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**2025 ANNUAL CONVENTION**

**JULY 18 - 19, 2025**

**The Westin Jekyll Island**

110 Ocean Way  
Jekyll Island, GA 31527

**Mark Your Calendars! Book Your Hotel Room! Register Today!**



**Call 912-635-4545, Option #1 by June 13, 2025**

To Get the Hotel Group Rate, Identify Yourself With:

**Georgia Tire Dealers 2025 Conference**

**OR**

**Use the following link online:**

**[Book your group rate for Georgia Tire Association Conference 2025](#)**

**Hotel Room**

Island View, no balcony... \$359  
Partial Ocean View, with balcony...\$379  
Ocean View, with balcony...\$399

Plus state and local taxes and \$30 Resort Fee

*\* Rates are valid two days before and two days after the convention dates.*

**ENJOY ONE LAST VACATION THIS SUMMER! FAMILIES WELCOME!**

*Tentative Agenda*

**Friday, July 18**

9:00 am **Golf Tournament - Jekyll Island Golf Club**  
*Registration at 8:00 am*  
4:00 - 5:30 pm **Registration AND Welcome Reception**  
*St. Andrews Foyer*

**Saturday, July 19**

9:00 am **Round Table Discussion**  
*Sapelo*  
10:00 am **Board of Directors/Annual Meeting**  
*Sapelo*  
4:00 - 5:30 pm **Tabletop Trade Show** (Light refreshments will be served)  
*Grand Ballroom*  
7:00 - 8:00 pm **Reception**  
*Courtyard*  
8:00 - 10:00 pm **Scholarship Banquet & Hall of Fame Recognition**  
*Grand Ballroom*

*\* A Silent Auction will be held Saturday night.*

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THANK YOU TO ALL WHO  
HAVE SERVED  
WITH DIGNITY AND HONOR

### GTDAА PAST PRESIDENTS

Life Members of Past President's Council

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Terry Beavers, Forest Park  
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Capers Lifsey, Columbia, SC  
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Richard Newlon, Conyers  
\*\*Mobley Noble, Stone Mountain  
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## FEDERATED INSURANCE: NEWS RELEASE

### Good Housekeeping Boosts Safety and Business Success

Maintaining a clean and safe workplace is crucial for your business' success. Regular housekeeping, general maintenance, and clear safety policies can help to reduce accidents, downtime, and costly claims.

#### Regular Inspections

Use a housekeeping checklist during walkthroughs to spot and address hazards before they lead to accidents.

#### Employee Training

Encourage employees to actively participate in workplace safety through regular training on housekeeping best practices. Key practices can include:

- Following cleaning schedules
- Storing hazardous materials, tools, and equipment safely
- Keeping walkways clear
- Disposing of waste properly
- Reporting accidents promptly
- Charging lithium-ion batteries in designated spaces using appropriate chargers

#### Update Risk Management Policies

Review and update your risk management plan annually. Address newer risks, such as lithium-ion battery fires, by educating staff on proper charging methods and safe usage. A proactive approach can help prevent incidents, protect your team, and minimize disruptions to your operations.

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## GEORGIA TIRE DEALERS: NEW MEMBERS

### Welcome New Members

**Appling Tire & Service Center**  
*Chad Hampton & Jerome Murray*  
1231 E Parker St.  
Baxley, GA 31513  
912-705-1739

**Sutton Tire Inc.**  
*Matt Farmer*  
293 Monroe Street  
Clarkesville, GA 30523  
706-754-6241

**Gateway Tire Southeast**  
*Wesley Hayes*  
570 Technology Dr.  
Dothan, AL 36303  
334-268-0799

**Tires First Inc.**  
*Wes Hargrove*  
5454 Miller Rd.  
Columbus, GA 31909  
706-563-5555

**Kumho Tire USA**  
*Adam Jetter*  
133 Peachtree Rd NE  
Suite 2800  
Atlanta, GA 31313  
904-864-6342

**TireTutor, Inc.**  
*Jason Abrahams*  
60 Glen Rd #110  
Brookline, MA 02445  
617-209-9152



# Annual Convention Registration Form July 18 - 19, 2025

*The Westin  
Jekyll Island*



**Be Included in a Raffle Drawing by Registering Early!**  
**Return Your Registration Form to the GTDAA Office**  
**By *June 13, 2025* for Your Chance to Win a *\$100 CASH PRIZE!***

**Final Registration Date: *July 1, 2025***

Mail/Email/Fax your Registration Form and Hall of Fame Nomination to  
 GTDAA \* PO Box 801378 \* Acworth \* GA \* 30101  
 ga\_tiredealers@bellsouth.net  
 FAX: (770) 421-0511  
 Additional forms available @ [www.gtdaa.com](http://www.gtdaa.com)

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Company Name**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Address**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**City/state/zip**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Telephone/ Email**

**List names for badges**

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Registration Fees**

\$200 Per Couple - \$200 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Additional family members:

(ages 13 - 17) \$40 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(ages 5 - 12) \$20 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Children under 4 \_\_\_\_\_ FREE

\$125 Per Individual - \$125 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Golf**

\$125 Per Person - \$125 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Golfer(s): \_\_\_\_\_

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Enclosed is Check # \_\_\_\_\_ in the amount of  
 \$ \_\_\_\_\_ OR

Please charge:

\_\_\_\_ Visa \_\_\_\_ MasterCard \_\_\_\_ Amex Exp.

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Card Number

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Expiration Date Security Code Zip Code

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature

If possible, please put me in a golf group with: \_\_\_\_\_

# of People Attending: \_\_\_\_ Friday Reception \_\_\_\_ Sat. Round Table \_\_\_\_ Sat. Trade Show \_\_\_\_ Sat. Banquet



GEORGIA TIRE DEALERS &  
AUTOMOTIVE ASSOCIATION  
HALL OF FAME

This completed form along with other background data such as resumes,  
photos, etc., should be submitted to the GTDAA Office.  
Deadline for application is May 23, 2025

Nominee's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Company Name \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee Address \_\_\_\_\_

Business \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: Business (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Home (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Business Title \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Years in Tire Industry \_\_\_\_\_

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Company \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Date Submitted: \_\_\_\_\_

For use by Hall of Fame Committee:

Date Received: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Reviewed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Verified: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee Accepted: \_\_\_\_\_ By Committee (Signature) \_\_\_\_\_

# ANNUAL CONVENTION INFORMATION

## EARLY REGISTRATION

**Win \$100 CASH!** Complete and return your registration form to the GTDAA office by JUNE 13TH, and you will be included in a raffle drawing for a chance to win \$100 Cash.

## SILENT AUCTION

Place bids on a variety of items donated by the Georgia Tire Dealers Board of Directors and go home with something special. Past items have been a charcuterie board gift pack, Yeti coolers, golf bags, a rechargeable flash light, backpacks, and a grill. This year, a gift certificate for a two night stay at The Westin Jekyll Island during nonconference dates will be available! Bids will be placed during the Saturday night banquet and winners will be announced after dinner.

## SPONSORSHIP & TABLETOP OPPORTUNITIES

To all of the GTDAA Supplier Members: Please consider being a 2025 Annual Convention Sponsor. Four levels of sponsorships are available: Platinum - \$3,000 (includes a Tabletop); Gold - \$2,250; Silver - \$800; and Bronze - \$400. Each level offers different benefits. Also, you may participate in this year's tabletop trade show for only \$350. Go to [www.gtdaa.com](http://www.gtdaa.com) for Sponsorship forms or call the GTDAA office.

## HALL OF FAME

The Georgia Tire Dealers & Automotive Association Hall of Fame is to honor those individuals who have played a significant role in the growth and development of the Georgia Tire Dealers Association and the Tire Industry. Please consider nominating the individual you would like to see inducted this year.

Go to [www.gtdaa.com](http://www.gtdaa.com) for additional Hall of Fame Nomination forms.

Applications must be received at the GTDAA office by **May 23, 2025**.

Inductees will be announced at the 2025 Annual Convention.

### Past Hall of Fame Inductees

<u>2010</u> *Bobby Carroll * Tom Snow	<u>2013</u> *Mike Harrison	<u>2017</u> Richard Newlon	<u>2023</u> Bill Duckworth Jr. Bobby Franklin Steve Fulton
<u>2011</u> *Buck Kelly *Bob Rogers	<u>2014</u> *Tony Sexton	<u>2018</u> Gary Waters	
<u>2012</u> Scott Beasley	<u>2015</u> *Gene Laabs *Warren Raffield	<u>2019</u> *Earl Perry *James Robert Traylor	<u>2024</u> Larry Bush
			<u>2025</u> ?

\*Deceased

## SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Educational Scholarships are available through the Georgia Tire Dealers Foundation for eligible applicants. These scholarships are offered to all GTDAA members, employees, and their immediate family members. To date, over \$320,000 in awards have been paid to recipients. Go to [www.gtdaa.com](http://www.gtdaa.com) for all of the details. The final deadline for completed applications is **Friday, April 11th!**

Winners will be announced at the Annual Conference.

Thank You to the Georgia Tire Dealers Foundation President and Trustees!

Rob Miller<sup>7</sup>, President

Sean Plumstead, Trustee

Steve Fulton, Trustee

Bill Duckworth, Trustee

## SUPPLIER MEMBERS

### **American Tire Distributors**

*Augusta, GA*—Chris Jennings  
800-476-3634

*Byron, GA*—Max Burgess  
800-342-9641

*Kennesaw, GA*—Josh Booth  
800-444-5853

*Savannah, GA*—Jason Hacker  
800-206-2722

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Clint Foreman  
800-241-1184

### **Auto Service Processing**

*Atlanta, GA*  
Craig Roll  
800-979-1516

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912-537-9500

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*Rancho Cucamonga, CA*  
Joel Aldridge  
909-727-2086

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### **Gateway Tire Southeast**

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Wesley Hayes  
334-268-0799

### **Kumho Tire USA**

*Atlanta, GA*  
Adam Jetter  
904-864-6342

### **Liberty Tire Recycling, Inc.**

*Atlanta, GA*  
Dewey Grantham, Jr.  
404-355-0547

### **Net Driven**

*Scranton, PA*  
John Twernbold  
570-880-7030

### **NTW - National Tire Wholesale**

*Albany, GA*  
800-342-6162

*Atlanta, GA*  
800-241-6022

*Augusta, GA*  
800-637-2474

*Gainesville, GA*  
800-225-7950

*Macon, GA*  
800-637-6109

*Marietta, GA*  
866-791-4323

*Savannah, GA*  
800-447-9780

### **Quality Tire Recycling, LLC**

*Jackson, GA*  
Doug Bernhardt  
770-775-3304

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*Royston, GA*  
Wayne Reel  
706-201-5708

### **Rubber Inc**

*Chicago, IL*  
Steve Fulton  
678-467-0508

### **Tire Distributors of GA**

*Athens, GA*  
Jay Lee  
770-796-0363

*Byron, GA*—Sean Plumstead/  
Troy McDaniel  
478-745-1975

*Statesboro, GA*  
Austin Ballew/Travis Hicks  
912-259-9600

*Tifton, GA*  
Hunter Yarbrough  
229-386-1888

### **TireTutor, Inc.**

*Brookline, MA*  
Jason Abrahams  
617-209-9152

### **US AutoForce**

*Jacksonville, FL*  
Shelby Mayville  
904-874-1557