

THE HOOD SCOOP

April 2023

9th Annual Pinball Wizard Tournament

by Chris Winslow



Marty Howard once again pulled together our annual Pinball Wizard Tournament at our usual location, CP Pinball in South Roxana, IL. We had a great turnout for the event as it is always a lot of fun.

As we have done recently, the tournament was set up using software that kept all of the players rotating between opponents and machines for the entire duration of the tournament itself. The tournament was played on a specific set of machines. This allowed for quick changes between games so that more time could be spent playing and less time waiting for your next opponent or waiting for a machine to open up.

For this year, in addition to Gateway members and friends, Marty also had some of the members of his dance club join in. It turns out some of those dancers are pretty good pinball players!

Once the time was up for the main part of the tournament, the wins and losses were totaled up and the top three winners were Stephanie (a member of the Schott's church), Danny, (a member of Marty's dance club) and Gateway's Jim Kiburz.

Stephanie, Danny, and Jim had a playoff to settle first, second and third place for the tournament. These were some high scoring games, but when it was all over, Danny had the high score with Jim coming in second and Stephanie third.





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Pinball Wizard Tournament



Next they totaled up the losses to find the bottom 3 players. Those were Marty's friend Joanna, Annette Morton, and me. The three of us played for the winner of the losers title. Annette won handily with Joanna coming in second and yours truly bring up the rear!

Marty had prepared medals and ribbons for the winners and losers and passed them out once the competition was over.

As usual, it was a great time and this format we have been using for the last few years where we are rotating during the majority of the tournament really makes it a lot of fun.







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Presidents Scoop





The President's Scoop

By Chris Winslow

For May, we will once again be participating in the parade for Immanuel Lutheran Church. This year it is on Saturday the 6th. As usual, we will need between 5 and 7 cars for the event. We will be transporting veterans and church officials similar to what we have done the last few years. We will meet at 9:30 at the parking lot near the church at 115 S 6th Street, in St. Charles. In addition to getting to drive in the parade, they also are going to give us vouchers for free hotdogs and beverages at the festival.

We have a lot of activities for June, On the 10th we have the Hannibal Cruise on the schedule. We will cruise in our GTOs from O'Fallon, MO on the "Little Dixie High-way" (Route 79) to Hannibal for lunch and afternoon activities. We will then attend a cruise on the Mark Twain Riverboat that will include dinner and dancing in the evening. The details are on the flyer included with this newsletter. Please note that everyone must make their own reservations for the Mark Twain Riverboat dinner cruise. These can fill up quickly so if you are planning to attend you will want to make your reservation soon. I have also included a hotel recommendation for those who decide to stay the night in Hannibal. You will not want to sleep too late the next morning, however, because Terry and Gail's church (St. Thomas United Church of Christ on 17842 Wild Horse Creek Road) will be hosting their annual Chicken Dinner on that Sunday. You don't want to miss that!

The really big event for June is the GTOAA National Convention. If you have not already, now is the time to get registered and book your rooms. We also do still need to fill a few worker slots, so if you have not already signed up, please contact Dan Jackson to pick up a few slots. Like we did in 2017, Gateway is planning a huge indoor parking lot party for Friday evening. We are going to have live music like we did in 2017. This time around the band is going to be Captain Rat and the Blind Rivets. The theme for the party is Groovy Ballroom Bash. For the ladies, Liane Finkenbinder has designed a shirt for the party. I have included a flyer for it in this newsletter. If you have not already ordered one, please do by May 10th to give Liane time to get them made. For the men, the plan is to either wear the bowling shirts we wore at the 2017 Nationals, or else anything else you would like that fits in with the theme.

As I noted last month, Gateway GTO dues for 2023 were due in January and we do still have quite a few members who have not renewed. I have included the membership renewal form here. If you have not already renewed for 2023, please do so as soon as you can.





Gateway GTO Meeting Minutes



Minutes 4/6/2022

7:08 PM – Meeting Start – Chris Winslow Lead

Old Business

Pinball Wizard- Marty Howard talked about how 20 people attended.

Steve Hedrick talked about how the VFW was cold/windy and 20-25 cars attended

Steve Hedrick talked about the St. Judes fundraiser held Saturday.

7:12 - New Business

Easter Car shows (Forest Park & Family Arena)

Forest Park show requires a fire extinguisher in each car.

Spring Cruise-Chris Winslow said to make your reservations for the boat tour and Hotel.

Chris Winslow encouraged the women ordering their shirts from Liane Finkenbinder for the parking lot part during the nationals. Terri Oxler showed some examples \$25/each

Due's were due in Jan 2023

June 11 is a chicken dinner at Terry and Gail Schott's church

John Grissom is organizing a car show/ cruise to his farm on 10/7 - 10/8. "Greatest Time Ever!" Next meeting he will have flyers.

7:20-Scheduled upcoming Events

7:27 GTOAA

Planning for 2023 has started for Springfield IL. Tom Oxler talked about volunteering and to sign up.

Sign up for any excursion as they are filling up fast.

At the time of this meeting there were 200 registrants and would like 400

7:31 Tech

Old and New GTO tech issues

Steve Hedrick states that his Delco battery died in this solstice.

Paula Winslow finally got his new Acadia back just 1 day short of 4 weeks in the shop.

Earl Lewis donated \$50 to the club b/c Marty Howard signed up for Hagerty

7:35 Club Personnel's

Donna Bowers is recovering from knee replacement surgery

Debbie Arzberger is recovering from surgery to her arm after a recent fall

Barb Lewis's mother just celebrated her 100th birthday

7:35 Adjourn

Brian O'Sullivan/Earl Lewis

Next club meeting will be Thursday, May 4nd, at Ginghams. 2023

50/50 won by Tony Bezzole \$35

Tumbler - Andrew O'Sullivan





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LADIE'S SHIRT FOR GTOAA PARKING LOT PARTY

Available in black and white

Cost is \$25

Contact Liane Finkenbinder by May 10th



to order yours!

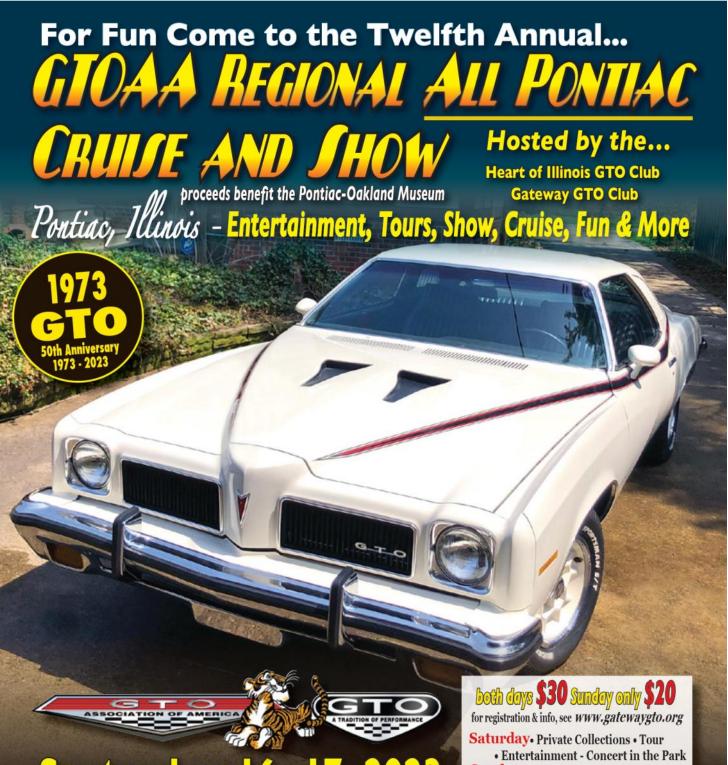
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September 16 - 17, 2023

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- Sunday All Pontiac Car Show
 - Expanded Classes
 Special Displays

Hotels

- Hampton Inn 815-844-4400 • Quality Inn 815-844-4444
- Super 8 815-844-6888 • Best Western 815-842-2777

Pontiac-Oakland Museum • 205 N. Mill Street - Pontiac, Illinois 61764 • Phone - 815-842-2345 • www.pontiacoaklandmuseum.org



GATEWAY GTO HANNIBAL CRUISE JUNE 10, 2023

Cruise Schedule

- Leave from the Deer Run Library in O'Fallon (1300 N Main)- Meet at 9am, depart at 9:30am
- Take Main Street to Highway 79 North
- Mid Cruise Stop Clarksville Lock and Dam Arrive by 10:30am, depart by 11:00 (Restroom on site)
 - If needed, there is a Shell gas station 10 miles from Clarksville in Louisiana, MO (Not currently planning mid cruise gas stop - Cruisers are strongly encouraged to arrive with a full tank)
- Lunch will be at Fiddlestiks in Hannibal at 12:00pm Address - 8945 US-36 - Gateway has reserved a room for the lunch, cruisers will pay for their own lunches
- After lunch activities will be at cruiser's choice
- 2 Hours Riverboat Dinner cruise on Mark Twain Riverboat: 6:30 – 8:30 - <u>Members wanting to attend</u> <u>the Dinner Cruise MUST make a reservation in ad-</u> <u>vance</u> - To make a reservation contact Mark Twain Riverboat at <u>573-221-3222</u> - Tell them you are with the Gateway GTO Car Club, Cost is \$54.95 per person
- For those that want to spend the night in Hannibal after the cruise, the recommended hotel is the Quality Inn - For reservations call (573) 221-4001





GATEWAY GTO HANNIBAL CRUISE

Possible Afternoon Activities:

- Mark Twain Boyhood Home and Museum -<u>www.marktwainmuseum.org</u>
- Mark Twain Cave and Winery -<u>www.marktwaincave.com</u>
- Shopping in Downtown Hannibal -<u>www.historichannibalmo.com/shopping</u>
- Rockcliffe Mansion <u>www.rockcliffemansion.com</u>
- For other options see: <u>www.visithannibal.com</u>



<u>Gateway GTO</u> Membership Renewal

Gateway GTO Dues for 2023 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 <u>Will's Address:</u> 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



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GATEWAY GTO ASSOCIATION

Membership/Renewal Form (Please print clearly)

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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 Tom Oxler with any questions:

Tom Oxler Contact Info: Phone: 636-928-5548 Email: toxler@prodigy.net





2023 GATEWAY GTO CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May

- 4 GTO MEETING 7PM at Gingham's
- 6 Parade at Immanuel Lutheran Church in St. Charles
- 7- Model T Swap Meet at GCS Credit Union Ballpark

June

- 1 GTO MEETING 7PM at Gingham's
- 2-4 Pontiac at Pigeon Forge
- 2 Route 66 Festival in Lebanon, MO
- 10 Gateway GTO Hannibal Cruise (See flyer in this newsletter)
- 26 July 1st GTOAA Nationals in Springfield

July

- 6 GTO MEETING 7PM at Gingham's
- 21-23 Tri Power Nationals
- 29 Gateway GTO Day at Gateway Classic Cars

SEE THE FULL CALENDAR AT WWW.GATEWAYGTO.ORG

Gateway GTO Classifieds



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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.

\$50 – ½ page (Color or Black and White) ad in our 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.

\$25 – Business Card (Color or Black and White) ad in our 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.

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 \$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.



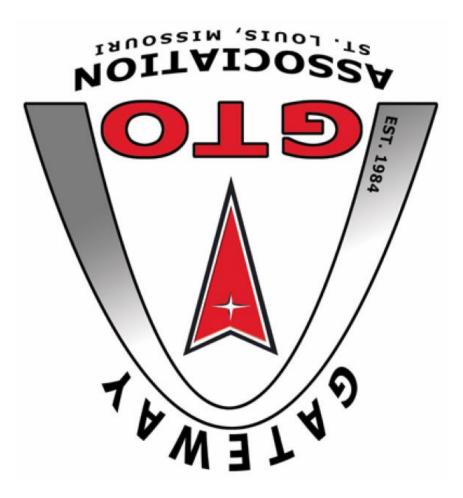
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