



THE HOOD SCOOP

October 2019

8th Annual GTOAA Regional in Pontiac, Illinois

by Chris Winslow



As those of us that have been working the GTOAA Regional at the Pontiac Museum since the beginning know, we have been extraordinarily lucky over the past 7 years with the weather. We have had some truly beautiful fall weekends and even a few weekends that were less than ideal. But never a real rainout. This year, it looked like one week after the first ever total cancelation of the Wheels in Motion car show due to a storm, that we could be about to have a second car show canceled in as many weeks.

But, that is jumping to the end of story. The weekend started nicely with many of us meeting at the Hen House restaurant for breakfast on Thursday morning and then caravanning from there to Pontiac. Once we arrived at Pontiac, the plan was to quickly check into the hotels and then cruise along historic Route 66 to the Launching Pad for a late lunch.

When we arrived at the hotels, we learned that Liane Finkenbinder had gotten her finger caught in a door and was at the Emergency room for stitches. So we all gathered in the lobby of the Quality Inn to socialize and wait for Alan and Liane to catch up with us.

Once Liane and Alan arrived, we lined up and headed out. It was a nice afternoon so the most of the cruisers with convertibles had the tops down. In my, case, I had decided that the Trans Am had been sufficiently shaken down that it was ready for a long road trip. So, since the GTO had already had a long road trip to the GTOAA Nats earlier in year, Paula and I decided to bring the TA for the Regional event. We, of course, popped out the T-Tops for this cruise.



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The Launching Pad had been recently renovated and they offered a nice menu, including shakes and ice cream.

After lunch, we all headed outside for a photo with the Launching Pad's iconic Gemini Giant.

Following that, we jumped back in the cars and Alan and Liane led the group to a few other historic Route 66 spots on the way back to the hotels.



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On Friday morning, we broke up into two groups. About half us went with Alan for a tour of his 3 buildings of cars, boats and other vehicles. This is a collection that is a mix of vehicle he has collected over 30+ years along with vehicles that belong to the Pontiac Museum and other private owners in town. The other half of the Gateway crowd headed to town for some shopping.

The first two buildings Alan showed us were actually old grain storage buildings sitting side by side. They were filled from end to end with dozens of cars. Alan told us at one time when he first started filling these buildings, the idea was to have the cars that did not really run





along the walls and the running cars lined up down the middle. Over time, however, many of the middle row cars were now really storage cars too, most of which had not run in a while. The variety of the collection was impressive. Alan had focused on collecting cars that were unique or rare copies of special cars. In addition to that, however, he had some really interesting vehicles of other types. For example, there was a boat that had been retrofitted for a Pontiac executive with a Pontiac 400 cubic inch engine (complete with badging!)

Alan's third building was a short distance away from the first two. This building had previously housed a printing business. In this building Alan had some of his nicest cars along with a lot of memorabilia like old style gas pumps and gas station signs. The car collection in this building included some GTO's, Firebirds, Corvettes, and a number of truly unique cars.

Alan went through each car one by one, uncovered it, and



told the story of how he found each of them and why he purchased them. It was a truly amazing collection.

On Friday evening, we all headed over to the Finkenbinder's for a Bar B Que. There was way more food than we could eat and everyone had a really great time. But, now the fun was over. It was time to get to work.

Saturday morning we arrived at the Museum to set up for the registration for the car show. The weather to this point had been generally OK, but that was about to change. The predictions did not look good for either Saturday or the car show on Sunday. At that point early on Saturday morning, it was not raining yet, so we set up and got to work. Sandra was unfortunately not with us due to nasty case of the flu, but Paula and others stepped up to fill the void. Initially we were doing pretty well. The weather was holding and registrations were looking good considering the weather forecast.

Then it started to rain and the winds started to blow.....

Despite this, Alan Finkenbinder had a great cruise and lunch planned, and that went on. As the cars proceeded out of town for the cruise, Paula, Mark Melrose, and I stayed back to hold open registration. Not long after the cruisers left, the rain got harder and the winds picked up. For much of the next couple of hours, Paula and I were trying to keep the registration tables dry and the Museum's popups from blowing away. For me it was like De Je Vu all over again. For the second weekend in a row I was clinging to a pop up in the middle of a rain storm.

As the afternoon drug on, the weather did improve a bit. When it was time to close down registration for the day, we were actually pleasantly surprised at how well we had done in terms of the overall registration count.

Next up on the schedule our traditional Saturday evening activities. A fried chicken dinner prepared by Bernardi's followed by an ice cream social. As usual the chicken was excellent as were all the sides the ice cream was also great.



Then it was time for a little entertainment. This year a pair of sisters put on a show with support from (former) Mayor Bob and his wife.

Of course, it would not be the same if some of the Gateway members did not get in the act. As seems to always be the case, Rich Vie was chosen to participate.

As the show progressed, other Gateway members participated. Then the sisters came off the stage looking for audience members to dance with them. One of them chose Earl. Those of us that have seen Earl dance, know how good he is, so what happened next was not a huge surprise for us, but it was a really big surprise for Earl's dance partner!

As we all headed back to the hotels after the show was over, the ominous weather predictions



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for Sunday were on our mind. We all were expecting that the next morning, for the first time since we started doing this show, we would have to cancel it due to weather.



As Sunday morning broke, we were surprised as the rain that had been predicted to be an all day event for the last several days, now appeared to be several hours off. So, the Gateway crew descended on the town square to set up for the show.

The new weather reports now gave us until 1:00 or 2:00 before the rain would be in, so we adjusted our time table accordingly, telling everyone to have their ballots by noon so that we could tally the votes and begin awarding trophies around 1:00 or 1:30.

The weather predictions had, of course, hurt our attendance. Mark Melrose had indicated that in the runup to the event, he had received a record number of pre-registrations and also



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phone calls about the event. So, we were hoping for a record turn out, but the weather definitely changed that. That said, however, we had a steady stream of cars roll in and register that morning. We ultimately wound up with enough cars to surround the courthouse.



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With the shortened show people were moving along voting quickly. While that was going on a number of vendors were in the town square selling apparel, food (including what I heard was some really great ice cream). We also had the DJ there, although he had wisely set up his equipment on the top of the steps of the courthouse so that he would be out of the weather when the rain arrived.



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Once all the ballots were in Brian Sorenson and the HOI club once again organized and ran the vote tally using the tool that Tammy Hedrick had put together for this show a few years back.

With the help of about a dozen attendees, and aided by some pizzas that Brian had brought in, we made quick work of tallying the ballots and got them out to the courthouse to continue our efforts to beat out the weather.

As we called everyone to the front of the courthouse for the presentation of the trophies, the rain started to move in. There had been talk of moving the awards presentation indoors somewhere, but we really could not figure out how or when to do that, so we were committed to doing it on the courthouse steps. Thankfully, the rain was light enough that we were able to get the awards all in.



Gateway members took home a number of the trophies. Winners included Alan Finkenbinder, Harry Timmerman, Jon Havens, and Brian Ray.

So, although the 8th Annual GTOAA Regional Car Show in support of the Pontiac Museum was smaller than we had hoped it would be, we did roll out of town with our perfect record of no rainouts intact and when the dust settles we will still end up making a substantial donation to the museum with the proceeds we collected. (See The President's Scoop for the final tally).





Presidents Scoop

The Presidents Scoop

By Terry Schott

October is here and the days are starting to get shorter. It won't be long before we have to park the cars and prepare them for winter. It has been a crazy summer. I think it's the first time I can remember getting rain on every event we had in September. Usually the Pontiac Regional Event has great weather for the whole weekend. This year was a little different. The Thursday cruise to the Launching Pad was great, just a little warmer than normal. Our Friday cookout at Alan & Liane Finkenbinder's was dry and it cooled off nicely later in the evening. Saturday at Pontiac was not quite as nice. Even though we had showers off and on throughout our cruise, we still had about 30 cars participating. Thanks to Alan Finkenbinder for finding even more collections for us to see. As usual, the stops were great. It did clear off in the evening and we got to enjoy our dinner at Chautauqua Park, and 2 local gals originally from Pontiac, put on a fantastic song and dance show for us.

Sunday's car show was overcast all morning. Since bad weather was close to the area, we decided to move up the schedule a little bit. All of the popular vote ballots needed to be in by noon and we started the awards at 1:30. We got a little rain during the awards presentation, but we were very lucky to get it all in without any major rain. Thanks to all who helped to make it work in the shorter timeframe. We were down on cars due to the pending weather, but we still had around 85 cars show up. Even with our shortened car count this year, we were able to present the Pontiac Oakland Museum with a check for \$2250.

On Saturday, September 8, a group of 7 Gateway cars cruised old Route 66 to a Lion's Club car show in Cuba, MO. Most of us met in Eureka to caravan as a group. By the time we got to Pacific, it started raining and rained all the way to Cuba. In spite of the weather, they had a lot of cars show up. It rained one more time at the show and then finally cleared up. At the end of the show 2 Gateway members took home trophies. Tom Oxler took 3rd place in "Street Muscle" and Earl Lewis took "Best of Show". The group spent the night at the Wagon Wheel motel and on Sunday morning we were treated to a free breakfast at "Bob's Gasoline Alley" just for participating in the car show. Next year we will try to get the information out a little earlier so that more members can participate. It was a nice weekend cruise and show despite the weather.

Sunday, October 6, was our annual GTO picnic at Vago Park in Maryland Heights. It was a lot cooler day this year since we were able to do it in October. We had about 50 members in attendance. Special thanks to our cooks for another great job. This year's team consisted of Tony Bezzole, Rich Vie, Richie Vie and Robert Anderson. The BBQ was delicious as always. Thanks to Barb and Earl Lewis for setting up and providing the equipment for the washer tournament. We did get a light shower before it was all over, but it never stopped the game. Congratulations to our winners, Tony Bezzole and Joe Mayweather.





Presidents Scoop



Our last event was the fall cruise to Montelle Winery. Although the leaves haven't really started to turn pretty yet, the weather made up for it. It was a beautiful day and the weather was perfect. Thanks to all of you who attended.

It's time to elect Gateway GTO officers for the 2020/2021 term. Nomination forms were available at the October meeting and will be available at the November meeting, as well. They are also available in the September newsletter and will be in this newsletter, too. All nomination forms must be mailed or emailed to Will Bowers before the November business meeting on November 7. After that a written ballot will be provided in the November newsletter. All written ballots must be received by the Treasurer on or before December 1. Will Bowers address is on the nomination form.

Don't forget the Gateway GTO Christmas Party will be on Saturday, December 7, at the Webster Groves Barn in Webster Groves. I'll send out a flyer on it later, but you can see it on the GTO website in the calendar section.

Enjoy the last of the good weather and hope to see you at the November meeting.





Gateway GTO Meeting Minutes



Minutes 10/3/19

10/3/19

7:01PM – Meeting Start

Earl Lewis brought in some friends. Both Firebird owners. Kenny has a 75 and a 96. Ben has a 91 Firehawk.

Old Business –

Jon Havens talked about the Quality Car Show

Terry Schott talked about Arnie Beswick. Terry and several other members of the Gateway club went to help with the cleanup of Arnie's barn after fire wiped it out.

Elliot Cytron came in to talk about the Wheels in Motion Show. It unfortunately had to be cancelled due to inclement weather. They have \$4000 banked for the charity. There will be an auction to help increase donations.

Terry Schott talked about the Pontiac Regional Event. There ended up being around 85 cars. Rain was the reason for the low turnout. We should still have around \$2000 to donate to the Museum.

Sharon Wildebrandt talked about the Lions Club Car Show in Cuba, MO. Tom Oxler and Earl Lewis both came home with trophies. Earl got best in show.

Terry Schott talked about officer nominations. The nominations are open now. Ballots will be done in November, with results being revealed at the Christmas Party.

7:24 – New Business –

Chris Winslow talked about officers meeting. Terry Schott relayed some of the talking points, including raising dues.

Terry Schott talked about the Wheels in Motion Show. We will try to liquidate any raffle items like food or gift certificates that will expire, in order to be able to give more the charity. Gail Schott held an auction at the meeting. The club took in \$230 from the auction. One of our member's company has agreed to match donations for charity, so the money made from the auction should be doubled.

Terry Schott talked about new members that we picked up from the Pontiac Regional Event. Roger and Debby Johnson.

Rich Vie talked about the club picnic being held on the 6th.

Marty Howard talked about the upcoming Montelle Winery Cruise.

7:53 – Upcoming Events –

12/7 – Gateway GTO Christmas Party (CSE)

7:58 – GTOAA – Tom Oxler talked about next year's National Event in Wichita, Kansas. It will be an all indoor show.

7:59 – Tech –

Frank Chapman had a condenser go bad on his Catalina Wagon.

Chris Simmons talked about a 73 GTO that will soon be on the market.

Marty Howard is looking to sell his Parisienne.

Terry Schott talked about a car that he'd seen lately that was familiar vehicle from years ago.

8:06 – Personals –

Evelyn Beswick is recovering from cancer.

Dave Huesgen is recovering from a seizure.

Ashley Lewis is recovering from a seizure.

Paula Winslow is recovering from emergency colon surgery

Cecil and Annette Morton are still coping with health issues.

Liane Finkenbinder is healing from a cut/smashed finger.

Sharon Wildebrandt is recovering from a golf cart incident.

Janet Lacavich is recovering from a foot injury caused by a run-in with a cantaloupe cart.

Tammy Hedrick is now working for Farmers Insurance.

8:14 – Motion to Adjourn by Paula Winslow, seconded by Gail Schott

50/50 of \$32 won by John Grissom



Gateway GTO Officer Elections



Official Gateway GTO Officer Nomination Form For 2019

**This is the official Nominations form that must be filled out and Mailed or
Emailed to Will Bowers.**

Only this form will be accepted.

President

Vice President – MO

Vice President – IL

Treasurer

Secretary

GTOAA Chapter Rep

ONLY ONE VOTE PER MEMBER PLEASE

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Arnie Beswick and His Latest Tragedy

By G. Tom Oxler

I was attending the Tripower Nationals in Norwalk this past August when I heard that a barn had burned on Arnie Beswick's farm back in Illinois. Terry Schott, President of the Gateway GTO Chapter in St. Louis, and I walked over to talk to Arnie to see if there was anything



we could do. Arnie was very upset. He needed to be home with his wife Evelyn who is battling cancer and to help with the cleanup of the fire but also needed to be here in Norwalk selling his memorabilia and signing autographs as this is what pays the bills. We both told Arnie that if there was anything we could do; he should not hesitate to call.

About 2 weeks later, Terry got a call from Arnie asking if the Gateway Club could come to help the next day. Only Terry was available on the short notice so he jumped into his truck and headed north to Morrison, Illinois, a 5-hour trip. Upon arriving, he was able to help the backhoe operator separate some of the parts and cars that were in the barn prior to the fire. They pulled out Evelyn's 1969 Grand Prix SJ, a pick up truck, a 1962 Oldsmobile Starfire Wagon and two other unrecognizable vehicles. They were able to load all of the metal roofing on a truck to be hauled off.

On the way back home at about 8 PM that evening, Terry called me to see if I could get some more Gateway GTO Club members to come back up the next week to help Arnie separate and inventory the parts that were currently in piles in the basement of the burned-out barn. I began emailing the members and got 5 volunteers: John Grissom, Ron Wildebrandt, Jon and Dory Havens and myself. Jon, Dory and I are also members of the Arch POCI Chapter in St. Louis.

Arnie Beswick

We all met at the Sports Café in Bridgeton, MO at 6 am and headed north arriving at Arnie's farm at about 11 am. We donned our gloves and began sorting through the parts all



piled up in the basement of the barn: 40+ crankshafts, 20-30 cams, hundreds of pistons and connecting rods, 10-12 engine blocks, 12-16 heads including 4 hemi heads, blowers, headers, unrecognizable sheet metal, wheel rims, differentials, center sections, gears and many other parts too numerous to mention. What we found was 50 years of one man's collection who spent his entire life racing.





During a short lunch break for sandwiches supplied by Ron's wife Sharon, Arnie brought out some pictures of the barn burning. He stated the farmer leasing his farm brought up several large round hay bales and stacked them next to the barn. He said that bales can sometimes spontaneously combust if they are damp and apparently this is what happened. The three-



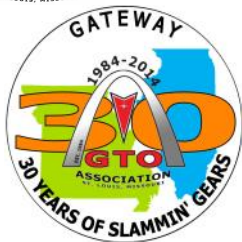
story barn, full of Arnie's cars and parts, was fully consumed and a total loss.

After about 6 hours of sorting, cleaning and creating an inventory of everything we could recognize, we cleaned up and headed for home. Arnie could not thank us enough and offered to pay us but we would not accept anything. This was our little way of paying him back for all of those memories he has given us doing his 1/8-mile burnouts, the Tameless Tiger and all of those great wins in a Pontiac.





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Total for Club Sponsored Events _____

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GTO Regional/National Event	With GTO (100 Points)	Without GTO (70 Points)

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Car Featured as GTO of the Month (50 Points) _____
Write an Article for *Hood Scoop* (50 Points) _____
Sign up a new GGTOA member (25 Points) _____
Have GTO featured in a National Pub (40 Points) _____

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Submit completed form at GGTOA monthly meeting or to:
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To access form from GatewayGTO.com, click below
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2019 GATEWAY GTO CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October

- 3 - GTO MEETING 7PM at Sports Café (CLUB SPONSORED)
- 6 - Gateway GTO Annual Picnic at Vago Park (CLUB SPONSORED)
- 13 - Montelle Winery Cruise with Scott Laytham and Karl Holmes Duo playing

November

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

December

- 7 - Gateway GTO Christmas Party at Webster Groves Barn, 1155 South Rock Hill Road from 5 to 10 PM. \$20 per person due to Will Bowers by November 23rd. Make all checks payable to Gateway GTO

SEE THE FULL CALENDAR AT WWW.GATEWAYGTO.ORG

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Gateway GTO Club Information

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.

Gateway GTO Association Photo Album

If you have photos of past events or if you take pictures of future events that you think would be good for our Photo Album, please send them to the newsletter editor.

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