



THE HOOD SCOOP

May 2025

Wheels In Motion Spring Car Show

by Chris Winslow



Several months ago, Earl came to me with an idea. He was worried about the consistent lack of attendance at the Wheels In Motion car show that we participate in each year. We used to have a great turnout when the event was on the front lot of Westport Plaza. Once they turned that front lot into apartments and moved us to the back lot, attendance dropped off significantly. Then, last year, we moved to the Elks Lodge in Ladue. We also had relatively poor attendance there. Even worse, they did not have a large parking lot so we ended up parking what cars did show up on the lawn in front of the Lodge and that lawn was certainly not flat and level. I worried the whole time somebody was going to fall or get their car stuck.

Earl's idea was to move the event to the Church on the Rock. This is a huge church across the street from Earl's house. Earl had been in touch with the church and they were supportive of the idea as long as we could hold the event on a Saturday. The church was an ideal car show venue with a huge parking lot and a central St. Peters location

The Wheels In Motion car show is organized by the First Capital Classics Car Club. So, we reached out to them to see what they thought. They too were worried about continuing to have the event at the Elks Lodge and were interested in the church as a possible new location.

Earl and Terry Schott and I met up with the officers from First Capital Classics and Tommy Prater from the church last fall. At that meeting, the First Capital Classics team was very enthusiastic about this new venue. In fact, they liked the idea so much, it was decided that Wheels In Motion would be expand-

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Wheels In Motion Car Show

ed to a twice a year event with a show in the spring in addition to the usual show in the fall.

We continued to hold meetings about once a month through the winter and into the spring to make the first spring show at the church a reality. The result was the event that many of us attended on May 17th.

The show was by far the largest Wheels In Motion Show since we moved off of the front lot at Westport. Brian and Amy O' Sullivan along with Terry Schott and a few others ran the gate to collect money as the show cars entered. Based on the money they took in, we had 130 cars attend the event.

Tommy Prater was a driving force that helped leverage the extensive resources of the church to help pull this show together. He arranged for the church to provide food at the event including food prepared by church members and also some food trucks. Tommy had arranged for advertising of the event with a large sign in front of the church and even set up a car display on the church lot on the two Sundays before the event to generate interest. He also printed up all of our flyers and extensively promoted the event with the congregation. On the day of the event, church volunteers were everywhere to help. This even included running shuttles between the spectator parking lot and the car show lot. (Those drivers later told me that they had shuttled over 300 people to and from the show).

Since we expected a lot of children at this event, I had reached out to Bob Blattel to see if he could do some magic shows for us. Bob was excited to come out for the event. The weather was sunny and cool, but quite windy. The wind was a challenge for Bob, but he tweaked his plan for the shows a bit and went on to perform two excellent shows for the kids.



Wheels In Motion Car Show

They all really enjoyed it with several watching both shows.

The reason for doing these car shows is to generate money to donate to the National Children's Cancer Society (NCCS). While the final tally for how much money we raised is still in work, based on the two parts that Gateway participated in, collecting money at the Gate and running the 50/50 raffle, we raised roughly \$3550 for the NCCS.

I have been in touch with Bill Brecht, the president of First Capital Classics, and his club was also very happy with the results. We are already getting the planning underway for the fall show on September 6th. For that one, Gateway will be running our traditional raffle so please start to gather raffle prizes. If we have attendance like we had for the spring show, we should have around 500 or 600 people at the event between car owners and spectators. That will give us a lot of customers to buy raffle tickets, so we will want to have some good prizes.

I want to thank everyone from Gateway that helped pull this event off and especially to Earl for coming up with the idea and pulling everyone together to make it happen.



Presidents Scoop

The President's Scoop

By Chris Winslow

May is winding down as I write this, but we did have a busy month. Several of us participated in the Immanuel Lutheran Church parade on the 10th. Unfortunately, my usual photographer for that event, Paula, was not able to attend, so I don't have any photos of us in the actual parade, but many thanks to Terry Schott, Earl Lewis, John Blankenship, Frank and Cheryl Chapman, and Marty Howard for participating. We had a total of 6 cars in the parade, so that was a great showing.

Next up was the Wheels In Motion Car show with 130 cars and about \$3550 raised for NCCS. Our new location at the Church on the Rock is just what we needed to get this show back to where it was before we lost the front lot at Westport.

Following Wheels In Motion, Paula and I headed up to Pontiac on Saturday afternoon to attend the All Pontiac Show at the museum the next day (May 18th). We had a great time there catching up with our local Gateway members the Finkenbinders and the Sullivans as well as a few other Gateway folks that made the trip including Roger and Debbie Johnson and Joe Mayweather. We also took a tour of one of Allen's storage buildings, which is always a lot of fun. And as an added bonus, we did not hit any coyotes on the way home this time!

We still have one more event coming up in May and that is the All Pontiac Show and Shine in Blue Springs, MO on May 31st. This event is sponsored by K.C Arrowheads whose president is Gateway GTO member Robert Woolsey. Paula and I are planning to drive to the show that morning, so if you are interested in going, please let me know. We will meet up at our house and head out from there. From our house, it is about a 3 hour drive, so we will probably leave around 6:00. The flyer for the event is included in this newsletter.

Then, the following weekend is one of my favorite events all year, the Chicken Dinner at Terry and Gail's church on the 8th. Terry and Leroy Brune make some excellent fried chicken and it is all you can eat, so plan to come hungry. See the included flyer for details.

Of course, the really big event we have coming up is the GTOAA Nationals on 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. As I noted in an earlier email message, Gateway has won some prizes for that event based on our winning the Chapter Incentive Program Award for 2024. If you are planning to attend the 2025 convention and have not already let me know that you are registered and coming, please let me know as soon as possible so that I can get your name on the list for a drawing for the prizes. These are some good prizes including 50% off registration, 50% off a banquet ticket, and free meet T-Shirts.

One final note on the convention, JJ has let us know that Hagerty will once again be offering road side assistance to GTOAA members if you run into trouble on the way to or from the convention. See the flyer in this newsletter for more details.





Gateway GTO Meeting Minutes



Minutes 5/1/25

7:03 PM – Meeting Start

New member John Blankenship in attendance.

Old Business

Chris Winslow talked about the April Fool Ya Bowling event. 26 people attended. Awards for Best Score (Allen Neal), Best Spare (Rich Vie) and Slowest Ball (Amy O'Sullivan) were handed out by John Grissom's son Cameron.

Chris Winslow talked about the Marine Corps Trivia Night. We had a great time despite getting a score in the middle of the pack.

Chris Winslow talked about the low turnout at the Forrest Park East Car Show, and Earl Lewis talked a bit about the Family Arena show.

Tom Oxler talked about the Telephone Museum Tour/Cruise. We had 7 cars and 13 people. It was a fun day with a lot to see.

7:09 – New Business and Upcoming events.

Chris Winslow talked about each of the following.

5/10 – Immanuel Lutheran Parade

5/11 – Jeff Caldwell and the Vinyl Frontier (Elvis act) to play at Eckert's in Bellville, Illinois from 1:00 to 4:00.

5/17 – Wheels in Motion spring car show at Church on the Rock in St. Peters.

5/18 – All Pontiac Show at the Pontiac Museum

5/31 – Pontiac Tribute Day Show and Shine in Blue Springs, MO

He also mentioned a few shows that Earl Lewis brought in flyers for and another in Louisiana, MO.

7:21 – GTOAA

Steve Hedrick talked about the National Event. Register now if you haven't already done so, as they will soon be closing the event entry. He also spoke about Pontiacs at Pigeon Forge.

7:24 – Tech

Chris Winslow talked about a tool that Terry Schott dropped off for him to repair.

Brian O'Sullivan talked about having to replace his hood struts for a second time.

Steve Hedrick talked about trying to find replacement parts for his Solstice. There is a special tool required to remove the fuel pumps on those cars.

Earl Lewis talked about getting more flyers for the Wheels in Motion show. He is attempting to get the fire department to bring truck and ladder with a flag.

7:36 – Personals

Brian and Amy O'Sullivan are participating in Pedal the Cause. Thanks in part to generous members of Gateway GTO, they were able to meet their pledges.

Darryl and Tootie May are in town and doing well.

7:38 – Motion to Adjourn by Brian O'Sullivan, seconded by Earl Lewis.

50/50 of \$30 won by John Blankenship



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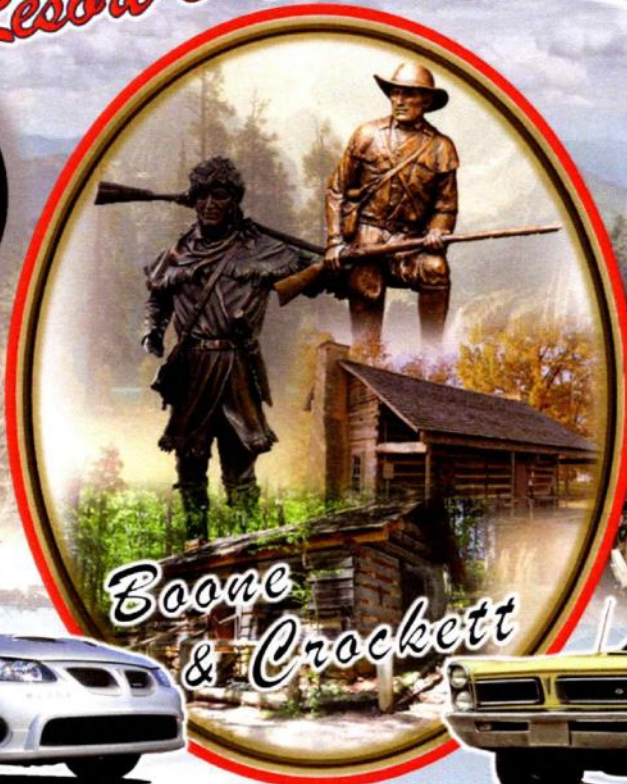


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All Gateway GTO Members must also be members in good standing with GTOAA

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.

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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
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- 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

May

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.

July

3 - GTO MEETING 7PM at Gingham's

18 - 20 - Pontiac Nationals at Norwalk

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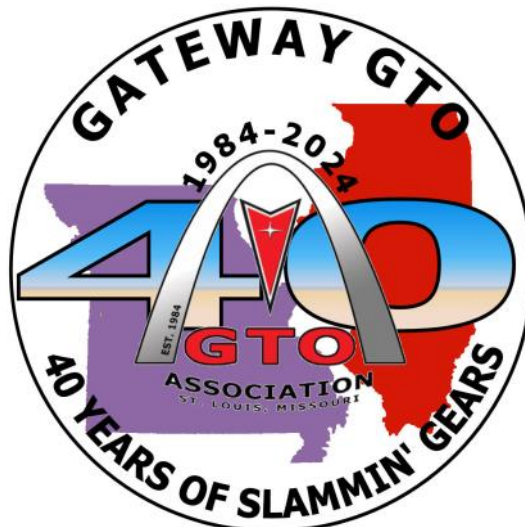
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Gateway GTO Club Information

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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