

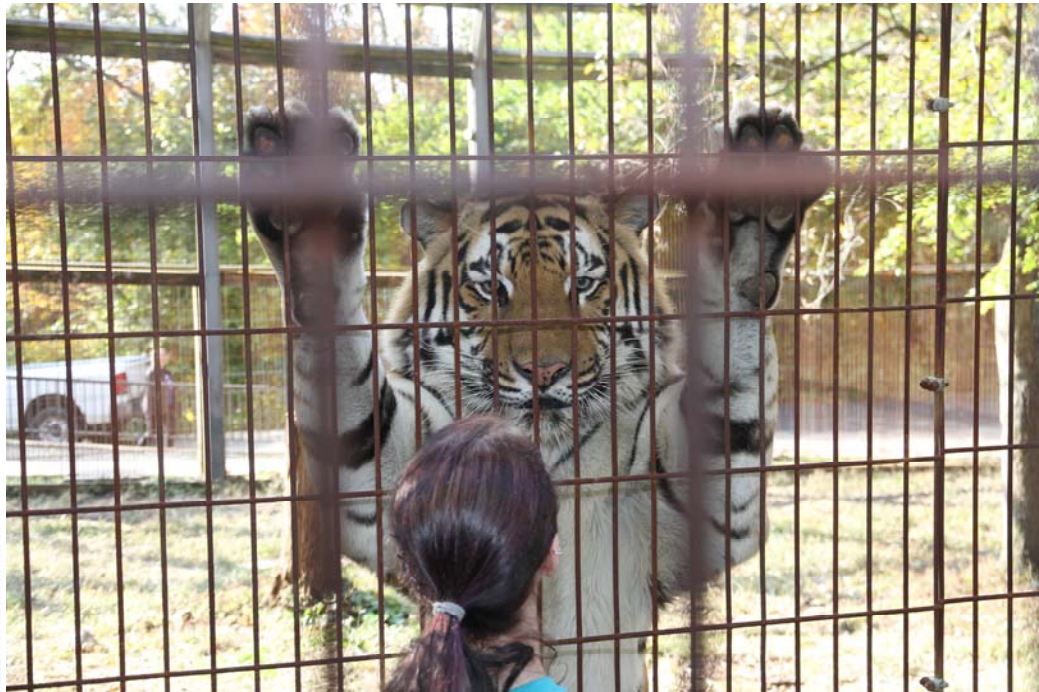


THE HOOD SCOOP

November 2018

Gateway GTO Cruises to Crown Ridge Tiger Sanctuary

By Dan Jackson



On Saturday, October 27th, Gateway members met in Columbia, Illinois, to begin our cruise to Ste. Genevieve, Missouri. We departed from Columbia at 8 a.m. and the weather was very cool and foggy. Luckily the rain held off all weekend. We followed Bluff Road which is a very scenic route despite the hazy conditions.

Our first stop was at Fort De Chartres in Prairie Du Rocher. Fort de Chartres was a French fortification first built in 1720 on the east bank of the Mississippi River in present-day Illinois. It was used as an administrative center for the province. The posted opening time was 9 a.m. However, we arrived to a locked front gate. A few cruise participants explored the perimeter and scaled exterior walls to gain entry. They soon found a park employee who unlocked the front gate. We toured the fort and on-site museum.

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After departing the Fort, the haze lifted and the sun was out the remainder of the day. Our original plan was to cruise to the Modoc Ferry and cross the Mississippi River on the ferry.

Unfortunately, it was shut down due to high river levels. Our detour took us across the Mississippi on the Chester Bridge in Chester, Illinois. From there we cruised north to Ste. Genevieve and stopped for lunch in downtown Ste. Genevieve at the Audubon Bar & Grill.



After lunch we headed for the Crown Ridge Tiger Sanctuary.



The sanctuary is an awesome facility with overnight accommodations that have beautiful bluff views. We all partook in a tiger tour to hear more about the sanctuary and the tigers. We learned where the tigers were rescued from, how they are trained and cared for at the facility.

Then we were off to the Crown Valley Winery to relax with a glass of wine. We all sat on the back patio and conversed until it was dinner time. We cruised on to 12 West Bar & Grill in Farmington, Missouri. After a great dinner we all cruised back to our hotels where some called it a night and others decided to stay up a bit longer.

On Sunday morning we awoke to sunny weather and met at the Huddle House in Ste. Genevieve for breakfast before we all departed for our trips back home.



Presidents Scoop



The Presidents Scoop

By Terry Schott

It's the middle of November and since the time change, the days are now definitely shorter. The rain and colder weather has already started, so the good cruising days are getting less and less for 2018.

We had our final cruise event of the year on the weekend of October 27 & 28. Earlier in the week, the forecast looked pretty bad. They were talking rain both days. We did get our share of rain during the week, but by Saturday morning we had dry roads. We met at 8 AM in Columbia, IL. There was quite a bit of fog, but it made for some pretty effects along the river bottoms as we headed south. The **TIGER** cruise, put on by Dan and Annita Jackson, turned out to be g-r-r-eat! It was a cool day which made for perfect cruise weather. We had a nice stop at Fort de Chartres and were treated to "Trunk or Treat" from their 1967 GTO. It was a very special surprise and very thoughtful of them. The ferry wasn't open due to the high river conditions so we cruised to Chester, IL where we could cross over the mighty Mississippi on the bridge into Missouri. In Ste. Genevieve we got to see the tiger sanctuary, we relaxed and enjoyed our time at Crown Valley Winery, and headed to Farmington for a great dinner. I'm sure there will be a story written on the event, so I'll leave the details for it. Thanks again to Dan and Annita for planning and hosting the event. It was a fantastic weekend and a great way to end the year.

The holiday season is upon us and I hope you all have a wonderful Thanksgiving. It's a great time to slow down a bit and reflect on all the things we all take for granted and visit with family and friends. We can all be thankful for the great group of people that we have in the Gateway GTO Club. This club is more than a car club; it's kind of like an extended family. I'm very proud to be associated with Gateway GTO.

The month of November is also the time for our annual "Holiday Toy Drive" for Saints Theresa & Bridget's Church. The toys will need to be dropped off by November 30. Please note that there are several drop off sites, and that Terrie and Tom Oxler will be receiving them at their home as well. They have assisted Gateway member, Bob Blattell, in the collection, delivery, and the sale/distribution of them in prior years and plan on continuing again this year. The parents are able to "purchase" the toys for just a few dollars. This greatly reduced expense allows them to feel better about themselves for not taking something for free, and at the same time they get to see the joy and happiness of their kids at Christmas. It's a win-win situation.

Our final event of the year is our annual Christmas party on Saturday, December 8. It will be held at the Webster Groves Barn as in years past. The theme for this year's party is





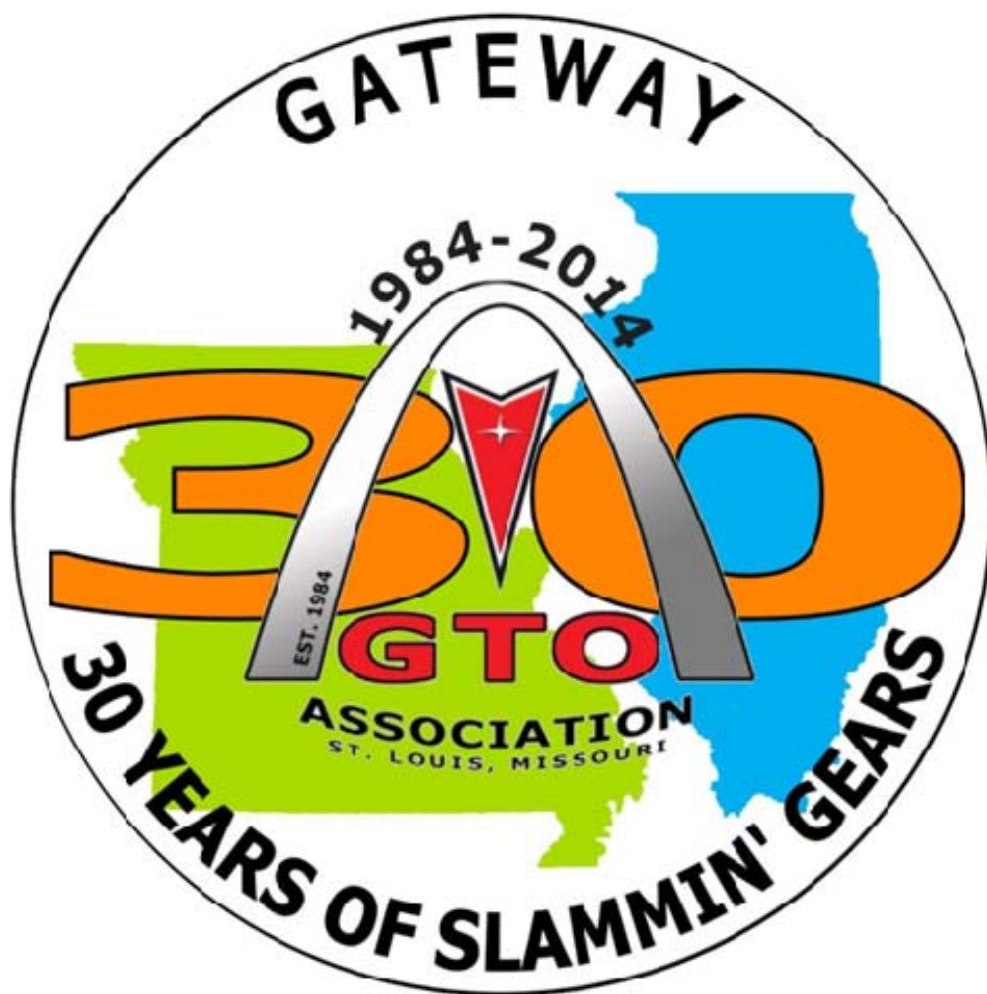
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“Stepping Out for the Holidays”, (in black and white). Plan for wearing the black/white combo and having a fun evening together. Be sure to send your money to Will Bowers by November 30 so that we can get an accurate headcount for our caterer. I look forward to seeing everyone there.

Please remember that we need everyone to fill in their membership renewal form and send it, and your check for 2019 dues to Will Bowers. His address is listed on the form. It is available on the website under the Membership tab on the left side of the home page. No matter when you expire, you will automatically have 12 more months added to your membership. This allows us to maintain our 100% status with GTOAA and helps everyone to stay a member without having to remember to renew during the year. Thanks for your help with this.

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



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Gateway GTO Association
1 Goshen Woods Lane
Edwardsville, IL 62025

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October 12, 2018

Terry Schott-President Gateway GTO Club
18903 St. Albans Rd.
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Dear Terry:

I want to take this opportunity to thank you and the entire Gateway GTO Club for your hospitality while the GTOAA Route 66 Street Legends Cruisers were passing through St. Louis, Missouri. The pizza, ravioli, custard, root beer and especially Budweiser beer tasted great after a long day on the road.

The participation of the Gateway GTO Club in everything GTOAA does is certainly noticed by us in GTOAA and this is an opportunity to recognize your efforts. From hosting Conventions, to organizing Regionals to volunteering as officers and staff within GTOAA and certainly helping to organize the GTOAA Route 66 Street Legends Cruise, we at GTOAA commend you and the Gateway GTO Club for all of your help.

All of us Cruisers with the GTOAA Route 66 Street Legends Cruise want to thank you as you have left us with many great memories of our trip and especially of St. Louis, Missouri.

Thanks again.

G. Tom Oxler – Director GTOAA

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Gateway GTO Christmas Party



Stepping Out for the Holidays

Saturday, December 8, 2018 5:00PM – 10:30PM

Webster Groves Barn
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Webster Groves, Missouri 63119

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Meeting Minutes



GGTOA Minutes: 11/1/18

7:00PM – Meeting Start – Tom Oxler spoke a bit about the Street Legends Route 66 Cruise. There were 56 cars total, averaging about 26 per day. Chris Winslow read a letter from GTOAA thanking us for all of our work to help promote the club and keep the hobby going.

Marty Howard talked about the Montelle Winery Cruise

Terry Schott talked about the Illinois/St. Genevieve Tiger Cruise

Frank Chapman talked about a Heart of Illinois meeting at Dick Levi's hanger

Terry Schott discussed the fact that we are raising the cost of the Christmas Party to \$30 per couple (instead of \$25 from previous years) to help lessen the club's loss on the event.

Terry Schott talked about a motion made by Earl Lewis in a previous meeting to change the name of the Gateway GTO Association to reflect Firebird/Trans Am. This would have been an attempt to draw more members. The officers discussed and decided against this action.

7:15 – New Business – Tom Oxler spoke about the annual Christmas Toy Drive for St. Theresa and St. Bridgett's. November 30th is the cut off. Please contact Tom Oxler or Bob Blattel if you would like to donate.

Earl Lewis brought in tumbler style cup with custom laser printed graphics on it. The person is willing to sell them to club members for \$30, which is cheaper than what they would normally go for. Contact Earl Lewis if you are interested in purchasing one.

Terry Schott spoke about Gateway GTO/GTOAA club dues. Please send checks to Will Bowers this December.

Saundra Melrose talked about the Gateway Christmas Party. The theme this year is black and white attire.

Terry Schott talked about the 2019 Gateway pizza party. No details set in stone yet, but we are aiming for mid-January and it will likely be a Pirrone's.

Marty Howard spoke about a possible event at Master Mind Escape Rooms. It's located on Old Highway 94, and would cost \$28 per person. We need 16 people for the large room. Looking to set up the event for January or February. Contact Marty Howard if you are inter-

ested.

7:40 – Upcoming Events –

11/30 – Cut off for annual toy drive

12/8 – Gateway GTO Christmas Party (CSE)

Gateway GTO Pizza Party (January date is TBD)

7:41 – GTOAA – Tom Oxler talked about the upcoming GTOAA Nationals. The host hotel is full.

Mark Melrose mentioned that he has given a new position within GTOAA and that he is looking into an offer from Mecum Auto Auctions (a GTOAA sponsor). They are looking for members to attend their events and solicit for the club as a guest of Mecum.

Laura Kiefer is putting together a photo album for the club. Please send pictures into her.

7:54 – Tech – Frank Chapman lost a few tires and a U-joint on the Route 66 Cruise. Mark Melrose ran out of gas.

7:56 – Club Personals – Congratulations to Jon and Dorie Havens on their marriage.

Terry Oxler's dad is still dealing with health issues.

Darryl May is doing much better after his heart stent surgery.

Steve Hedrick is recovering from his shoulder surgery.

7:58 – Motion to adjourn by Craig Glenn, seconded by Paula Winslow.

50/50 of \$30 won by Tom Fox





Route 66 Cruise Days 2 and 3



GTOAA ROUTE 66 STREET LEGENDS CRUISE BY G. TOM OXLER

Days 2 and 3
September 18 and 19, 2018
Raymond, IL to St. Clair, MO



We begin Day 2 with adding two more GTOs for a total of 23 vehicles and proceeded with our usual Drivers Meeting and group photo showing everyone just where we were. Maps were passed out as St. Louis can be very confusing with its 4 alignments but everyone had their EZ66 Guides and were anxious to get going.

Our first stop was in Litchfield, IL at the iconic Ariston Café which was built in 1924 in Carlinville, IL but rebuilt in its present location in 1935 by Henry Vassel when Route 66 was re-designated through Litchfield, IL. Many folks were familiar with its immediate past owner, Nick Adam, as several GTO events have been hosted by the Ariston. Will



Route 66 Cruise Days 2 and 3

Law, the new owner of the Ariston, was there and graciously opened just for us as he is usually closed until later in the day. We all toured the restaurant and saw many of the awards the Ariston has received over the years. The GTOs and Pontiacs lined up in front but we had to do a reshoot as a daily driver was in the picture. We asked them to make room for the GTOs and Pontiacs and the group photos and to keep the “riffraff” to the rear. Little did I know that I would soon be joining the riffraff.

We stopped at Henry’s Rabbit Ranch in Staunton but it was closed. Henry raises real rabbits and also has a large collection of VW Rabbits to view. He has a large concrete rabbit that made for some great photos.



On to Mount Olive where we stopped at Soulsby’s Shell Service Station. Built in 1926, this is one of many refurbished service stations on Route 66 showing how life was like on Route 66 many years ago. We met a couple from Ireland who were also traveling Route 66 on a Harley. Mount Olive is known for Mother Jones who was an early miner activist in the early days of the Miners Union. Much of southern Illinois sits on top of vast coal deposits and it is still being mined to this day.



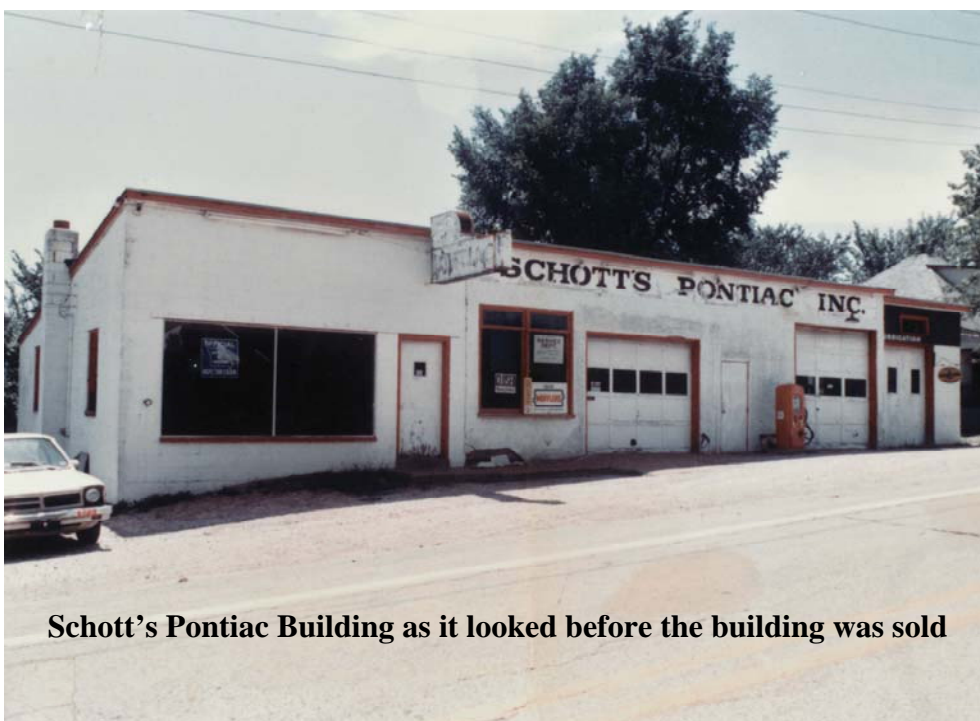
Our next stop is the famous Chain of Rocks Bridge crossing the Mississippi River into St. Louis which was opened in 1929 and closed except for foot traffic and an occasional special opening in 1968 and was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 2006. Most of us got to walk out to the middle of the bridge where

Route 66 Cruise Days 2 and 3

there is a 30-degree bend making crossing this bridge a white-knuckle event. For you movie buffs, the Chain of Rocks Bridge was used in the movie, *Escape from New York* with Kurt Russell.

Our next leg was a long one through much of north and west St. Louis heading to our lunch stop at the Big Chief restaurant in Wildwood, MO. The Big Chief began in 1929 as a rest stop along Route 66 with hotel with cottage courts and a restaurant with Babe Ruth and Al Capone as visitors back in the day. After closing for many years, the Big Chief reopened in the 1990s as just the restaurant.

About ¼ mile from the restaurant, my 66 GTO began missing, backfiring and eventually quit altogether. I had noticed the tach was jumping around and assumed I had lost my MSD 6AL ignition box. I called AAA and had the GTO towed home where Terrie & I quickly moved everything from the GTO to the Avalanche and I was now a member of the “riffraff.”



Schott's Pontiac Building as it looked before the building was sold

of Schott's Pontiac in Wildwood, just a few miles from the Big Chief. Here Terry's grandfather started selling Pontiacs in 1926 under the name of Fox Creek Garage. Sometime in the 1930's the dealership was renamed to Schott's Garage and Terry's Dad, Mick and several uncles took over the business selling Pontiacs and repairing them at

Schott's Pontiac. During the peak years between 1960 and 1970, they sold over 300 new Pontiacs and over 700 used cars. The Schott's stopped selling Pontiacs in 1971 but the memories will live forever. Terry has come across several old Pontiacs with the Schott's Pontiac dealer decal on the rear bumper. One such car was found behind a member's body shop and Terry cut the entire rear off the car to keep for old times sake.

Route 66 Cruise Days 2 and 3



Our final destination was the Budget Lodging in St. Clair where we were met by members Steve Hedrick, Terry and Gail Schott, Chris and Paula Winslow of the Gateway GTO Club from St. Louis who supplied us with some St. Louis cuisine such as Imo's St. Louis style pizza, toasted ravioli, Ted Drewes frozen custard, Fritz's root beer and of course, Budweiser beer. After dinner, I asked each of the attendees to introduce themselves and tell us what they were driving. This really helped us all to get to know each other as we would be

spending the next 12 days together. This really helped me as I identify everyone by the GTO or Pontiac they drive and now I could put faces to the cars.

A special thanks to the Gateway GTO Club for their hospitality and great food. We really enjoyed it, especially the Budweiser.

At the end of the day, we just had one breakdown, yours truly.

We begin Day 3 with adding two more GTOs, a daily driver, a Ford and a Caddy for a total of 28 vehicles and proceeded with our usual Drivers Meeting and group photo showing everyone just where we were. Today's route would all be in the Missouri Ozarks with a lot of great scenery and the weather looks just great.

We head out of St. Clair following the outer road of Interstate 44 to Meramec Caverns in Staunton, MO. Meramec Caverns was discovered by Phillip Renault in 1720 and served as a hide out for Outlaw Jesse James. The drive off of Route 66 down to the cave brought us



Route 66 Cruise Days 2 and 3

through a very scenic path down from the bluffs to the banks of the Meramec River. Most everyone has seen the Meramec Caverns signs painted on barns throughout the country that served as early advertising for travelers to visit the cave. Although no one took the cave tour, most had fun looking through the gift shop and we found a few Hot Dogs.

We continued on into Cuba, MO and stopped at the iconic Wagon Wheel Motel which was built in 1935 out of native Missouri limestone by Robert Martin. Connie Echol's has refurbished all 14 cabins with A/C, TVs and WIFI yet kept the 1930s décor. The Wagon Wheel is a



perfect example of a Route 66 motel. We also stopped in downtown Cuba to view several of the murals they have. Almost every building in town has a mural painted on it. Just past Cuba we stopped at the Giant Rocking Chair. A great photo opportunity for the Pontiacs and GTOs.



We bypassed Rolla and went to our next stop, John's Modern Cabins, built in 1931 with six log cabins and a dance hall. I use the term modern loosely

as very little is still standing. The cabins are located on an abandoned section of Route 66 and it is a little hard to get to. Our leaders, Don & Janice Duryea, drove down the old path but when he tried to reverse his 68 GTO convertible, all it would do is keep going forward. Don

Route 66 Cruise Days 2 and 3

was pretty dejected but Terry Schott donned his coveralls (you will see these coveralls many more times) and climbed under the GTO. The shift linkage cotter pin was gone so the linkage was no longer connected to the transmission. A little speaker wire from Lloyd Hoffman for a make shift cotter pin and we were back on the road.

We were getting hungry and so we headed for our lunch stop at the Elbow Inn in Devil's Elbow, MO. On our way, we went through the Hooker Cut which was made during World War II in order to move supplies and men from the large training fort, Fort Leonard Wood. It was the largest cut through solid rock prior to that date and allowed the military to move large amounts of equipment and men to support the war effort.

Just past the Hooker Cut was our Lunch Stop at the Elbow Inn in Devil's Elbow, MO. The food



was great, more fried tenderloins, burgers and onion rings but the highlight was the "Hanging of the Bra." The Elbow Inn has several hundred women's bras hanging from the ceiling. Liane Finkenbinder made a very large embroidered GTOAA Street Legends Bra just for this occasion and it was hung by Terry Schott. The Elbow Inn is located next to the famous Devil's Elbow Bridge. This is an original bridge that was built in 1923 and has recently been refurbished and made for some great photos.



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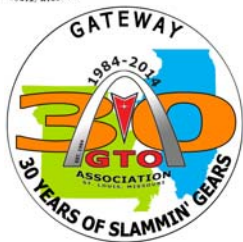
We continued on old Route 66 with a quick stop in Uranus, MO. Uranus is known for their fudge but it also has a huge gift shop with all kinds of novelties associated with Uranus. Terrie will not let me go any further with this conversation but I have many punch lines I could use if she would just let me. After Uranus we cruised into Lebanon, MO to our destination, the Munger Moss Motel.

The Munger Moss was built in 1946 and is currently owned by Bob & Ramona Lehman since 1971. The 44 rooms all have different Route 66 themes decorated by Ramona herself. The star of the Munger Moss is the recently restored neon sign. Neon is such a vital part of Route 66 and it is good to see many of these old neon signs are being brought back to life.

Dinner was at T's Steakhouse and we were in a room by ourselves. Maybe they heard about us and had the sense to keep us away from the regulars. Later that evening back at the Munger Moss, we sat on the patio with some adult beverages. Thanks to Gail Schott who brought some of her famous Apple Pie Moon Shine. It tasted great and certainly made everyone sleep a little sounder.

Mechanical issues today involved Tom Arzberger needing a new alternator for his 67 GTO convertible and as mentioned, Don Duryea's transmission linkage.





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2018 GATEWAY GTO CALENDAR OF EVENTS

November

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

December

8 - GATEWAY GTO CHRISTMAS PARTY at Webster Groves Barn in Webster Groves, MO,
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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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