



THE HOOD SCOOP

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Gateway GTO Annual Christmas Party

by Chris Winslow

Gateway GTO
Association



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The final event for Gateway GTO for the year is always our annual Christmas party. It is a time for all of us to get together for fun and some great food.

This year's event was planned by Paula with help from Laura Fox. The theme for this year was Blue Christmas. This included both the decorations for the event as well as outfits for many of the attendees.

Attendance this year was excellent with 44 members at the event. Some members, including the Sullivans, the Finkenbinders, the Fogarty's and the Wildebrandts came a long way to attend.

The food for this year came from Kenrick's and it was excellent. Everyone must have agreed as there was very little food left over at the end. Marty took most of what was left to a firehouse after the event, so what was left over did not go to waste.

After dinner, I made a few announcements. I announced that the date for the 2025 Pinball Wizard tournament at Atomic Pinball has been set for the March 2. I also reminded everyone that the official date for the Gateway GTO Pizza Party for 2025 is January 19th. In addition, I recognized some of the people that regularly help me during the year to keep Gateway GTO running smoothly. Recognized were Gail Schott who has been proofing the newsletter for a number of years now, Marty Howard for helping to organize a number of activities in 2024, Jim McCarthy for keep-

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ing the club roster up to date, Earl Lewis for all of his 50/50 and other fund raising efforts, and Tammy Hedrick for her work helping us with the tabulating of our Regional Car Show in Pontiac.

After some party games, we had our traditional rob your neighbor gift exchange. This year the most popular gift was a GTO themed clock made from an LP record. It changed hands a lot. I actually lost track of who ultimately took that one home. There were also some Route 66 neon signs that were very popular.

Our party this year was a great event and everyone really enjoyed themselves. Thanks to Paula and Laura for their hard work to plan such a fun party!



Presidents Scoop

The President's Scoop

By Chris Winslow

Thanks for everyone that participated in our annual Christmas Party. That event is always a lot of fun and this year was no different. Believe it or not, we are already working on the plans for the 2025 event so stay tuned for details on that early next year..

The first event on our calendar for 2025 will be our annual Pizza Party/Membership Renewal on Sunday, January 19th from 1 to 4. This year we are trying a new location recommended by Steve and Tammy, Fortell's Pizza Den at 7932 Mackenzie Road. For this location, the club will provide pizza and salad and the members will be responsible for buying their own drinks. Our goal is to have everyone that has not already renewed their Gateway Membership for next year renew it at that event. I have included a flyer for the event in this newsletter and I have also included the membership renewal form.

As is our tradition, there will be no regular Gateway GTO meeting at Gingham's in January since we use the Pizza Party as our January meeting. Regular meetings will resume at Gingham's on Thursday, February 6 and will continue to be the first Thursday of the month from February through November.

For 2025 we already have a big new event on the calendar. On May 17th we will be participating with the First Capital Classics car club to put on a Wheels In Motion car show at the Church on the Rock in St. Peters at 900 Birdie Hills Road. Starting 2025, Wheels in Motion will expand to 2 shows a year, one in May and then the second at the traditional weekend in September. The Church on the Rock has enthusiastically agreed to be the new home for the Wheels in Motion shows following Earl Lewis reaching out and making the connection between the church and the First Capital Club. This is an ideal location for the show. They have a large level lot (900+ parking spots) and all of the other things we need like a stage and sound system. The plan right now is that Gateway would provide members to take money from the car show participants as they enter for both shows. We may also help with parking if needed, but given the size of the lot, my preference would be to let folks park where that want. We will see how that plays out. Gateway will not run a raffle for the spring show. We will resume the raffle for the fall show only. There will also be a handful of trophies at these shows. So, we may be asked to help pick a few "Best Of" cars.

For 2024, the First Capital Classics, with help from Gateway, was able to raise \$11,000 to donate to the NCCS. This is a large amount, but in past years, when Wheels in Motion was in the front lot of Westport and had much better attendance we were able to raise more. Hopefully this new location will generate the kind of attendance numbers that we need to get the show back to that level or even beyond.

Paula and I wish all of you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



Gateway GTO Annual PIZZA PARTY!

Sunday, January 19, 2025 from 1-4 PM



Fortel's Pizza Den
7932 Mackenzie Road
St. Louis, MO 63123
(314) 353-2360

Club furnishes the pizza and salad – drinks are members' responsibility.

2025 Pinball Wizard Tournament

WHAT: "10th ANNUAL GATEWAY GTO PINBALL WIZARD EVENT"

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

WHEN: SUNDAY, MARCH 2, 2025 ***** SAVE THIS DATE *****

TIME: Noon – 3:00 pm (3 hours)

NOTE: I will be looking for a local restaurant to have dinner after pinball. TBD.

ADMISSION PRICE: \$15/PLAYER

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.
- New building, 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 16, 2025.**
- I will send out a final notice of players on Sunday, February 23, 2025.

Please let me know via email (nycgto@att.net) or home phone (636-724-8641),
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.

2025 Pinball Wizard Tournament

- 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

GATEWAY GTO ASSOCIATION Membership/**Renewal** Form

(Please print clearly)

New

Renewal

Returning

Name: _____ Date: _____

Associate Name (Spouse/Significant Other): _____

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, significant other, etc.).
All Gateway GTO Members must also be members in good standing with GTOAA
Go to WWW.GTOAA.ORG to join or renew GTOAA membership



Gateway GTO Membership Renewal

Gateway GTO Dues for 2025 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
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



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 Steve Hedrick with any questions:

Steve Hedrick Contact Info:

Phone: 314-640-4020

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2024/2025 GATEWAY GTO CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January

19 - Gateway GTO Pizza Party at Fortel's Pizza Den, 7932 Mackenzie Rd, 63123. The event is from 1– 4. Gateway supplies pizza and salad and club member cover their own beverages.

February

7 - GTO MEETING 7PM at Gingham's

March

2 - Gateway GTO 10th Annual Pinball Wizard Tournament at Atomic Pinball Arcade, 102 Whitelaw Ave. Wood River, IL 62095 at 3:00

6 - GTO MEETING 7PM at Gingham's

SEE THE FULL CALENDAR AT WWW.GATEWAYGTO.ORG

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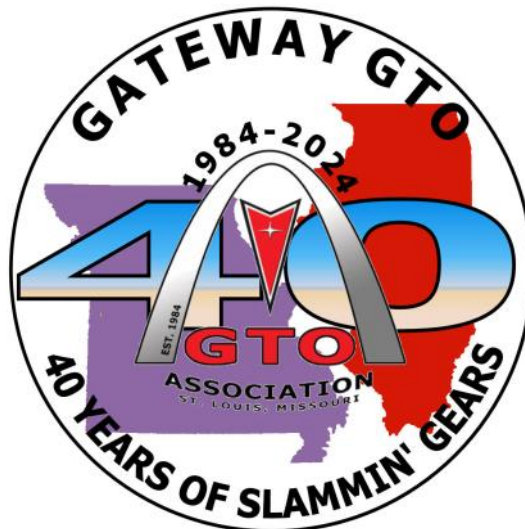
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A photograph of a red classic car with its hood open, showing the engine compartment.

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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.

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.



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