



# THE HOOD SCOOP

June 2024

## Gateway GTO Co-Hosts GTOAA National Convention in Springfield, Missouri

by Chris Winslow

Gateway GTO Association



Gateway GTO Co-Hosted the GTOAA National Convention this year with our sister chapter the GR-RRR8'R Wichita GTO Club. I think we were all hoping for a smooth event given the way the 2023 convention was ended early, and we got it.

Most of the Gateway members rolled in on Monday or Tuesday and we got right to work. Terry Schott and Ron Wildebrandt got to work executing their plan for the trailer parking. The net result was the most organized and efficient trailer parking set up we ever had at a national convention. Every owner could access their trailer and their tow vehicle and even use the trailer as a garage in case the weather would threaten rain or storms. As it turns out, the weather, which was just a bit on the warm side, especially later in the week, was otherwise perfect. No rain. No storms. In fact most days there were barely any clouds.

The registration got underway on schedule Tuesday morning with Gateway members Terrie Oxler, Diana Johnson, and Paula Winslow working with a few others to keep the process running smoothly.

Outside, there was no tent this year. The Tech area was at the side entrance to the hotel, which had its own cover that was part of the building.

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## GTOAA National Convention in Springfield, MO



(After last year, nobody really wanted a tent this year anyway!) In recent years, the Popular vote Tech has been performed by Bob Alexander and Tom Szymczyk. However, this year Gateway members Lucas Hedrick and Bryan Johnson helped Tom with the idea that they will be taking this over. For this year it freed up Bob to work with registration and for next year they will be able to take most of it over from Tom.

We also had Gateway members working in many other areas. Everything from shuttling folks around the convention in the golf carts, to selling T-Shirt and signing up new GTOAA members.

With all of the help, the two car shows, the indoor judged show and the outdoor popular vote show went off without a hitch. All of this led us to the two big events for the week. The Groovy Ballroom Bash on Friday and the Awards Banquet on Saturday.

The Groovy Ballroom Bash theme was the idea of Terrie Oxler and her vision came to life on Friday when we all entered the event. The centerpiece of the evening, however, was the live band sponsored by Gateway GTO, Captain Rat and the Blind Rivets. This is the first live band that we had at a GTOAA parking lot party since the last time Gateway hosted a convention. In short, it was a HUGE success. Tom Oxler had found the band and a number of us had watched videos of their performances before we hired them. We expected them to be entertaining, but they were entertaining beyond our wildest expectations. They played a great mix of songs and were able to draw crowds to the dance floor all night long. This included Rolling on the River so the POSI club could perform their trademark rolling on the dance floor move. There was even a conga line started and led by Gail Schott. Everyone had a really great time and when the band finally finished, most of the crowd was still there. The take away from this is that Gateway knows how to put on a party. The challenge now is for the host chapter for next year to beat it!

The next morning, many of us attended the Chapter meeting. Unfortunately, Gateway did not win Chapter of the Year this year. That award went to our co-host chapter in recognition of the completion of their 3 year project to restore the 1966 GTO of fallen police officer Kunze. Gateway did, however, win 2024 Chapter Incentive Program award.

Of course, the finale for the week was the awards banquet. As the awards were given out, Gateway took home a large number. Here are the awards and winners:

Joe Mayweather - 3rd Place in the Adult Model Building Competition

Steve Hedrick - 1st Place in Popular Vote Class A

Frank Chapman - 3rd Place in Popular Vote for Class D

Rob Vachalek - 2nd Place in Popular Vote for Class E

Jim Schneider - 1st Place in Popular Vote for Class E

Gail Schott - 2nd Place in Popular Vote for Class F

Harry Timmermann - 1st Place in Popular Vote for Class G

Rich Lacavich - 2nd Place in Popular Vote for Class H

Brian Ray - 1st Place in Popular Vote for Class H

David Sindelar - 2nd Place in Popular Vote for Class I

Joe Mayweather - 3rd Place in Popular Vote for Class L

Brian O'Sullivan - 2nd Place in Popular Vote for Class L



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Lucas Hedrick - 1st Place in Popular Vote for Class L

Will Bowers - 3rd Place in Popular Vote in Class M

Don Duryea - 3rd Place in Popular Vote in Class N

Roger Johnson - 1st Place in Popular Vote in Class N

Earl Lewis - Bronze Award in Performance Modified

Doug Wollgast - Gold Award in Factory Original

In all that is 18 awards taken by Gateway. That is an impressive showing.

The final event of the night was the retirement of Vic as our president and the start of our own John Johnson as the new president of GTOAA.

I could not be more proud of how all of Gateway stepped up to make this event a huge success. There isn't another club in GTOAA that has the impact on the organization that Gate-



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# Presidents Scoop

## The President's Scoop

By Chris Winslow

The 2024 GTOAA Nationals is in the books so it is now time to start looking at other activities coming up this summer. The next big one is the Good Guys Nationals for 2024 in Columbus. It is July 12th-14th. Their theme is celebrating 60 Years of the Pontiac GTO. They are offering indoor parking to GTOs of all years for the event. To be considered for the indoor display you will need to be pre-registered and send two photos of your GTO to ax-el@goodguys.com for approval. See page 17 of your April *Legend* magazine for additional details.

Of course, the week following the Good Guys show on July 19th to the 21st is the Tri Power Nationals at Norwalk

Finally, I have included in this newsletter the flyers for the Wheels In Motion and also our annual show in Pontiac. For the Wheels in Motion, Eliot has moved the show from the back lot at Westport Plaza to the Elks Lodge on Ladue Road. I think this is going to be a huge improvement. Now would be a great time to start gathering items for the raffle. I am hopeful that with this new location we will get better attendance and hopefully turn that into more money raised for the NCCS.

For the show in Pontiac, 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.

Finally, I would like to remind everyone that **our next meeting will be July 11th** since the first Thursday in July is the 4th.





# Gateway GTO Meeting Minutes



## Minutes

6/6/24

7:05 PM – Meeting Start – Old Business

Steve Hedrick talked about the Model T Swap Meet. He did not attend but heard that it was relatively small turnout.

Earl Lewis talked about the JJ's Cruise in. It was very well attended, but there were no new members to be had.

Steve Hedrick talked about the Pontiacs at Pigeon Forge event. There were 500 cars present inside and outside.

7:13 – New Business

Marty Howard talked about the pinball event that he was going to host at his house. He had 20 people signed up.

7:14 – Upcoming Events

7/12-7/14 – 60 Years of Good Guys National in Columbus Ohio

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

7/27(tentative) – Dyno Day

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

9/20-9/22 – GTOAA Regional at Pontiac Museum

7:20 – GTOAA

John Johnson will be taking the office of President of the GTOAA as Vic Schreck will be stepping down following the national convention.

7:24 – Tech

Kerry Friedman called on Terry Schott and the crew to help shake down an electrical problem that he was having with his GTO.

7:35 – Club Personals

Frank Chapman is recovering well from knee replacement surgery. He can work the clutch now.

Beth Butcher is recovering from surgery for removal of a brain tumor.

Donna Bowers is recovering from knee replacement surgery. She is currently experiencing drop foot.

Anita Jackson's mother is recovering from a stroke.

Paula Winslow is having sciatica issues.

John Johnson spoke at the meeting at how excellent the Gateway GTO chapter is and that he's proud to be a part of it.

7:38 - Motion to Adjourn by Brian O'Sullivan, seconded by Steve Hedrick

50/50 of \$39 won by Sharon Wildebrandt. She returned \$29 to the club.



# Pontiac Concept Car for G8 Replacement



Jim Schneider found this information on the web talking about a concept car for the G8 replacement that Pontiac was working on when GM went bankrupt. Too bad it never saw production.

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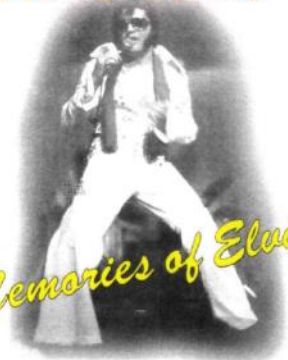
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Membership dues are \$20.

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](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.**

- Send dues to Will Bowers by mail or pay in person at the Next Meeting  
Will's Address:  
4213 Napa View Lane  
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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:

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## 2024 GATEWAY GTO CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### July

11 - GTO MEETING 7PM at Gingham's

12 - 14 - 60 Years of the GTO at the Good Guys Nationals in Columbus, OH

13 - JJ Cruise Night - 1215 S. Duchesne in St. Charles

19-21 - Tri Power Nationals

### 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

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

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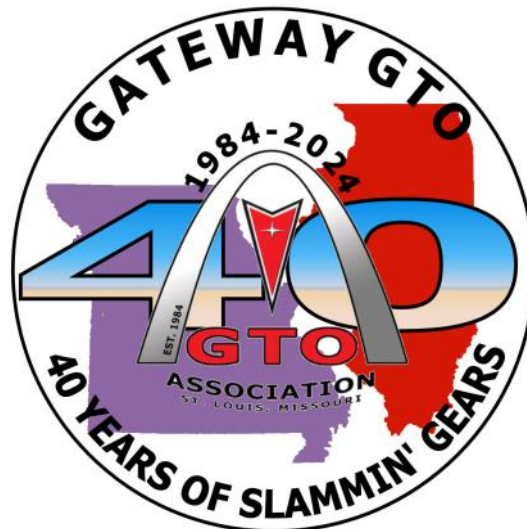
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## Gateway GTO Club Information

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.

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