



THE HOOD SCOOP

January 2024

Gateway GTO's Annual Pizza Party

By Chris Winslow

Gateway GTO
Association



Our first event of 2024 was our annual Gateway GTO Pizza Party on Sunday, January 14th.

This was our third year for the event at our new venue at Crusoe's in South County. We were initially concerned about the possibility of snow as the weekend approached, but in the end it was extreme cold that had me worried. I was afraid that we may not have enough folks to eat the 14 pizzas we had pre-ordered for the event.

As it turns out I was wrong! We had a huge turnout and filled the room. We actually had to order additional pizzas to make sure nobody went home hungry.

The restaurant had the event well staffed this year and ordering the pizza's ahead of time meant a lot less time waiting for the pizzas to come out, so we will plan to repeat that for next year.

Will was busy with lots of folks renewing their Gateway GTO membership and we got to see some members that are not often able to make our normal monthly meetings at Gingham's.

The event also allowed me an opportunity to debut our new 40th Anniversary Gateway GTO stickers.

Thanks to everyone for coming!

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Gateway GTO Pizza Party





Presidents Scoop

The President's Scoop

By Chris Winslow

Welcome to Gateway GTO's 40th Anniversary year! Gateway GTO was formed in 1984. The charter members on that application were:

Scott Pinson
Greg Pugh
Rick Houska
Tim Pisoni

Sherry Nichols
Kevin McNamara
Steve Schoen

From that small group of 7 we have grown to over 100 members and made many significant contributions to the hobby and to the GTO Association of America. In recognition of this big milestone, Brian O'Sullivan has designed a 40th Anniversary Logo. I have new stickers that I passed out to those that were at the pizza party. I have plenty more, so I will be bringing them to our February meeting at Ginghams if you missed that party.





Presidents Scoop



To kick off the new year, Will prepared our annual financial statement for 2023, which is included on the next page. We had a very good year financially. We started 2023 with \$14999.90 and ended the year with \$17297.29. A net gain of \$2297.39. As in past years, our single biggest expense was the Christmas Party.

Speaking of activities, We are already hard at work lining up fun events for the next few months. First up will be a play, *The 4 Poster*, at the Alton Little Theater on February 25. Mark and Sandra Melrose are organizing this one.

Next up are a pair of events in March organized by Marty. On March 3rd we will have our annual Pinball Wizard Tournament. (We moved this from Feb 11th to March 3rd to avoid conflicting with the Superbowl). Then on March 16th, we are going to have an Escape room event.

Last, but not least for March, are the Easter Car Shows since Easter is really early this year on March 31st. I can remember standing under a pop up in a snow storm at one of these a few years ago. Hopefully we are not going to see a repeat of that since it is so early! More to come on signing up for these shows shortly.

Mark Melrose is also working on organizing a Gateway GTO Dyno Day this spring so everyone can get their cars tuned up for the drag racing at the GTOAA Convention.

I would like to leave you with one final thought. At the recent National Children's Cancer Society *An Evening With the Cardinals* event, they announced that the Wheels In Motion Car show that we support each year has contributed over \$350,000 to that organization over the years. We have played a big part in that, so it is something that we can all be proud of!





Gateway GTO Financial Summary



GATEWAY GTO ASSOCIATION
 INCOME AND EXPENSE SUMMARY AS OF 12/31/23
 CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE 12/31/22

14,999.90

INCOME

50/50	532.00
PAYMENTS RECEIVED AT REG. MEET	2,697.00
ADVANCE REG. REGISTRATIONS	380.00
REG. CLASS SPONSORSHIPS	1,000.00
GGTO GEAR	60.00
GGTO DUES	1,380.00
EASTER SHOW	45.00
CHRISTMAS PARTY	1,800.00
KIDS HUNGER	90.00
GTOAA CONVENTION	4,000.00
DONATIONS RECEIVED	230.00

TOTAL INCOME	12,214.00	-
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EXPENSES

PIZZA PARTY	381.38
PICNIC	302.88
DUES TO GTOAA	35.00
REGIONAL MEET EXP.	1,661.11
CK TO MUSEUM	3,200.00
**WIM CHARITY	269.86
INSURANCE	504.00
KIDS HUNGER	90.00
WEB EXP.	239.88
CHRISTMAS PARTY	2,646.64
EASTER SHOW	15.00
RT 66 MEMBERSHIP	57.00
NEW BANNER	353.27
DECALS	153.63
MISC. EXPENSES	6.96

TOTAL EXPENSES	9,916.61
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CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE 12/31/23

\$17,297.29

WHAT: "11th ANNUAL GATEWAY GTO PINBALL WIZARD EVENT"

WHERE: ATOMIC PINBALL ARCADE, 102 WHITELAW AVE, WOOD RIVER, IL, 62095

WHEN: SUNDAY, MARCH 3, 2024

TIME: 3:15 pm – 6:15 pm (3 hours)

TIME: ADMISSION PRICE: \$15/PLAYER

Atomic Pinball (ATOMICPINBALLARCADE.COM) has been expanded from its predecessor, CP Pinball in So. Roxanna, IL. Just opened in Summer, 2023, it is a brand new building and still owned by Chuck Sanderson which now houses over 150 Pinball Machines, plus Video Games and Skee-Ball alleys. Advertised pricing is \$399 for 3 hours. Chuck has graciously given our Club a substantial discount of \$100.

- All proceeds over the rental price will go towards prizes, etc.
- Pay on arrival– Exact cash appreciated.
- You can bring your own snacks, food, and drinks for yourselves or to share with everyone. Alcohol is permitted.
- New kitchen, washrooms, and refrigerators plus rest areas.
- Plenty of parking in Atomic Pinball parking lot attached to building, or out front or back.
- You can invite anyone, and any number of players, to join in the fun. Kids, too.
- I will send out a final notice of players on March 1st.

Please let me know via email (nycgto@att.net) or home phone (636-724-8641), or cell/text (314-640-0959):

- 1. How many people in your party**
- 2. Name of each person**

If you are considering participating in the "GTO Pinball Wizard Tournament", as most have in the past, you can sign up when you arrive:

NOTES:

- Don't be afraid. We are all here to have fun!
- Most members have not played pinball in a long time, or have only played at our Pinball event or have never played but have joined in just for the fun of it.
- You have nothing to lose and bragging rights to win. Plus your picture in our newsletter.
- This event, as in previous years, has turned out to be a hoot! Much Fun!!

- The tournament will take 2 hours to complete.
- Prizes will be awarded at the end of the tournament.
- IF YOU ENTER THE “*GTO PINBALL WIZARD TOURNAMENT*”, YOU NEED TO ARRIVE **BY 3:30 PM**. TOURNAMENT WILL START AT **3:45 PM SHARP** TO ALLOW TIME TO COMPLETE THE TOURNAMENT BY 5:45 PM. YOU CAN PRACTICE ON ALL MACHINES AFTER YOU REGISTER UP UNTIL 3:45 PM. LEAVE EXTRA TRAVELING TIME IF NECESSARY.
- The tournament will take 2 hours to complete.
- Prizes will be awarded at the end of the tournament.
- *** PLEASE DO NOT ARRIVE EARLY SINCE ANOTHER CUSTOMER HAS RENTED ATOMIC UNTIL 3:00 PM. ***
- Remember: You want **The Thrill of Victory** and not **The Agony of Defeat!!**

Those that do not want to participate in the Tournament:

- You are more than welcome to play any of the games for the entire afternoon.
- ** The only specific rule here is: If a player is in the ‘Tournament’ and needs to play that machine, the tournament player must be granted 1st choice.
- You can arrive anytime during playing hours. Also, come and go as you please.
- LET THE GAMES BEGIN !!!

MOST OF ALL, HAVE FUN!!!

See ya there.....Marty Howard, CEC



MASTERMIND ESCAPE ROOMS

3900 OLD HWY 94, S. #1

ST. CHARLES, MO 63301

DATE: SATURDAY, MARCH 16, 2024

TIME: 3:00 – 4:00 pm

PRICE = \$28/PER PERSON

“DIAMOND HEIST ESCAPE ROOM”

“The largest diamond in the world is almost in your reach. Do you have what it takes to grab the treasure and get out before the police arrive in this heist escape room?”

Being a person of (devious) action, you’ve pulled together a team of the best thieves around. You have a plan, and it’s time to pull off the biggest diamond heist in history in this heist escape room! Working with your **team of up to 10** crooks, you have **60 heart-pumping minutes** to get the diamond before the police arrive.

Execute the plan flawlessly, and you’ll be rich beyond your wildest dreams. Fail, and you’ll all be spending the rest of your life in jail.”

Our Club has already booked this event with a minimum of 4 people so that we could get a 10% discount since we are repeat customers.

We can have as many as 10 ‘Thieves’ at this event. If there are more, we can book another room at the same time.

If you are interested in going, please sign the attached sign-in sheet.

Your entry fee can be paid today to insure your spot. Or, you can mail it in to Will Bowers.

Please arrive at least 15 minutes early (2:45 PM) to allow us to check-in.

Afterwards, we can go to dinner at a nearby restaurant. To be announced.

See you there....

Marty Howard, CEC



GTOAA

45th Nationals

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Any Questions - Please call:

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- Bob Alexander 970-214-4234
- Tom Oxler 636-288-1426

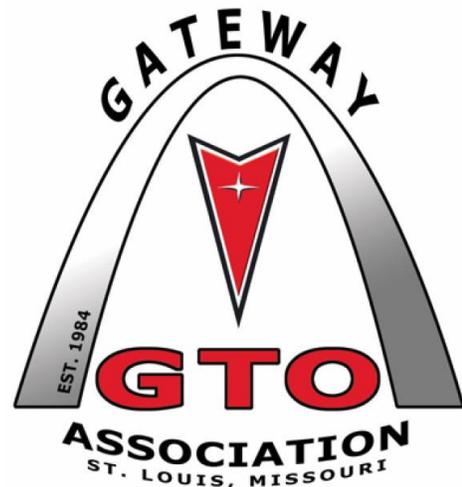


Gateway GTO Membership Renewal

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 Steve Hedrick with any questions:

Steve Hedrick Contact Info:

Phone: 314-640-4020

Email: sthedrick@aol.com



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

25 - Play "The 4 Poster" at Alton Little Theater, 2450 N. Henry Street, Alton, IL 62002. Dinner to follow at Catelli's, 3400 Fosterburg Road, Alton, IL 62202. Play starts at 2:00. Plan to meet at the theatre at 1:00. Click [here](#) for more details on the play

March

3 - 11th Annual Pinball Wizard Tournament. NEW LOCATION: Atomic Pinball Arcade, 102 Whitelaw Ave. Wood River, IL 62095. Tournament runs 3:15 to 6:14

7 - GTO MEETING 7PM at Gingham's

16 - Escape Room Event at Master Mind Escape Rooms, 3900 Old Highway 94, Suite #1, St. Charles, MO 63301 - Challenge for this event is the Diamond Heist. Diamond thieves should plan to arrive by 2:45

31 - Annual Easter Car Shows - Details to follow

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.

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\$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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