



THE HOOD SCOOP

July 2026

2026 GTOAA Nationals

by Chris Winslow

Gateway GTO
Association



For 2026, we were in Loveland, Colorado for the GTOAA Nationals. A lot of the Gateway Gang took part in the 2 day cruise starting in Hannibal led by Tom and Terrie Oxler. As you can see from the photo above, Gateway had a major presence. By my count, we had at least 40 total people there over the course of the convention week.

The registration got underway on schedule on Tuesday morning. Despite the fact that Gateway was not the host chapter for 2026, Gateway members Diana Johnson and Paula Winslow were busy Tuesday morning working with other GTOAA folks to keep the registration process running smoothly.

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 drive in, a tour of the Stanley Hotel, and the Humbler commercial recreation. There were also some great speakers. These included Thom Sherwood and Jay Fitzsimmons.

One of the most important events for the week was a memorial service for Beth Butcher. Bob Alexander had brought in her beloved Judge for a spe-

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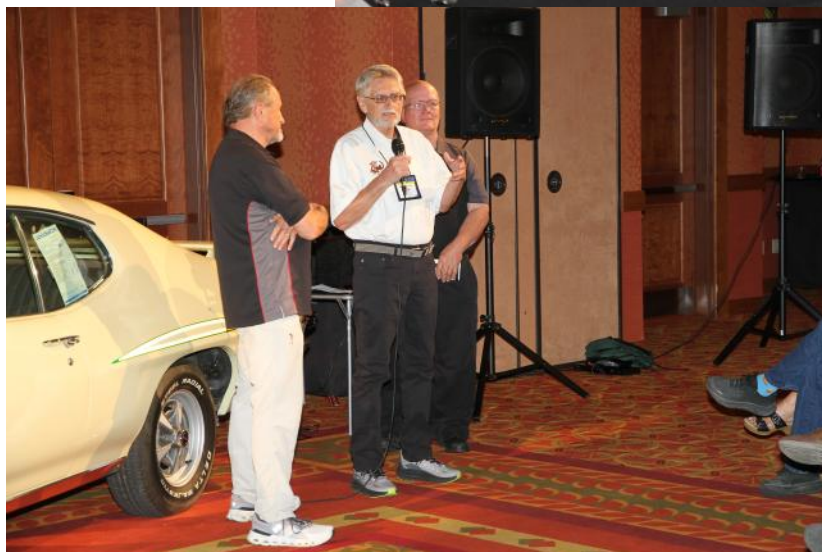
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cial display for the occasion. Randy Pribyl conducted the service and several other GTOAA members spoke of their memories of Beth both in terms of all she did in support of the GTOAA and also her friendship and support over the years. The event was very well attended and a fitting tribute to all of Beth's many years of service and fellowship.



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. For this year, there were two winners. Bill announced them in reverse alphabetical order. The second winner was our own Terry Schott in recognition of all he does for the club and all of its members. Seeing Terry get that award was the highlight of the week for me.

Next up in the program was the Popular Vote awards. As was the case last year, Lucas Hedrick and Bryan Johnson did the presentations to the winners.. Like we did in 2025, members voted on their favorites and then Bryan and Lucas totaled up the ballots. There were 10 cars that won Members Choice awards and then there were cars that won for their specific year.

For the members choice, there were three Gateway Members that won. The Beasley's won with their 1964 LeMans, the Hedricks won with their 1967 GTO, and Harry Timmerman won with his 1965 LeMans convertible.

In the year awards by year, Gateway picked up five additional awards. The Ray's won the Post 1980's Pontiac award with their 2009 G8 GXP, the Chapmans won with their 1970 GTO, the Vie's won with their 1974 GTO, Joe Mayweather won with his 2004 GTO, and the Finkenbinders won with their 2006 GTO.

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

For the Concours show this year, Gateway only had one entry. It was Bob Alexander in his 2006 GTO. His car was awarded Gold!

Overall Gateway did quite well with 8 popular vote awards, 1 Concours Gold and, of course, the big one for the evening, the Tom Foster for Terry! It was a great showing for 2026.









Presidents Scoop

The President's Scoop

By Chris Winslow

The 2026 GTOAA convention is behind us, but I know many of us are already looking forward to the 2027 convention in Owensboro, Kentucky. As I noted in the cover article, Gateway had a great showing for 2026 both attendance wise and also in awards won.

Now we can take a bit of a breather for a few weeks before our big Fall car show season begins. First up will be the Fall Wheels In Motion Car Show. For this year, based on member feedback, we are not going to do our traditional Fall raffle because we found that collectively we were spending more money putting that show on than we were generating in revenue to donate. So, for this year I am asking everyone that normally donates items to the raffle to make a cash donation in the same amount. We will gather all of those donations up and present them to the NCCS during the event.

Next up will be our All Pontiac Show at the Pontiac Museum in Illinois. The flyer for that event is included in this newsletter. With this year being the 100th anniversary of both Pontiac and Route 66, we are planning a special weekend and I am hearing from a lot of folks that they are planning to attend. We will start the weekend with our Friday evening BBQ at the Finkenbinder's so I will be looking to start gathering a head count soon so we know how much food is needed. In addition, Alan Finkenbinder and Dave Sullivan are hard at work planning a great Saturday cruise and there will be a live concert on Saturday evening. We are looking for a record breaking attendance this year so please put this event on your calendar!

As I noted at the meeting a few weeks ago, our August is pretty wide open, so if anyone has any suggestions for a fun activity for August please let me know.

One final item for this month is Gateway GTO dues. As we enter into August, we still have a some folks that have not paid their Gateway dues for 2026. We use the dues money to help pay for club activities like the upcoming Picnic and also for club expenses like insurance and the website. If you have not paid your dues for 2026, please do so as soon as you can. There is information in this newsletter on page 10 for renewing your Gateway dues.





Gateway GTO Meeting Minutes



Minutes 7/2/26

7:01 PM – Meeting Start

There were no new members this month.

Chris and Paula Winslow showed some of the items they purchased from the GM Apparel Gateway GTO site. Some items are screen-printed and some are embroidered.

7:03 PM – Old Business

Chris Winslow talked about the Spring Wheels in Motion show. The car count was 129. The total raised was \$4416, including the \$1400 Earl raised prior to the show.

Chris asked Steve Hedrick to talk about the Pontiacs at Pigeon Forge show he and Lucas attended. 586 cars were there, some indoors and some outdoors. The Bandit run ended at the show. As a rep for GTOAA, Steve got 50 renewals and 25 new members.

Chris talked about the Pontiac Tribute Car show in Blue Springs, MO on June 6th. The Winslow's, the Schotts and the Johnsons attended. There was some construction on Highway 70, but traffic moved pretty well.

Chris mentioned the car show in Mexico Missouri on the 20th.

7:08 PM – New Business and Upcoming Events

Chris talked about the next several events, first up is the GTOAA Nationals on July 7th to 11th in Loveland Colorado. The Oxlers have set up a caravan leaving from Hannibal on Monday morning.

Chris mentioned the Tri-Power Nationals in Norwalk on 17th-19th.

Chris has set up a tour of the Boeing Prologue room on July 29th at 10:00 am. Lunch will follow at the Sports Cafe.

Chris mentioned the Woodward Dream Cruise on August 15th.

Chris mentioned that the Indian Uprising car show will be held in August, hosted by the Cruisin' Tigers.

Chris talked about the All Pontiac Show at the Pontiac Museum in September. Please be sure to get your hotel reservations as soon as possible. There is a BBQ planned at Finkenbinder's on Friday night.

There is a plan to have a special car display under a tent.

Chris asked for suggestions for an August activity.

7:25 PM – GTOAA

Chris and John Johnson talked about the upcoming National Convention in Colorado. There are tickets still available for the Drive-In on Wednesday. We believe the movies will be Minions & Monsters and a new sci-fi movie.

Chris talked about the Gateway sound system that was used for car shows in the past. This sound system will be taken to the GTOAA Nationals to use for the Beth Butcher memorial service. Chris fixed the broken parts in the system and purchased some new cables for things like Blue-Tooth.

7:34 - TECH

Joe Mayweather talked about issues with his 2004 that failed the Emissions inspection. He also mentioned that his horn would not work when turning right or left. Possible clock spring issue. Chris went over to Tom Oxler's house to test his alternator to make sure it had enough power. Chris talked about a sticky substance on the horn button on 2004-2006 cars. It came off with rubbing alcohol and a microfiber cloth.

7:37 – PERSONALS

Chris talked about Frank Chapman who is still recovering surgery for his broken ankle. Frank attended the POCI Nationals and plans on attending the GTOAA Nationals.

Earl Lewis is recovering from a hospital stay. He has quit smoking.

Sharon Wildebrandt has recovered from a tick bite.

Chris Winslow had kidney stone surgery.

Will Bowers had an injection in his back,

The meeting adjourned at 7:47 after a motion by Earl Lewis and a second by Daryl May.

50/50 of \$25 dollars was won by Sharon Wildebrandt.



GATEWAY GTO ASSOCIATION

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Gateway GTO

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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

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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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Gateway GTO Guided Tour of Boeing Prologue Room

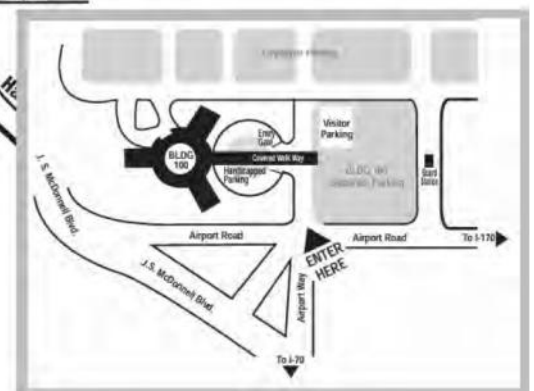
The Boeing Prologue Room displays the artifacts and history of more than a century of Aerospace artifacts, models, photographs, and paintings showcasing the history of McDonnell, Douglas, Boeing, North American, Hughes, Jeppesen, Piasecki and Stearman

Date: Wednesday, July 29th

Time: 10am

**Where: 9000 Airport Road
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**Lunch to Follow at Sports Café
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2026 GATEWAY GTO CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July

29 - Gateway GTO Tour of Boeing Prologue Room

August

6 - GTO MEETING 7PM at Gingham's

15 - Woodward Dream Cruise

September

3 - GTO MEETING 7PM at Gingham's

12 - Fall Wheels In Motion Car Show

18-20 - All Pontiac Show at the Pontiac Museum

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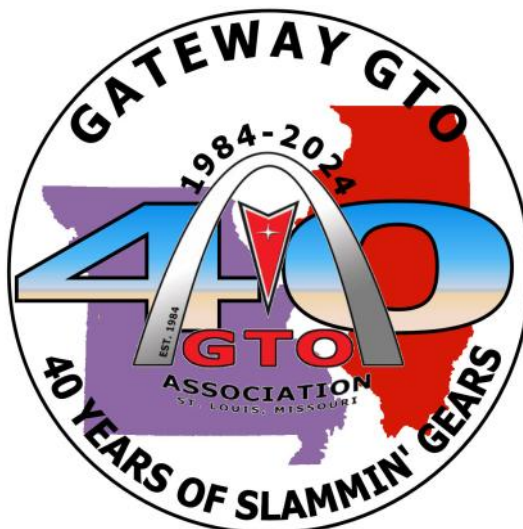
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The yearly dues for Gateway GTO is \$20. The dues are due by the Pizza Party in January. All Gateway GTO members must be a member in good standing with GTOAA. You are allowed to have one associate member.

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