 50 words for non-members are \$5.00 per issue.

Gateway GTO Club Information

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 Thursday of the month at Gingham's, 1566 Country Club Plaza Drive, St. Charles, MO 63303

The yearly dues for Gateway GTO is \$20. The dues are due by the Pizza Party in January. All Gateway GTO members must be a member in good standing with GTOAA. You are allowed to have one associate member.

Gateway GTO Association Photo Album

If you have photos of past events or if you take pictures of future events that you think would be good for our Photo Album, please send them to the newsletter editor.

The Hood Scoop is published as an informative news bulletin to keep our members up to date on past, present, and future events.

Advertising is free for members in good standing.

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\$100 – Full page (Color or Black and White) ad in monthly *Hoodscoop* newsletter for 12 months, your logo on our Website Sponsor page, and a link to your website from our Related Website Link space.

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