



THE HOOD SCOOP

December 2023

Gateway GTO's Annual Christmas Party

By Chris Winslow

Gateway GTO
Association



The final event for Gateway GTO for the year is always our annual Christmas party. It is a time for all of us to get together for fun and some great food.

For many years Sandra Melrose, with help from Mark, has been the driving force behind this event. Sandra officially retired from this role in 2022, so for this year Paula took on the daunting task of planning the event. With some helpful pointers from Sandra, and some party planning guidance and assistance from Laura Fox (who plans parties for Tom's fire department gatherings), Paula dug in and planned a great event.

The theme for this year was Bring Your Sparkle to the Winter Wonderland so sparkle was the order of the day. This included both the decorations for the event as well as outfits for many of the attendees.

Attendance this year was excellent with 51 members at the event. Some members, including the Sullivans, the Finkenbinders, the Wildebrandts and the Sideners came a long way to attend.

The food for this year came from Kendrick's and it was excellent. Everyone must have agreed as there was very little food left over at the end to take home.

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GTOAA 2024 Convention Preview

After dinner, I made a few announcements. First was to recognize Rich Hentschel from Hagerty. Although Rich has since left Hagerty, before he did he once again got Hagerty to chip in \$500 to our party. This is a huge help as this event is very expensive. I also reminded everyone that the official date for the Gateway GTO Pizza Party for 2023 as January 14th. In addition, I recognized some of the people that regularly help me during the year to keep Gateway GTO running smoothly. Recognized were Gail Schott who has been proofing the newsletter for a number of years now, Marty Howard for helping to organize a number of activities in 2023, Jim McCarthy for keeping the club roster up to date, Earl Lewis for all of his 50/50 and other fund raising efforts, and Tammy Hedrick for her work helping us with the tabulating of our Regional Car Show in Pontiac.



I also announced the results of the officer elections for the 2024/2025 slate of officers. All of the current officers were re-elected with the exception of Tom Oxler as the GTOAA Chapter Rep. Tom has decided to step back on that role so Steve Hedrick will be taking over starting in January.

One of the things Paula struggled with for a while was a good game for the party. Ultimately she found a game called Build a Snowman. It was a hit at the party and several members have since asked for the details so that they could play it at their family parties.

Following that, we had our traditional rob your neighbor gift exchange. This year the most popular gift was a Route 66 neon sign. It changed hands a lot. I even had it briefly, but ultimately it went home with Tom Oxler.

Our party this year was a great event and everyone really enjoyed themselves. Thanks to Paula and Laura for their hard work to plan such a fun party!



Presidents Scoop

The President's Scoop

By Chris Winslow

The Gateway GTO Officer Elections took place in November and the results are in. Here is our slate of officers for 2024/2025:

President - Chris Winslow

Vice President - MO - Brian O'Sullivan

Vice President - IL - Dan Jackson

Treasurer - Will Bowers

Secretary - Amy O'Sullivan

GTOAA Chapter Rep - Steve Hedrick

Speaking of GTOAA, we will once again be a host chapter for the GTOAA Meet in 2024 in Springfield Mo. We will be cohosting with the GR-RRR8'R Wichita GTO club. Just like last year we will have a worker schedule with each of us taking a few slots. Also just like last year, if you work at least 2 slots during the week GTOAA will refund your registration fee. Since we have both clubs hosting, we will be working with the Wichita to get all of the slots filled. I already have the web page up for the event along with the worker schedule with some names from both clubs already filled in. If you would like to take a look at what slots are available, please follow this link to get to the Gateway GTO GTOAA 2024 web page: [Gateway GTO 2024 GTOAA Nats Page](#)

For 2024, our first official activity will be the Pizza Party on January 14th. 2024 Gateway GTO dues are due at the Pizza party, so please bring your dues to the event for Will. I have included the flyer in the newsletter. Beyond that, there are a few activities that are in work for early in 2024 before the weather breaks. That said, we could always use some more ideas, so if you have any thoughts for an early 2024 activity, or even an activity for the spring, please let me know.

I hope you all have a wonderful holiday and look forward to seeing everyone at the Pizza Party in January.



Gateway GTO Annual PIZZA PARTY!

Sunday, January 14, 2023 from 1-4 PM



Crusoe's South
Oakville Shopping Center
5511 TELEGRAPH ROAD
St. Louis, MO 63129
(314) 892-0620

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





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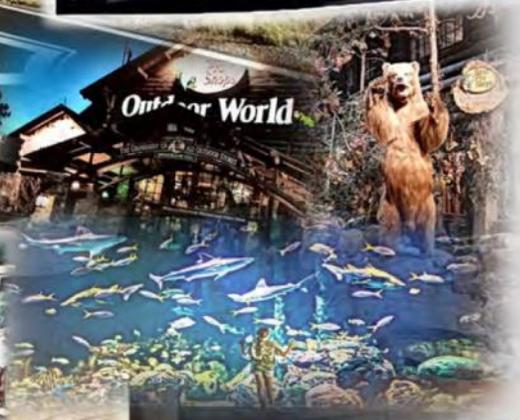
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JUNE 18 - 22, 2024

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**Convention Registration
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Any Questions - Please call:

- Chris Hooten 317-694-6187
- Bob Alexander 970-214-4234
- Tom Oxler 636-288-1426

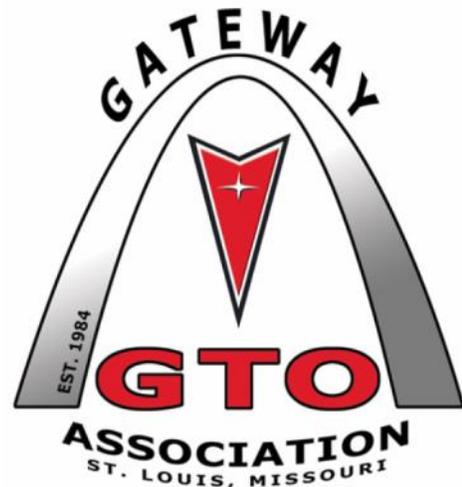


Gateway GTO Membership Renewal

Gateway GTO Dues for 2024 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

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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



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:

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2024 GATEWAY GTO CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January

14 - Gateway GTO Pizza Party at Crusoe's South Restaurant - 5591 Oakville Shopping Center

February

1 - GTO MEETING 7PM at Gingham's

March

7 - GTO MEETING 7PM at Gingham's

April

4 - GTO MEETING 7PM at Gingham's

SEE THE FULL CALENDAR AT WWW.GATEWAYGTO.ORG

Gateway GTO Classifieds

Wanted - Black Seat Belts for a 1969 GTO - (JJ's brother)

For Sale - 1969 GTO - Grissom



For Sale - 1969 GTO - Grissom



For Sale - 1969 GTO - Grissom



69 GTO Numbers matching 400 four speed

All original metal

No rust.

49000 mi

\$39500 obo

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A photograph of a red classic car with its hood open, showing the engine compartment.

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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.

Advertising rates for non members are:

\$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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\$25 – Business Card (Color or Black and White) ad in our 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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