

421 Day!

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For 2026 we have a new event on the Gateway GTO calendar. That event is 421 day!

This event honors the legendary 421 inch Super Duty Pontiac engine. Gateway had not historically had an event on this day, so Steve Hedrick launched an effort to change that. Steve arranged with the Sawmill BBQ and Pub in Des Peres to host the event. In further homage to Pontiac and The Great One, the start time for the event was set for 242 (the VIN numbers that indicate a real GTO for model years 1966 to 1971)

We were blessed with perfect weather for the event. Temps were in upper 70's with clear skies and no wind. You can't ask for better and it left no one with an excuse for leaving their GTO at home! Accordingly, the turn out was excellent at over 30 people.

After checking out all of the cars that had turned up for the event, most of us stepped inside and ordered up some lunch. The food and the service was great.

Steve had promised some Pontiac Celebrities at the event and sure enough, both Sheriff Buford T. Justice and Miss Hurst herself, Linda Vaughn made appearances.

Next up, Steve had prepared Pontiac trivia questions for the event. Many of the questions were quite difficult. There was a lot of head scratching at our table on several of them. Once the



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trivia was handed in, Steve handed out prizes to the winners. Those winning prizes were: Robert Woolsey, Gail Schott (aka Linda Vaughn), Jim Kiburz, Allen Neal, Rich Vie, Barb Lewis, Brian O'Sullivan, Earl Lewis, Paula Winslow, and John Folluo.

Everyone that came had a great time. I hope that this will become an annual event!







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