



# THE HOOD SCOOP

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## Gateway GTO People

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Gateway GTO  
Association



I'm driving down Interstate 55, coming from Pontiac IL, heading towards St. Louis Missouri and about 120 miles from home, and it happened, my 1969 Pontiac GTO coasted to the side of the Highway.

Now my wife is with me, it's getting dark, on a Sunday night, and you better believe Momma AIN'T HAPPY.

The 18 wheelers are rocking the car, every time they pass and nobody is answering the phone.

I turn the Key and the Battery is strong, Rem Rem Rem Rem Rem Rem Rem Rem Rem Rem. Nothing, it will not start.

WHAT AM I Going to do?

Take care of my car first or Wife? (Car/Wife) (Car/Wife). I'm pretending to be Cool & Calm but really, I'm starting to Panic.

You see we're new members of the St. Louis MO, Gateway GTO Club and don't know anyone that well.

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## Gateway GTO People

Our first car problem experience was, in Pontiac Illinois, was very positive. Our Tail lights went out and the Wisconsin Club (Mark and Jackie three 1969 GTO's, Nick and Cathy 1966 Bonneville and Bob and Mary GTO owner, stayed up late and got our lights working. They wouldn't take a dime, just happy to help.

So now, that quick, I'm having my second problem. Again GTO Angels started appearing. First Will and Donna in the 1967 GTO, Then Earl and Barb in their souped up 1967 GTO and then the Closers Steve and Tammy pulled up. We worked & worked and came to the conclusion that it must be the ignition coil, but didn't have the parts. Steve and Tammy offered to put our Car in their Traylor and drive their GTO home. (WHO DOES THAT?) Finally, we got a hold of the Tow Company and around Midnight they came to tow us home. Will and Donna would not leave until the tow truck showed up. (Tear jerk)

Then I pulled up to the Easter Car show in St. Louis MO and sho nuff, I put the car in reverse to park and the battery is dead. (Third Problem). Everyone says things come in three's, so I hope and pray we're done. We determined that my wiring was defective, from a short fire that happened 10 years ago. At the GTO meeting I gave another report on my car. Terry & Gail and our President Chris offered to help me change the wiring harness over a weekend. To my surprise Tom and Will also showed up to help us get our car back on the Road.





# Gateway GTO People



What WONDERFUL PEOPLE. When we joined the club we did not expect this. Everyone to be so helpful and giving.

THANK YOU ALL !!!!!

Jesse & Sharon Gill



# Presidents Scoop

## The President's Scoop

By Chris Winslow

With a busy July mostly behind us, August is just around the corner. There are two big events in August. First up, for those that are going, is the Woodward Dream Cruise on August 17th. Closer to home is the annual show at the St. Louis Car Museum. The Museum is one of GTOAA's sponsors, so we should have a good Gateway GTO showing at the event. Please put it on your calendar if you can make it. Here is a link with more details on the event: [2024 Show at St. Louis Car Museum](#). Registration for the show is free and there is a link on the site for registering. For those that have never been there, the Museum always has an interesting and widely varied mix of cars

As it is every year, September is our really busy month. First up is Wheels In Motion in support of the National Children's Cancer Society on September 8th. For 2024 Eliot has moved the show from the back lot at Westport Plaza to the Elks Lodge on Ladue Road. All of us that support this show think that this is going to be a huge improvement. I am hopeful that with this new location we will get better attendance and hopefully turn that into more money raised for the NCCS. With that event just around the corner, now is the time to start gathering raffle items..

The other really big event in September is our annual show in Pontiac Illinois at the Pontiac Museum September 20-22. We will be having our traditional Bar B Que at the Finkenbinder's on Friday the 20th to kick off the weekend. Then, we will have the event itself on the 21st and 22nd. We are focusing on the anniversary years for the 1964, 1974, and 2004 GTOs. I am still looking for any ideas on how we could promote that to help with our attendance. So, if you have any ideas, send them my way. Also, Liz from the City of Pontiac has indicated that there are other events in the area on the weekend of our show. They are not going to cause any interference with our activities, but folks may use up some of the hotel rooms we usually occupy, so be sure to book your hotel room early. See our website for details.

For October, be sure to mark your calendars for our annual Gateway GTO picnic on Sunday, October 6th at Vago Park. For this year, we are featuring a new twist on our annual washers tournament. You will not want to miss it. Our other annual activity for October is the Olds Club Collector Car Trivia night on the 19th. We will be working on getting a head count for that event so that we can determine how many tables we need to reserve.





# Gateway GTO Meeting Minutes



## Minutes

7/11/24

### 7:01 PM – Meeting Start

Vice President Brian O’Sullivan was officiating the meeting as Chris Winslow was out of town on business. The meeting was very well attended.

We have 2 new members. Allen Neal from Hillsboro, MO and Robert Woolsey from Independence, MO.

Allen Neal and his wife Pam were present. Allen spoke for a few minutes about his GTOs (a ’68 and a ’69). Welcome to the club.

Earl Lewis brought in another donation check from Hagerty as Tom Fox signed up with them for coverage on his new GTO.

### Old Business

Brian O’Sullivan talked about the GTOAA National Convention in Springfield, MO. It was a fantastic event. Everyone had a great time and the event went on without a hitch. The Groovy Ballroom Bash was excellent and the band was very entertaining. There was a slide show playing that displayed pictures from Springfield and showed all of the Gateway members that came home with awards. Rich Vie was presented with the Street Legends “Butterscotch Sundae on a Saturday” award that he was unable to pick up at the Nationals.

### New Business

Brian mentioned that we still need raffle items for the Wheels in Motion show in September. He also said that the event will be held in a different location from previous years. It will be at the Elks Lodge on Ladue Road, west of 270.

Brian asked if anyone had any ideas for any activities for August as the calendar is open other than the St. Louis Car Museum show at the end of the month. Laura Fox mentioned a visit to Chicken and Pickle.

### Scheduled Upcoming Events

7/19-7/21 – Tri-Power Nationals at Norwalk

8/24 – Car Show at the St. Louis Car Museum

9/8 – Wheels in Motion at Elks Lodge on Ladue Road.

9/22-9/23 – GTOAA Regional at the Pontiac Museum in Pontiac, Illinois.

10/19 – Collector Car Trivia Night

### GTOAA

Tom Oxler spoke a bit about the convention. He mentioned that the show was lightly attended, possibly due it’s location west of the Mississippi. Other than that, the show went great. He thanked all who volunteered to help run the show, especially the trailer parking crew as they were well organized and kept things running smoothly despite the normal hiccups that occur. He said that the GTOAA is considering changing up how the popular vote system works at the national events, possibly eliminating the classes. He talked a bit about the 2025 Nationals in Kingsport, TN.

### Tech

Tom Fox talked about his “new” 2004 GTO that he picked up. It’s a Phantom Black with red interior. It had 8900 miles on it when he picked it up. He brought it to the meeting.

Will Bowers will be visiting ‘Schott’s Super Service GTO Repair Shop’ to work on the rear end of his ’67 GTO.

### Club Personals

Frank Chapman is recovering from knee replacement surgery.

Donna Bowers is recovering from knee replacement surgery and drop foot.

Mary Ann Ray is recovering from throat cancer.

Anita Jackson’s mother is recovering from a stroke.

Paula Winslow is having sciatica issues.

John Grissom spoke a bit about the Nationals. He also talked about dental implants that he will be having done in Mexico as the cost in the US is outrageously expensive. We wish him the best of luck and a speedy recovery.

7:28 - Motion to Adjourn by Amy O’Sullivan, seconded by Earl Lewis.

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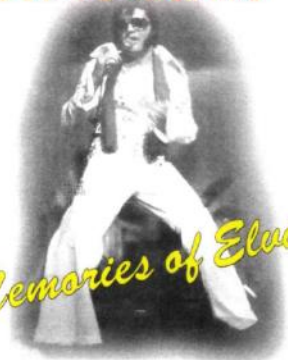
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**All Gateway GTO Members must also be members in good standing with GTOAA**

**Go to [WWW.GTOAA.ORG](http://WWW.GTOAA.ORG) to join or renew GTOAA membership**



# Gateway GTO Membership Renewal

**Gateway GTO Dues for 2024 are \$20 and are due by the annual Gateway GTO Pizza Party.**

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- 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](http://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:

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## 2024 GATEWAY GTO CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### August

- 1 - GTO MEETING 7PM at Gingham's
- 10 - JJ Cruise Night - 1215 S. Duchesne in St. Charles
- 17 - Woodward Dream Cruise

### September

- 5 - GTO MEETING 7PM at Gingham's
- 8 - Wheels In Motion Charity Car Show
- 14 - JJ Cruise Night - 1215 S. Duchesne in St. Charles
- 21-22 - Regional Car Show at the Pontiac Museum

### October

- 3 - GTO MEETING 7PM at Gingham's
- 6 - Annual Gateway GTO Picnic at Vago Park
- 12 - JJ Cruise Night - 1215 S. Duchesne in St. Charles
- 19 - Archway Olds Club's Collector Car Trivia Night

**SEE THE FULL CALENDAR AT [WWW.GATEWAYGTO.ORG](http://WWW.GATEWAYGTO.ORG)**

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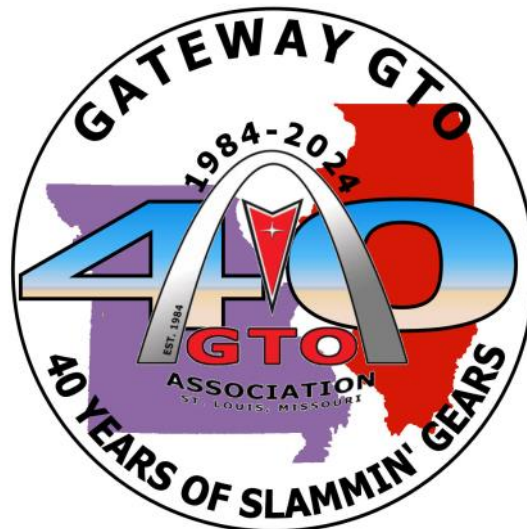
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## Gateway GTO Club Information

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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

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