



THE HOOD SCOOP

April 2025

April Fool Ya Bowling Event

by Chris Winslow

Gateway GTO
Association



On April 5th we had our first annual April Fool Ya bowling event at Plaza Bowl on Droste in St. Charles. The event was organized by John and Cameron Grissom. Both are avid bowlers.

It was a fun event aimed at bowlers of all skill levels. It was very well attended with a total of 26 participants. John had arranged for us to have 4 lanes dedicated to Gateway from noon to 2:30. So it was as many games as we could bowl in that time frame.

I had not been bowling in years. I think the last time I bowled was somewhere around 2015 at the bowling alley at the Ritz Carlton in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. (There bowling, like most activities are segregated by gender. So the men bowl in one ally and the women in another). So, given that I had not picked up a bowling ball in over 10 years, I was not expecting much. I was having troubles with the loaner balls there at the bowling ally so Brian let me borrow his personal bowling ball. That one was perfect for me and I started doing a bit better.

Better, of course, is a relative term. What we quickly learned from where I was bowling with Paula, Brian, and Amy is that Gateway members Allen and Pam Neal are really good bowlers! Essentially they were at a whole other level compared to the scores we were getting over in the Winslow/O'Sullivan lane.

Speaking of the bowling in our lane, Amy's bowling style was very different from anyone I have ever seen. Most of us are trying to get the ball down the lane as fast as we can. Amy's technique was to send the ball down much

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more slowly. It seemed to work well for her as she won one of the games we played pretty convincingly. That technique also won Amy an award at the end of the event.

At the end of our time, Cameron passed out awards that he had made himself. The awards winners were:

Best Score - Awarded to Allen Neal

Best Spare - Awarded to Rich Vie

Slowest Ball - Awarded to Amy O'Sullivan

Everyone at the event had a really great time so hopefully this will become an annual event for Gateway.



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Presidents Scoop

The President's Scoop

By Chris Winslow

As I write this Scoop, I am sitting at my desk instead of sitting at the car show at Forest Park. We are going to wait it out a while and still try to make it for a few hours. The one positive, of course, is that the weather notwithstanding the car show season is now officially underway!

In terms of our calendar, there are a lot of activities for spring and early summer. Still coming up this month on April 26th we will be taking a tour of the Telephone Museum, the Civil War Museum, and the Ordinance Museum at Jefferson Barracks followed by lunch at the Blue Owl. See the flyer included in this newsletter for more details. If you would like to attend this event and have not already let Tom Oxler or me know, please contact us as soon as possible so we will have an accurate head count.

For May, as we discussed at the meeting a few weeks ago, the first Wheels in Motion car show at the Church on the Rock will take place on May 17th. This will be a new location and the first time that this show will occur twice in the same year. We will have both this spring event and then later we will have the show in the fall in our usual September time slot. This show will also be at the Church on the Rock. Gateway will only be organizing a raffle for the fall show. For both shows we will be taking money as the cars enter and then helping with parking if needed. I have included the flyer for the May show in this newsletter. We will need at least 6 to 8 Gateway members to man the money-taking and parking part of the event. Please let me know if you are able to help with that.

Also in May, we will be taking part in the annual parade with Immanuel Lutheran Church on the 10th. For that event, we participate in a parade from the church over to Blanchette Park with veterans from the church in our cars. I need to get a final car count for that event, so if you are planning to attend, please let me know.

The other big event we have on the calendar in May is on the 31st. Robert Woolsey (Gateway GTO member and also current president of the KC Arrowheads Pontiac Club) has invited us to attend their annual Show and Shine in Blue Springs. I have included the flyer for that event in the newsletter as well.

And, of course, we have the GTOAA Nationals coming up in June 17-21. If you have not already signed up to attend and reserved your hotel rooms, time is running out and you will want to get that done as soon as you can.





Gateway GTO Meeting Minutes



Minutes 4/325

7:00 PM – Meeting Start

Johnny Henson who was present at the last meeting has joined the club.

New member John Blankenship was in attendance. He has a 64 GTO convertible.

7:02 – Old Business

Chris Winslow talked about the soda museum tour. We had a great turn out and everyone had a great time. The museum has a really impressive amount of items.

7:04 – New Business and Upcoming Events

John Grissom talked about the April Fool Ya bowling event on April 5th. He explained that his son Cameron helped to put this together.

Chris Winslow talked about the Marine Corps Trivia Night on April 12th. We have one table reserved.

Chris Winslow talked about the Easter Car Shows at Forest Park and the Family Arena on April 20th.

Tom Oxler talked about the upcoming Telephone Museum tour and cruise. It will be on April 26th starting at the Telephone Museum at 12 Hancock Ave at Jefferson Barracks.

Chris Winslow talked about the Immanuel Lutheran Parade on May 10th. We need drivers.

Chris Winslow talked about an event at Eckert's in Bellville on May 11th. Jeff Caldwell and the Vinyl Frontier will be performing there.

Chris Winslow talked about the Spring Wheels in Motion Car Show on May 17th. It will be held at the Church on the Rock in St. Peters. We need workers to help take money and park cars. No raffle items needed for this show.

All Pontiac Day at the Pontiac Museum on May 18th.

Pontiac Tribute Day Show and Shine in Blue

Springs MO on May 31st.

Chris Winslow mentioned that the Finkenbinders will be on a cruise around the time of the Pontiac Regional event, so the annual BBQ at their property will likely not be happening. He also talked about a possible fall cruise in Illinois in late September or early October.

7:35 – GTOAA

Tom Oxler talked about the shirt design for the Nationals.

Steve Hedrick talked about The Nationals and gave some info on the host hotel. He also mentioned that we are having issues with USPS delivering The Legend. Many people are having very late deliveries. If you do not receive your copy, then contact Steve. He talked about two other events that GTOAA will be attending in Norwalk and Chicago.

7:43 – Tech

Chris Winslow talked about the work that he and Terry Schott have been doing to a distributor machine. He brought in an exploded capacitor that they had to replace. It is now functional and they're learning how to use it.

Earl Lewis said that he has a new wheel/tire balancer and can balance tires for members.

7:47 – Personals

Frank Chapman is on the mend from his heart surgery.

Brian and Amy O'Sullivan are participating in Pedal the Cause. Chris recently sent out an e-mail with links for anyone who is interested in donating.

Terry Schott talked about a near miss that Dan Jackson had with the recent storms.

Steve and Tammy Hedrick had a ton of hail damage from the storms. The house, a car trailer and two cars were all damaged.





Southwestern Bell

**TELEPHONE, CIVIL WAR AND ORDNANCE
MUSEUM TOURS**

SATURDAY, APRIL 26

RAIN or SHINE

MEET AT TELEPHONE MUSEUM AT 9:30 AM

12 HANCOCK AVE JEFFERSON BARRACKS

PRIVATE TOUR OF TELEPHONE MUSEUM 9:30 – 11 AM

\$5.00 ADULTS, \$4.00 SENIORS

TOUR CIVIL WAR MUSEUM 11-12 PM

222 WORTH RD \$7.00 ADULTS GROUP RATE

TOUR ORDNANCE MUSEUM 12 – 1 PM

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CRUISE TO THE BLUE OWL FOR LUNCH 2-3 PM

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**Saturday, May 17th, 2025
9 am to 2 pm**

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Please, No Alcoholic Beverages Allowed!! A cooperative event of St. Louis Area Car Clubs



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ALL PONTIAC DAY

at the Pontiac Auto Museum on
PONTIAC, ILLINOIS



Schedule:

- All Pontiac Day Registration *\$10
- 9am - Tour **Route 66 Museum** pictures at the Route 66 mural
- 10am - Park in front of **Pontiac Auto Museum on 66** - tour museum
- 11am - Behind the scenes tour at **Pontiac Auto Museum on 66**
- 12 noon - Lunch break
- 1:30 - Tour of Alan Finkenbinder's collection

* All proceeds benefit the Pontiac Auto Museum on 66

Co-Sponsored by the Midwest Firebirds Club & the Pontiac Auto Museum on 66



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For more information contact:
Ken Pitcher kenp@midwestfirebirds.org
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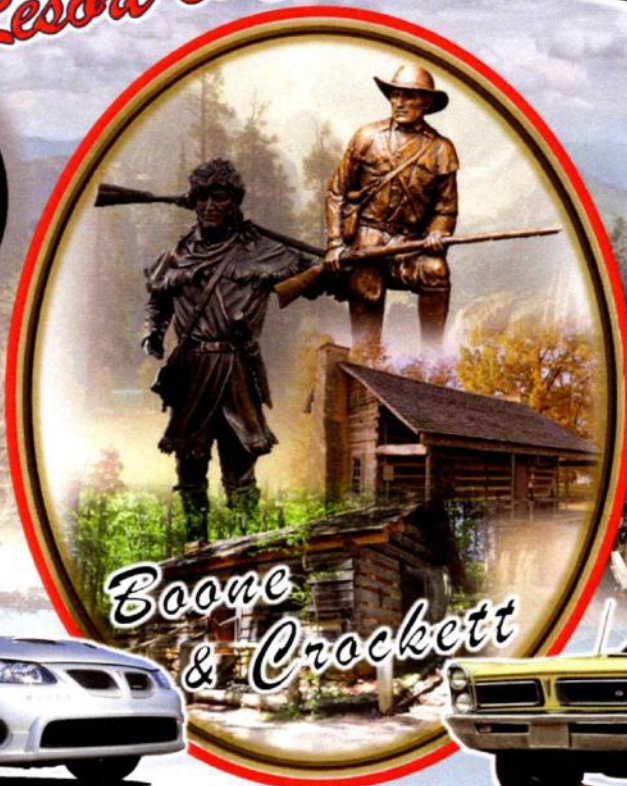
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46th
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From: MeadowView Conference
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June 17-21, 2025

KINGSPORT, TN II



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Contacts below for more information

Chris Hooten	317-694-6187	convention@gttaa.org
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GATEWAY GTO ASSOCIATION

Membership/**Renewal** Form

(Please print clearly)

☐ New

☐ Renewal

☐ Returning

Name: _____ Date: _____

Associate Name (Spouse/Significant Other): _____

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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

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:

Steve Hedrick Contact Info:

Phone: 314-640-4020

Email: sthedrick@aol.com



2025 GATEWAY GTO CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April

26 - Tour of the Telephone Museum at Jefferson Barracks - 12 Hancock Ave, Jefferson Barracks. Private tour from 9:30 to 11am. Tour Civil War Museum from 11 to 12. Tour the Ordinance Museum from 12 to 1. Cruise to the Blue Owl (2nd and Mill Street in Kimmswick, MO) for lunch

May

1 - GTO MEETING 7PM at Gingham's

10 - Immanuel Lutheran Church and School Parade - Parade cars should gather at 9:30 at 115 S 6th St, St. Charles

17 - Wheels In Motion Charity Car Show at the Church on the Rock - 9am to 2pm. Gateway members helping with the gate should arrive by 7:30

18 - Pontiac Day at the Pontiac Museum in Illinois - See flyer in this newsletter for details.

31 - Pontiac Tribute Day Show and Shine Car Show - 10am to 2pm 201 Route 7, Blue Springs, MO

June

5 - GTO MEETING 7PM at Gingham's

5-7 - Pontiacs at Pidgeon Forge - See this link for more details: [Pontiacs at Pidgeon Forge](#)

7 - Route 66 Festival in Lebanon, Missouri

8 - Chicken Dinner at St. Thomas UCC, 17842 Wild Horse Creek Road, Chesterfield - Details to follow

17 - 21 - GTOAA Nationals at Kingsport. See flyer in this newsletter for more details.

SEE THE FULL CALENDAR AT WWW.GATEWAYGTO.ORG

Gateway GTO Classifieds

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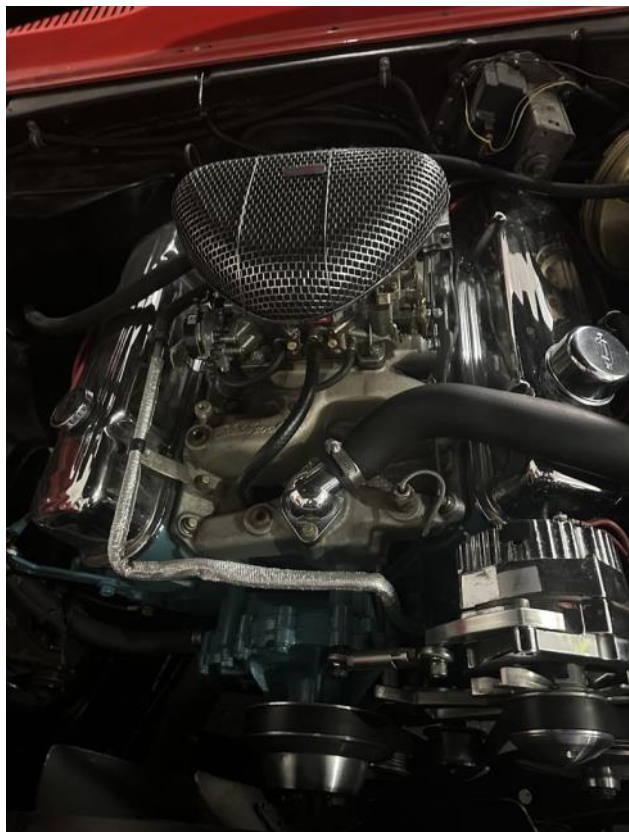
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Contact Joe Mayweather if interested at 314-210-7391

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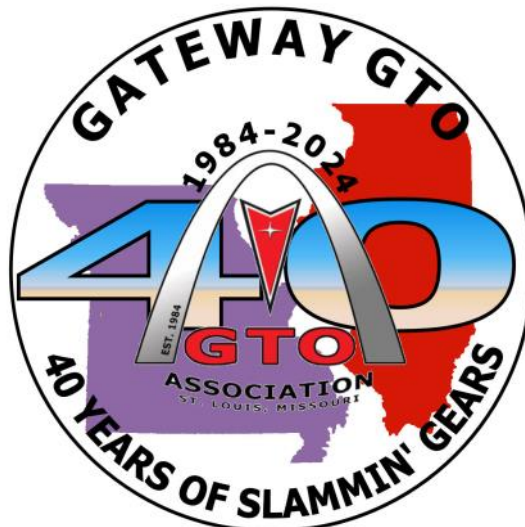
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Gateway GTO Club Information

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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