



THE HOOD SCOOP

October 2025

14th Annual Car Show at the Pontiac Museum

by Chris Winslow

Gateway GTO
Association



It is hard to believe that this was the fourteenth year for our annual benefit car show at the Pontiac Oakland Museum in Pontiac, Illinois.

For this year only we had a change to our traditional Friday Evening Bar-B-Q at the Finkenbinder's. With Alan and Liane just returning from their vacation earlier in the week, we moved the event to Bob and Ringo's. With lots of help from Dave Sullivan and Alan Finkenbinder and Terry and Gail Schott, we got the event organized and ended up filling up the room at Bob and Ringo's. I think everyone enjoyed it, although we will all be happy to get back to Alan and Liane's for next year.

As always, the weekend officially got underway on Saturday morning. As has become the case every year, the City of Pontiac had everything ready to go for us out front when we rolled up on the Museum. They also had boxes of goody bags that they had prepared ready to go, including the dash plaques and ballots that Terry and Gail had previously delivered. With all that work already done, we were open for business in a matter of minutes.

The first activity for the event is always the car cruise. Alan Finkenbinder and Dave Sullivan had done all of the prep work for another great cruise event. The cruise included a viewing of a Corvette and model train collection and also a lunch stop. While the weather in Pontiac turned rainy in the

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afternoon, the cruisers reported that the rain held off for them.

Of course, the main event is the big car show on Sunday. We arrived early and had registration up and running by about 8:30. The weather in Pontiac was dry, but weather reports for





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the surrounding area had rain. Despite that folks started to roll in.

With help from Paula, Gail Schott, and Steve and Tammy Hedrick, the registration went off without a hitch.

Traffic control was a bit different for this year with a lot of road construction and also renovations on the courthouse in the town square underway. These renovations are in preparation for next years big events celebrating the 100th anniversary of both Pontiac and Route 66. So, a little construction to deal with this year was worth it to have everything ready for next year's big celebrations.

For this year, for I think the first time ever for this event, Earl and Barb Lewis were not able to attend. Since Earl normally does the 50/50 ticket sales, that left us with a hole in our staffing. But, Sharon Wildebrandt stepped up with assistance from Susan Smith from Heart of Illinois. They did a great job with the ticket sales, raising \$540 for the museum.

After all the voting was done it was time to tabulate. Once again Tammy Hedrick made that super easy by setting up all of the balloting sheets up front for us. We would not be able to pull this off without her help!

Brian Sorensen and members of The Heart of Illinois GTO club took the lead performing the tabulation with some help from a number of Gateway GTO members. Once we had it all totaled up, Terry Schott helped get all of the trophies lined up, this year across the street from the court house due to the construction.

We then proceeded to hand out trophies for the Mayor's Choice, The Museum's Choice, and the Kid's Pick. This year Tim chose an original owner 1969 Trans Am as the Museum's choice. Gen 1 Trans Ams are exceptionally rare and to have such a nice example in the show along with its original owner was quire a treat.

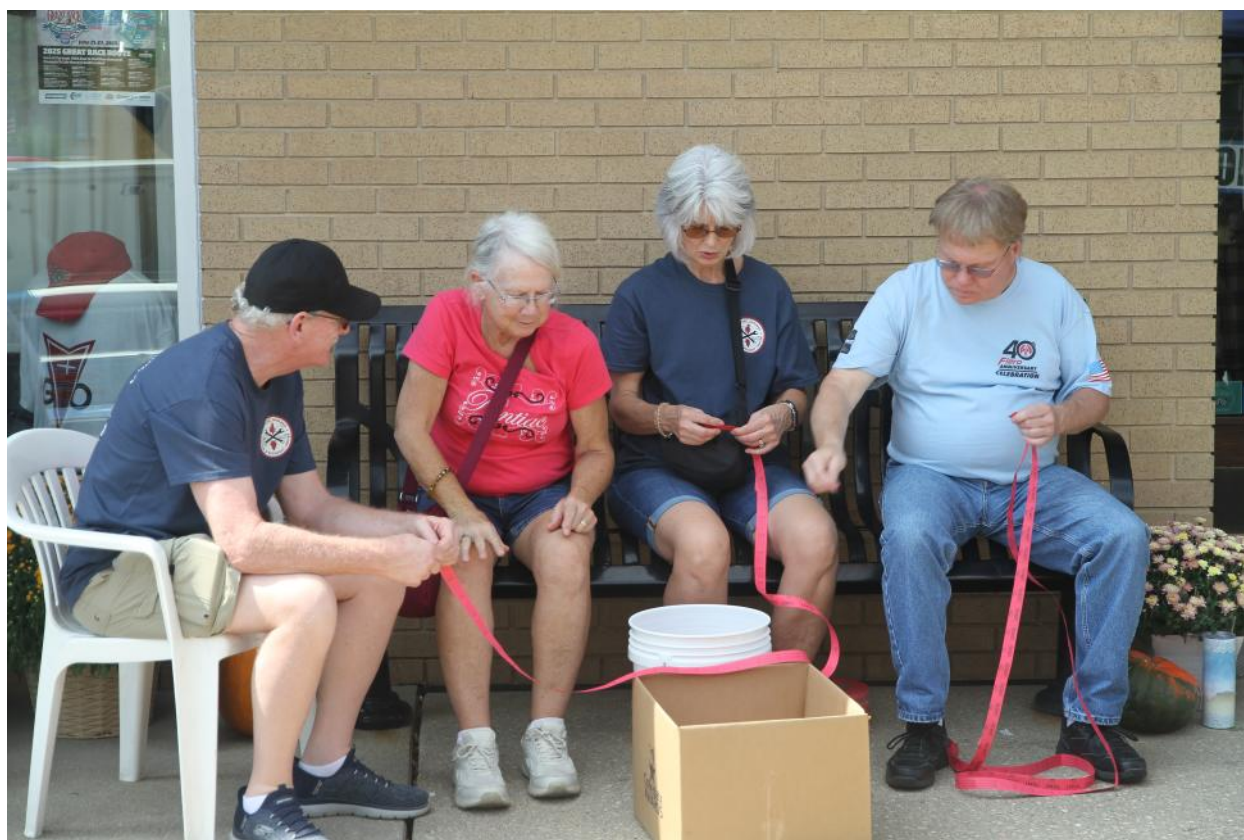


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Next up was awarding trophies for the 24 classes. Despite some less than ideal weather around Pontiac, we had a decent turn out of 114 cars for the show. With 72 trophies to hand out, a lot of those folks left with one.

Of course, all of this is to raise money to help support the Pontiac Oakland Museum. Once we totaled up everything, we determined that our final tally was \$3900 We will present a check to the Museum in a few weeks.

Terry and I would like to thank everyone from Gateway who came and helped out again this year and we also want to recognize all of the great support that we got from the staff of the City of Pontiac, particularly Liz Vincent who organizes everything with the City each year. Also the efforts of Alan and Dave organizing the cruise is a big part of the weekend that everyone looks forward to. Without all this support, we would not be able to pull this off every year. We also want to recognize the help and support we get from Penny Dye who works tirelessly to make sure we have what we need.



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Presidents Scoop

The President's Scoop

By Chris Winslow

The dust has settled on our annual show at the Pontiac Museum and we managed to raise \$3900 for the Museum for our 2025 event. Next year is going to be a big one with the 100th anniversary of both Pontiac and also Route 66, so I am looking for some great ideas of how we can use that to promote the show and get more folks to attend. Any ideas you have, please send them my way.

Coming up in November is the annual Olds Club Trivia night. As everyone will remember, we won last year, hence GTOs (including Earl's '67) are on the flyer. We have our ace trivia family the O'Sullivan's planning to attend, so hopefully we can pull off a repeat!

We had planned, of course, to have our annual Winery Cruise on October 26, but had to cancel due to the rain. It has been rescheduled for November 2nd. The performers will be Deuces Wild, so mark your calendars.

Unfortunately, this revised date for the Winery Cruise conflicts with the invitation we had from the Heart of Illinois Club to attend their annual gathering at Dick Levi's hanger to see his collection of cars and motorcycles and planes and other items. That event runs from 12:00 to 3:00 on November 2nd. I have put together a flyer for the event and included it in this newsletter. They will have chicken and soft drinks and would appreciate it if you come that you bring a side dish or dessert to share. Their invitation still stands, so it will everyone's option which event they would like to attend on the 2nd.

2025 is an election year for Gateway. As such, per our constitution, I am including a nomination form for the officers. If you are interested in running or would like to nominate someone for an officer position at Gateway, please use the attached form to submit your nominations. A ballot will appear in the November newsletter with election results announced at the Christmas party on December 6th.

Speaking of the Christmas party, I have the flyer attached to the newsletter. We are holding the cost at \$25 per person. This goes to help cover some of the costs for the event. Please get your checks or cash to Will by November 15th so that we can get a good head count for the food. I will send out a reminder by email too over the next week or so.





Gateway GTO Meeting Minutes



Minutes 10/2/25

7:00 PM – Meeting Start – Mark and Jakie Enright have joined Gateway.

Old Business

Chris Winslow talked about the Wheels in Motion car show. We had 141 cars at the show, which is a better turnout than we've had since the show was moved off of the front lot at Westport. Earl Lewis raised \$2350 in donations before the show and another \$495 in 50/50 during the show. We raised \$772 in the raffle. Gateway contributed a total of \$3617 and took in \$3525 at the gate. Bob Blattell performed 3 magic shows for the children. Chris mentioned the possibility of not continuing the raffle at the show next fall, as the money spent on the items almost matched the money taken in. We may try to come up with something else.

Chris Winslow talked about the regional event in Pontiac, Illinois. The cruise to a Corvette collection in Normal, Illinois was interesting. The weather turned out good despite rain in the surrounding areas. There were food trucks present, but not much in the way of variety. Sharon Wildebrandt raised \$540 in 50/50 tickets. After the cost of trophies Gateway raised a total of \$3479. Chris suggested that the club added the difference to raise the total to an even \$3800. A motion to approve the additional expenditure was made by Paula Winslow, seconded by Joe Mayweather. A vote was held and approved by a majority of those in attendance (except Earl).

7:11 – New Business and Upcoming Events

Chris Winslow talked about the upcoming picnic on October 5th.

He mentioned a show/swap meet that we were invited to on October 11th from Frisco Hill Auto.

As Marty was out sick, Chris relayed information for a Wine Cruise to Montell Winery on 10/26.

The Olds Club Trivia Night will be on November 1st. We currently have enough people for one table. Please contact Chris if you would like to attend.

HOI has invited us to tour Dick Levi's private collection at the Springfield Airport on November 2nd from 12:00-3:00. More details to follow.

Chris talked about the Christmas party that will be held on December 6th at the Webster Groves Barn at the Hawkin House. The price will be \$25 per person and is due to Will Bowers by November 15th. Bring a desert to share and a if you want, a rob your neighbor gift (\$20-\$30). The theme this year will be "Your Inner Penguin". Think, black and white.

Chris reminded everyone that this is an election year for the club, and that due to a vote held at the September meeting he would be able to run for a third term. Amy

O'Sullivan would like to step down as Secretary.

10/26 – Wine Cruise

11/1 – Trivia Night

11/2 – Dick Levi tour

12/6 – Christmas Party

7:23 – GTOAA

Steve Hedrick talked about the upcoming National Event in Loveland Colorado. Registration is not yet open, but will be soon. The hotel will be an Embassy Suites, which will be slightly more expensive than usual but comes with breakfast and evening cocktails and hors d'oeuvres. They are still coming up with ideas for some fun events.

Earl Lewis was recognized for receiving the Tom Foster award.

7:27 – Tech

Tony Bezzole replaced the starter in his GTO.

Brian O'Sullivan has to replace a couple tires due to a run in with a roofing nail.

Earl Lewis talked about a local body shop that has a machine that is capable of straightening bent rims. He had them fix a couple wheels on his Avalanche and now it rides smoother than ever.

7:33 – Club Personals

Alan Finkenbinder is recovering from surgery. He is home and doing well.

John Havens is in the hospital due to a possible infection. He will be moved to a rehab facility soon.

Amy and Brian O'Sullivan completed their 21 mile Pedal the Cause ride. Brian said Amy did great on the ride and thanked everyone for their generosity in donations.

Laura Fox will be running for St. Jude in Nashville in December. Chris Winslow will send out an e-mail with a link for anyone who would like to donate.

7:42 – Motion to Adjourn by Brian O'Sullivan, seconded by Earl Lewis. Approved by all in attendance (except Earl).

50/50 of \$32 won by Cindy O'Sullivan



Official Gateway GTO Officer Nomination Form For 2025

This is the official Nominations form that must be filled out and Mailed or
Emailed to Will Bowers.

Only this form will be accepted.

President

Vice President – MO

Vice President – IL

Treasurer

Secretary

GTOAA Chapter Rep

ONLY ONE VOTE PER MEMBER PLEASE

MAIL OR EMAIL TO:

Will Bowers
4213 Napa View Lane
St. Charles, MO 63304
WWBDSB@YAHOO.COM

PLEASE PRINT THIS PAGE

GATEWAY GTO 2025 Fall Colors Wine Cruise – Sunday, Nov. 2

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

Deuces Wild Performs at Montelle Winery – 1-5 p.m.
201 Montelle Dr., Augusta, MO 63332





TRIVIA NIGHT

**BENEFITING ST. LOUIS HONOR FLIGHT
& DIAMONDS IN THE RUFF, ANIMAL RESCUE**

TEST YOUR TRIVIA KNOWLEDGE AGAINST OTHER ENTHUSIASTS!

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2025 • 7:00PM– 11:00PM

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\$160.00 PER TABLE OF 8

\$20.00 PER INDIVIDUAL

**CASH BAR AVAILABLE
NO OUTSIDE BEVERAGES ALLOWED**

BRING FOOD & SNACKS!

**MUST BE 21
YEARS +**



**Make checks payable to Archway Olds Club and send in with your name, phone
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Trivia Night • PO Box 510892, St. Louis, MO 63151
Questions? (314) 497-0798**

HOSTED BY THE ARCHWAY OLDSMOBILE CLUB

PRE-REGISTER BY OCTOBER 20, 2025

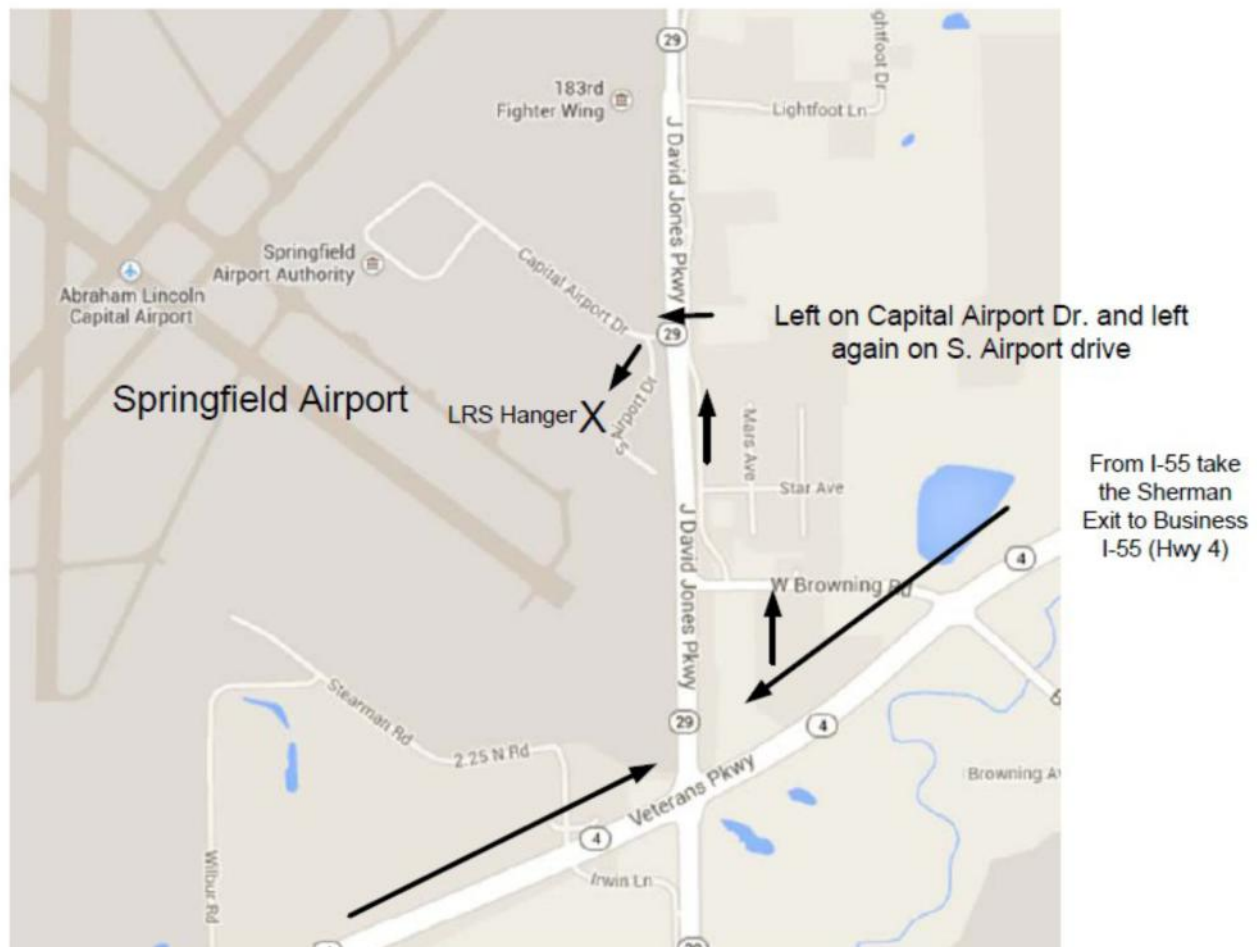


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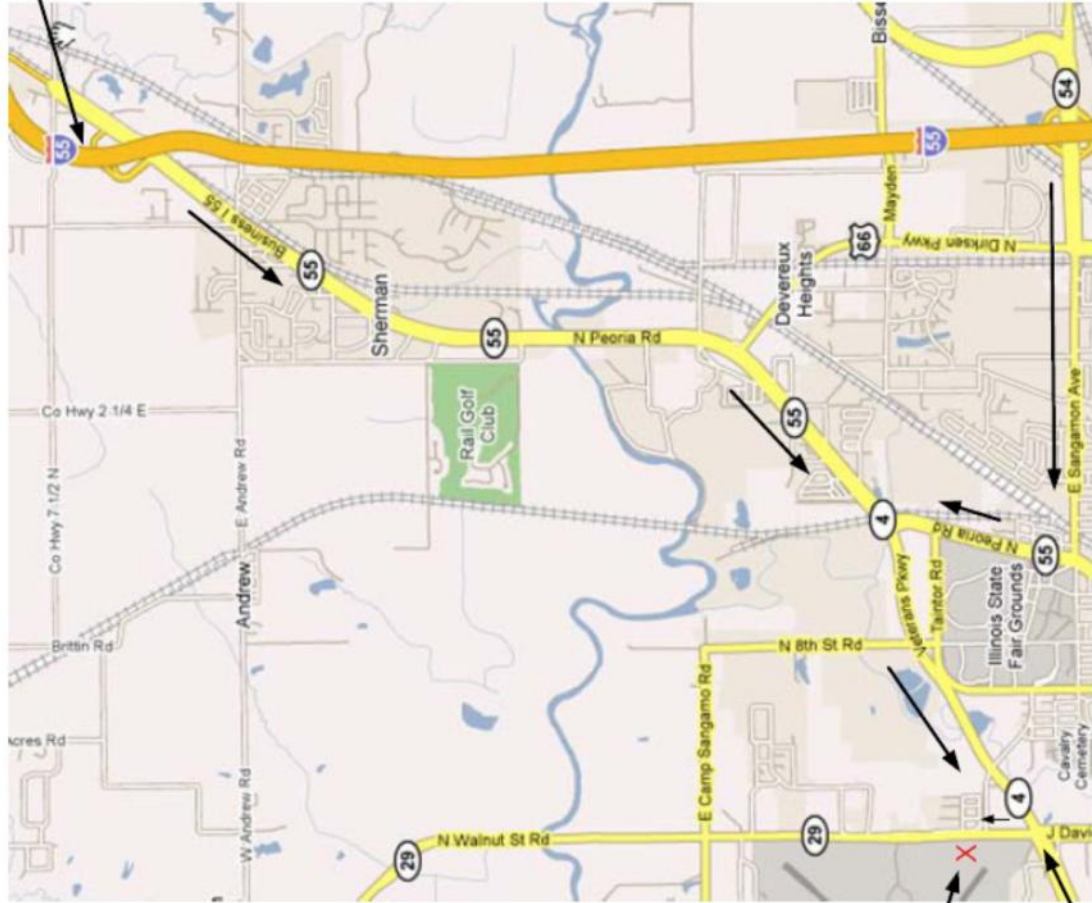
Show at Dick Levi's Hanger

November 2, 2025 from 12:00pm to 3:00pm

- Come to see Dick's extensive car and motorcycle collection and also some of his planes
- Chicken and Soft Drinks will be served - Bring a side dish dessert to share
- A lawn chair is recommended
- See map for directions to the hanger - When you get there to the gate, press the button and tell them you are with the GTO Club and they will let you in - The hanger has a large LRS sign on it, it is located on the west side of J David

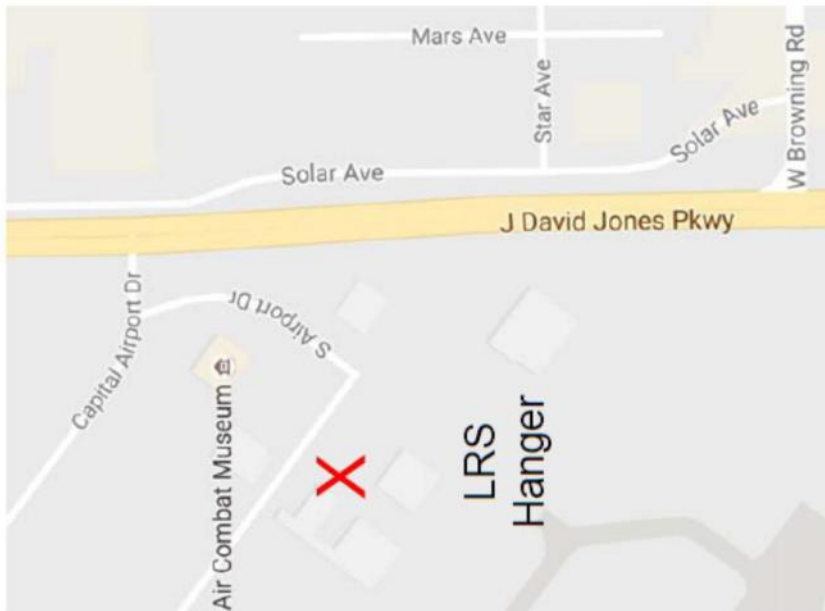


I-55 Exit 105



I-55 Exit 100A from South

Springfield, IL



LRS Hanger

To highway 36/I-72 Exit 93



GATEWAY GTO CHRISTMAS PARTY

Release Your Inner Penguin

DECEMBER 6, 2025 5-10PM

BRING A "ROB YOUR NEIGHBOR" GIFT (\$20-\$30)

AND A DESSERT TO SHARE



Webster Groves Barn

1155 South Rock Hill Road

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



Blattel & Associates 2025

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.
Sunflower Hill Farm 245 Terry Rd.



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for more information

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



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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2025 GATEWAY GTO CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October

- 2 - GTO MEETING 7PM at Gingham's
- 5 - Gateway GTO Picnic - Vago Park

November

- 1 - Olds Club Trivia Night - 7:00 to 11:00 at American Legion Hall 312, 2500 Raymond Drive, St. Charles MO, 63301
- 2 - Annual Gateway GTO Winery Run to Montelle Winery - Meet at Francis Howell High at 10:00 - Depart for Winery at 10:30
- 2 - Show at Dick Levi's Hanger - See flyer for details
- 6 - GTO MEETING 7PM at Gingham's

December

- 6 - Gateway GTO Christmas Party—5:00 to 10:00 at the Webster Groves Barn, 1155 South Rock Hill Rd, Webster Groves MO, 63119

SEE THE FULL CALENDAR AT WWW.GATEWAYGTO.ORG

Gateway GTO Classifieds

For Sale:

1990 Buick Riviera

Color: Burgundy

Milage: 95,000

Contact Joe Mayweather if interested at 314-210-7391

(314) 838-5533

Jon's Tri-Power Service

Jon F. Havens
Owner

126 Afshari Drive
Florissant, MO 63034
jfhavens@sbcglobal.net

(314) 496-7368

Jonathan's Q Jet Service

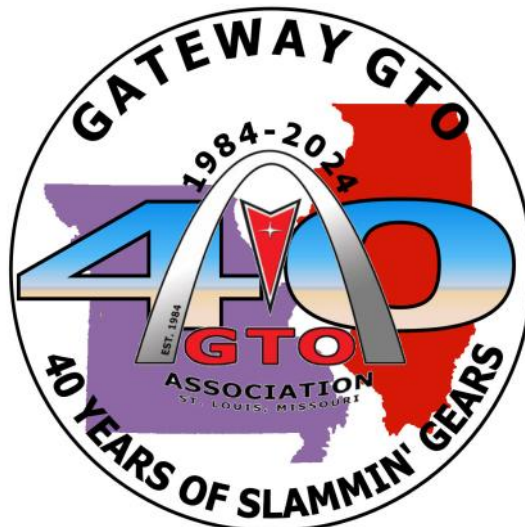
Jonathan Havens

13 Shamblin Dr.
Florissant, MO 63034

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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.

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:

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