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#### From your Membership Manager

Hello everyone!

This is membership renewal time for many of you.

Our membership management system sends an automated email on Saturday when your membership is 30 days away from expiring, and then as a courtesy reminder every Saturday after that until you have renewed.

You don't need to take action until you receive these emails. Just remember to look for them on Saturday. They will be from feedback@northwestlegends.com or "Club Membership/Dues Renewal".

Please remember that you must renew your NW GTO Legends and GTOAA membership at the same time through our website. It's easy and quick.

You've probably received renewal notices from GTOAA in the form of an email, insert with your Legends magazine, or even a postcard!

I have received all of these. As your Membership Manager, I take care of updating the GTOAA with your membership renewal, so just ignore their notices and do it in one step through us.

You will actually save money doing it this way, since GTOAA charges an administrative fee of \$3.00 when you renew directly with them.

So keep an eye out for that email. If you have any questions such as when your dues will expire, please don't hesitate to call, text or email me

My contact info is 206-817-9883 or moto trails@yahoo.com

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Thanks! Bob Stevenson January 4th 6:00 pm <u>Amante Pizza</u> in Kent.



**Club Meeting** 

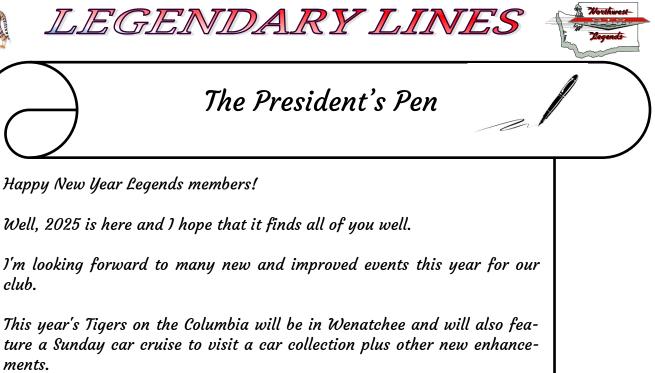
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### Road Trip 2026

Attention all Pontiac owners! The GTOAA National Convention is confirmed to be in **Loveland, Colorado in 2026**. I'm organizing a caravan to the convention from the Northwest. Start thinking





We will continue with our two muscle car shows this year. Our Griots show will be in June, and we will continue with the Pop Keeney stadium location in August. We will also try to schedule a north end Cruise in September. I'd like to get a group of people to go up to the Skagit county fairgrounds car show.

I'm also currently in negotiations with a venue for our Christmas party at the end of the year that will be the best Christmas party the club has ever had! The details of this party are still being worked out. I won't commit to telling you the location just yet, but I will reveal it at the next meeting, which is this Saturday at 6:00 p.m. at Amante Pizza in Kent.

Please remember, many of you have memberships coming up at this time of the year and if you want to be part of all the fun and excitement of 2025, I asked you to renew your dues for this year.

I also want to work on Club t-shirts this year. Some for our members and some to sell to the public. More on that later.

Happy New Year everyone and thank you for your continued support of our fine Club. See you in 2025!!

Bill Nelson President Northwest GTO Legends.





# 2025 Northwest GTO Legends - Sanctioned Events

May 23/24/25

7th Annual Tigers on the Columbia - Wenatchee, WA - Rocky Reach Dam Details - Hotel: <u>COAST Wenatchee Center Hotel</u>, <u>Awards Banquet</u>: <u>Wenatchee Convention Center</u> Contact: Ted Knapp 425.681.9682

#### <u>June 29 8am-3pm</u>

12th Annual NW American Muscle Car Show - Tacoma, WA - Griot's Garage Headquarters Contact: Wally Santella 206.243.3390

<u>August 16 - Saturday 8am-3pm</u>

37th Annual Northwest Muscle Car Meet - Bothel, WA - Pop Keeney Stadium Contact: Ted Knapp 425.681.9682

2025 NW GTO Legends - Club Events

<u>August 9</u> Barbeque By The Bay - Gig Harbor, Wa *Contact: Ted Knapp* 425.681.9682

#### December TBD Club Holiday Party -Contact: Ted Knapp 425.681.9682

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> Vice President Ted Knapp

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AT LARGE

Steve Martin

Club Meetings
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Amante Pizza and Pasta—Kent 21020 84th Ave S, Kent, WA 98032 All Meetings at 6PM

	January	4	February	1
	March	1	April	5
	Мау	3	June	7
AN	July	7	August	2
	September	NO MEETING	October	4
	November	1	December 6	Holiday Banquet









Loveland Colorado

So, with that in mind, let's all get together for a fantastic road trip to Colorado! If you haven't been to a national convention, you are missing out on an amazing 4-5 days of GTO and Pontiac and before you know it, it fun.

The concours cars are amaz- deciding if you will drive ing, you see all kinds of Pontiacs in the Popular Vote and Street Legends classes, and so much more! There are seminars and guest speakers, car cruises, a parking lot party and trips to interesting local areas. A banquet and awards cere-

mony concludes the week.

It might seem early to be talking about a trip in 2026, but it really isn't! We're over halfway through 2024 will be 2025! Now is the time to be planning and your car or trailer it. We will have a strong contingent of cars traveling together and will be prepared for any unexpected issues that arise during our trip there and back. I'm planning a somewhat leisurely drive with an overnight stop (or

two!), so we aren't pushing it too hard. The distance to Loveland from the Puget Sound area is just over 1200 miles. Hopefully we will join up with folks from Oregon and Idaho on the way, which will be a great addition to the trip. Please think about going and chat with me at our upcoming meetings, You can also email me with ideas at moto trails@yahoo.com Let's do this! **Bob Stevenson** 

#### GTOAA: Popular Vote & Street Legends

I've talked about Concours at the GTOAA convention, but there are other ways to enter your car that doesn't involve as much time getting it ready.

There are the Popular Vote and Street Legends classes. Popular Vote has two classes within this category, Stock and Modified.

If you look at the March 2024 issue of The Legend, it explains the two classes in detail.

Popular Vote Stock isn't about numbers-matching or Concourslevel correctness.

If a car looks stock, it can enter as Stock. If a car doesn't look like factory production, so in other words, has custom parts or color or different engine, etc. then it goes into Popular Vote Modified.

Everyone that registers for the convention receives a ballot for voting for

cars in the Popular Vote category.

Street Legends is a display-only, non-voting class and open to all Pontiacs. You can have a stock, modified, original, project, unfinished or beater car. There isn't any judging or voting, just a fun place to see whatever!

The great thing about Popular Vote and Street Legends is that the cars are typically parked outside and you can use your car during the convention. In Lawrenceburg, they had a large parking garage that the cars were parked in.

Of course, you'll want your car to be in the lot with the others the day of the Popular Vote, but other than that, you're free to use it and take it in and out as you wish. Steve and I took full advantage of that and used his '72 GTO for fun drives all over Wisconsin Dells.

So, if you just don't think Concours is for you, then one of these classes will fit the bill!

The national conventions are an opportunity to see GTOs and other Pontiacs that you will never see otherwise.

Don't miss this opportunity to join us in Loveland. Colorado in 2026!







## Who we are...

We are excited to bring GTO enthusiasts a club that caters to the total GTO experience. Whether you're into racing the Great One, showing off your prized Poncho, restoring a GeeTO to its former glory, or just enjoying the company of people that do – we've got just the ride for you. We also offer a fantastic newsletter, Legendary Lines, with color features, tech info, stories, and member cars.

We are an official chapter of the GTOAA (GTO Association of America), the 13th to be exact, and got things started way back in 1984-1985. It all started with 3 GTO nuts wanting to start a GTO fraternity in our part of the Northwest. Over the years, the club has evolved with many great people getting involved and contributing their time, effort, and personalities to make it the awesome experience that it is today. Our goal is simple, bring enjoyment to the hobby of owning, driving, and appreciating the greatest muscle car, the original, the Pontiac GTO. Our club has representation of EVERY year of the GTO!!!

Some of the activities that keep us busy throughout the year include hosting car shows that include the Three-day event Tigers on the Columbia (it's the best & only show of its kind in the Northwest) an annual Holiday Party, and our own Northwest Muscle car Meet which gathers the finest muscle cars in the region once a year.

Being a Chapter of the GTO Association of America, our membership fees include additional membership in the GTOAA National Club. The National prints a monthly magazine that is nothing short of fantastic. You wouldn't believe all the GTO owners around the world! They feature a car of the month, technical articles and a GREAT classified section that is free for advertisements by members.







# **Members Marketplace**

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Contact Bob Stevenson at moto\_trails@yahoo.com or 206-817-9883.

Centric Left Front disc brake caliper #14162050 This is brand new, never been used. I ordered two left side calipers for my 1973 GTO instead of one left and one right. From Rock Auto, cost was \$17.27 plus \$30 core charge. So, I paid \$47.27 for it plus shipping. Asking \$15 OBO. This will fit 1970-1976 Firebird, 1973-1976 Grand Prix and Lemans, 1973-1975 Grand Am, and 1975-1976 Grand Lemans and Ventura. Will also fit early to mid '70s Buick, Chevy, GMC and Oldsmobile cars. Check Rock Auto for all the compatible cars.

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#### Club Members,

If you have a Pontiac with a classic 8-Track Cassette Player option and are interested, my neighbor has a great collection of songs that he is willing to give away. Let me know if you are interested and I will happy to hook you up.

Wally Santella (206 243-3390)

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	Car Shows - Cruises - Swap Meets					
	2/15-2/16	EARLY BIRD SWAP MEET - Washington State Fair grounds - Puyallup, Washington				
	3/15-3/16	43rd Annual Almost Spring Swap Meet & Car Show – Puyallup, Washington				
	5/2-5/3	Classy Chassis Parade and Car Show — Washington State Apple Blossom Festival - East				
F	5/17	White River HS Motorsports Club Car show - Buckley				
	5/17	13th Annual Harrington Car Show -Harrington, WA				
	5/24	JBLM Gas Guzzlers Car Show @ Griots Garage - Tacoma				
	5/30-5/31 Cruizin Chelan Car Show - Chelan, WA					
	6/7	Arlington Car Show - downtown <b>Arlington</b> , Washington				
	6/15	Gear Heads Father's Day Annual Car Show - Lynden				
	6/22	Marysville Car Show - downtown Marysville , Washington				
	6/28	Greenwood Car Show - Greenwood , Washington				
	7/6	Return to Renton Benefit Car Show -Renton				
	7/20	Kla Ha Ya Days - Snohomish, Washington				
	7/25-7/27 Goodguys Car Show - Griots Garage Pacific Northwest Nationals - Puyallup, Washington					
	8/17	38th Annual All Ford Show and Mustang Roundup - Kent				
	8/22-8/24	Summer Fun Rod Run - Bellingham				
	9/5	Wheelin' Walla Walla				
	9/6-9/7	The Beach Barons Car Club's - 41st Annual Rod Run to the End of the World® car show - Ocean				
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		Binford Field of Dreams				
		Old Ride Events -Washington State				

