



THE HOOD SCOOP

April 2026

421 Day! by Chris Winslow

Gateway GTO
Association



For 2026 we have a new event on the Gateway GTO calendar. That event is 421 day!

This event honors the legendary 421 inch Super Duty Pontiac engine. Gateway had not historically had an event on this day, so Steve Hedrick launched an effort to change that. Steve arranged with the Sawmill BBQ and Pub in Des Peres to host the event. In further homage to Pontiac and The Great One, the start time for the event was set for 242 (the VIN numbers that indicate a real GTO for model years 1966 to 1971)

We were blessed with perfect weather for the event. Temps were in upper 70's with clear skies and no wind. You can't ask for better and it left no one with an excuse for leaving their GTO at home! Accordingly, the turn out was excellent at over 30 people.

After checking out all of the cars that had turned up for the event, most of us stepped inside and ordered up some lunch. The food and the service was great.

INSIDE THIS ISSUE:

421 Day!	1
The Presidents Scoop	6
Calendar	22
GTO Marketplace	23
GGTOA Info Page	25



421 Day!

Steve had promised some Pontiac Celebrities at the event and sure enough, both Sheriff Buford T. Justice and Miss Hurst herself, Linda Vaughn made appearances.

Next up, Steve had prepared Pontiac trivia questions for the event. Many of the questions were quite difficult. There was a lot of head scratching at our table on several of them. Once the trivia was handed in, Steve handed out prizes to the winners. Those winning prizes were: Robert Woolsey, Gail Schott (aka Linda Vaughn), Jim Kiburz, Allen Neal, Rich Vie, Barb Lewis, Brian O'Sullivan, Earl Lewis, Paula Winslow, and John Fol-luo.

Everyone that came had a great time. I hope that this will become an annual event!







421 Day!



Presidents Scoop

The President's Scoop

By Chris Winslow

For those of you that may be on the hunt for your next project, during the Easter Car Show at Forest Park, we were approached by two different people who had cars that they are looking to sell. Neither of the cars were at the event, so we don't really know much about them. I have put what information I have on them in the classified section of this newsletter if anyone is interested.

Thanks to everyone that came out for Gateway GTOs first ever 421 day celebration and thanks to Steve Hedrick for pulling it all together. Everyone that attended had a great time.

Our calendar is filling up. For May, our first event is the annual Imanuel Lutheran parade on May 2nd. Additionally, for those that are interested, I have included some flyers in this newsletter for some events that are part of the annual Firebird Fest that the I-55 Firebirds put on every year. One of them is a playing of Smokey and The Bandit at the Skyview Drive In in Litchfield. There will be an amazing assortment of Firebirds from all generations at the event.

On May 23rd we will have the first ever Gateway GTO day at the Red Cedar Inn in Pacific. Terry and Gail Schott have organized a lunch and other activities to follow in the afternoon, so that looks to be a really fun day. Please see the flyer in this newsletter for more details. On the weekend following, we will have double duty on May 30th with the Wheels In Motion Car show at the Church on the Rock during the day and the Marine Trivia night that evening at the Elks Lodge in Arnold.

As I noted last month we have been invited to attend the 16th Pontiac Tribute day in Blue Springs put on by the KC Arrowheads Car Club. Paula and I went to that show last year and we really enjoyed it so we are planning to go again this year. We will likely plan for an early morning caravan leaving from our house in O'Fallon and jumping on highway 70 for the cruise to the show.

Speaking of caravans, with the National coming up in July, Tom and Terrie Oxler have organized a caravan to drive to Colorado for the 2026 GTOAA Nationals. See the flyer in this newsletter for more details.

One final item for this month is that this week Earl and Terry and I attended a meeting with the owner of Top Stitch Interiors, Jerry Klich. He is planning a charity car show on October 10th at the Calvary Church parking lot in St. Peters. The proceeds will benefit Make A Wish. They are looking for some help with parking and judging at the show. He will be at our meeting on May 7th to tell us more about the event and what we could do to help them with it.





Gateway GTO Meeting Minutes



Minutes 4/2/26

7:02 PM – Meeting Start

No new members this month. A new member will be introduced in May.

7:07 PM – Old Business

Chris Winslow talked about the Marine Corps League St. Patrick's Day Dance on March 14th in Arnold. The Winslows and the Hedricks attended.

Earl Lewis asked to talk about some things. His birthday is in March and someone set up a fundraiser on Facebook for NCCS. Also, Earl talked about a shop in St. Charles called Topstitch who made a leather boot for Earl's car. Did great work. They will be hosting a car show in October. There is a flyer available on the table.

Earl also talked about Open Road Insurance and the Wheels in Motion Car show.

7:11 PM – New Business and Upcoming Events

Chris talked about the Easter Car show at Forest Park on April 5th. Cost is \$15 per car. We will meet at the McDonalds at 1420 Hampton at 8:00 am and then proceed to the show at 8:30 am.

There is also an Easter Car Show at the St. Charles Family Arena. Please let Earl know if you are attending. The cost is \$15 per car in advance, \$25 per car day of show.

Chris had Steve Hedrick talk about 421 Day at Sawmill BBQ Pub & Grill in Des Peres. There is a flyer available at the meeting and on the website. There will be prizes, trivia and celebrities. We need to determine the head count for the event.

Chris talked about the Immanuel Lutheran Parade on May 2nd. Some members volunteered to drive in the parade to escort the Veterans to Blanchette Park for the church picnic. Earl mentioned that there may be a fire truck coming.

Chris talked about Gateway GTO Day at the Red Cedar Inn on May 23rd. Terry and Gail have planned a cruise a lunch at Poor Richards in Eureka and a tour afterwards.

Chris talked about the first Wheels in Motion car show this year at Church on the Rock on May 30th. Bob Blattel will be coming to the show and putting

on some magic shows.

Also, the Marine Corp Trivia Night will be held on May 30th. We will reserve one table for now.

Robert Woolsey brought flyers for a car show in Blue Springs, MO on June 6th. The funds raised are for the Shriners.

Sharon mentioned a car cruise on June 27th in Cuba, MO. The fliers are available and will be on the website.

7:26 PM – GTOAA

Steve Hedrick talked about the upcoming National Convention in Colorado. Activities are filling up. The host hotel is full. Rooms are available in the over-flow hotel.

Steve also talked about going to the Pontiacs at Pidgeon Forge on June 4th-6th.

Tom Oxler talked about a planned caravan to the National Convention.

7:29 - TECH

Steve talked about a leaky coil in his Solstice but the part is discontinued. He is trying to find something to fix it.

7:32 – PERSONALS

Chris talked about the loss of Sandra Melrose on March 8th. She will be missed.

Ron Wildebrandt is recovering from hip replacement surgery.

Alan Finkenbinder is doing better.

The meeting adjourned at 7:44 after a motion by Rich Lacovich and a second by Gail Schott.

50/50 of \$37 dollars was won by Tom Oxler.

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 2026 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



FIREBIRDFEST IS COMING TO ECKERT'S!

FIRST TIME EVER!

THE FIREBIRD CAR SHOW



★ FREE CAR SHOW FOR THE PUBLIC! | OVER 150+ PONTIAC FIREBIRDS ★
★ ★ 150+ PONTIAC FIREBIRDS FROM 33 STATES! ★ ★

THURSDAY, MAY 14 | BETWEEN 4:30 & 6:30 PM

🍏 🍏 **ECKERT'S ORCHARD | BELLEVILLE, ILLINOIS** 🍏 🏠

FAMILY FRIENDLY FUN & EXCITEMENT!

MANY DIFFERENT ACTIVITIES!



KIDS PLAYGROUND



RESTAURANT AND STORE




FOOD & TREATS

NEAT PHOTO OPPORTUNITIES!



PHOTOBOOTH

 Eckert's.

JOIN US FOR AN UNFORGETTABLE EVENING!



\$7 gets you 2 movies
and admission to
see the car show!

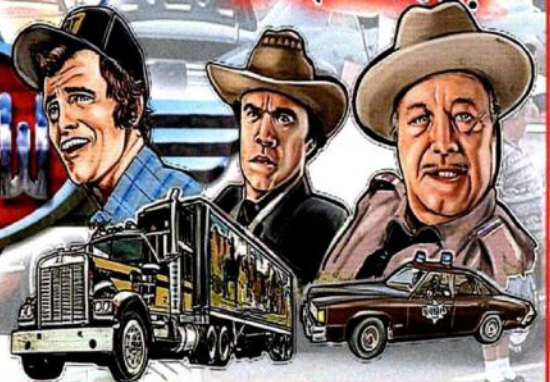
All Classic Cars
Are Welcome!

CLASSIC

CAR SHOW



Smokey
and the
Bandit



MAY 15, 2026

CAR SHOW NIGHT AT THE DRIVE-IN!



GATES OPEN AT 5

\$15 TO ENTER CAR SHOW & WATCH MOVIE

\$7 TO WATCH MOVIE & SEE THE CAR SHOW

2 Movies for 1 admission price!

PART OF FIREBIRD
FEST 6

Visit our concession
stand and grab
something to eat
while you're here!

MOVIE AT
DARK:

Smokey
AND THE
Bandit



RT66 SKYVIEW DRIVE-IN - 1500 N OLD ROUTE 66 - LITCHFIELD, IL

GATEWAY GTO ASSOCIATION CAR CRUISE

★★★
**SATURDAY,
MAY 23**



★★★
**10:00 AM
- 1:00 PM**



RED CEDAR INN ★ PACIFIC, MISSOURI



CLASSIC PONTIAC GTOs



PHOTO OPPORTUNITIES



FAMILY-FRIENDLY EVENT



**LITTLE IRELAND DRIP COFFEE
AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE!**

FREE EVENT

★ **OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!**

Come See These Legendary Muscle Cars!



RED CEDAR INN MUSEUM & VISITOR CENTER • #ROUTE66 • #TERRIFICPACIFIC • #GTOCRUISE

After enjoying our time showing the cars and visiting the Red Cedar Inn on Saturday, May 23, we will cruise to Eureka, MO to enjoy a lunch buffet at approximately 1:15 PM.

“Poor Richards”

108 Hilltop Village Center Dr., Suite A Eureka, MO

Our lunch buffet will include:

Tossed salad

Mostaccioli

Dollar sandwiches and

Soft drink of your choice

This buffet will cost \$15.00 each and we will need a headcount by Friday, May 15, 2026

(The \$15 does not include your tip.)



At approximately 2:45, we will then cruise to and tour:



18625 Historic Rt. 66, Pacific, MO 63069

This will be on the right-hand side as you are headed west on old Rt. 66. If you get to the prison, (and they don't keep ya!) you just missed it! The properties adjoin.

Trophies for:

- Pastor's Choice
- Kids Pick
- And More....

Sno-Cones
by the St. Louis Gateway
Buick Club of America

30TH BI-ANNUAL
Walter F. Phillips Memorial
Collector Cars Against Cancer

**Food &
Drinks**

**Wheels in Motion
Day**



Saturday, May 30th, 2026
9 am to 2 pm

**All Proceeds Benefit Children in their
Fight with Cancer**



2900 Frank Scott Parkway, Ste 928
Belleville, IL 62223
(314) 241-1600



900 Birdie Hills Rd, St. Peters, MO 63376

CAR REGISTRATION: \$25 PER CAR AT EVENT

FIRST 150 CARS RECEIVE A COMMEMORATIVE DASH PLAQUE

SPONSORS ↓ SPONSORS ↓ SPONSORS ↓ SPONSORS ↓ SPONSORS ↓ SPONSORS



For more details, call
Elliott (314) 605-0225 or
Judi (636) 485-0287

<https://firstcapitolclassics.wixsite.com/autoclub>

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

PONTIAC TRIBUTE DAY 2026



16th Annual Show and Shine Car and Bike Show
A CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION OF TWO AMERICAN ICONS
Celebrating 100 years of Pontiac and Route 66

**6 JUNE
2026**
10 AM - 2PM

**1237 SW RT-7
BLUE SPRINGS, MO
(SIDE POCKETS PARKING LOT)**
////////////////////
RAIN OR SHINE

OPEN TO ALL MAKES AND MODELS

**FREE TO
PUBLIC**

**LIVE DJ
MUSIC**

**DOOR
PRIZES**

**EVENT
SHIRTS**

Ed's Posse
will be in attendance
collecting donations for
 **Shriners
Hospitals
for Children®**



scan the QR code or visit
www.facebook.com/kcarrowheads/
for more information and updates



GRAF & SONS
THE RELOADING AUTHORITY
MEXICO, MISSOURI

8TH ANNUAL

CAR SHOW

**JUNE 20TH
2026**



**AWARDS
AT
3:00 PM**

Mexico Elks Lodge: 1705 Christopher Rd. Mexico, MO 65269

• \$30 REGISTRATION - FREE T-SHIRT WITH REGISTRATION •
BBQ & BEVERAGES SERVED ALL DAY BY THE ELKS - 5 ACRES OF GRASS PARKING

BEST IN SHOW - \$250.00 MARJ GRAF CHOICE - \$100.00
PEOPLE'S CHOICE - \$100.00 50/50 DRAWING

1ST AND 2ND PLACE TROPHIES IN EACH CLASS

- CAR CLASSES -

- ORIGINAL PRE 1949
- ORIGINAL 1950-1960
- ORIGINAL 1961-1972
- ORIGINAL 1973-1989
- ORIGINAL 1990-2009
- SHOWROOM 2010-PRESENT
- STREET ROD 1900-1934
- STREET ROD 1935-1948
- MODIFIED 1949-1963
- MODIFIED 1964-1973
- MODIFIED 1974-PRESENT
- CORVETTE 1953-1962
- CORVETTE 1964-PRESENT
- MUSTANG 1964-1978
- MUSTANG 1979-PRESENT
- CAMARO 1967-2002
- CAMARO 2010-PRESENT
- RAT ROD (OPEN)
- JEEP
- UNDER CONSTRUCTION
- RACE CAR OPEN
- FACTORY MUSCLE

- TRUCK CLASSES -

- STOCK
- MODIFIED
- 4X4

- MOTORCYCLES -

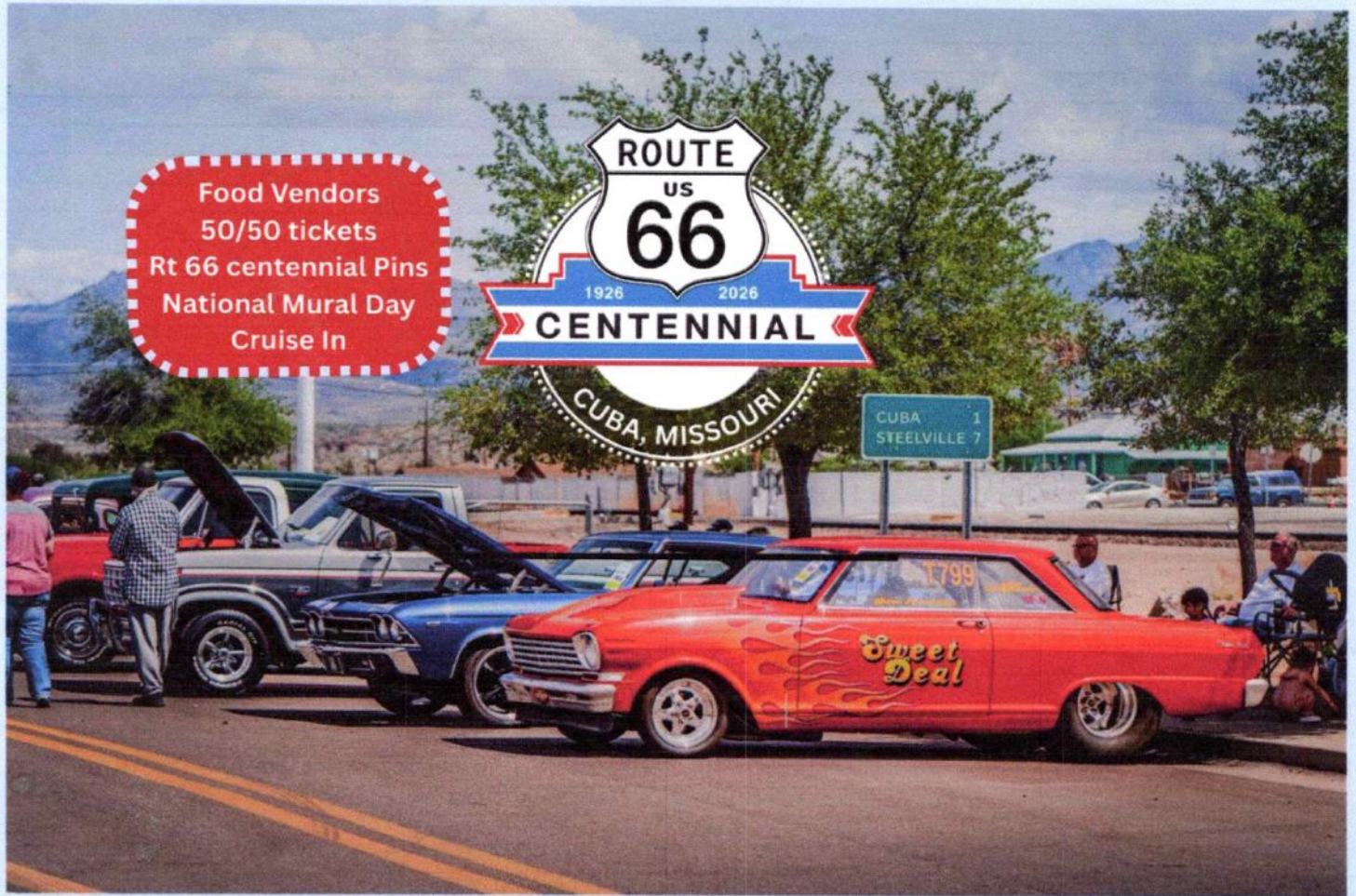
- OPEN
- CRUISER
- VINTAGE

**ALL PROCEEDS
WILL GO TO
ELKS CHARITIES**

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL

SHEILA: 573-721-6264

**Come Celebrate
Route 66's 100th Birthday
& Cuba Mural Day
with us!**



Saturday June 27th 11am

at the Lion's Den
110 Buchanan Cuba, MO

**Cruise In, Music, 50/50 tickets
Food Truck Roundup, and more!**

Sponsored by Cuba Arts Council and the Cuba Lions Club



CRUISE TO THE NATIONALS

LOVELAND COLORADO

St. Louis Group: Monday, July 6 meet at the Redemption Assembly of God Church, 1400 Corporate Pkwy, Wentzville, MO (NE corner of I-64 and Prospect Rd) at 7:30 am. We will leave at 8:00 am and proceed up Hwy 61 to Hannibal to meet the Illinois Group.

Illinois Group: Monday, July 6 meet at the Holiday Inn Express, 120 Shinn Ln, Hannibal, MO (1 mile west of Hannibal on Hwy 36) at 9:30 am. We will join forces with the St. Louis Group and leave promptly at 10:00 am heading west on Hwy 35 to Norton, Kansas.

Hotel for July 6: Sleep Inn 201 Holmes Rd. Norton, KS 785-871-4112 (\$102-\$130) Leave Norton for Loveland at 8 am Tuesday arrive Loveland at approx. 2 pm

For Fun Come to the Fifteenth Annual...
GTOAA REGIONAL ALL PONTIAC
CRUISE AND SHOW

proceeds benefit the Pontiac-Oakland Museum

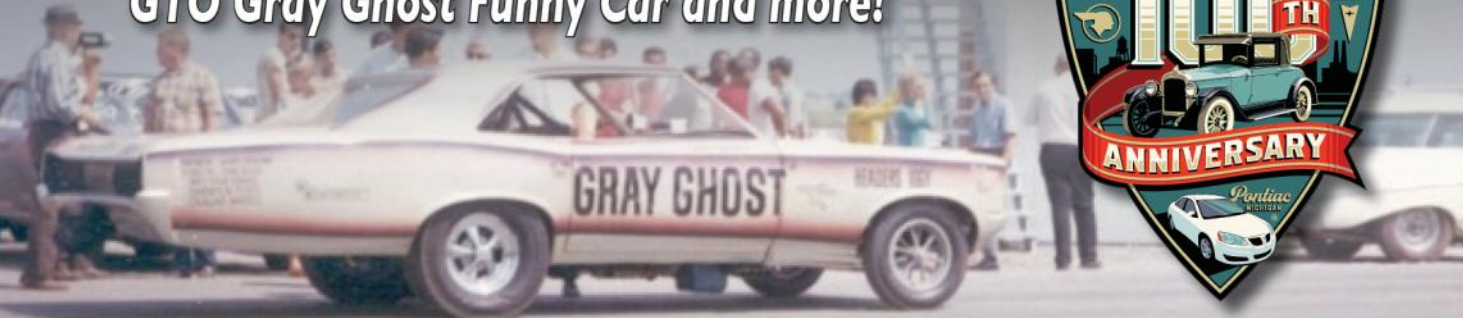
Official Route 66 Centennial Event!

Join us as we celebrate the 100th Anniversary of both Pontiac Motor Division and Rt 66. See a special display including the very last Pontiac, the 1966 GTO Gray Ghost Funny Car and more!

Hosted by the...

Heart of Illinois GTO Club

Gateway GTO Club



Entertainment, Tours, Show, Cruise, Fun & More



September 19 - 20, 2026

For Information Contact : *Pontiac, Illinois*

Chris Winslow
636-294-8104

chriswinslow@charter.net

Brian Sorensen
630-991-1465

bsorensen1@comcast.net

both days \$30 Sunday only \$20

for registration & info, see www.gatewaygto.org

Saturday • Private Collections • Tour
• Live Music • Food Trucks

Sunday • All Pontiac Car Show
• Expanded Classes • Special Displays

Hotels

- Hampton Inn 815-844-4400
- Quality Inn 815-844-4444
- Super 8 815-844-6888
- Best Western 815-842-2777

Pontiac-Oakland Museum • 205 N. Mill Street - Pontiac, Illinois 61764 • Phone - 815-842-2345 • www.pontiacoaklandmuseum.org

2026 GATEWAY GTO CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May

- 2 - Immanuel Lutheran Church Parade
- 7 - GTO MEETING 7PM at Gingham's
- 15 - Car Show Night at the Drive In - Rt 66 Drive In - 1500 Old Rt 66, Litchfield, IL Gates open at 5 - See Flyer in this newsletter for more details
- 23 - Gateway GTO Day at the Red Cedar Inn - See Flyer in this newsletter for more details
- 30 - Wheels in Motion Spring Car Show
- 30 - Marine Trivia

June

- 4 - GTO MEETING 7PM at Gingham's
- 6 - 16th Annual Pontiac Tribute Car Show at Blue Springs, MO
- 20 - Car Show at the Elks Lodge in Mexico, MO
- 27 - Route 66 car show at Cuba, MO

SEE THE FULL CALENDAR AT WWW.GATEWAYGTO.ORG

Gateway GTO Classifieds

For Sale:

White 1964 Catalina Convertible with a Red Interior

389 Tri Power and Posi Rear End

Asking \$7500

Contact Clay at 314-422-1123 or clayflooring@aol.com

See Next Page for Another Car For Sale!!

Gateway GTO Classifieds

For Sale:

1968 GTO with approximately 68,000 miles

Needs Total Restoration

Has been in storage in the same garage since 1973

(Was in the garage when new owners purchased the house)

The home owners do not currently have a title for the car

They are reporting that the wheels are locked and the gas tank is rusted out.

**Contact Info: Todd Murray 314-409-3320
Toddmurray.stlrealtor@yahoo.com**

(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

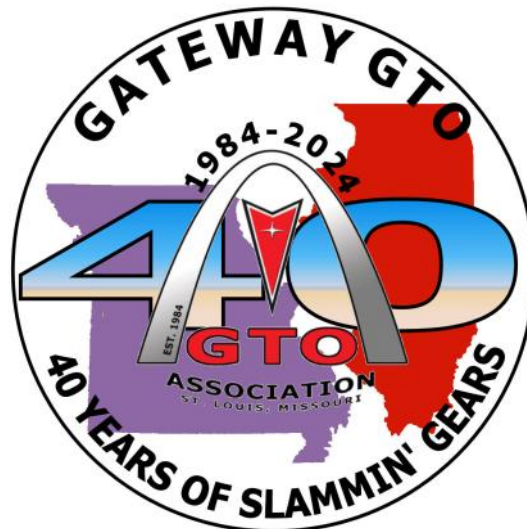
Lewis Insurance Agency
W Earl Lewis
LUTCF, CIC, CSP, CSG
636-219-4932
Welewis1949@gmail.com

The HAGERTY Guy

A red classic car with its hood open, showing the engine.

CustomAutoApparel.com

[Gateway GTO Club Store](#)



GATEWAY GTO ASSOCIATION OFFICERS

President

Chris Winslow
644 Emge Road
O'Fallon, MO 63366
636-294-8104
chriswinslow@charter.net

Vice President II.

Dan Jackson
P.O. Box 234
Greenville, IL 62246
618-267-1760
dajalj@gmail.com

Secretary

Paula Winslow
644 Emge Road
O'Fallon, MO 63366
636-294-8104
pwinslow@charter.net

Photo Album Editor

Laura Kiefer
70 Keystone Drive
Old Monroe, MO 63369
1977kieferla@gmail.com

Web

Chris Winslow
644 Emge Rd.
O'Fallon MO 63366
636-294-8104
chriswinslow@charter.net

Charity Chairman

Bob Blattel
4564 Austin Knoll Court
St. Charles MO 63304
636-441-3141
bob@blattels.com

Vice President Mo

Brian O'Sullivan
2576 Westrick Drive
Maryland Heights MO 63043
314-225-7240
bosullivan@hunter.com

Treasurer

Will Bowers
4213 Napa View Lane
St. Charles, MO 63304
618-791-3110
wvbdbsb@yahoo.com

GTOAA Chapter Rep.

Steve Hedrick
3676 Morgan Way
Imperial, MO 63052
314-640-4020
sthedrick@aol.com

Club Events Chairman

Marty Howard
7 Newcastle CT
St. Charles MO 63301
636-724-8641
nycgto@att.net

Newsletter Editor

Chris Winslow
644 Emge Rd.
O'Fallon MO 63366
636-294-8104
chriswinslow@charter.net

Photographer

Chris Winslow
644 Emge Rd.
O'Fallon MO 63366
636-294-8104
chriswinslow@charter.net

Advertising Guidelines

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.

Advertising rates for non members are:

\$100 – Full page (Color or Black and White) ad in monthly *Hoodscoop* newsletter for 12 months, your logo on our Website Sponsor page, and a link to your website from our Related Website Link space.

\$50 – ½ page (Color or Black and White) ad in our monthly *Hoodscoop* newsletter for 12 months, your logo on our Website Sponsor page, and a link to your website from our Related Website Link space.

\$25 – Business Card (Color or Black and White) ad in our monthly *Hoodscoop* newsletter for 12 months, your logo on our Website Sponsor page, and a link to your website from our Related Website Link space.



The Gateway GTO Association
is an official chapter of the
GTO Association of America
www.gtoaa.org

Visit us at
www.gatewaygto.org or
www.gatewaygto.com

644 Emge Road
O'Fallon, MO 63366

