



THE HOOD SCOOP

August 2023

Gateway GTO Day at Caffeine and Chrome

by Brian O'Sullivan

Gateway GTO
Association



Gateway Classic Cars in O'Fallon Illinois holds a monthly cars and coffee event that they have dubbed "Caffeine and Chrome". The Gateway GTO Association was invited to be the featured car club for the month of July. The featured car club gets prominent parking right in front of the building, goodie bags and a donation to the organization if they bring 10 or more cars to the show. A group of the Missouri side members consisting of Jim Schneider, Andrew O'Sullivan, Tom and Terrie Oxler, Earl Lewis, Will and Donna Bowers, Mark Melrose and my wife Amy and I met up at the McDonald's at Westport Plaza. Things were looking *relatively* good weather wise. The temp was in the low 80's, it was a little overcast and only average humidity for St. Louis (77% haha). Around 8:05 we all jumped in our GTOs and hit the road. We took I70 and other than a bit of traffic it was smooth sailing.

We arrived at Gateway Classics around 8:45 and found a group of four Pontiacs waiting for us. Frank and Cheryl Chapman brought two GTOs with Harry Timmermann and his Lemans and Jack LaPeire had his GTO. We all lined up. After a short while we had a few more pull in including Dan and Annita Jackson, Pat Garvey and new member Jeff Stehman. We ended up with a total of 14 cars representing Gateway GTO. There was a nice variety of other cars at the show with several other clubs. Ultimately attendance was a little light likely due to the forecasted heat.

Everyone brought out their chairs and set up camp in a big circle, as we do. It wasn't as impressive as the gang we had at the nationals, but we held our own. As the clouds cleared out and things began to heat up some of us decided to head inside to check out the show room and free refreshments.

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Caffeine and Chrome

Donuts, Coffee and Lemonade! A few different vendors also set up shop selling various items. While we soaked up the air-conditioning we took a look at the collection of cars inside. There were a few Pontiacs for sale including a WS-6 Trans Am that I was very much interested in, if only my wallet would cooperate.

Gateway Classics had the GTO group take a picture together with a big check for \$150 that will be donated to the club. It was based on \$10 per car. Maybe they counted my R/C car to round our number up to 15. Either way the donation was appreciated. They then invited us inside to get our goodie bags which included a t-shirt, can-koozie, stickers and other swag. The staff was all very friendly and they were happy to have us. The event ran until 12:00PM, but Amy and I only stayed until around 11:00 as we had to be elsewhere by noon. We heard talk of others heading somewhere for lunch but we missed out.

All in all it was a enjoyable time and we will hopefully be kept in the cue to be their featured club of the month again. Even if not, it might be fun for a quick get together if we have any open Saturdays in the future. This also may be a good location if we are ever looking for a party venue as they have a very nice set up for that inside the building.



Caffeine and Chrome



Presidents Scoop

The President's Scoop

By Chris Winslow

It looks like the heat wave has finally broken here in the Midwest and not a minute too soon. Cutting the grass when the heat index is 116 is no fun!

September is our really busy month. First up is the Wheels In Motion car show on September 10th at Westport Plaza. Please continue to gather prizes for our raffle. If you are not going to be able to attend the event, please just bring your prizes to our September meeting on the 7th or give me a call and I will stop by and pick them up from you. For those that are going to help with parking the cars on the early shift, please plan to arrive at the parking lot by around 7:30.

Our 12th Annual All Pontiac Show at the Pontiac Museum is the following weekend on September 15 through the 17th. The hotels are filling up, so if you have not already reserved a room you will want to do that quickly. As we normally do, we will be having our traditional barbeque at the Finkenbinder's on the Friday Sept 15th. If you are planning to attend that but have not already let me know, please do so as we need to get a good head count. As usual, the event will include a cruise on Saturday and for the third year in a row we will have a car show and concert by a live band in the park Saturday evening.

We are also still planning to support the Super Cars and Supers Stars event at the end of September. I expect to have more details on that event soon.

Its also not too soon to start thinking about the Annual Gateway GTO Picnic on October 1st. It will once again be at Vago Park (thanks to Tony Bezzole who always gets that reserved for us in January). As usual, Gateway will provide hot dogs, brats, hamburgers, pork steaks and chicken and we ask that everyone bring side dishes or desserts. We are also still going to have our annual washer tournament at the event. Since Barb's former employer repossessed the washer set we had been using, Earl and I are making new ones. Per request from some of the players, the new washer sets are going to have carpet in them that is a bit more plush than the old ones, This will hopefully mean there won't be so many washers jumping out of the boxes. The shift we made a few years ago to hold this in the fall has made this event much more enjoyable since we are no longer fighting the summer heat, so be sure to mark your calendars.

The other big event we have on the calendar for October is John Grissom's big Family Farm Fest party the weekend of 7th. The details for that event are included in this newsletter.





Gateway GTO Meeting Minutes



Minutes
8/3/2023

7:01 PM – Meeting Start – No new members in attendance. Chris Winslow said that Rich Hentschel from Hagerty Insurance was going to come in and speak, but he had to cancel. He might make it to the next meeting.

7:02 – Old Business

There was a GTOAA Nationals Worker Recap by Tom Oxler. Since GTOAA already had the popular vote trophies in hand after the cancelled national event, they've decided to hand them out to the first few entrants for each car class. The following members of Gateway received a trophy. Frank and Cheryl Chapman, Brian and Amy O'Sullivan, Steve and Tammy Hedrick, Lucas Hedrick, Rich Lacavich, Rich and Sue Vie, Joe Mayweather, John Grissom, Will and Donna Bowers, Ron and Sharon Wildebrandt, and Earl and Barb Lewis. John Grissom got a Silver in concourse. Jim Schneider and Dan Jackson both donated their refunded nationals money back to the GTOAA. There were three cars from the Gateway club that were damaged in the storm, two of which were Terry Schott's and John Hunt's. Randy Jones' GTO received the most damage amounting to a serious repair bill. He was given the Best of Show trophy for the classic cars to help ease the pain. For being such an integral part of the show and all of his hard work, Chris Winslow was given the Best in Show for the new gens. This will be the first time Best in Show was given to a GTO that was not present at the nationals. The Gateway GTO Association will receive a \$4000 check from GTOAA for our help at the nationals despite half of the event being cancelled. Chris has some left over stickers and dash plaques if anyone is interested.

Chris has fliers for the 2024 GTO Nationals in Springfield, Missouri.

Steve Hedrick talked about the Tri-Power Nationals in Norwalk. He said that the show was completely full and had a ton of vendors. He also said the event next year will be held on the same date. Darrell May informed everyone that the ice cream is no longer \$1.00.

Craig Glenn and John Grissom talked a bit

about the car show at the Wentzville Fair. They said that 16 cars showed up. It was unbelievably hot but everyone had a good time. John said that the rides were great and the food was excellent. He also said that his son asked if he could take a few girls for a quick drive in the GTO, to which he declined.

Brian O'Sullivan spoke about the Caffeine and Chrome event at Gateway Classic Cars. We ended up having 14 cars. The club received a check for \$150 for coming out.

7:28 – New Business

Earl Lewis talked about a huge collection of classic GTO parts in a 40ft x 100ft garage. Everything in there is going to be for sale. He will bring photos to the next meeting.

Chris Winslow talked about the Illinois State Fair to which we have been invited as a special guest for a car display.

Chris said that we should start looking for raffle items for the upcoming Wheels in Motion show. This year it will be held in the same parking lot as last year, on the back side of Westport Plaza. Elliot will have more signage to direct people to the show since it will not be visible from the street anymore. Next year they are considering holding the show at the St. Louis Car Museum on Woodson.

Chris talked about the regional event in Pontiac, Illinois. He said that the Finkenbinders are holding a BBQ at their property on the Friday before. They are asking for \$15 per head. Please sign up if you are interested.

7:39 – Upcoming Events

8/26 – Annual Car Show and Open House at the St. Louis Car Museum. 1575 Woodson Road.

9/10 – Wheels in Motion Car Show at Westport

9/15-9/17 – 12th Annual All Pontiac Show at the Pontiac Museum

9/30 – Superstars N' Supercars Event – Maritz Campus in Fenton

10/1 – Gateway GTO Picnic at Vago Park

10/7 – John Grissom's GTO Family Farm Fest

10/21 – Collector Car Trivia Night Sponsored





Gateway GTO Meeting Minutes



by the Archway Olds Club. \$20 per person.

John Grissom has fliers for the Family Farm Fest event available.

We are planning another winery cruise for this fall. Date yet to be determined.

7:51 – GTOAA

The Gateway GTO Association will be a gold level sponsor for the 2024 Nationals.

7:53 – Tech

Brian O’Sullivan gave some info about a problem that he had after replacing the ignition lock cylinder on his new gen GTOs. He used Sil-Glyde brake lubricant to alleviate the problem.

Ron Wildebrandt talked about some NOS parts.

Chris Winslow talked about the clutch in his GTO and the saga of the factory faulted transmission in his new GMC Acadia.

8:00 – Personals

John Havens was in attendance. He said that he’s feeling so-so, still with complications from Covid.

Kerry Friedman only has four treatments left and he is doing great.

Jim McCarthy is recovering from back issues.

8:01 – Motion to Adjourn by Earl Lewis, seconded by Brian O’Sullivan

50/50 of \$38 won by Marty Howard

The second drawing for a Gateway GTO cup was won by Harry Timmermann

GATEWAY GTO



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Illinois State Fair Display

GTO's at the Illinois State Fair

By
Chris Winslow



Back in May, Paula and I were up in Pontiac at the Pontiac Museum to participate in a car show sponsored by Midwest Firebirds. That club has consistently been a strong supporter of our annual car show there so I wanted to go up and support one of their events. While we were there, Penny Dye told us that the City of Springfield had reached out and wanted to have some cars for a display at the Route 66 tribute area on the state fairgrounds. They were looking for about 10 cars for the event. That was too large of a showing for the Museum to support and Penny asked if Gateway would be willing to take it on.

I was not sure initially if there would be interest in driving to Springfield for a car show in August. So, I was worried that we might not be able to get to 10 cars. Those concerns turned out to be unwarranted as Gateway members stepped as usual and we actually ended up with 11 cars signed up.

Illinois State Fair Display

Logistically, it was a tricky thing to organize. We had cars coming from 5 different locations and we all had to meet and go into the fair at the same time. For those of us coming from the St. Louis/St. Charles area, the obvious meeting point was the old Chain of Rocks Bridge parking area. Unfortunately, that is closed due to construction in the area, as is the east-bound entrance onto 270 from Riverview. So, we ended up meeting at the Schnucks off of Bellefontaine road. Gathering there were 4 of our 11 cars. Paula and I, and Brian and Amy O'Sullivan, both in our 2004 GTOs, Tom and Terry Oxler in their 1966 GTO, and Barb and Earl Lewis in their 1967 GTO. We left the parking lot about 7:30 and at that time of the morning traffic was light, so we made good time to Springfield.

The rest of the cars were meeting us at the Schnucks in Springfield near the fairgrounds. This meeting point was based on an excellent recommendation that I received from Melissa Dunbar, with the City of Springfield Convention Team. She knew the area which roads would be one way for the weekend. This lot was ideally suited for a quick hop over to Gate 4 of the fair. Meeting us at that location were a lot of convertibles! There was Alan and Liane Finkenbinder in their GTO Convertible, Dave Sullivan in his Firebird Convertible, Frank and Cheryl in their Judge Convertible, Harry Timmermann in his Lemans Convertible. In addition the Wildebrandts, the Garveys, and the Grissoms met us there with their GTOs.

We made a quick dash from the Schnucks over to Gate 4 where Melissa was waiting to let us in and escort us to the display. Melissa had mailed tickets for everyone to me, but I had not received them so Melissa had replacements for us. (As it turns out, I got the tickets in the mail after we got home. They were postmarked on August 7th. Not sure why it took nearly 2 weeks to go from Springfield Il, to O'Fallon Mo!)



Illinois State Fair Display



Melissa led us to the display on the fairgrounds. There was an entire parking area that had been set aside just for us to show our cars and a great Route 66 display right next to the parking area.

After we got set up many of us explored the Route 66 display. It checked all of the boxes. It had Route 66 signs, billboards, a rest area, a classic hotel and drive in sign, a bridge, and Burma-Shave signs. It even had a tribute to the Giants.

Many of us also took some time while we were there to explore the fair. There was lots to see and plenty of things to eat. Paula and I got some huge ice cream cones at the dairy building and also a funnel cake. (Plenty of time to get back on the diets on Sunday!)

After spending most of the day at the fair, all of us except the Finkenbinders and Dave Sullivan headed back south towards St. Louis. On the way we stopped for dinner. Paula had made reservations several weeks earlier for us at the Ariston Café.

We all had a great dinner at Ariston and Earl became best friends with the young lady that was our server.

I was really pleased with how this event turned out. Everyone had a great time and we had super weather. I hope they ask us to do this again.



Illinois State Fair Display



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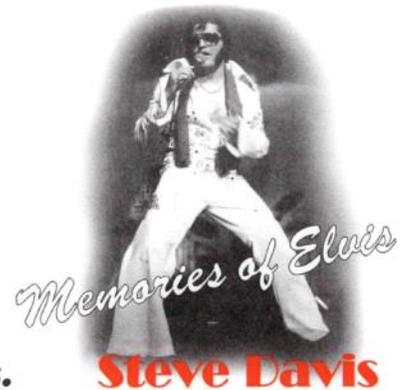
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Gateway GTO Family Farm Fest



GATEWAY GTO FAMILY FARM FEST OCTOBER 7TH & 8TH, 2023



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SATURDAY

- 9AM Meet at Cuba Visitors Center Highway 44 Exit 208, donuts while supply last
- 9:30 AM: Earl Lewis Cruise (50/50): Cuba to Steeleville. cross the Meramec twice, see Historic paintings on buildings, and a spring fed Paddlewheel
- 35 mile drive from Steeleville to Town Square City Hall in Salem, group picture time
- 11AM Depart Salem, pass by Crossroads Inn, head to the farm.
- 11:30 Arrive at Farm, park and setup campers/tents
- 12:30 BBQ Burgers/Dogs Provided

- **AFTERNOON ACTIVITIES:** hay rides, trail rides, walks, yard games, pet the cows, feed the fish in the pond
- 5PM: More Food
- **EVENING ACTIVITIES:** Bonfire, smores, music, singing if you dare, dance if you choose, LAUGHING Earl's Raffle Drawing
- **OVERNIGHT OPTIONS:** Camp at the farm or head to Crossroads Inn in Salem for the night.

SUNDAY

- Return to farm
- 9AM Big country breakfast (chicken and duck eggs), ham, sausage, bacon, biscuits/gravy, pancakes, fruit, OJ and coffee



Saturday 9AM Meeting location: Cuba, MO Hwy 44 Exit 208

Donuts while they last



Salem Town Square, City Hall

Group Pictures

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- **Call 573-729-4700** for a group discounted reservation for the non camping option. Inn brochure attached.



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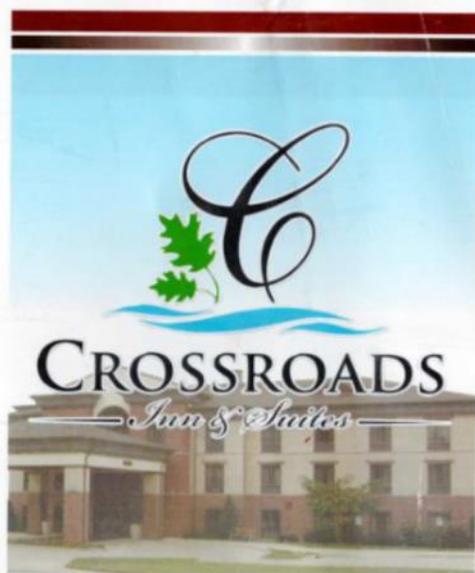
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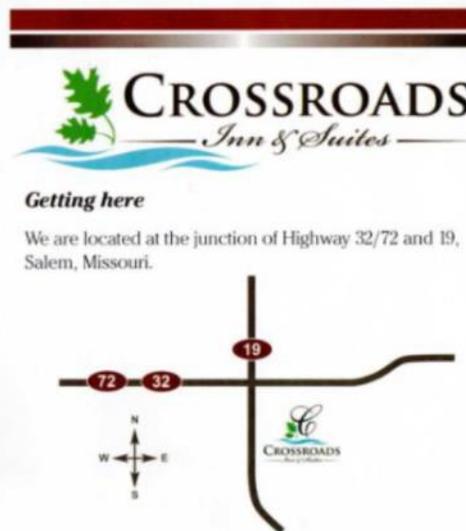
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Membership dues are \$20.

You are allowed one associate member (spouse, significant other, etc.).

All Gateway GTO Members must also be members in good standing with GTOAA

Go to WWW.GTOAA.ORG to join or renew GTOAA membership



GTOAA Membership Renewal

GTOAA Dues are to be paid directly to GTOAA

- Do not send GTOAA dues to Will Bowers. Instead renew directly with GTOAA by mail or at www.gtoaa.org.
- All Gateway GTO Members must be GTOAA members in good standing.
- Please contact GTOAA Chapter Representative Tom Oxler with any questions:

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2023 GATEWAY GTO CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September

- 7 - GTO MEETING 7PM at Gingham's
- 10 - Wheels In Motion Car Show - Westport Plaza
- 15 - 17 - GTOAA Regional Car Show at the Pontiac Museum
- 30 - Superstars and Supercars - Details to follow

October

- 1 - Gateway GTO Picnic at Vago Park
- 5 - GTO MEETING 7PM at Gingham's
- 7 - Gateway GTO Family Farm Fest at the Grissom Family Farm
- 21 - Archway Olds Club Collector Car Trivia Night

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 Gingham's, 1566 Country Club Plaza Drive, St. Charles, MO 63303

The yearly dues for Gateway GTO is \$20. The dues are due by the Pizza Party in January. All Gateway GTO members must be a member in good standing with GTOAA. 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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