



# THE HOOD SCOOP

December 2021

## Gateway GTO Annual Christmas Party

By Chris Winslow

Gateway GTO  
Association



The Annual Gateway GTO Christmas Party was held this year at our usual location at the Webster Groves Barn on Saturday Dec 6th. As in past years, Sandra and Mark Melrose organized the event and did a great job as usual.

The theme for this year was a Holiday Beach Party. The Gateway GTO members took that to heart and there were lots of great costumes!

As always, the food was catered by Russo's. Of course the party wouldn't be as sweet without the baked goods provided by the ladies of Gateway GTO.

After dinner, we all played a number of beach themed games that Sandra had created for the event. This included making a GTO themed sculpture, a Christmas themed ring toss, and a beach themed trivia game.

After dinner Terry Schott announced the results of the elections for the Gateway GTO officers for 2022 and 2023. The results were:

President - Chris Winslow  
Vice President, Mo - Brian O'Sullivan  
Vice President, Il - Dan Jackson  
Treasurer - Will Bowers  
Secretary - Amy O'Sullivan  
GTOAA Chapter Rep - Tom Oxler

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Following this, we had our annual rob your neighbor gift exchange hosted by Marty Howard. This year I was lucky enough to open what turned out to be one of the most sought after gifts, a GTO themed lit Christmas tree. Of course, I only had it for a very short period of time! The other really popular gift was an embroidered blanket made by Liane Finkenbinder. The Vie's were lucky enough to go home with both of these items.

It has been a long 2 years. Last year, we had to cancel the Christmas party due to the virus. It was great that we were able this year to get back to a more normal schedule of events, including the Christmas party. For next year hopefully we will be able to continue our customary schedule of events. The Pizza Party has already been scheduled (see the flyer included with this newsletter) and I am hoping that we can organize some cruises this spring. If anyone has any idea for a cruise, please contact me or any of the other officers.





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# Presidents Scoop

## The President's Scoop

By Terry Schott

It's mid-December already and another year has passed by. I have to agree that the older I get, the faster time seems to slip away. It's been an interesting year. It started out with the cancellation of our annual pizza party, which I don't believe has ever happened since we started doing them. COVID 19 has made a definite impact on our lives. Sadly, many have lost loved ones to this horrible virus, but even those of us who were fortunate to not contract it, have been affected in many ways.

The effect on the economy has been widespread, with shortages of everything from materials to labor for running businesses. Never in my lifetime have I seen car lots with no new cars in stock, this all being due to computer chip shortages.

The good news is that vaccinations are available now for all who want them. They may not be the complete answer, but at least they provide a level of protection and have enabled people to begin to actively pursue some sort of normalcy again. Even though 2021 wasn't the busiest year for Gateway GTO, it certainly was a little closer to our normal years and we were able to have several events.

Looking back in 2021.

- All of our regular meetings were held at Gingham's Restaurant in St. Charles.
- The Easter car show in April, which was canceled in 2020 was split up this year. The upper-lot show was canceled again, but the lower-lot show was held at the Family Arena in St. Charles.
- Gateway lost one of our long-time members, Cecil Morton. He was a great person and a friend to anyone he ever met. Many members were honored to drive their GTOs to be in Cecil's "final cruise" to Jefferson Barracks Cemetery. A wonderful Memorial Cruise, hosted by John Grissom, was held on April 11 in Cecil's honor.
- The club also participated in several other cruises throughout the year.
  - ◇ Lake Creek Winery in Marthasville
  - ◇ Rt. 66 Festival, 2-day event in Lebanon, MO
  - ◇ Annual wine cruise to Montelle Winery in the fall
- We had a great showing of members and cars at the GTOAA Nationals this year in the Wisconsin Dells.
- The Ames Tri-Power Nationals, after having been canceled in 2020, were back on track again in 2021. Several of our members attended and helped work in the GTOAA tent.







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- Our September was busy once again with our WIM Charity Show and our Tenth Annual All Pontiac Regional event.
- In the Fall, we had our annual Gateway GTO picnic and attended a trivia night hosted by the Archway Olds Club.
- Ending out the year, Gateway participated in the annual Toy Drive organized by Bob Blattel. (Please see his article in later pages of this newsletter.)
- Our annual Christmas party was held December 4, at the Webster Barn. It was a wonderful evening. The food was excellent, the decorations and theme were great, and the games provided a fun time for everyone. A special note of thanks goes out to Sandra and Mark Melrose for organizing and hosting the party. As usual, it was a tremendous success.

As many of you know, this is the end of my term as President of Gateway GTO. The new officers were announced at the Christmas party. They are as follows:

President – Chris Winslow

Vice President, Missouri – Brian O’Sullivan

Vice President, Illinois – Dan Jackson

Secretary – Amy O’Sullivan

Treasurer – Will Bowers

GTOAA Chapter Rep – Tom Oxler

I want to thank everyone for the beautiful wall plaque that was presented to me at the Christmas party. I also want to thank all of the officers, directors and previous officers that have helped me throughout the last 4 years. Whenever I had a question or needed guidance, you were all there to help. Our Gateway club is a wonderful group of people. We always have a great amount of participation and help whenever it is needed. You always help us support our charitable events every year and I’ve been proud to have served as your president. Our club is really more like a family, and I value all of the relationships that we have had over the years. Please continue this support to Chris Winslow, our new president, and his officers, as we move into 2022 and beyond.

We will be having our annual pizza party this year at a new location. It will be held on Sunday, January 16, 2022, from 1 to 4 PM at “Crusoe’s South”. Crusoe’s is located at 5591 Oakville Shopping Center. This venue, arranged by Chris and Paula Winslow, offers us the space we need to manage the typically big turnout that we have. Also, mark your calendar for our first meeting of the year, to be held once again at Gingham’s, on Thursday, February 3, 2022.

Gail and I wish everyone a Blessed Holiday and a healthy and prosperous new year.





## Holiday Magic Toy Drive, 2021 by Bob Blattel

On behalf of Blattel & Associates, Scott, Kate and I would like to thank all of you for your generosity and support of the “Holiday Magic Toy Drive”. Toys were brought in, purchased online and monetary contributions were made. A special thanks goes out to my wife, Chris for her toy buying efforts. She starts the day after Christmas and doesn’t stop finding toy bargains until Thanksgiving! Two of my grandkids, Devin and Olivia filled 40 trash bags with toys at our house!

I also want to thank every business who helped collect toys.

**Dudas Fitness, Thies Farms and Greenhouses, Rosciglione’s Bakery** and last but not least, **Cutter & Company**. Their help was greatly appreciated this year and most helpful. Members of the Gateway GTO car club were also involved in giving toys to the effort.

All in all, we collected 70 trash bags and ten large boxes of toys and over 50 orders were placed on Amazon. Wow!

The Employment Connection is the beneficiary of our toy drive. Sal Martinez, their CEO brought a truck over to do the collection. We completely filled the truck up with toys. They will be distributed to needy families the week of December 13<sup>th</sup>. He is anticipating visits from 15-25 families each day that week. Close to 200 children will benefit from our efforts. Sal was overwhelmed by your generosity. Thank you again. Merry Christmas to all.

Bob







# Gateway GTO Annual PIZZA PARTY!

Sunday, January 16, 2022 from 1-4 PM



Crusoe's South  
5591 Oakville Shopping Center  
St. Louis, MO 63129  
(314) 892-0620

Club furnishes the pizza - drinks, salads, etc. are members' responsibility.





# Gateway GTO Winery Cruise



## The Story of Gateway GTO's 2021 Fall Colors Winery Cruise on Sunday, November 7

OR

## A GANG OF GTO'S STORMING MONTELLE WINERY

By

Marty Howard

That's how I felt as I led the charge of our entourage of 14 GTO'S, in a row, snaking up the hills to Montelle Winery along the winding roads of Highway 94 to our intended destination.

The weather was perfect. Sunshine and 70's was all we could have asked for. I took my time leading in my GTO from Francis Howell High School to the winery. Why rush?? After all, we were going on a 'cruise' not a race. Good thing that MR. GTO, or other members, was not leading. Otherwise, we would have arrived before the winery even opened. Even though I was driving, I could still enjoy looking out the windows at my leisurely pace. To some of us, that is part of the enjoyment of seeing the fall colors and cruising in our great cars without any stress. There was plenty of time to enjoy all that we did together. I'm not so sure about the cars that were behind the last GTO going at about 10-20 miles below the speed limit. Good thing they couldn't get to the front of our line where I was on 'point'. Fingers might have been flailing.

I have to admit that I was nervous that the GM (General Manager) at Montelle would forget about our reservations and we would all be



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'last minute' searching for parking spaces at Montelle, along with trying to find our favorite seating area as I was remarking, about that, to Barbara as we drove along the route. Especially, with so many other cars and motorcycles driving to the wineries. But, as we approached the top of the hill, there was Sue (General Manager) waiting for us along with an employee that was guiding us to our assigned spots. What a relief!

We sat together at a preferred seating area right across from the band. Sunshine met us as we arranged our seats and tables. The view was spectacular especially since the new owners had taken down a lot of the trees to make way for a picture perfect area just below us. The music was great as provided by Anita Rosamond Duo with Arvelle. They entertained the capacity crowd with so many great songs from our past including our anthem, "G.T.O", by Ronnie & The Daytonas, ...TWICE, as we boogied on down and danced to "G.T.O" and "We Are Family". Line dancing was in the mix and many of us danced along with other, more seasoned dancers, who knew the moves to those line dances. Music lasted until about 4 pm. Some stayed later and enjoyed more warmth under the sun.

Food is always a treat at Montelle. Anything from specialty pizzas to sandwiches that were yummy. Wine was in abundance at our tables including my favorite, Grape Juice. Many toasts were made to the wonderful music, food and friends. What a great place to spend time in the middle of the Fall Season.

My GTO friends and neighbors were kind enough to give me many accolades for reserving the parking spots and tables. This was a typical Gateway GTO Club event that is made successful by so many members joining in just to relax and have a good time. My thanks to all! That was the most appreciation I have ever received from this fine bunch of people and I rewarded them by not talking throughout the afternoon due to laryngitis. What more could they want from me? (Don't answer!)

Everyone took home a lot of fun, conversation, exercise and smiles that won't soon be forgotten.

***Long live The Gateway GTO Association, St. Louis, Missouri!***

'Till our next event and next year's wine run....Marty Howard, C.E.C.

Ps. When Barbara and I got into my GTO to go home, the car flooded. Or, should I say, I flooded it. Waiting and hoping it would start, it would not. Good thing that some of our members were going to their cars. I enlisted the help of a few members and we remembered to 'open' the choke all the way. I remembered doing that when I was a teenager. We tried that and still no start. However, **Bill Marcus** came by and said to 'close' the choke and did so by putting his hand over the carb. Sure enough, that did it. Started right up and all was well. Thanks to our GTO Family, again. **And, thanks, Bill!!**

## **Interesting Note:**

When looking up the GTO vinyl record by Ronnie & The Daytonas, you might be surprised as I was. Sometimes the title of the song reads either:

G.T.O. or Little GTO or Little G.T.O.



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# 43<sup>RD</sup> GTOAA NATIONALS WE'RE GOING TO

KINGSPORT, TENNESSEE  
JUNE 28TH - JULY 2ND, 2022  
MEADOWVIEW MARRIOTT  
CONFERENCE RESORT & CONVENTION CENTER  
**BRISTOL BABY!**



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**Join today @ [www.GTOAA.org](http://www.GTOAA.org)**



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# **Gateway GTO**

## **Membership Renewal**

**Gateway GTO Dues for 2022 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 or Terry Schott if you have any questions on renewing your Gateway GTO membership



# GATEWAY GTO ASSOCIATION

## Membership/**Renewal** Form

(Please print clearly)

☐ New

☐ Renewal

☐ 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:**

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Auto related interests, hobbies or talents:

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**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](http://WWW.GTOAA.ORG) to join or renew GTOAA membership**



# **GTOAA Membership** **Renewal**

**Starting in 2020 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](http://www.gtoaa.org).
- All Gateway GTO Members must be GTOAA members in good standing.
- Please contact GTOAA Chapter Representative Tom Oxler with any questions:

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2022 GATEWAY GTO  
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January

16 - Annual Gateway GTO Pizza Party at Crusoe's, 5591 Oakville Shopping Center, St. Louis, MO 63129

February

3 - GTO MEETING 7PM at Gingham's

March

3 - GTO MEETING 7PM at Gingham's

12 - Sign Dedication at the Shamrock Hotel in Sullivan, MO. Details to follow.

April

7 - GTO MEETING 7PM at Gingham's

SEE THE FULL CALENDAR AT [WWW.GATEWAYGTO.ORG](http://WWW.GATEWAYGTO.ORG)

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**Gateway GTO Classifieds**

**WANTED**

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Must be Bumper Hitch Style trailer  
Contact John Johnson 573-473-4928**





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## 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.

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