

WHAT: "12th ANNUAL GATEWAY GTO PINBALL WIZARD EVENT"

WHERE: ATOMIC PINBALL ARCADE, 102 WHITELAW AVE, WOOD RIVER, IL, 62095

WHEN: SUNDAY, February 22, 2026 *** SAVE THIS DATE *******

TIME: Noon – 3:00 pm (3 hours)

NOTE: DINNER AFTERWARDS:

3:30 pm: Bluff City Grill, 424 East Broadway, Alton, IL 62002, 618-433-8288

***** MUST HAVE DINNER GUEST COUNT BY SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15 *****

ADMISSION PRICE: \$20/PLAYER (NOTE: A \$5 INCREASE DUE TO COST OF RENTAL INCREASE)

Atomic Pinball (ATOMICPINBALLARCADE.COM) in Wood River, IL., is an 8,000 sq. ft. Pinball Spectacular with Over 125 Pinball Games, Video Games, Skee Ball, and More! At Atomic Pinball Arcade, Private Parties are a blast for kids and even more fun for parents! Bring your own drinks, snacks, and party decorations! Alcohol is permitted, but must be consumed responsibly.

- Pay me on arrival— Exact cash appreciated.
- Kitchen, washrooms, and refrigerators plus rest areas.
- Plenty of parking in Atomic Pinball parking lot attached to building, or out front or back.
- You can invite anyone, and any number of players, to join in the fun. Kids, too.
- **Please RSVP before Sunday, February 8, 2026.**
- I will send out a final notice of players on Sunday, February 15, 2026.

Please let me know via email (nycgto@att.net) or cell/text (314-640-0959):

1. **How many people in your party**
2. **Name of each person**

If you are considering participating in the "GTO Pinball Wizard Tournament", as most have in the past, you can sign up when you arrive although it would be appreciated if you send me this info before the RSVP date:

NOTES:

- Don't be afraid. We are all here to have fun!
- Most members have not played pinball in a long time, or have only played at Club Howard, Pinball events or have never played but have joined in just for the fun of it.
- You have nothing to lose and bragging rights to win. Plus, your picture in our newsletter.
- This event, as in previous years, has turned out to be a hoot! Much Fun!!

- The tournament will take 2 hours, 12:30 – 2:30 pm, to complete.
- Prizes will be awarded at the end of the tournament.
- IF YOU ENTER THE “*GTO PINBALL WIZARD TOURNAMENT*”, YOU NEED TO ARRIVE **BY NOON**, IN ORDER TO REGISTER BEFORE THE TOURNAMENT. TOURNAMENT WILL START AT **12:30 PM SHARP** TO ALLOW TIME TO COMPLETE THE TOURNAMENT BY 2:30 PM. YOU CAN PRACTICE ON ALL MACHINES AFTER YOU REGISTER UP UNTIL 12:30 PM. LEAVE EXTRA TRAVELING TIME IF NECESSARY.
- Prizes will be awarded at the end of the tournament.

*** PLEASE DO NOT ARRIVE EARLIER THAN 11:45 AM SINCE THE MANAGEMENT WILL BE CLEANING UP FROM THE WEEKEND ***

- Remember: You want **The Thrill of Victory** and not **The Agony of Defeat!!**

Those that do not want to participate in the Tournament:

- You are more than welcome to play any of the games for the entire afternoon.
- ** The only specific rule here is: If a player is in the ‘Tournament’ and needs to play that machine, the tournament player must be granted 1st choice.
- You can arrive anytime during playing hours and still enter the tournament since winners are calculated by most games played along with most games won. Also, you can come and go as you please.
- LET THE GAMES BEGIN !!!

MOST OF ALL, HAVE FUN!!!

See ya there.....Marty Howard, CEC