THE HOOD SCOOP

October 2026

Gateway GTO Picnic

by **Chris Winslow**



The annual Gateway GTO picnic was held on October 11th at our usual location at Vago Park in Maryland Heights. After dealing with rain at the GTOAA Regional we were due for a great day for a Gateway event and we got one.

Our official club chefs, Tony Bezzole and Rich Vie, were joined by Bill Markus, Andrew O'Sullivan and Rich Vie (the younger). On the menu were hamburgers, brats, hot dogs, chicken and, of course, pork steaks thanks to Terry and Gail Schott bringing all of the meat for the event. The pork steaks were really nice and thick and they turned out really well thanks to our expert chef team.

Of course, the big event for the Gateway GTO picnic is bean-bag tournament. After a lot of competition, the winners emerged. The winners of the winners were Rich Vie and Sharon Wildebrandt. The runners up (aka the winners of the losers) were Tony Bezzole and yours truly.

Because it was such a nice day we had a great turnout with about 36 people in attendance.

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Gateway GTO Picnic

We all owe our chefs Tony, Rich, Bill, Andrew and Rich our thanks. In addition to cooking, Tony makes this event possible every year by being first in line after the new year to reserve our spot with the City of Maryland Heights so thanks again to Tony for always making it happen!





Gateway GTO Picnic





Presidents Scoop

The President's Scoop

By Chris Winslow

Although it has not felt much like it outside until the last few days, we are already most of the way through October. The time to put the cars away for the season is fast approaching, so get them out for a few runs to see the fall colors before you do.

For October, our big events are the Picnic and our Fall Winery Cruise. The details of our picnic are in the article at the beginning of this issue. As of this writing, the winery cruise is has not yet happened, but so for it looks like the weekend for the event will be nice.

Also in October Earl Lewis, Jim and Shelly Schneider, Tom Oxler and I pitched in to help out at the Wheels and Wishes car show on October 10th. This was the first such event and it was organized by Jerry from Top Stitch. The event was well attended. I am not sure I have heard the final number of cars, but it was probably north of 200. In addition to the car show, the event also featured a 50/50 fundraiser and many silent auction items. Earl has been in touch with Jerry and Jerry told Earl that the event raised an amazing $28,000. Apparently much of that was from the silent auction. Thanks to Earl, Jim, Shelly and Tom for pitching in to help out.

Our last big event for 2026 will be our annual Christmas Party at the Webster Groves Barn on the grounds of the historic Hawkins house. The event is scheduled for December 5th from 5:00 to 10:00. The cost is $30 per person or $60 per couple, which includes a buffet dinner. As always the event is bring your own beverages and if you would like to participate in the Rob You Neighbor gift exchange. If you are planning to attend, please send Will Bowers a check by November 15th so that we can get a good head count for the food. As always, if there are any question, please give me a call.

Speaking of Christmas, Bob Blattel is once again organizing a holiday toy drive. I have included a flyer for the drive in this newsletter. There are drop off locations around the area. If you cannot get to any of those spots, please let me know and I will be happy to get the toys from you and make sure that they get there. The donation dates are November 1st through December 3rd.

Looking ahead to 2027, we will be scheduling our annual Pizza Party in January soon. That event is a great time to renew your Gateway GTO membership. Of course, you can always do that early too if you would like. I have the membership renewal form attached to this newsletter and also have it up on the website.

Speaking of membership, please make sure that your GTOAA membership is up to date. As we approach the end of the year I will be reconciling Gateway GTO's membership roster with GTOAA's roster. Making sure your GTOAA membership is up to date will save you the hassle of me bugging you about it in December.



Gateway GTO Meeting Minutes

Minutes 10/1/26

7:00 PM – Meeting Start
We had one new member in September, Michael Fowler of Chesterfield.

7:02 PM – Old Business

Chris Winslow talked about the Wheels in Motion Car Show. 96 cars checked in for the event. Gateway donated $900. Earl Lewis raised $371 via 50/50 and an additional $800 in other donations. $240 of those donations came from Top Stitch. The total take for the event was $4961. Bob Blattel performed 2 magic shows.

Chris talked about Marty's Birthday party at Atomic Pinball. Everyone had a good time. Jim Schneider 4th place in the tournament. Marty had requested lottery tickets for gifts. After 8 hours of scratching them off, he had won $220.

Chris talked about the Pontiac Museum show. The barbeque and fireworks at the Finkenbinder's were awesome. The cruise to the Giants Museum in Atlanta Illinois was a lot of fun. The show on Sunday was hampered by rain and hurt the attendance. It was the 4th year in a row. With Tammy Hedrick's help, the tabulation was completed quickly. There were 100 registrations, including the 27 who preregistered.
The total raised, with a donation of $145.40 from Gateway was $3000.
Chris brought up the question about what to do with this show going forward.

7:23 PM – New Business and Upcoming Events

Chris asked Terry Schott about the possibility of a Schaeffer Oil order
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Chris talked about the Wheels and Wishes Car Show coming up on October 10th. We need some Gateway members to help with the gate and with parking.

Chris talked about the Gateway GTO Picnic at Vago Park on Sunday, October 11th. The plan is to eat around noon.

Chris mentioned that there will be car show at the Spirit of St. Louis airport on October 17th, Props & Pistons/ Cars & Creepies.

Chris mentioned that Marty has planned a Winery Cruise to Montelle Winery on October 25th. We meet at Francis Howell High School at 10:30 am.

Chris mentioned the Olds Trivia Night on November 7th in St. Charles. Gateway has reserved one table. Flyers are available.

Chris mentioned that the Gateway GTO Christmas party is coming up on December 5th. Flyers are available.

7:42 PM – GTOAA

Chris talked about the upcoming National Convention in Kentucky in 2027. Steve Hedrick mentioned that the hotel registration is open. The convention registration may be opened in November. Flyers for the convention are available. Steve talked about the eblasts and podcast that Eric Freese does.

7:45 – TECH

Joe Mayweather mentioned that his car had a few issues, and the part to fix it was from China. Earl Lewis talked about a wiring issue on Barb's Vauxhall. The Vauxhall is for sale, for $18,500. Marty mentioned having trouble with his car starting and possible issues with an electric fuel pump.

7:58 – PERSONALS

Chris talked about Ron Wildebrandt recovering from knee replacement surgery. Earl Lewis has new hearing aids. John Haven is doing better and is working again.

The meeting adjourned at 8:06 after a motion by Frank Chapman and a second by Barb Lewis.

50/50 of $24 dollars was won by Paula Winslow.

GATEWAY GTO ASSOCIATION

Membership/Renewal Form

(Please print clearly)

☐ **New** ☐ **Renewal** ☐ **Returning**

Name:_____ Date:_____

Associate Name (Spouse/Significant Other):_____

Address:_____

City, State, Zip:_____

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Occupation:_____

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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 $30.
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 2027 are $30 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



GATEWAY GTO 2026 Fall Colors Wine Cruise – Sunday, Oct. 25

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

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





Blattel & Associates 2026

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Cutter/Prospera & Co. 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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Webster Groves, Missouri 63119
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2026 GATEWAY GTO
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October

1 - GTO MEETING 7PM at Gingham's

10 - Wheels and Wishes Car Show at Calvary Church in St. Peters - Need 5 volunteers to help with parking

11 - Gateway GTO Picnic at Vago Park

25 - Gateway GTO Winery Run

November

5 - GTO MEETING 7PM at Gingham's

7– Archway Olds Club Trivia Night

December

5 - Gateway GTO Christmas Party

SEE THE FULL CALENDAR AT WWW.GATEWAYGTO.ORG

Gateway GTO Classifieds





(314) 496-7368

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Jonathan Havens

13 Shamblin Dr.
Florissant, MO 63034

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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.

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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 $30. 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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www.gtoaa.org

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

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