



# THE HOOD SCOOP

September 2022

## 11th Annual GTOAA Regional in Pontiac, Illinois By Chris Winslow

Gateway GTO  
Association



We officially entered our second decade of supporting the Pontiac Museum in Pontiac Illinois this month as we sponsored the 11th annual GTOAA Regional Car Show at the Museum. As Tim Dye noted in his remarks during the trophy presentations, this show has managed to go on uninterrupted since our initial event in 2012. This includes 2020, a year when this was probably the only major Pontiac car show (or car show in general) in this part of the country.

As has become the tradition for this show, several of us met up at the Hen House in Illinois for a late breakfast/early lunch on Friday before beginning the drive up to Pontiac for the weekend. Joining us this year were Barb and Earl Lewis, Mark Melrose, Rich and Sue Vie, and Ron and Sharon Wildebrandt. After lunch we piled into our cars and headed north.

The trip was fortunately uneventful and we rolled into Pontiac late in the afternoon. The first event for the weekend is our Friday night Bar-B-Q at the Finkenbinder's. This event has expanded in recent years to include more than just Gateway GTO and Heart of Illinois members. It also included some of the folks from the City of Pontiac who help us put on the show each year as well as Tim and Penny Dye and a number of other GTOAA

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members from other clubs. It is always a great time and a good chance for a little relaxing and socializing before the start of the busy weekend.

Saturday morning, we rolled into the Pontiac town square to find that the City had our registration pop ups and tables set and ready to go. They had also stuffed all of the goody bags, including the car show ballots and the dash plaques. This all made our set up a lot smoother.

The first big event for the day was the car cruise and lunch. Alan had once again planned a great cruise. We did not get an exact count but we estimated that at least 60 cars participated. The event included a visit to local collections and a lunch stop. Paula and I stayed behind to cover the registration, but everyone I spoke with that went on the cruise had a great time. This was particularly true for the Fiero enthusiast that participated as one of the stops included some memorabilia from a Fiero racing team.

When this event first started, the Saturday evening activity was a chicken dinner and ice cream social followed by a live show performed by a local theatre group in Pontiac. That tradi-



tion has been updated with a new one. Our new Saturday activity has been a cruise in with a live band. This is a great activity as it gives us the opportunity to see a lot of the cars from local automotive enthusiasts while at the same time listening to some great music and, of course, having some ice cream. This year the band was the Neverly Brothers. Although their name would suggest that they are a tribute band for the Everly Brothers, they actually covered music from a variety of artist including Elvis and the Beatles.

For most of the week leading up to the weekend, the weather predictions for Sunday had been for dry weather. Unfortunately, by Saturday predictions of morning rain had crept into the forecast for Sunday and indeed when we rolled into the town square early Sunday morning, a light drizzle was falling. The good news was that the weather reports predicted that by 8:00 or 8:30 the weather would clear. And, indeed, those predictions were correct. By 9:00 the weather was dry and the skies quickly cleared.

As the morning progressed, Pontiacs filled the town square. Members of Gateway manned the street corners to control traffic and help guide participants onto the show field. As has become a tradition at the event, the Museum brought out the Pontiac balloons. Unfortunately, one of the two balloons developed a tear while they were in the process of blowing it up, so only the Pontiac emblem balloon was successfully erected this year. But with a crystal clear blue sky and the courthouse in the background, it still made for a great photo!

Another tradition at this event that was still going strong this year was Gateway's own Earl Lewis, this year assisted by Barb, selling 50/50 tickets to help raise additional money for the Museum. Earl, outdid himself again this year selling thousands of tickets and single handedly raising \$533..

Tabulation for the show awards has historically been covered by the Heart of Illinois GTO club for this event. Unfortunately some conflicts had their numbers down a bit. Gateway members, as usual stepped up to fill in. This included Paula along with Rich and Sue Vie, John and Diana Johnson (who stayed later than they had originally planned just to help out) and our former president Kerry Friedman. And, of course, we could not pull off this tabulation every year without the help of Tammy Hedrick, who pulls all the regis-





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tration information into a spreadsheet and prepares the tabulation sheets that we use to score each class. Without her help, we would never be able to complete the balloting on schedule.

The awards presentation went very smoothly, particularly considering that was the first time we had pulled the awards program for this event together without Brian Sorensen. Gateway members did take home a number of trophies. These included:

Roger Johnson - 1st Place in Class 1  
Debbie Johnson - 1st Place in Class 2  
Steve Hedrick - 1st Place in Class 4  
Earl Lewis - 2nd Place in Class 4  
Will Bowers - 3rd Place in Class 4  
Mark Melrose - 1st Place in Class 5  
Jesse Gill - 3rd Place in Class 6  
Larry Baker - 1st Place in Class 8

Overall this was a very successful event. After all the dust settled, we raised \$4000 for the museum. This is off a bit from previous years. Part of that was due to a 30% increase in the price of the trophies this year compared to last year due to inflation. Also, despite extra effort promoting the event, including a lot of work by Steve Hedrick promoting it at a number of events, our attendance was down. This was likely due to that early morning rain convincing the Chicago folks that normally come down on Sunday morning to stay home combined with a number of competing Pontiac shows in our corner of the Midwest for the weekend.







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As always, a huge factor in our ability to pull off a show like this so far from home are the efforts of Liz Vincent and the rest of the City of Pontiac staff. They work tirelessly every year to help us pull it off. Also many thanks to our local Gateway members Alan and Liane Finkenbinder who are our eyes and ears in Pontiac as we make the preparations each year. And, of course, all the help from Terry and Gail Schott in the planning and execution of this show.











# Presidents Scoop

## The President's Scoop

By Chris Winslow

As it is every year, September was a busy month for Gateway as we had 2 major charity events.

First up was the Wheels In Motion Car Show. For this year, they moved the event to the parking lot to the west of Westport Plaza. This location is less than ideal as it is largely hidden. As a result, even people that were looking for the event were having a tough time finding it. In addition, the weather was not in our favor as it rained much of the early part of the morning. Despite all this, Gateway pulled off our part of the event quite successfully. Since this show occurred on September 11th, our own Marty Howard had organized a tribute to first responders that was very well done and quite moving. We also conducted our traditional raffle at the event. I was really proud of how our members stepped up to get prizes and donations for the event. Most notable was Earl Lewis, who singlehandedly raised \$1000 for the event before it even started! In the end, our donation was \$1810.

The second big event, of course, was the 11th Annual car show at the Pontiac Museum. Gateway showed up in big numbers for the event and as noted in the cover article for the newsletter this month we were able to raise \$4000 for the museum.

The next big event is coming up on October 2nd. That is our annual Gateway GTO picnic at Vago Park. Gateway will be supplying the meat and we ask that the members bring a side dish or dessert. As has become our tradition, Barb Lewis will be running our annual washers tournament.

We also traditionally have a Fall wine cruise. Marty has been looking into that for us and right now it looks like October 23rd at Montelle winery. If we make it for that date, the entertainment will be the Encore Trio. More to follow on that as we firm it up.

Finally, planning is underway for our annual Christmas Party. It will be at the Webster Groves Barn again this year. Sandra Melrose has set the theme for this year as Cardinals and Candy Canes. We will have more details on it soon, but the date has already been set as December 10th, so mark your calendars and save the date!







# Meeting Minutes



**Minutes 9/1/2022**

**New Members-** No new members

## **Old Business**

Tri Power Nationals-Will Bowers talked about the good weather for the swap meet. Steve Hedrick stated GTOAA signed up 50 new members & 100 renewals. Lucas Hedrick won 1<sup>st</sup> in '04-06 mod class.

Escape Room-7 people went and they didn't do so well per Chris Winslow. Afterwards, Marty Howard hosted pizza.

## **7:13 – New Business**

GTOAA 2023 Band Sponsorship- Gail Schott motioned and Barb Lewis 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion for the band sponsor. With members in attendance, there was a vote and it was approved by the majority. Theme will be Groovy Ballroom Bash

Wheels in Motion-was in the back lot closer to 270. Earl Lewis received \$900 in donations.

GTOAA Regional Car Show -Sept 16-18,2022

Gateway GTO Annual Picnic @ Vago park -Oct 2.

Club will provide meat, members bring side dishes or desserts

Practice those swings for washers.

October Wine Cruise - Marty will plan

Archway Olds Trivia Night-16 slots available. Please let Chris Winslow know if you are planning on attending. 10/29

## **7:43-Scheduled upcoming Events**

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

Friday Sept 23-Sunday Sept 25-Route 66 Mother Road Festival-Springfield IL

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

## **7:56 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.

## **8:01 Tech**

Old and New GTO tech issues

Gail & Terry Schott brought Gail's car to Gingham

Chris Winslow bought racing ramps so there no flat spots on his tires while sitting in the garage.

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

## **8:06 Club Personal's**

Sandra Melrose is still in the hospital but improving. May be home by the end of Sept.

Tootie May's gallbladder surgery is postponed due to fall.

## **8:09 Adjourn**

Terry Oxler/Earl Lewis

50/50 won by Brian O'Sullivan \$41





## GTOAA PONTIAC MUSEUM REGIONAL REGISTRATION

CAR SHOW REGISTRATION # \_\_\_\_\_ (Leave Blank)

CAR SHOW CLASS # \_\_\_\_\_ (See classes at [www.gatewaygto.org](http://www.gatewaygto.org))

OWNER/PARTICIPANT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

YEAR: \_\_\_\_\_ MODEL: \_\_\_\_\_ COLOR: \_\_\_\_\_

CLUB AFFILIATION: \_\_\_\_\_

GTOAA MEMBER? \_\_\_\_\_ (YES OR NO) INTERESTED IN GTOAA? \_\_\_\_\_

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

TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

MAIL TO: Chris Winslow, 644 Emge Rd., O'Fallon, MO 63366 – Payable to  
*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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# **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

☐ 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

**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

### October

2 - Annual Gateway GTO Picnic at Vago Park in Maryland Heights

6 - GTO MEETING 7PM at Gingham's

23 - Fall Winery Run at Montelle Winery - Details to follow

### 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](http://WWW.GATEWAYGTO.ORG)**

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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.

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