



THE HOOD SCOOP

June 2026

Wheels In Motion Spring Car Show

by Chris Winslow

Gateway GTO
Association



The Wheels In Motion car shows are probably the most significant of the charity events that Gateway GTO supports every year. Starting last year, in cooperation with the First Capital Classics who run the show each year, we expanded the event to two shows per year and moved the event to the Church on the Rock in St. Peters.

This new location has really worked out well for a few reasons. First, the church has a large parking lot for the show and lots of adjacent parking for spectators. Additionally, the way the parking lot is laid out, there is a long entry drive on the south side of the lot that allows us to route cars onto the show field and collect money from the owners without backing up onto the Birdie Hills Drive, which runs in front of the church. And, probably most importantly, the church has been an amazing partner for these shows. They provide the parking lot and tables and chairs for the event. They advertise the show and have a large electronic sign to attract attention. They also provide a DJ for the event and arrange for other things like Jonny on the Spots. Without all of the outstanding support from the church, this event would not be possible.

For the Spring 2026 show, we started the morning with really nice weather. The show was scheduled to start at 9:00, but several of us arrived around 7:00 to make sure the early birds paid to enter the show field. As is usually the case, cars started to arrive shortly after 7:00. So, by 7:30, Brian and Amy O'Sullivan and I were manning the entrance and already pretty busy. As the morning continued, we were relieved by others from the club including Terry and Gail Schott and Jim and Shelly Schneider.

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For this show, the First Capital Classics club had decided to try their hand at running a raffle similar to the one that Gateway has done in the past. To help them with that, we lent them our raffle supplies, including the raffle ticket tubs. Also, Paula spent most of the morning with them helping with operating the raffle tent.



Bob Blattel was also at the event to perform magic shows for the children. This is one of the highlights of these car shows for the children from the church and also any children that are there from the National Children's Cancer Society (NCCS). Bob did two shows at the event and both were well attended by children and adults.



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Earl, who is the driving force behind Gateways participation in these events and also a huge supporter of NCCS, had not been feeling well in the days leading up to the event. He tried to soldier on the morning of the show, but ultimately had to head back home. Earl had, however, raised over \$1400 in advance of the show including a donation from Will and Donna Bowers.





Earl and Barb normally run the 50/50 for these shows, but with Earl under the weather, Sharon Wildebrandt volunteered to take over along with help from Ron. The two of them worked the show field and ultimately they raised a total of \$350, allowing a 50/50 donation of \$175.

As the morning continued, the weather began to head in the wrong direction, so the First Capital Classics club decided to accelerate the program so that people could leave by about 1:00 before the bad weather rolled in.



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In support of the accelerated schedule, Paula grabbed the ballot box and tallied the ballots for the three categories for the event. Those were Peoples Choice, Ladie's Choice, and Kids Vote. When the ballots were totaled up Gateways John Blankenship won the Peoples Choice award for his 1964 GTO Convertible!

The First Capital Classics club drew the winners for the raffle prizes and then everyone started to pack up to beat the weather. Most folks were able to get on their way before the rain started, although a number of us wound up getting caught in the rain on the way home.

Once it was all tallied up, First Capital Classics president, Bill Brecht, let me know that Gateway had collected a total of \$3200 from the gate. This translates to a total car attendance of 128 cars. (Actually we know at least one person intentionally snuck into the show to avoid paying on the way in. So, we had at least 129 cars. It is extremely disappointing that some-



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body would do that to avoid a donation to the NCCS). Overall, when the Bill totaled up the donations that Earl raised, the 50/50 from Sharon and Ron, the money the Olds club raised selling snow cones, and the money from the raffle, the event raised a total of \$4416.

This was the first of these events since Gateway has been participating where Sharon Mercer was not in charge for First Capital Classics. Sharon has for decades been a driving force for this show. I thought that Bill and the rest of the club did a great job pulling it all together given that for the past years Sharon largely planned and operated the whole event largely singlehandedly. Sharon and Al did make it to the event and I got a chance to talk to her for just a few minutes. She was busy tallying up the number of attendees, so she was hard at it as usual.

Once again Gateway really stepped up to help with a great cause. We will plan on supporting the fall show in September. We did decide, by the way, last fall that we were not going to do the raffle at the fall show any longer because in fact we determined it was collectively costing us more money to conduct the raffle than we were raising. So, for this fall, as we discussed last year, we are asking everyone to provide donations for the fall show. We will gather up all of the donations and give them to the NCCS in lieu of conducting the raffle.



Presidents Scoop

The President's Scoop

By Chris Winslow

As June winds down, the GTOAA National Convention in Loveland, Colorado is almost here! Hopefully you have your registration in and your rooms reserved. If you are planning to enter a car in the Concours show and you have not already registered, the deadline is July 1st. Tom and Terrie Oxler have organized a caravan to drive to Colorado for the Nationals that departs from Hannibal Monday morning. The meeting spot is the Holiday Inn Express in Hannibal at 9:00 See the flyer in this newsletter for more details.

A few meetings ago, there was a discussion about a tour of the Boeing Prologue Room at Boeing Defense's headquarters here in St. Louis near the airport. This is a room filled with artifacts and history showcasing the history of McDonnell Douglas, Boeing, North American and other companies that make up Boeing today. I have arranged for Gateway GTO to have a guided tour of the Prologue Room on Wednesday, July 29th at 10:00. We will plan on lunch afterwards at Sports Café. See the flyer in this newsletter for more details.

Also coming up before you know it will be our annual 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, including a special car display with the last Pontiac ever built and the 1966 Gray Ghost Funny Car. The City of Pontiac has arranged a special rate for us at the hotels for this event. This information is available on our website. Additionally, I have added the hotel reservation page from our website to this newsletter for reference. Please note that if you call to reserve your room use the phone number on that flyer and ask for the front desk to make the reservation. The national reservation folks for these hotel chains will not know about these special rates. You should get your room for that show reserved soon because our show is not the only event in the area that weekend and the hotels are expected to sell out.

Right now, our August is pretty wide open, so if anyone has any suggestions for a fun activity for August please let me know.

Finally, thanks to Terry and Gail Schott for inviting us to their annual chicken dinner at St. Thomas United Church. We had a great turnout from Gateway, taking up almost 2 full tables in the room. I am already looking forward to next year.





Gateway GTO Meeting Minutes



Minutes 6/4/26

7:01 PM – Meeting Start

There were no new members this month.

Chris played a dance video that Marty found to Little GTO.

Chris Winslow talked about the GM Apparel Gateway GTO site. It is ready for orders. There are some items available, with more to follow.

7:05 PM – Old Business

Chris Winslow talked about the Red Cedar Inn Cruise-in, lunch at Poor Richards and the tour of Campbell's Service Station. The event at Red Cedar was well attended, with 14 Gateway GTOs and 2 GTOs from non-Gateway members. The lunch was Poor Richards was excellent with a private room for the lunch and a great buffet. Campbells Service Station was amazing. The building was very clean and organized.

Chris Winslow talked about the Spring Wheels in Motion show. We will get the exact car count from First Capital Classics at a later date. We estimated that there were about 125 cars. Awards were given for a few categories. John Blankenship won the Spectators' choice. Earl raised over \$1400 in donations prior to the show, including a donation from Will and Donna Bowers. Sharon and Ron Wildebrandt raised \$350 for 50/50. Bob Blattel performed two magic shows. Chris thanked everyone who helped with the event.

Chris talked about the Marine Corp Trivia Night that was held on May 30th at the Elks Lodge in Imperial. It was attended by Steve and Tammy Hedrick, Brian, Amy and Cindy O'Sullivan and Chris and Paula Winslow. It was very hard trivia.

7:13 PM – New Business and Upcoming Events

Chris talked about setting up a tour of the Boeing Prologue room if there is interest.

Steve and Lucas Hedrick will be attending Pontiacs at Pigeon Forge on June 4-6.

Chris Winslow talked about the Pontiac Tribute Car show in Blue Springs, MO on June 6th. The funds raised are for the Shriners. The caravan for

those who are attending will start at Winslow's house at 6:30 am.

Chris talked about the chicken dinner at Schott's church on June 14th. There is a flyer available.

John Johnson mentioned a car show in Mexico Missouri on June 20th at the Elks Lodge.

The Route 66 100th anniversary cruise will be in Cuba, Missouri on June 27th. The fliers are available and will be on the website.

GTOAA Nationals will be July 7th to July 11th in Loveland Colorado.

7:22 PM – GTOAA

Chris and John Johnson talked about the upcoming National Convention in Colorado.

Tom Oxler has set up a caravan for the National Convention. There was a change in the caravan where everyone will be meeting in Hannibal where they will meet up with the group from the Pontiac area.

7:25 - TECH

Earl Lewis had a heater core leak.

7:27 – PERSONALS

Chris talked about Frank Chapman who broke his right ankle on April 30th. He is now recovering from surgery to install a steel plate. Frank is still planning on attending the GTOAA Nationals.

Joe Mayweather will be getting a pacemaker soon. Donna Bower's brother is in hospice care. Earl Lewis is recovering from being sick.

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 after a motion by Brian O'Sullivan and a second by Andrew O'Sullivan.

50/50 of \$39 dollars was won by Tony Bezzole. There was a second drawing for a Hot Wheels GTO matchbox car which Sharon won.

GATEWAY GTO ASSOCIATION Membership/**Renewal** Form

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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:

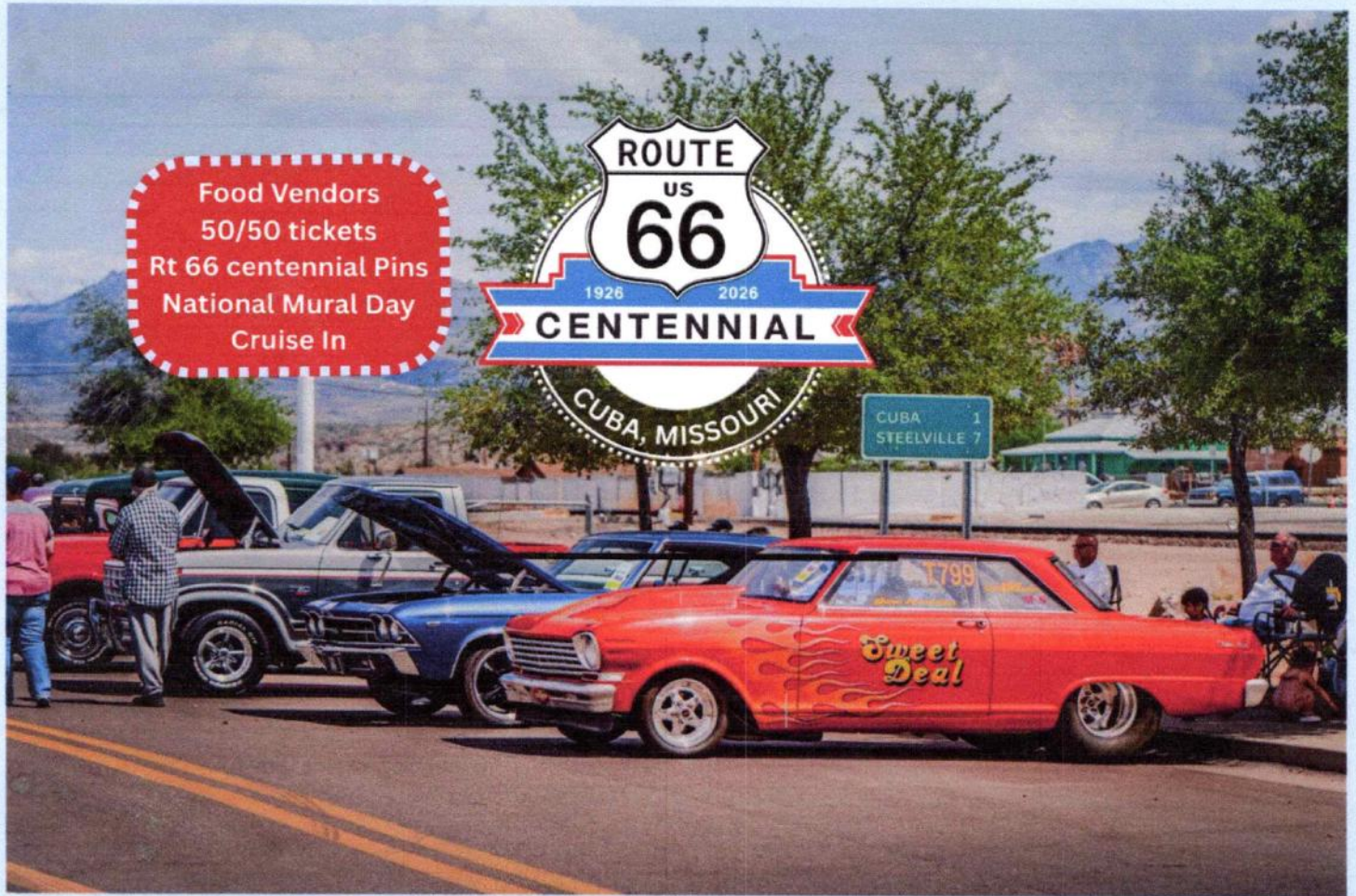
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LOVELAND COLORADO

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

Lunch: Dino's Diner in Cameron, MO 512 N Walnut

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

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
Berkeley, MO 63134**

**Lunch to Follow at Sports Café
3579 Pennridge Drive
Berkeley, MO 63134**





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Safety Requirements

At Boeing, safety is a core value. We are committed to creating a safe, zero-injury environment for our employees and for visitors to our facilities. During your visit to Boeing's St. Louis site, we ask that you follow the following safety requirements at all times:

1. Outside the building, use crosswalks and walkways. Avoid walking in the grass, and do not run or climb. When using electronic devices such as a cell phone, stand still and be aware of your surroundings.
2. Inside the building, remain with the tour guide at all times. Do not disregard signs that restrict entry.
3. During the Prologue Room tour, take actions to protect yourself and the museum artifacts. This includes no running, climbing, or touching the artifacts.
4. In the event of an emergency, dial the following number: (844) 898-6644

Courtesy Requirements

Boeing is a place of business. Non-Boeing guests are expected to act appropriately when visiting. Please adhere to the following courtesy requirements during your visit:

1. Photos are allowed in the Prologue Room.
2. Keep voices to a conversational level while in the Prologue Room so as to not disrupt employees at work.

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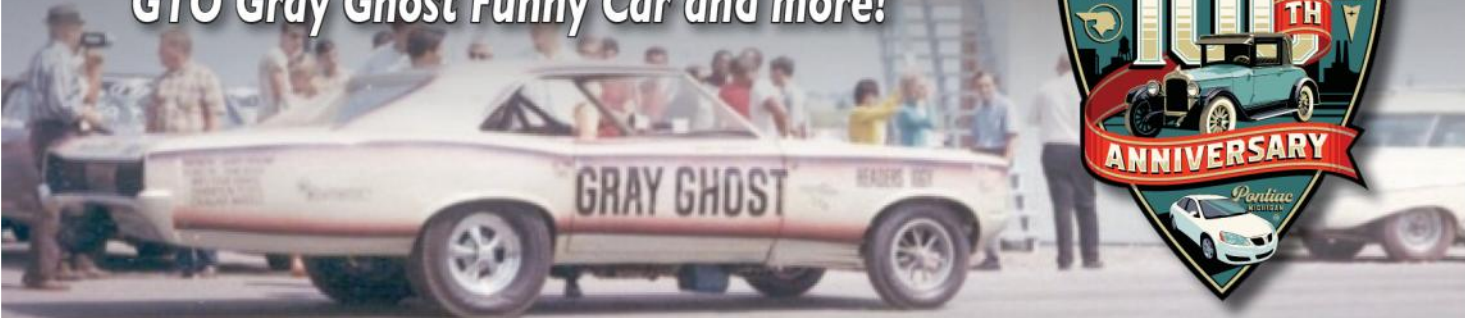
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GTOAA Rate: 1 King Bed - \$129.99 per night
2 Queen Beds - \$139.99 per night

Ask for the front desk and mention Group Name **GTO 2026** when reserving room to get rate

Quality Inn

1823 W. Reynolds St.
Pontiac, IL 61764
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2 Queen Beds - \$139.99 per night

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Hampton Inn

2000 Grand Prix Drive
Pontiac, IL 61764

815-844-4400

GTOAA Rate: 1 King Bed - \$190.00 per night
2 Queen Beds - \$180.00 per night

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Super 8

601 S. Deerfield Rd.
Pontiac, IL 61764
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BOOK HOTELS EARLY!!! – THERE ARE OTHER EVENTS IN THE AREA THAT WEEKEND

2026 GATEWAY GTO CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June

- 4 - GTO MEETING 7PM at Gingham's
- 4 – 6 - Pontiacs at Pidgeon Forge
- 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

July

- 2 - GTO MEETING 7PM at Gingham's
- 7 - 11 - GTOAA National Convention at Loveland, Colorado
- 17 - 19 - Ames Tri Power Nationals in Norwalk
- 29 - Gateway GTO Tour of Boeing Prologue Room

August

- 6 - GTO MEETING 7PM at Gingham's

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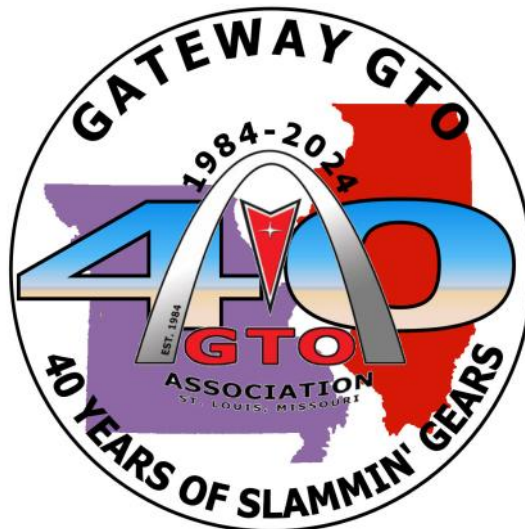
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Gateway GTO Club Information

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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