



THE HOOD SCOOP

August 2022

Christmas in July Car Show

By Chris Winslow

Gateway GTO
Association



Mark Melrose reached out a few months ago about a charity car show event at Dents Express in Ballwin. The show was called Christmas in July. The goal of the car show was to gather toys for children with cancer.

It was a pretty hot day, but despite that Paula and I along with Bill Marcus and John Grissom and his family attended the event. We were the only car club there with more than one car. Mark Melrose had also planned to attend, but unexpectedly had to cancel.

During the event, the sponsors explained that the toys collected at the show are used at the children's cancer centers around the area. Each time that a child has to come to one of the centers for treatments, they get to go to a toy closet and pick out a toy at the end. This gives them something to look forward to and makes it a bit easier on the parents when they are preparing the children to go to the treatments.

The car show was a huge success. The parking lot for Dents Express was packed with show cars and in fact there ended up being some overflow into the lot behind the building. There were also lots of folks who stopped by in their daily drivers just to drop off toys. In the end, their haul of toys was huge and there were also at least 20 bikes that were donated.

During the show, they were offering dent removal and car detailing with the donation of toys. I was able to watch some of the dent removals while they were in progress. I have seen the dent removals before where they use a series of tools to tap on the dent from the rear to raise the dent

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out of the body panel, and they did do some of that. What I had not seen before is a technique that they use now that allows them to pull out a dent from the outside. It uses a hot glue gun with pullers and a slide hammer. They use a hot glue gun loaded with a special glue and a puller which is a flat disk with a threaded rod on it. They use the hot glue to attached the puller to the body panel and then use a slide hammer to pull out the dent. They pull the dent out a little



at a time with this technique and then use a few other tools to tap on the panel once the dent is pulled out to fine tune the repair. I saw it applied both to an SUV with a dent right at a body line around a wheel well and also on the leading edge of a hood on a late model Miata. In both cases once they were done you could not tell they had been repaired. They were also applying ceramic coatings and performing other detailing work if you donated more toys.

During the show they had raffles and some other giveaways. I was lucky enough to win an \$100 gift certificate for dent removal services. It will make a great raffle item for the Wheels in Motion car show in a few weeks. Dents Express also donated a \$50 certificate for us to use at that show.

As the show started to wind down, fire-fighters from the fire department building next store to Dents Express came over and picked out their favorites for the event. John Grissom's 1967 Plum Mist GTO won Best Interior.

All of us had a great time at the event and based on the haul of toys and bikes, it was a total success. We will be on the lookout for a repeat of this event in 2023.





Presidents Scoop

The President's Scoop

By Chris Winslow

With August nearly behind us, it is time to focus on our September activities. September is always our busiest month and this year is no exception.

First up will be the annual Wheels In Motion Car Show at Westport Plaza on September 11th. We are starting to see donations of prizes for the raffle come in, but we still need a lot more prizes if we are going to fill up the prize tables at the event. We need prizes of all sorts, so anything you can get your favorite stores and restaurants to donate would be welcome. The flyer for the event is attached to the newsletter and is also available on the web site if you would like to take that when you are gathering donations. We will also need a strong showing from the club at the event to cover taking money at the gate and running the raffle.

The week following Wheels in Motion will be our annual Regional Car Show at the Pontiac Museum. All of the extra work that we have done promoting the event this year seems to be paying off and pre-registrations are running higher than normal. The hotels are filling up, so if you have not already reserved a room you will want to do that quickly. As we normally do, we will be having our traditional barbeque at the Finkenbinder's on the Friday Sept 16th. If you are planning to attend that, please let me know so we can get a good head count. As usual, the event will include a cruise on Saturday and for the second year in a row we will have a car show and concert by a live band in the park Saturday evening. Since it is looking like the car show itself on Sunday will be a big one, and because Heart of Illinois GTO Club's numbers are going to be down a bit this year, we will need as many folks from Gateway as we can get to run the event. All the details, including contact information for the hotels is up on the website.

Its also not too soon to start thinking about the Annual Gateway GTO Picnic. It will once again be at Vago Park (thanks to Tony Bezzole who always gets that reserved for us in January). As usual, Gateway will provide hot dogs, brats, hamburgers, pork steaks and chicken and we ask that everyone bring side dishes or desserts. The shift we made a few years ago to hold this in the fall has made this event much more enjoyable since we are no longer fighting the summer heat, so be sure to mark your calendars.

Also in October on the 29th we have reserved 2 tables for the annual Collector Car Trivia Night sponsored by the Archway Olds Club. That gives us 16 slots for the event, so if you would like to attend please let me know. I have a flyer for it up on the website.





Meeting Minutes



Minutes 8/8/2022

7:04 PM – Meeting Start – Chris Winslow Lead

New Members- No new members

Old Business

Christmas in July Car Show at Dents Express. We received \$150 worth of gift certificates to for wheels In Motion

Gateway received our Gold Certificate for GTOAA membership

7:08 – New Business

Wheels in Motion - Marty -911 tribute. Looking for volunteers and raffle prizes

Let Chris Winslow know if you plan on attending the BBQ on Friday Sept 16 at the Finkenbinder's

Marty-Escape room for Aug 20

Marty talked about a Disco Sat Aug 6 @ the Chesterfield Mall

7:15-Scheduled upcoming Events

Saturday August 6 – Disco Dance at Chesterfield Mall

Friday August 12-Sunday August 14 – Tri Power Nationals

Saturday August 20 – Escape Room Event at Mastermind Escape Room in St. Charles

Saturday September 10 – Kicks on 66 Car show, The Hill Golf Course in Edwardsville

Sunday September 11 – Wheels in Motion Car Show

Friday September 16 – Sunday September 18 – GTOAA Regional Car Show at the Pontiac Museum

Sunday October 2 – Gateway GTO Picnic at Vago Park

Saturday October 29 – Trivia Night Sponsored by Archway Olds -Steve Hendrick was asked to get 2 tables seating 8 each. \$20/person

7:20 GTOAA

Sept 17-Pontiac Regional Meet in Pontiac IL

Planning for 2023 has started for Springfield IL. Tom Oxler talked about volunteering and to sign up.

7:32 Tech

Old and New GTO tech issues

Paula Winslow's car broke down and had to get a new engine

Still looking for parts to assist with the restoration of Officer Kunze's 1966 GTO

7:35 Club Personnel's

Sandra Melrose is back in the hospital with an infection

Mark Melrose has covid

Tootie May's gallbladder surgery is postponed.

7:41 Adjourn

Brian O'Sullivan/Gail Schott

50/50 won by Jim McCarthy \$30.



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OWNER/PARTICIPANT NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

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YEAR: _____ MODEL: _____ COLOR: _____

CLUB AFFILIATION: _____

GTOAA MEMBER? _____ (YES OR NO) INTERESTED IN GTOAA? _____

COST: 1 DAY: \$20.00 _____ 2 DAYS: \$30.00 _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ _____

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Gateway GTO Association. Confirmations will be sent via email.

By signing below, you accept responsibility for your vehicle and yourself and you release the Regional organizers from any and all liability.

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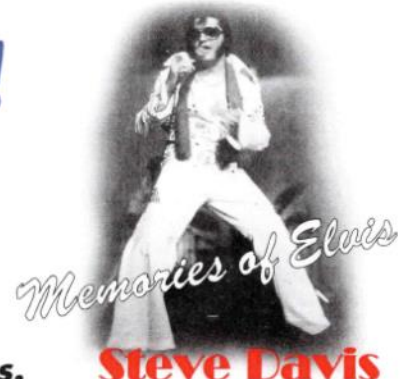
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Gateway GTO

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 if you have any questions on renewing your Gateway GTO membership



GATEWAY GTO ASSOCIATION

Membership/**Renewal** Form

(Please print clearly)

☐ New

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☐ Returning

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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



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 Tom Oxler with any questions:

Tom Oxler Contact Info:

Phone: 636-928-5548

Email: toxler@prodigy.net



2022 GATEWAY GTO CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September

- 1 - GTO MEETING 7PM at Gingham's
- 11 - Wheels In Motion Car Show - Westport Plaza
- 17-18 - GTOAA Regional Car Show at the Pontiac Museum

October

- 2 - Annual Gateway GTO Picnic at Vago Park in Maryland Heights
- 6 - GTO MEETING 7PM at Gingham's

November

- 3 - GTO MEETING 7PM at Gingham's

December

- 10 - Gateway GTO Annual Christmas Party at the Webster Barn

SEE THE FULL CALENDAR AT WWW.GATEWAYGTO.ORG

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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.

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