



THE HOOD SCOOP

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GTOAA Nationals 2025

by Chris Winslow

Gateway GTO
Association



For 2025, we were back in Kingsport. Most of the Gateway members rolled in on Monday or Tuesday, although many of us drove through a bit of weather to get there. As usual at these conventions, Gateway had a major presence. By my count, we had at least 45 total people there over the course of the convention.

The registration got underway on schedule Tuesday morning. Despite the fact that Gateway was not the host chapter for 2025, Gateway members Terrie Oxler, Diana Johnson, and Paula Winslow were busy Tuesday morning working with other GTOAA folks to keep the registration process running smoothly.

Outside, the tent was back this year, but only for the Points Judged program Tech-In. The changes in the Popular Vote program meant that Popular vote cars only had to check in. No tech inspection was needed.

The two car shows, the Points Judged Show and the Popular Vote Show went off without a hitch. In addition, there were a number of well attended events during the week including a chance to drive the track at Bristol, a tour of the Biltmore Estate, a cruise of the Back of the Dragon, and a Pub Crawl. All of this led us to the two big events for the week, the Indoor Parking Lot Party on Friday evening and the Awards Banquet on Saturday.

The original plan for the Parking Lot Party was to have a repeat appearance by Captain Rat and the Blind Rivets. They were the band that played the event in 2024 and they were awesome. With those memories in mind, many of us were really disappointed when we heard the bad news that the group had to

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cancel. In its place, GTOAA booked Songs of the South. This band had had a last minute cancellation for the weekend and that turned out to be our gain. They were excellent. They played a wide range of music and because of how good they were, there were still lots of folks left at the event when they wrapped up. We also had a surprise appearance by the GTO Tiger during the evening.



Of course, the finale for the week was the awards banquet. The first part of the awards program was pretty standard with GTOAA president John Johnson thanking everyone that helped to make the convention a success. We then moved into the chapters section of the program with GTOAA Chapter Coordinator Bill Sanders presenting. First up was disappointment as we learned that once again we did not win the Chapter of the Year Award. But, then came the presentation of the Tom Foster Award the winner was announced as our own Earl Lewis in recognition of all he does to promote the hobby and raise money for charity, especially the National Children's Cancer Society.



Next up in the program was the Popular Vote awards. For 2025, Gateway's own Lucas Hedrick and Bryan Johnson have taken charge of the program. There were also some program changes from previous years. For 2025, members voted on their favorites and then Bryan and Lucas totaled up the ballots. The ten cars with the most votes won a Popular Vote Members Choice Award. Gateway had 2 members that took home one of these awards. They were Roger and Debbie Johnson in their 1965 GTO Tribute and Harry Timmermann with his 1965 LeMans convertible.

The next awards announced were a pair of Kid's Pick awards, but unfortunately Gateway did not win either of those.

Byran and Lucas then tallied up which car won the most votes in its category. The categories included Pre 1980's Pontiacs, Post 1980's Pontiacs and then one award for each year of GTO and for GTO Judges. For those, Gateway member Robert Woolsey took home the award for 1968 GTO and Frank and Cheryl Chapman took home the award for GTO Judge.

Lucas and Bryan did a great job with the program were also very entertaining while handing out the awards, so it was a lot of fun all the way around.

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The final set of awards for the evening were for the Points Judged Program. For 2025, none of our members put a car into that program, so we did not take home any awards for that section.

Overall Gateway did quite well with 4 popular vote awards and, of course the big one for the evening, the Tom Foster for Earl. It was a great showing for 2025.





Presidents Scoop

The President's Scoop

By Chris Winslow

The 2025 convention is in the books, so now we have the rest of the summer and our fall events to start planning. There are a few local car shows on the calendar for July including the Legends and Liberty car show in Louisiana on July 5th and the Honda of Frontenac Car show on the 29th. Of course, the really big Pontiac event for July is the Ames Tri Power Nationals at Norwalk.

Looking a little farther ahead, we have the September Wheels In Motion Car show on the 6th. There were a lot of cars and even more spectators at the Spring show we held in May, including lots of children. So, this should give us a great customer base for the raffle we are going to have at the fall show. As such, please continue to gather great raffle prizes for the event. If you need some flyers to help when requesting prizes, please just let me know.

Looking even a bit farther down the road, 2025 is an election year for Gateway. This means that all of the officer positions are up for election. Our constitution discourages the president and vice presidents for serving more than 2 consecutive terms. So, it would be great if we could get some candidates to run for president and both vice president (Missouri and Illinois) positions. If you are interested in running and would like to discuss the details on what is involved, please give me a call.

Finally, just a reminder that our July meeting is on July 3rd. We are planning to have that meeting as scheduled so please plan to attend if you can make it.





Gateway GTO Meeting Minutes



Minutes 6/5/25

7:05 PM – Meeting Start – No new members in attendance.

Old Business

Chris Winslow spoke about the following:

Immanuel Lutheran Parade – We had 6 cars participate in the parade. Thanks to Terry Schott, Earl Lewis, John Blankenship, Frank and Cheryl Chapman, and Marty Howard.

Wheels in Motion Car Show – The new location at Church on the Rock was great. The parking lot was plenty big enough. We had around 130 cars participating and over 300 spectators in attendance. Bob Blattel performed 2 magic shows for the kids. The Church provided several options for food and the DJ was excellent. We were able to raise over \$5000 for the National Children's Cancer Society. The fall show will be held on September 6th. Start thinking about raffle items.

All Pontiac Day at the Pontiac Museum – Chris and Paula Winslow, Roger and Debbie Johnson and Joe Mayweather attended. Gateway members Alan and Liane Finkenbinder and Dave and Mary Jo Sullivan helped to organize the event. Alan offered tours of his automotive collection.

Pontiac Tribute Day in Blue Springs MO – This event was sponsored by the KC Arrowheads chapter of POCl. That chapter's president Robert Woolsey is a member of Gateway GTO. Chris and Paula Winslow and Dave and Carol Sindelar made it to the show. The show was focused on Pontiacs, but all makes were welcome.

7:22 – New Business and Upcoming Events

6/17-6/21 – GTOAA National Convention in Kingsport, Tennessee.

6/28 – Pacific MO Car Show

9/6 – Wheels in Motion Fall Show

7:33 – GTOAA

John Johnson talked about the upcoming national convention

7:36 – Tech

Mark Melrose is putting his 06 GTO up for sale. He had a catastrophic breakdown on his 68 GTO. The engine block needs to be replaced. He's looking for 69 or newer block if anyone has any leads.

Will Bowers is looking for someone to ride along with him to Norwalk.

7:40 – Personals

Brian and Amy O'Sullivan are still accepting donations to their Pedal the Cause campaign.

[Amy O'Sullivan - Pedal the Cause](#)

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7:45 – Motion to Adjourn by Earl Lewis, seconded by Tom Oxler

50/50 of \$27 won by Bill Markus



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Membership dues are \$20.

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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
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- 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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2025 GATEWAY GTO CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July

3 - GTO MEETING 7PM at Gingham's

5 - Legends and Liberty Car Show, Louisiana Missouri - See website for details

18 - 20 - Pontiac Nationals at Norwalk

August

7 - GTO MEETING 7PM at Gingham's

9 - Diode Dynamics Open House and Car Show - 12pm to 3pm, 3870 Millstone Parkway, St. Charles

16 - Woodward Dream Cruise - See website for details

30 - O'Fallon Elks Lodge Car Show - 9am - 2pm - 1163 Tom Ginnever Ave

31 - St. Louis Independent Car Klub Car Show at the Harvester Lions Club - See website for details

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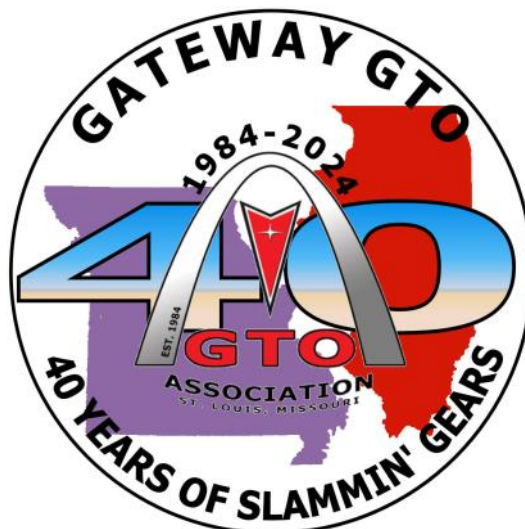
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Gateway GTO Club Information

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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