



THE HOOD SCOOP

November 2023

GTOAA 2024 Convention Preview

By Chris Winslow

Gateway GTO
Association



An Official Chapter of the GTO Association of America



The GTOAA convention for 2024 will be in Springfield, Missouri on June 18th through the 22nd. Like the convention this year, it is close to home for those of us in Gateway GTO and also like the convention this year, Gateway GTO will be a Gold Level Sponsor. We will also be working in cooperation with our sister chapter the GR-RRR8'R Wichita GTO Club to host the event.

The GTOAA Board and Staff have been hard at work planning the event and setting up a lot of great activities for the week. Gateway GTO member John Johnson has personally organized many of these activities and the results of those efforts are an impressive list of options for the week. Those include Route 66 cruises, a bus trip to Fantastic Caverns, a bus trip to Branson to see the Titanic Museum and the Dolly Parton Stampede (along with dinner), and a guided Bass Pro Wonders of Wildlife tour. There is also a riverboat dinner cruise. This will be similar to the one we did earlier this year in Hannibal, and we all know how much fun that was. A Street Legends drag racing event is also planned.

There is a long list of speakers and tech sessions planned. This includes speakers such as Jim Mattison from PHS, Steven Paul from Test

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45th ANNUAL GTOAA NATIONALS
JUNE 18 – 22, 2024
UNIVERSITY PLAZA & CONVENTION CENTER,
SPRINGFIELD, MO.
SCHEDULE OF EVENTS – SUBJECT TO CHANGE
Speaker Sessions – Kansas Room



Monday, June 17

All Day Staff Arrivals
5:15 pm Board Staff Meeting: Board Room

Tuesday, June 18

8:00- 5:00 Registration Open, Tech/Photo Swap
Meet Vendor/Model Car Setup
12:00-5:00 Car Wash Open

Wednesday, June 19

6:00-5:00 Car Wash Open
8:00-5:00 Registration Open, Tech/Photo
8:00-5:00 Swap Meet, Vendors, Display Cars,
Model Car Displays
9:00-3:00 ***RT66 Cruise:** NE Route (w/lunch)
10:00-12:00 ***Speaker Session:** Jim Mattison-PHS
1:00-3:30 ***Bus trip:** or self-drive to Fantastic
Caverns, bring a jacket. No meal
1:00-2:30 ***Speaker Session: OPEN**
3:00-4:00 ***Speaker Session:** Dick Smart-Headlight
Conversions // 1-Kit Raffle off
4:00-5:00 Concours Owner's Meeting
5:00-6:30 Concours Judge's Meeting
6:00-11:30 ***Bus Trip:** Branson Belle Dinner Boat
Cruise, self-drive option

Thursday June, 20

6:00-5:00 Car Wash Open
7:30-8:30 Judges Breakfast Meeting
8:00-5:00 Registration Open, Tech/Photo
8:00-5:00 Swap Meet, Vendors, Display Cars
8:30-finish Concours Judging
8:30-finish Concours Tabulation
9:00-3:00 ***Route 66 Cruise:** SW route (w/lunch)
9:30-8:00 ***Bus Trip to Branson:** Titanic Museum
& Dolly Parton Stampede (w/meal
served @5:30)
10:00-12:00 ***Speaker Session: OPEN**
1:00-2:30 ***Speaker Session:** Pat Sullivan- Dazed
& Confused Movie Anniversary
3:00-4:00 ***Speaker Session:** Steven Paul – Values
& Conditions Appraisals

Thursday (Cont'd)

4:00-5:00 Kids Make & Take Model Building
4:00-6:00 ***Ladies Event:** Bedazzle your flip flops
7:00 PM ***Speaker Session:** Douglas Brinkley:
Author//Historian: History of RT. 66

Friday, June 21

6:00-5:00 Car Wash Open
9:00-1:00 Popular Voting, Ballots Due 1PM
DJ until 2PM
10:00-12:00 ***Speaker Session:** Chris Winslow-Doug
Warble: New Gen GTO Tech
1:00-3:00 ***Speaker Session:** John Kraman – Mecum
Auctions w/ Linda Vaughn
1:30-5:30 ***Bass Pro Wonders of Wildlife (WOW)**
Guided Tour: You Drive (lunch on own)
2:00-3:00 Model Car Judging
2:30-6:00 ***Bus to Craft Beer:** (Buy your own)
3:00-5:00 ***Ladies Event:** Make & Take July 4 Decor
3:00-5:00 ***Speaker Session:** Arnie Beswick - Q&A
7:00-10:00 AMES /Gateway GTOs: Groovy Ball Room
Bash with Band: Banquet Room
FREE ADMISSION
Cash Food - Cash bar

Saturday, June 22

8:00-10:00 Chapter Awards: President's Brunch
10:00-2:30 ***Street Legends Drag Racing:** Ozark
Raceway Park, Rogersville, MO. Drag
Racing for those who want to participate.
Track Fees: spectators \$15, Racers \$30,
children under 12 free. Food Concessions.
10:30-12:00 ***Speaker Session: OPEN**
1:00-3:00 ***Speaker Session: OPEN**
5:00-6:00 Awards Happy Hour
6:00-7:00 Awards Banquet
7:00-9:30 Awards Presentation

Sunday, June 23

7:00am Indoor Cars released



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Drive Technologies, Douglas Brinkley (a noted Route 66 author and historian), Arnie Beswick, John Kraman (with Linda Vaughn), and myself along with Doug Warble. I will be replacing a lock cylinder and also rebuilding a GTO key live at that session.

Of course, the really big event for the week will be the Groovy Ball Room Bash with the live band Captain Rat and the Blind Rivets. Gateway GTO is the co-sponsor for that party. As has been the case the last few years, this will be an indoor event, so no worries about rain or hot weather. (And hopefully no worries about a Derecho!!!!)

GTOAA has the registration system open. Many of the activities have a limit on head count, so you will want to get your reservations in early to reserve your slot. Even if you have not determined which car you are bringing, or even if you are bringing a car, you should plan to register early. You can always go back in and add or subtract from your registration later if, for example, you find out in a few months that the car you are planning to bring is not going to be ready in time.

The hotel is also accepting reservations for the event.

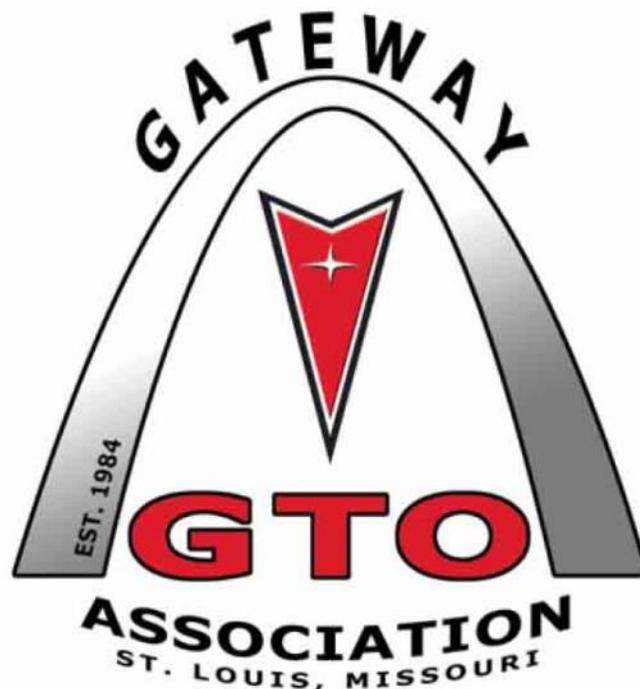
All of the details for getting registered and also reserving your hotel room are up on the GTOAA website convention page. Here is the link:

[Convention — GTO Association of America \(gtoaa.org\)](http://gtoaa.org)

Also, since Gateway is once again a host chapter, we will be looking for volunteers to help staff the event. Starting early next year we will begin putting together a roster for worker slots. Like this year, if you work at least two slots at the convention in 2024, GTOAA will refund your convention registration fee.

I have included here the most current schedule of events for the convention. This schedule will be updated as more details are finalized, so you will want to check the GTOAA Convention page often for the latest details.

As always, if you have any questions on the convention, please ask me or Tom Oxler or Steve Hedrick. If we don't know the answer, we can find out.





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GROOVY BALLROOM BASH

JOIN US FOR FAR OUT FUN, MAN!

DUST OFF YOUR BEH BATTAMS!

THROW ON YOUR LOVE BEADS!

LET YOUR HAIR DOWN



Captain Rat & The Blind Rivets



GOLD SPONSOR



June 21, 2024 7p-10p
FREE ENTRY
CASH FOOD, CASH BAR
LIVE BAND

GTOAA MEET - SPRINGFIELD



Presidents Scoop

The President's Scoop

By Chris Winslow

A few weeks ago, we had our first official frost of the season and in response MODOT put down brine on a number of overpasses. That is, for me anyway, the end of the car season. It seemed a bit earlier than normal this year. So, the GTO is up on its flat stopper ramps with the tires aired up to 45 psi. The seats have received their final treatment for the season, and the indoor cover is on. I had hoped for a few more weeks, but it was not to be this year.

That said, we still have one more big Gateway GTO event for 2023, which is our annual Christmas Party at the Webster Groves Barn. Our date is December 9th and the theme for this year is Bring Your Sparkle to the Winter Wonderland. The cost is \$25 per person and we need to have those reservations in as soon as possible so that we can get the head count for the food. I have included the flyer in this newsletter, but as always if there are any questions, please just give me a call.

Speaking of Christmas, Bob Blattel is once again sponsoring a toy drive this year. I have included the flyer in this newsletter. There are a number of drop-off locations listed on the flyer. If none of those work for you, please let me know and I will make arrangements to come get any donations. The deadline for getting the toys to Bob is December 2nd.

As I have been noting in the newsletter and at the meetings, October and November are the months for our officer elections. I have included in this newsletter the official ballot for the 2024/2025 slate of officers. Please fill out your ballot and get it to Will Bowers by December 1st so that we can tally the results. We will announce the results of the election at the Christmas party.

For 2024, our first official activity will be the Pizza Party on January 14th. I have included the flyer for that 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.





Officer Elections for 2024-2025



Official 2024 Gateway GTO Officer Ballot Form

The candidates below have been nominated as Officers for the 2024-25 term in accordance with the Club Constitution and By-Laws. Please print this page and vote for one candidate for each office. Only this form will be accepted and only if it is received by December 1, 2023.

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

ONLY ONE BALLOT PER MEMBER PLEASE

Mail To: Will Bowers

4123 Napa View Lane
St. Charles, MO 63304





Gateway GTO Meeting Minutes



Minutes 11/2/2023

7:00 PM – Meeting Start – New member from September, Rob (need last name) attended first meeting. Welcome Rob.

7:02 PM – Old Business

Chris Winslow talked about the club picnic. 40 people attended the picnic. Thanks again to the chefs. The next washer boxes did not help the bounce outs. Next year, we may try something different like mini bean bags with the washer boxes.

Grissom Family Farm Event. Everyone seemed to have a good time. John and Chris did a great job with the food and hospitality. Hopefully we can do something similar in the future. John talked about the event and thanked everyone who came. He heard that the hotel was fabulous from those who stayed there. Rich and Sue Vie had a little issue getting back, side trip to Rolla!

Officer Kunze 1966 Restoration Review in July. Chris talked about the event in Wichita where they revealed the restored car. Chris and Paula attended the event as representatives of Gateway GTO and GTOAA. The Wichita club took over the restoration since Officer Kunze died in the line of duty. The Shift Society site was an amazing place. Old Lincoln dealership that was turned into a car storage place with lifts and places to work on the cars including a paint booth. More details about this event is highlighted in the newsletter. The car will be spotlighted at the GTOAA Nationals in 2024 in Springfield Missouri.

Chris talked about the Collector Car Trivia night. One of our tables barely missed winning. The other table did better than we expected. It was a fun event. Chris got a thank you letter for our participation. Money raised was for Honor Flight and Open Door Sanctuary.

7:13 PM – New Business

Chris talked about a possible new event that the Schotts brought to our attention. The event called Kids Against Hunger. It is similar to an event we did in the past called Meals for a Mil-

lion. Chris will send out an email to see if anyone is interested. We need 10 people per table. After the event, we would probably have lunch at Mattingly's like last time.

Chris talked about possible early 24 activities. One is the Pizza Party at Crusoe's in South County on January 14th. Also, Marty talked about the Pinball Wizard Tournament in Illinois. The new location is called Atomic Pinball. Marty will check with them about new dates in early 2024.

Marty is also looking at doing another Escape Room Event, if there is enough interest.

Chris heard from Bob Blattel about the Christmas Toy Drive. Chris has flyers for that event.

Chris heard from Saundra Melrose about possibly doing a theater show in Alton like we did before.

Chris asked for people to think about other possible events.

Chris and Paula are looking into new locations for the Christmas Party. Tammy Hedrick mentioned possibly having the event at the National Museum of Transportation in Kirkwood. Also, we have a new caterer this year, Kendricks. The Webster Barn will also still be a possibility

Chris mentioned that one of the raffle baskets at the Trivia night had a pass for some basketball games at Lindenwood University. Did anyone want the tickets? Richie View took them since he is an Alumni.

7:30 – Upcoming Events

The Gateway GTO Christmas Party will be on Saturday, December 9th at the Webster Barn. Chris has flyers for this event.

The Gateway Pizza Party will be on Sunday, January 14th. Flyers will be sent out closer to the date.

No meetings at Gingham's until next February.

7:33 – GTOAA

Tom Oxler talked about the event. Registration for the hotel is already open. The convention registration is also open. If you are not sure





Gateway GTO Meeting Minutes



what activities you want to do yet, you should go ahead and register for the convention. You will get a link to come back in at a later date to pick the activities. A new event for this convention is a drag race event. \$30 for the drag racing, \$15 for spectators. This will need to be purchased through the convention activity registration.

Contact Tom Oxler or Steve Hedrick with any questions.

Chris talked about his seminar and mentioned that Jay Fitzsimmons may be there to speak.

7:38 – Tech Issues

Tom mentioned that he sold Terri's car. Hopefully the guy who bought it will join Gateway.

Chris mentioned that we had a few cars for sale that we mentioned in the newsletter.

7:40 – Club Personals

Darrel May is recovering from hernia surgery.

Brian and Andrew O'Sullivan's father passed away on October 28th. Some members of Gateway went to the visitation before the meeting.

Barb and Earl are grandparents to new twins.

Terry Schott brought up the upcoming elections. Chris asked for people to send nominations to Will. The nominations will be sent out in the next newsletter. Results will be revealed at the Christmas party.

Steve Hedrick mentioned the MCACN coming up on November 18th in Chicago area.

Joe Mayweather asked about the future of Wheels in Motion. We are not sure where the new location will be or if it will continue.

7:52 – Motion to Adjourn by Gail Schott and seconded by Steve Hedrick.

50/50 of \$34 won by Tom Oxler.





Blattel & Associates

HOLIDAY TOY DRIVE

to benefit the clients and families of Employment Connection
a United Way of Greater St. Louis partner agency

We're collecting donations of new or gently used, unwrapped toys to support families on the path to self-sufficiency. Drop off your donations at the businesses below between **November 1st and December 2nd** and help light up the eyes of children and families in need!

DROP-OFF SITES

Blattel & Associates 1258 Jungermann Rd.

Cutter & Company 15415 Clayton Rd.

Dudas Fitness 3963 Old Highway 94

Rosciglione Bakery 2265 Bluestone Dr.

Thies Farm 3200 Greens Bottom Rd.

Nutrition Stop 4101 Mexico Rd.



Email info@blattels.com
for more information



GATEWAY GTO CHRISTMAS PARTY
Bring Your Sparkle to the Winter Wonderland

DECEMBER 9, 2023 5-10PM

BRING A "ROB YOUR NEIGHBOR" GIFT (\$20-\$30)

Webster Groves Barn

1155 South Rock Hill Road

Webster Groves, Missouri 63119

Buffet Meal, BYOB, \$25 per person, \$50 per couple

For Reservations send a check by November 17th to:

Will Bowers

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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45th Nationals

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SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI**

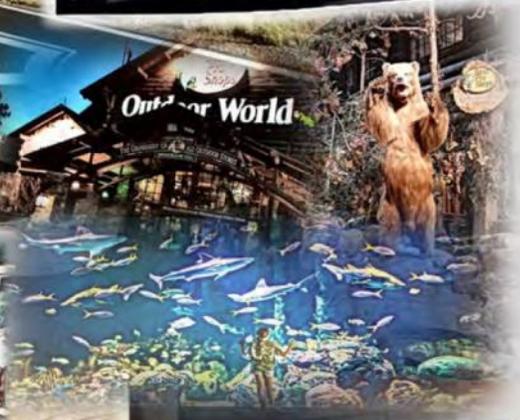
**RESERVE: (417) 864-7333
MENTION: GTOAA MEET**

JUNE 18 - 22, 2024

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A Room At
University Plaza



Scan To Register For
The Convention



**Convention Registration
www.gtoaameet.org**

Any Questions - Please call:

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

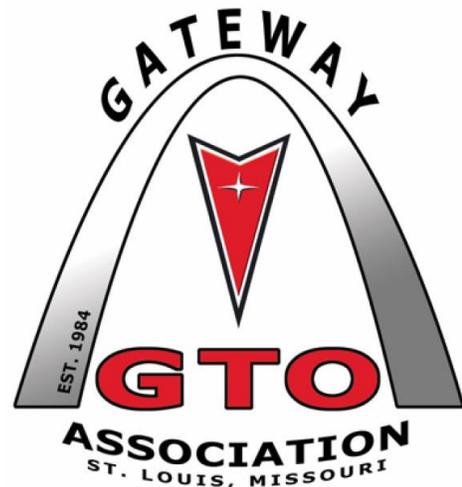


Gateway GTO Membership Renewal

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

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

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



20232024 GATEWAY GTO
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

December

9 - Gateway GTO Annual Christmas Party at Webster Barn

January

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

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

314 882 7709

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The
HAGERTY
Guy

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

CustomAutoApparel.com

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Advertising Guidelines

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.

\$50 – ½ page (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.

\$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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