



THE HOOD SCOOP

October 2024



Annual Gateway GTO Picnic by Chris Winslow

Gateway GTO
Association



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An Official Chapter of the GTO Association of America



The annual Gateway GTO picnic was held on October 6th at our usual location at Vago Park in Maryland Heights. After dealing with rain at the GTOAA Regional we were due for a great day for a Gateway event and we got one.

Our official club chefs, Tony Bezzole and Rich Vie, showed up early to get the meat on the grill. This year they were joined by Andrew O'Sullivan and Richie Vie. On the menu were hamburgers, brats, hot dogs, chicken and, of course, pork steaks. I learned a lot watching these masters at work.

Of course, the big event for the Gateway GTO picnic for years has been our washers tournament. Last year, we debuted our new Gateway GTO washer boxes. Despite building them with really plush carpet in the base, we were still having issues with the washers sticking when they landed inside the box. In order to try to address that, Barb had a great idea. She had small bean bags made to take the place of the washers. So for the tournament it was kind of a combination of washers and cornhole. The new bean bags worked great! We did still have a few instances where a bean bag bounced out of the box, but no nearly as much as we had seen with the washers. This will be our game for next year for sure!

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After a lot of competition, the winners emerged. The winners of the winners were Tom Fox and master chef Tony Bezzole. The runners up (aka the winners of the losers) were Frank Chapman and Allen Neal.

Because it was such a nice day we had a great turnout with about 40 people in attendance. This is really an amazing turnout considering that we had a number of our members out of town on the East Coast Cruise.

We all owe our chefs Tony, Rich, Andrew and Richie our thanks. In addition to cooking, Tony makes this event possible every year by being first in line after the new year to reserve our spot with the City of Maryland Heights so thanks again to Tony for always making it happen!





Presidents Scoop

The President's Scoop

By Chris Winslow

Lets start off with the BIG NEWS first. A small band of 10 of us from Gateway GTO won the Oldsmobile Club's Annual Trivia event on Saturday the 19th. And, we did not win by just a little. Our score was 93 out of 100! The next closet table had 88 points. This means that for 2025, we are kicking the Porsches off the event flyer and there will be GTO's instead. We will be working on getting an appropriate graphic over to Gene in the next few weeks.

Of course, the other big event so far this month was our annual picnic. Despite a number of our members absent due to the East Coast cruise, we still had an amazing turnout and the bean bags made our annual washers tournament a lot more fun.

We still have one big event for October and that is our annual winery run. This will be on Sunday, October 27th. (See the flyer later in this newsletter). The entertainment will be the Arvell Duo. We have seen Arvell before and he is always great and since it looks like there is no rain in the forecast for the foreseeable future it should be a great day for this event.

Other than our November 7th meeting at Gingham's we don't have anything on the calendar for November. We usually don't schedule events as we get closer to Thanksgiving as so many members are either traveling to or hosting family events.

There is one thing that Paula and I need for everyone to do by **November 15th** and that is to make their reservations for our annual Christmas Party. The party is on December 7th so we need to get a good head count by November 15th to get our food order locked in. The party will be at our usual location at the Webster Groves Barn. See the flyer later in this newsletter for more details.





Gateway GTO Meeting Minutes



Minutes
10/3/24

10/27 – Fall Winery Run
12/7 – Christmas Party

7:02 PM – Meeting Start

New member Mike Fogarty with 1970 convertible. Meeting was lightly attended due to a large portion of the membership participating in an extended road trip.

7:03 – Old Business

Chris Winslow talked about the Wheels in Motion show. We raised \$4,006 for the NCCS. The show was at the Elks Lodge on Ladue. Earl Lewis suggested maybe having it at Church on the Rock on future dates.

Chris Winslow talked about the Regional Car Show at the Pontiac Museum. The show was very lightly attended with 75 cars, likely due to the rainy weather. We managed to raise \$2216.81 (after paying for trophies). Chris suggested that Gateway add a donation of \$283.19 to bring the total up to an even \$2500. After a motion by Mark Melrose (seconded by Andrew O’Sullivan) there was a vote and the members in attendance approved unanimously.

7:19 – New Business

Chris Winslow talked about the Gateway GTO Picnic.

Chris Winslow talked about the All GM Show at Quality Buick-GMC in Alton on October 12 from 10 to 3.

Marty Howard talked about a possible pinball tournament on October 12th.

Chris Winslow talked about the collector car trivia night on October 19th.

Chris Winslow talked about the Christmas Party on December 7th. Please get your reservation checks to Will by November 15th.

7:31 – Upcoming Events

10/6 – Gateway GTO Picnic

10/12 – All GM Show at Quality Buick-GMC

10/17 – Classics and Cocktails at MAC West

10/19 – Collector Car Trivia Night

7:37 – GTOAA

Steve Hedrick talked about hotel and reservations. He also talked about possible changes to popular vote, and a “Drivers Class” that could park indoors with the concours cars.

7:44 – Tech

Mark Melrose talked about a cracked tube in the new radiator in his 68’ GTO.

Brian O’Sullivan talked about an experience meeting some Aussie vehicle techs at a car show at Hunter Engineering. They were excited to see one of their cars in the states and had a lot of good info.

Chris Winslow had his master cylinder flushed at Sigmund Auto and it’s all good now.

7:51 – Club Personals

Tootie May has macular degeneration.

Darrel May recently changed medications is doing much better.

Tony Bezzole has been having knee problems.

Earl Lewis is having ankle problems.

Paula Winslow got a shot for her sciatica.

Jeff Bond has property damage from Hurricane Helene. His 2006 GTO may have to be totaled.

Tom Fox found Laura’s missing dog. He has also been promoted to Captain of his firehouse.

7:59 – Motion to Adjourn by Mark Melrose, seconded by Earl Lewis.

50/50 of \$25 won by Marty Howard.



GATEWAY GTO 2024 Fall Colors Wine Cruise – Sunday, Oct. 27

Meet at Francis Howell High School
7001 MO-94, St. Charles 63304
@ 10:00 a.m. – Depart promptly at 10:30 a.m.

“Arvell Duo” Performs at Montelle Winery – 1-5 p.m.
201 Montelle Dr., Augusta, MO 63332





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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.
- Sunflower Hill Farm 245 Terry Rd.



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GATEWAY GTO CHRISTMAS PARTY
It Will Be a Blue Christmas Without You

DECEMBER 7, 2024 5-10PM
BRING A "ROB YOUR NEIGHBOR" GIFT (\$20-\$30)
AND A DESSERT TO SHARE

Webster Groves Barn
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Webster Groves, Missouri 63119
Buffet Meal, BYOB, \$25 per person, \$50 per couple
For Reservations send a check by November 15th to:

Will Bowers
4213 Napa View Lane
St. Charles, MO 63304

GATEWAY GTO ASSOCIATION Membership/**Renewal** Form

(Please print clearly)

New

Renewal

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Name: _____ Date: _____

Associate Name (Spouse/Significant Other): _____

Address: _____

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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



Gateway GTO Membership Renewal

Gateway GTO Dues for 2025 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



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:

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2024 GATEWAY GTO CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October

3 - GTO MEETING 7PM at Gingham's

6 - Annual Gateway GTO Picnic at Vago Park

12 - All GM Show at Quality Buick GMC in Alton, IL from 10 to 3

12 - JJ Cruise Night - 1215 S. Duchesne in St. Charles

19 - Archway Olds Club's Collector Car Trivia Night

27 - Gateway GTO Winery Cruise to Montelle Winery. Meet at Francis Howell High School by 10:30

November

7 - GTO MEETING 7PM at Gingham's

December

7 - Gateway GTO Christmas Party

SEE THE FULL CALENDAR AT WWW.GATEWAYGTO.ORG

Gateway GTO Classifieds

2024 GTOAA Nationals Photo Wanted-

For anyone who went to the Springfield MO GTOAA Nationals, I am looking for a photo of Miss Hurst Golden Shifter Linda Vaughn when she was at the Expo Center (where the Concours cars were) that shows her and the big 7 foot tall GTOAA Shifter.

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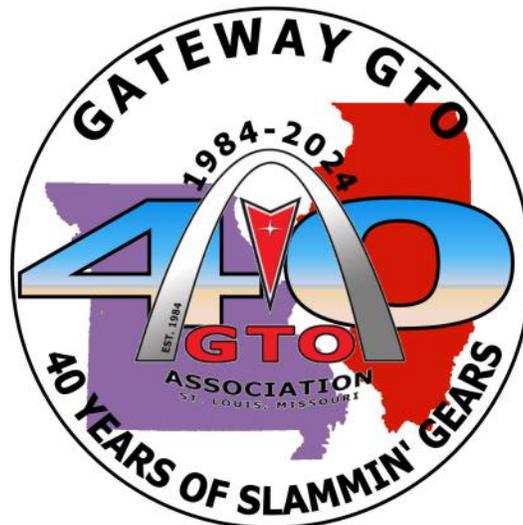
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A photograph of a red classic car with its hood open, showing the engine compartment.

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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.

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