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The GTOAA convention for 2024 will be in Springfield, Missouri on June 18th through the 22nd. Like the convention this year, it is close to home for those of us in Gateway GTO and also like the convention this year, Gateway GTO will be a Gold Level Sponsor. We will also be working in cooperation with our sister chapter the GR-RRR8'R Wichita GTO Club to host the event.

The GTOAA Board and Staff have been hard at work planning the event and setting up a lot of great activities for the week. Gateway GTO member John Johnson has personally organized many of these activities and the results of those efforts are an impressive list of options for the week. Those include Route 66 cruises, a bus trip to Fantastic Caverns, a bus trip to Branson to see the Titanic Museum and the Dolly Parton Stampede (along with dinner), and a guided Bass Pro Wonders of Wildlife tour. There is also a riverboat dinner cruise. This will be similar to the one we did earlier this year in Hannibal, and we all know how much fun that was. A Street Legends drag racing event is also planned.

There is a long list of speakers and tech sessions planned. This includes speakers such as Jim Mattison from PHS, Steven Paul from Test Drive Technologies, Douglas Brinkley (a noted Route 66 author and historian), Arnie Beswick, John Kraman (with Linda Vaughn), and myself along with Doug Warble. I will be replacing a lock cylinder and also rebuilding a GTO key live at that session.



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**45th ANNUAL GTOAA NATIONALS**  
**JUNE 18 – 22, 2024**  
**UNIVERSITY PLAZA & CONVENTION CENTER,**  
**SPRINGFIELD, MO.**  
**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS – SUBJECT TO CHANGE**  
**Speaker Sessions – Kansas Room**



## Monday, June 17

All Day Staff Arrivals  
5:15 pm Board Staff Meeting: Board Room

## Tuesday, June 18

8:00- 5:00 Registration Open, Tech/Photo Swap  
Meet Vendor/Model Car Setup  
12:00-5:00 Car Wash Open

## Wednesday, June 19

6:00-5:00 Car Wash Open  
8:00-5:00 Registration Open, Tech/Photo  
8:00-5:00 Swap Meet, Vendors, Display Cars,  
Model Car Displays  
9:00-3:00 **\*RT66 Cruise:** NE Route (w/lunch)  
10:00-12:00 **\*Speaker Session:** Jim Mattison-PHS  
1:00-3:30 **\*Bus trip:** or self-drive to Fantastic  
Caverns, bring a jacket. No meal  
1:00-2:30 **\*Speaker Session: OPEN**  
3:00-4:00 **\*Speaker Session:** Dick Smart-Headlight  
Conversions // 1-Kit Raffle off  
4:00-5:00 Concours Owner’s Meeting  
5:00-6:30 Concours Judge’s Meeting  
6:00-11:30 **\*Bus Trip:** Branson Belle Dinner Boat  
Cruise, self-drive option

## Thursday June, 20

6:00-5:00 Car Wash Open  
7:30-8:30 Judges Breakfast Meeting  
8:00-5:00 Registration Open, Tech/Photo  
8:00-5:00 Swap Meet, Vendors, Display Cars  
8:30-finish Concours Judging  
8:30-finish Concours Tabulation  
9:00-3:00 **\*Route 66 Cruise:** SW route (w/lunch)  
9:30-8:00 **\*Bus Trip to Branson:** Titanic Museum  
& Dolly Parton Stampede (w/meal  
served @5:30)  
10:00-12:00 **\*Speaker Session: OPEN**  
1:00-2:30 **\*Speaker Session:** Pat Sullivan- Dazed  
& Confused Movie Anniversary  
3:00-4:00 **\*Speaker Session:** Steven Paul – Values  
& Conditions Appraisals

## Thursday (Cont'd)

4:00-5:00 Kids Make & Take Model Building  
4:00-6:00 **\*Ladies Event:** Bedazzle your flip flops  
7:00 PM **\*Speaker Session:** Douglas Brinkley:  
Author//Historian: History of RT. 66

## Friday, June 21

6:00-5:00 Car Wash Open  
9:00-1:00 Popular Voting, Ballots Due 1PM  
DJ until 2PM  
10:00-12:00 **\*Speaker Session:** Chris Winslow-Doug  
Warble: New Gen GTO Tech  
1:00-3:00 **\*Speaker Session:** John Kraman – Mecum  
Auctions w/ Linda Vaughn  
1:30-5:30 **\*Bass Pro Wonders of Wildlife (WOW)**  
**Guided Tour: You Drive** (lunch on own)  
2:00-3:00 Model Car Judging  
2:30-6:00 **\*Bus to Craft Beer:** (Buy your own)  
3:00-5:00 **\*Ladies Event:** Make & Take July 4 Decor  
3:00-5:00 **\*Speaker Session:** Arnie Beswick - Q&A  
7:00-10:00 AMES /Gateway GTOs: Groovy Ball Room  
Bash with Band: Banquet Room

**FREE ADMISSION**  
**Cash Food - Cash bar**

## Saturday, June 22

8:00-10:00 Chapter Awards: President’s Brunch  
10:00-2:30 **\*Street Legends Drag Racing:** Ozark  
Raceway Park, Rogersville, MO. Drag  
Racing for those who want to participate.  
Track Fees: spectators \$15, Racers \$30,  
children under 12 free. Food Concessions.  
10:30-12:00 **\*Speaker Session: OPEN**  
1:00-3:00 **\*Speaker Session: OPEN**  
5:00-6:00 Awards Happy Hour  
6:00-7:00 Awards Banquet  
7:00-9:30 Awards Presentation

## Sunday, June 23

7:00am Indoor Cars released



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Of course, the really big event for the week will be the Groovy Ball Room Bash with the live band Captain Rat and the Blind Rivets. Gateway GTO is the co-sponsor for that party. As has been the case the last few years, this will be an indoor event, so no worries about rain or hot weather. (And hopefully no worries about a Derecho!!!!)

GTOAA has the registration system open. Many of the activities have a limit on head count, so you will want to get your reservations in early to reserve your slot. Even if you have not determined which car you are bringing, or even if you are bringing a car, you should plan to register early. You can always go back in and add or subtract from your registration later if, for example, you find out in a few months that the car you are planning to bring is not going to be ready in time.

The hotel is also accepting reservations for the event.

All of the details for getting registered and also reserving your hotel room are up on the GTOAA website convention page. Here is the link:

[Convention — GTO Association of America \(gtoaa.org\)](https://gtoaa.org)

Also, since Gateway is once again a host chapter, we will be looking for volunteers to help staff the event. Starting early next year we will begin putting together a roster for worker slots. Like this year, if you work at least two slots at the convention in 2024, GTOAA will refund your convention registration fee.

I have included here the most current schedule of events for the convention. This schedule will be updated as more details are finalized, so you will want to check the GTOAA Convention page often for the latest details.

As always, if you have any questions on the convention, please ask me or Tom Oxler or Steve Hedrick. If we don't know the answer, we can find out.





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# GROOVY BALLROOM BASH

JOIN US FOR FAR OUT FUN, MAN!

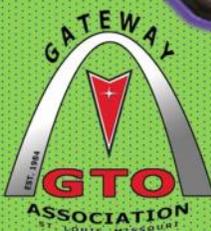
DUST OFF YOUR BEH BATTAMS!

THROW ON YOUR LOVE BEADS!

LET YOUR HAIR DOWN



*Captain Rat & The Blind Rivets*



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June 21, 2024 7p-10p  
**FREE ENTRY**  
CASH FOOD, CASH BAR  
LIVE BAND

# GTOAA MEET - SPRINGFIELD