



THE HOOD SCOOP

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Gateway GTO Does The 2017 GTOAA National Convention

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Association



EDITORS NOTE: Since we have all been housebound for so long, I thought it would be fun this month to re-run the article chronicling our hosting of the 2017 NATS—Chris

It's hard to believe it is over. 3 years of intensive planning, untold hours of phone calls, emails, creating and recreating document after document. (Don't even get me started on how much time Jim McCarthy and I spent setting up the email blasts). And then, in the blink of an eye, the week was over.

On many occasions, we all asked each other what are we forgetting? What are we missing? In the end, it looks like the answer to that is almost nothing.

There is a lot to cover to address everything that the Gateway team pulled off for the 2017 GTOAA National convention. The starting point for this, without question, was selecting the right venue for the event. The Hol-

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iday Inn, (now Doubletree) hotel that we used for the 2005 convention was too small for what we wanted to accomplish. We needed something bigger, preferably with enough indoor space to house the entire Concours car show indoors. We also needed a parking lot big enough to host a huge Popular Vote car show while still having plenty of room for vendors and swap meet participants. And, of course, the location had to have plenty of activities and restaurants in the local area. The one hotel that checked all of those boxes and more was the Crowne Plaza in Springfield. The down side, of course, was its distance from St. Louis, but in the end that was outweighed by everything else. With that decision out of the way, it was time to get down to the really hard work.

A great convention requires lots of activities and speakers so that there is something for everyone. Finding speakers turned out not to be much of an issue. In fact, we wound up with so many speakers, finding time slots for all them became the challenge. As for the activities, the area had lots to offer. We had history tours, a pub crawl, a day at Knight's Action Park, and even trips to the relatively close by Pontiac Oakland Museum.



Of course, the biggest activity of all, and probably the most photographed of the week, was the World's First Indoor Parking lot party. The Gateway team decorated the room to perfection. The band was Everyday People, but it was the women of Gateway GTO that stole the show. The sea of pink poodle skirts on the dance floor left no doubt that the women of Gateway GTO were there in force.

In addition to the ladies of Gateway, there were also a few other notable guest appearances. Elvis appeared for a set with the band. There was also an appearance by the Village People with leader Chief Oxler.

Of course, the main event for the week were the car shows. When we first started planning this event for the Crowne Plaza, we determined that we could get 70 cars inside for the Concours show, although we were not at all certain that many cars would actually come out for the event. In the end we spent a lot of time the last few weeks shuffling cars around because we



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actually had more that 70 cars register for the show. The result was a ball room full of truly impressive Pontiacs.

The Popular Vote car show was equally impressive. The huge parking lot at the Crowne allowed us to spread out the cars and give everyone registered for the show their own assigned spot for the week. The result was Pontiacs as far as the eye could see.



The final event for the week was the awards banquet on Saturday evening. Once again the ladies of Gateway outdid themselves decorating the banquet hall. For those of us from Gateway it was a chance to finally relax and take stock of the remarkable event we had just pulled off.



The success of these event goes to all the members of Gateway with the help of the Heart of Illinois and Windy City members. It took the support and participation of the entire club to pull off this highly successful event. This event will go down as the one against which all future conventions will be judged.



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Presidents Scoop

The President's Scoop

By Terry Schott

Happy New Year to everyone! I'm sure everyone agrees that 2021 has got to be better than 2020. The snow has held off so far and that's always a plus. I know we are due, and it might all come in February, but at least it's closer to spring!

Last year started out okay with our January pizza party. We had lots of events scheduled and then the pandemic hit, and it all came to a screeching halt. We were lucky enough to get in most of our meetings, missing only April and May. Most events were canceled, but we weren't alone. Most all the people I've talked to in other car clubs said the same thing. It was the right thing to do, but it made for a long and boring year. I'm thankful that we were able to have our Pontiac Regionals, the picnic, and the wine cruise.

Looking ahead, the officers and I determined that we needed to cancel the pizza party for now. As things open up and more people get the vaccine, maybe we can have it later in the year. I do believe that things will get back to a more normal time. I think that we can start planning events for early summer and beyond. Hopefully, the Easter Car Show will be back and offer everyone a chance to get the cars out to start the year.

Ginghams is available for us to start having our meetings again, so we plan on having our first 2021 meeting on Thursday, February 4, at 7 PM. As always, come early if you want to eat before the meeting. The room should be available at 6 PM. We will use the same precautions as last year. I will send out meeting reminders every month to keep you informed of any changes.

Gateway dues are in effect as of January 1, of 2021. Please bring your dues to the meeting if you can make it, or you can mail them into Will. Bring your ideas for future events to the meeting or email them to me or the officers. We want to plan things for later in the year so when things open back up, we will be ready to go. I'm looking forward to seeing you at our next meeting.





Gateway GTO Financial Report for 2020



GATEWAY GTO ASSOCIATION			
INCOME AND EXPENSE SUMMARY AS OF 12/31/20			
CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE 12/31/19			\$17,958.06
INCOME			
DUES TO GTOAA	105		
50/50	333		
REGIONAL MEET	5840		
WIM CHARITY	586		
GGTO GEAR	60		
GGTO DUES 2021	320		
MISC	226.5		
	7470.5		
		TOTAL INCOME	7470.5
EXPENSES			
PIZZA PARTY	469.02		
PICNIC	283		
DUES TO GTOAA	210		
REGIONAL MEET	1295.94		
CK TO MUSEUM	4650		
WIM\CHARITIES	600		
INSURANCE	450		
PARK RENTAL MTG	140		
WESITE	239.88		
MISC. EXPENSES	106.33		
	8444.17		
		TOTAL EXPENSES	-8,444.17
CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE 12/31/20			\$16,984.39

42nd GTOAA NATIONALS MAKING A SPLASH AT CHULA VISTA RESORT



JULY 5-9, 2021
WISCONSIN DELLS, WI

ORIGINAL



CLUB

Hotel: 844.236.6492

Reservation Discount Code: H04446

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42nd ANNUAL GTOAA NATIONALS

JULY 5 – JULY 9, 2021

Chula Vista Resort, Wisconsin Dells, WI

Hosted by the Original GTO Club

Tentative Schedule of Events

May be updated monthly as event times are confirmed

Sunday, July 4

5:00 – 10:00 GTOAA Board Meeting-Exec. Board Rm

Monday, July 5

All Day Early Arrivals and Staff Arrivals
 All Day Swap Meet/Vendor/PV & Concours setup
 9:00 – 4:15 Registration Open, Tech/Photo
 Noon – 5:00 Car Wash Open
 5:00 – 10:00 GTOAA Staff Meeting-Exec. Board Rm

Tuesday, July 6

6:00 – 5:00 Car Wash Open
 8:00 – 5:00 Registration Open, Tech/Photo
 8:00 – 5:00 Swap Meet, Vendors, Display Cars, Model Car Displays
 8:00 – 4:00 Driving Tour EAA Aviation Museum
 TJs Harbor Restaurant
 09:00 – 4:00 **Bus Tour** - Circus World Museum, & AL Ringling Museum
 10:00 – 12:00 **Speaker Session** OPEN Room I
 1:00 – 3:00 *Duck Boat Road/Water Tour*
 1:00 – 3:00 **Speaker Session** OPEN Room I
 4:15 – 4:45 Concours Owner's Meeting: Rm I
 4:45 – 5:30 Concours Judge's Meeting: Rm I
 5:30 – 6:30 Judges training
 6:45 – 9:15 Dinner Cruise

Wednesday, July 7

6:00 – 5:00 Car Wash Open
 7:30 – 8:30 Judges Breakfast Mtg-Kilbourn City Grill
 8:00 – 5:00 Registration Open, Tech/Photo
 8:00 – 5:00 Swap Meet, Vendors, Display Cars
 08:30 – 3:30 Driving Tour: Mid-Continent Railway Museum, The Gravy Train Restaurant & Cedar Grove Cheese
 8:30 – finish Concours Judging
 8:30 – finish Concours Tabulation, Santa Fe Rm
 09:00 – 5:00 **Bus Tour**: Monroe Cheese Tour OR beer/distillery tour
 3:00 – 5:00 Street Legend Cruise/Pontiacs on Parade into Town
 10:30 – 12:30 **Speaker Session** John Kraman of MECUM Auctions. **Room I**
 1:00 – 3:00 **Speaker Session** OPEN Room I

Wednesday, July 7, continued

1:00 – 3:00 *Duck Boat Road/Water Tour*
 1:00 – 2:00 Kids Make & Take Model Building
 3:30 – 5:00 **Speaker Session** OPEN Room I
 6:00 – 8:00 Chapter Recognition & President's Meeting, Cash Bar- Room I

Thursday, July 8

6:00 – 5:00 Car Wash Open
 8:00 – 5:00 Swap Meet, Vendors, Display Cars
 9:00 – 1:00 **Popular Voting, Ballots Due 1PM**
 10:30 – 12:30 **Speaker Session** Randy Pribyl, Don Micetic
 "Making your GTO Loo it's Best. **Room I**
 1:00 – 3:00 *Duck Boat Road/Water tour*
 1:00 – 3:00 **Speaker Session** Milt Schornack History of Royal Pontiac. **Room I**
 2:00 – 3:00 Model Car Judging
 2:00 – 4:00 Ladies Activity
 3:30 – 5:30 **Speaker Session** Tim Dye History of Pontiac **Room**
 "Ames" Parking Lot Party with DJ
 Banquet Room **FREE ADMISSION**

Friday, July 9

8:00 – 5:00 Swap Meet, Vendors, Display Cars
 8:30 – 4:30 **Bus Tour**: Monroe Cheese Factory OR Beer Distillery Tour, and Lunch
 09:00 – 4:15 Driving Tour: Cave of the Mounds Baraboo Candy Factory, Rookies & The Dells Raceway Park
 9:15 – 4:15 **Bus Tour**: Mid-Continent Railway Museum & J's Pub Grill
 09:30 – 4:00 Driving Tour: Carr Valley Cheese & Burr Oak Winery, Shipwreck Bay, & The Dells Raceway Park
 10:00 – 12:00 **Speaker Session** Jim Mattison TBD **Room I**
 1:00 – 3:00 *Duck Boat Road/water tour*
 1:00 – 3:00 **Speaker Session** Arnie Beswick; Racing **Room I**
 5:00 – 6:00 Awards Happy Hour
 6:00 – 7:00 Awards Dinner
 7:00 – 9:30 Awards



Gateway GTO Membership Renewal

Gateway GTO Dues for 2021 are \$20 and are due by the February Gateway GTO Meeting

- Sent dues to Will Bowers by mail or pay in person at the February 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 or Terry Schott if you have any questions on renewing your Gateway GTO membership



GATEWAY GTO ASSOCIATION
Membership/Renewal Form
(Please print clearly)

Name: _____ Date: _____

Associate Name: _____

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, girlfriend, etc.).

GTOAA Membership Renewal

Starting in 2020 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 Tom Oxler with any questions:

Tom Oxler Contact Info:

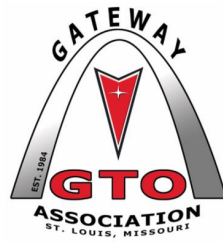
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Year Of The 1's



Calling all owners of 1971 GTO's!

**In 2021, in celebration of:
50th Anniversary of the 1971 GTO**

The Hoodscoop will be featuring Car of the Month articles on the anniversary year

If you own one of these special cars, please get to work on your article(s) and get them to Chris Winslow



2021 GATEWAY GTO
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February

4 - GTO MEETING 7PM at Gingham's

March

4 - GTO MEETING 7PM at Gingham's

April

4 - Easter Car Show at the Munny

8 - GTO MEETING 7PM at Gingham's

SEE THE FULL CALENDAR AT WWW.GATEWAYGTO.ORG

Gateway GTO Classifieds



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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.

The Hood Scoop is published as an informative news bulletin to keep our members up to date on past, present, and future events.

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