



THE HOOD SCOOP



December 2018

Gateway GTO
Association



Gateway GTO Christmas Party

By Chris Winslow



On December 8th we had our annual Gateway GTO Christmas Party at our usual location at the Webster Groves Barn. Once again, and despite having lots of grandchildren to help take care of Sandra and Mark Melrose organized the event.

The theme for this year was black and white. Some of the members, such as the Lewis's, went all out dressing as gangsters from the roaring 20's.

Since this was the first time attending a Gateway GTO Christmas party for some members, we did a round of introductions for everyone present. One of the great things we learned during that round of introductions is that Joe and Bev Mayweather will be celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary early next year.

As in past years, we had excellent food from Russo's and Favazza's along with deserts from club members including cookies, cupcakes, a sheet cake, and a lemon meringue pie.

There was one big presentation made during the evening and that was to recognize Terry Schott for all of his hard work donning a pair of coveralls and fixing the cars along the way on the Route 66 cruise.

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After dinner and some group photos, we played a few rounds of Bingo.

Of course, all of this was leading up to the main event of the evening, the rob your neighbor gift exchange. There was an interesting mix of gifts this year. This included some unusual gifts for a car club Christmas party, like a weed wacker and holiday pillows. There were also some GTO related items. These included a Gateway GTO Coffee carafe and a really amazing metal wall hanging ornament. (Both of which I had at one point during the evening).



There was also a really neat sign that had led lighting, but it looked like neon. That gift changed hands a lot, but, for the second year in a row, the most exchanged gift of the evening was a sheet metal white goat. Just like last year, Paula and I were sitting with the Hedricks and just like last year none of us could figure out why the goat was so popular.

After this we were treated to a musical performance by , Jeff (Elvis Presley) Caldwell. Several of the ladies in the club participated in the show.





Presidents Scoop

The Presidents Scoop

By Terry Schott

As we start into the holiday season, I'd like to wish each of you a very Merry Christmas and a wonderful and prosperous New Year. 2018 has really flown by, and it's been a busy one for the Gateway GTO Club. In 2017, with all of the work for the Nationals we hosted, there wasn't a lot of time for many other activities. We have tried to make up for that in 2018. Besides the standard events such as the January pizza party, the summer BBQ, the Wheels in Motion car show, and our Pontiac Regional event, we have had a great deal of other various events.

- We had a pinball event in February as well as the Car Trivia night.
- We got to visit the Wood River Refinery Museum which was an interesting and informative event.
- We also were treated to the hospitality of 2 open houses of members' new homes which were once again times for good food, good friends, and laughter.
- Some of our members participated in a Veteran's parade and were able to give rides to Veterans who were thankful for the opportunity. They are already asking us to participate next year.
- We got to visit the St. Louis Car Museum and look at the wide selection of vehicles.
- We toured the Precision Restoration shop downtown and were able to see some of the projects that they were in the midst of.
- The club had several members participate in the Street Legends Cruise of Route 66 to Needles, CA and some even braved the rest of the way to Santa Monica. When the cruise was coming through our area, we hosted an evening meal of locally known St. Louis favorites of Imo's Pizza, toasted ravioli, Budweiser products, Fitz's Root Beer, and of course Ted Drewes frozen custard. All of the members who participated in the Route 66 cruise had a great time and met many new friends from across the country. As a result of the cruise we even got some new members.
- The fall Tiger Cruise to Ste. Genevieve, MO was another great time to get the cars out and enjoy the fall weather. It was well organized and the weather cleared up and it turned out great. We learned about the tigers that they have rescued and also got to enjoy wine and sunshine at Crown Valley Winery. There was also a fall cruise to the Montelle Winery
- We added another charitable event to our calendar this year. In August, we participated in the Meals for a Million event, where about 20 of us helped package meals to





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help fight the local hunger issue. We all agreed to do it again next year.

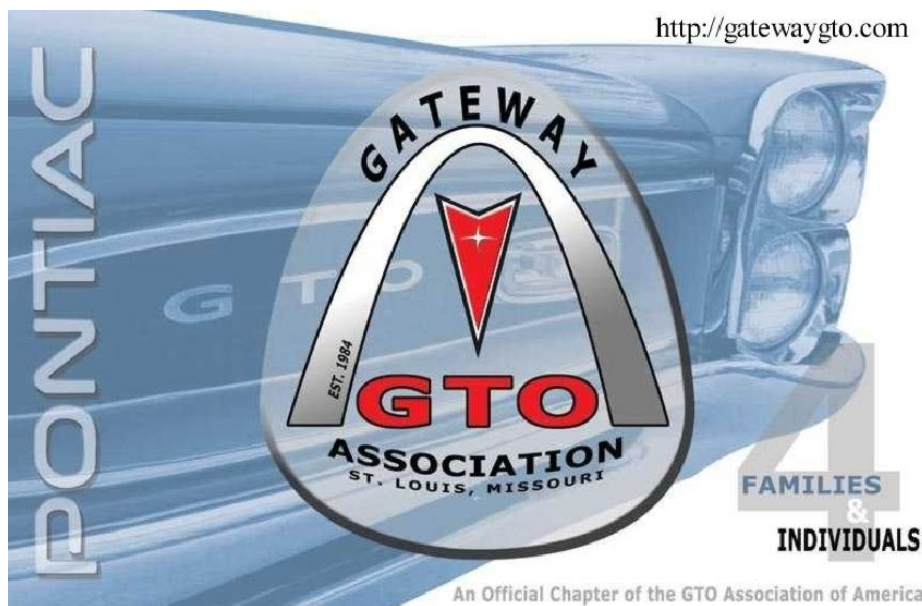
- The year ended as usual with another fantastic Christmas party. Special thanks go out to Sandra Melrose whose planning and decorating and catering choice made for another wonderful time. This year's party also included a special guest to entertain us..."Elvis" was in the building! Jeff (Elvis) Caldwell, who had gone on the Route 66 cruise with his pink Cadillac convertible agreed to come to our party and provide a few songs for us. I'd also like to thank Marty Howard for providing the music and PA system.

We did a lot this year, and none of it would have been possible without the efforts of a great group of people. To the officers, thank you for your continued support and work during the year. Thank you to all of the members for their help throughout the year with their ideas and planning and execution of our fun times. The help from all of our members for the charitable events is always outstanding and much appreciated. We couldn't do these things without your help. From barbecuing meats, to obtaining raffle items, to packing meals or donating toys at Christmas, we have a wonderful group of people always there to help.

Special gratitude goes out to all of our "behind the scenes" folks, too. Amy O'Sullivan manages our Facebook page, Laura Kiefer works on our photo album, and Chris Winslow for his dedication and expertise on the website and newsletter. With all of this work he also frequently has to write car and event articles. We need all of you to help lessen his load by sending him articles on our events as well as your articles on your cars.

Our club continues to grow and I attribute that to all of YOU, the members. The club is more than just a group of people with an interest in cars; it's more like a family. If you look at our banner, you will see that it says "'4' families and individuals". That is what it was all about when it started, and we have maintained that philosophy to this day.

Thank you for your continued support and I'll see you at the pizza party on Sunday, January 20, at Pirrone's



Be sure to note that the convention site is up and can be accessed at www.gtoaa.org



Gateway GTO Annual PIZZA PARTY!

Sunday, January 20, 2019 from 1-4 PM

At Pirrone's Pizza

1775 Washington St., Florissant, MO 63033

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GATEWAY GTO ASSOCIATION

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Gateway GTO Association
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Route 66 Cruise Days 4 and 5

GTOAA ROUTE 66 STREET LEGENDS CRUISE BY G. TOM OXLER

Days 4 and 5
September 20 and 21, 2018
Lebanon, MO to Tulsa, OK



We begin Day 4 an hour later than normal as we will have a short 120-mile day today. We added two more GTOs but lost 3 GTOs so we have a total of 27 vehicles and proceeded with our usual Drivers Meeting and group photo showing everyone just where we were. The weather is still very good but still warm, in the 90s.

We head out from the Munger Moss in Lebanon, MO on Business 44 which is old Route 66 west to Conway and Marshfield on a section that



Route 66 Cruise Days 4 and 5



has been left very much as it always was. With no breakfast, lunch at the Original Steak & Shake in Springfield came just in time. The Springfield MO Steak & Shake was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 2012. A Steakburger, cheese fries and an old-fashioned milkshake hit the spot. Upon leaving Steak & Shake, we stopped at the Route 66 Park in Springfield to “collect” everyone before heading west.

Our next stop was the Gary’s Gay Parita Sinclair Station in Paris

Springs, MO. Although Gary and Lena Turner have passed away, the Turner family is keeping their dream alive and welcomed us with soda, water and watermelon upon our arrival. What started as a 15-minute stop ended up taking over an hour due to everything to see and the hospitality shown to the Cruisers by the Turner family. Just past Paris Springs is the 1923 Pony Bridge over Johnson Creek entering the town of Spencer with quaint buildings and a Phillips 66 Station.

From Spencer, we proceed off of Old Route 66 to the town of Red Oak II. Artist Lowell Davis relocated all of the buildings from Red Oak, MO to their present location, Red Oak II.



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Most of the buildings are from Route 66 or from the original town of Red Oak about 18 miles away. There is a jail, service station, general store, school house, feed store, diner and several private residences.

From Red Oak II we continue on old Route 66 into Carthage, MO and to our hotel, the Boots Court Motel. The Boots was built in 1939 by Arthur Boots and has 12 rooms total of which 7 have been completely

refurbished and are available. The architecture is very distinctive especially at night when the



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neon is turned on. No television and no phones. Just an old-fashioned radio playing the oldies. This is exactly what we were looking for in an old fashioned Route 66 Motel.

We walked one block to dinner at the Carthage Family Restaurant for another helping of chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes and yes, more gravy.

Upon returning to the Boots, Dave Sindelar asked me to look at a problem with his 66 GTO. The sway bar clamp holding the bushing had come loose. The bolt into the frame had stripped out. A local Pontiac enthusiast who joined us in Carthage, Todd Brazil, said he could fix it but after about an hour in the dark, Dave said he would take it across the street to the muffler shop in the morning. About 6 am, Dave got a knock on his door and it was Todd with more tools. He said he wanted to complete the job he started the night before and proceeded to fix the sway bar clamp as good as new. Someone totally unknown to Dave or anyone of us gets up at 6 am in the morning to fix a GTO for someone he only met the night before. This can only happen in the Pontiac Community. Thanks Todd.

The only other mechanical issues were Lloyd Hoffman stopped in Lebanon to get the front wheel bearing replaced. They found the upper control arm loose putting a lot of pressure on the wheel and thus the bearing. He got the bearing replaced, the A arm tighten and an alignment and he joined us at lunch.

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We begin Day 5 adding two more GTOs but losing 2 GTOs and a Firebird for a total of 27 vehicles today. After our usual Drivers Meeting and group photo showing everyone just where we were, we head west on Old Route 66 out of Carthage, MO. Weather calls for rain today.

Our first stop is the Route 66 Drive In on the western edge of Carthage. This is one of the few remaining active drive in theaters left and was closed or we would have taken in



a movie last night. Once out of Carthage we immediately entered Webb City and then Joplin, MO. Joplin is the home of the EF5 tornado in 2011 that killed 185 people and destroyed a large portion of the town.

Turning west in Joplin we enter Galena, Kansas and stop at the Cars on the Route station featuring Tow Tater, the inspiration for Mater in the movie, Cars. A few miles down the road we come to the

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Rainbow Bridge in Riverton. This is one of the last Marsh Arch bridges left on old Route 66. This is a perfect bridge for lining up the GTOs and Pontiacs for a glamor shot.

Our last stop in Kansas which has only 11.3 miles of Route 66 is Baxter Springs where we stop at the Phillips 66 station that is now the Route 66 Visitors Center. Here we meet in interesting gentleman, Crazy Legs. He can literally turn both legs 180 de-





grees backward. It hurts just watching him do it. He asked Alan Finkenbinder to help kick his right leg all the way back.

We are now out of Kansas and entering Oklahoma and the rain begins as we pass through Commerce, OK, home of Mickey Mantle, the famous Yankee ballplayer. Some of us take rough section of pavement in Miami while others bypassed it. Some of the original Route 66 was just 9 feet wide like this section where they have added gravel shoulders for today's vehicles.

We regroup at our lunch stop at Clanton's Café in Vinita, OK. We all fill up on more fried food, fries, onion rings and yes, gravy.

We head out of Vinita, OK towards the Blue Whale in Catoosa but it is really raining hard so no one gets out. It rained so hard that Frank Chapman threw his wiper arm across the Blue Whale parking lot but we found it.

Just outside of Tulsa, OK, Don Duryea had arranged a tour of a very private car collection which was perfect for a rainy day. The owner had a great collection of very rare Pontiacs, Chevys, Fords and Corvettes. He even had a complete Soda Shop in the building



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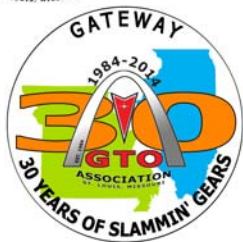


along with many rare engines and carburetors on display. A very expensive collection for sure.

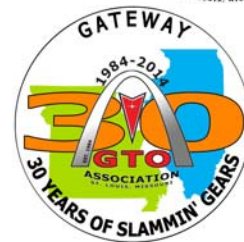
Right after leaving Catoosa, we entered Tulsa, OK and checked into the Campbell Hotel which was built in 1927 as the Casa Loma Hotel inside the Max Campbell Building. Today, the 26 completely restored, each decorated differently. We all spent the first hour or two checking out each of the rooms. We adjourned to the bar where a picture of me in the GTOAA Street Legends Bra from the Elbow Inn shows up on the beer cooler. I wonder how that got there?

The only mechanical issues was Frank Chapman losing his wiper arm during a down pour in the parking lot of the Blue Whale.





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2019 GATEWAY GTO CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January

20 - Annual Gateway GTO Pizza Party at Pirrone's Pizzeria, 1775 Washington Street, Florissant, MO

February

7 - GTO MEETING 7PM at Sports Café (CLUB SPONSORED)

March

7 - GTO MEETING 7PM at Sports Café (CLUB SPONSORED)

April

4 - GTO MEETING 7PM at Sports Café (CLUB SPONSORED)

21 - Easter Car Show at Muny. Classic cars on the upper lot, New Age GTO's in the lower lot. Classic GTO owners send a check to Will Bowers for \$15 to reserve a spot.

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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 Sports Café 3579 Pennridge Dr, Bridgeton, MO 63044

Membership dues are \$35.00 per year and all renewals are required to be paid by December 31st. You are allowed to have one associate member.

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