



THE HOOD SCOOP

September 2023

12th Annual GTOAA Regional in Pontiac, Illinois

By Chris Winslow

Gateway GTO
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After months of planning and preparation it was finally time for our big car show at the Pontiac Museum. To start the weekend, Paula and I met up with the Bowers, the Schotts, the Lewises, and the Vies at the Cracker Barrel in Troy Illinois Friday morning for a late breakfast/early lunch. We all then headed north to Pontiac.

As has become our tradition, the first event for the weekend is the Bar B Que at Alan and Liane's house. As usual they put on a great spread and there were lots of great desserts. The dinner was attended by all of the folks from Gateway that had arrived on Friday as well as members of Heart of Illinois and other GTOAA chapters. We took advantage of the event to get a photo of the Ladies of Gateway (and friends) in their GTO shirts that were intended for the Parking Lot Party at the GTOAA Nationals back in June. Also in attendance were Tim Dye and Mayor Alvey and his wife. This event is a lot of work for Alan and Liane but they always do a great job and everyone really enjoyed the evening.

We rolled into Pontiac early on Saturday to set up registration and found that the City already had our tents and tables in place. We got registration set up and soon had over 60 cars registered.

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Typically on Saturday, Paula and I stay with registration for the day, but this year Tom and Terrie Oxler graciously offered to run registration so that we could go on the cruise that Alan had organized.

With registration in good hands, Paula and I jumped into the back of Alan and Liane's convertible and we headed out of town for the first stop on the cruise, Fairbury Speedway.

Fairbury Speedway is a historic banked 1/4 mile dirt track. The roots for the speedway go back to 1876. Initially it was a horse track but by 1922 it was hosting automobile and motorcycle races. The track had various uses in the years that followed but it still operates today as an auto race track. In fact, they had racing planned later in the day on the day we visited.



As is usually the case with the cruises that Alan plans, they are well attended. There were close to 90 people at the track from our cruise. We had a great lunch there of fried chicken and pulled pork sandwiches.

After Fairbury, Alan had arranged for us to see some private collections nearby. This included the home and hot rod shop of one of the local citizens who actually has a 2 seat race car that he runs at the track.

As we started to leave the private collections to head back, we had to put up the top on the convertible because we had heard that it was already raining in Pontiac. We only got a few miles away, however, before we heard from Debbie Johnson that her car had broken down on the way out of Fairbury. We turned around and headed back with Terry and Gail Schott and Will and Donna Bowers in Terry's car behind us.

We did not know exactly where Roger and Debbie were, but as we were retracing our path out of town we pulled up just as the owner of the hot rod shop was pushing Debbie's GTO into his garage to put it up on the lift. They had diagnosed it with a bad fuel pump.

I asked Alan from the back seat where we were going to find a fuel pump for a GTO in Fairbury at 3:00 on a Saturday afternoon. Alan had the answer: In his trunk! Alan had a spare pump with him. At it turns out, it was not exactly the right one, but close enough.

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So, with Debbie's 1965 convertible up on the lift, Roger and the rest of us took turns wrenching on it to get the old pump out and get the new pump in. Since it was not exactly the right pump, this also included some modifications to the fuel lines to get it all plumbed up.

Of course, while we were all scraping up our knuckles and forearms shoehorning in that new fuel pump, the ladies were watching our progress intently.



Our efforts were successful and once we lowered the GTO and primed the center carb a bit with some high test racing fuel she roared to life and we were back on our way.

When we rolled back into town we found that the weather had really slowed the registration process. By then it was 5:00 so we went ahead and closed up registration and headed over to Bob and Ringo's for some dinner.

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We woke up Sunday morning to a less than ideal weather report. As we all know, no matter how much time and effort we put into planning a car show, the one thing you cannot control is that weather. And, worse than the weather report showing rain on the way to Pontiac was the report showing that it was already raining in Chicago. For our Sunday show, a lot of cars from the Chicago area drive down on Sunday morning, but not, of course, when it is raining.

With the worrisome weather on the way, we arrived at the Museum and started up registration. Normally we would put up the Pontiac balloons from the Museum for car show day, but with this much rain on the way, we decided not to do that this year.

The weather did put a serious damper on our attendance with the total number of cars registered topping out at 106. But the folks that did attend gamely stuck it out. Many of them drying off their cars multiple times as the rain came and went.



And then there was Earl and Barb Lewis. Despite the rain Earl and Barb gamely soldiered on and managed to raise \$407 in 50/50 money for the Museum.

With our usual excellent support from Tammy Hedrick creating our tabulation sheets, Brian Sorensen and members from Heart of Illinois with support from Tom Oxler and a number of other Gateway GTO members performed the tabulation and determined who would get the trophies.

The next challenge was to find a long enough break in the rain to announce the winners and hand out the trophies. We finally took advantage of a break in the weather shortly after 2:00 and proceeded to hand out the awards as quickly as we could. As it turns out it was not



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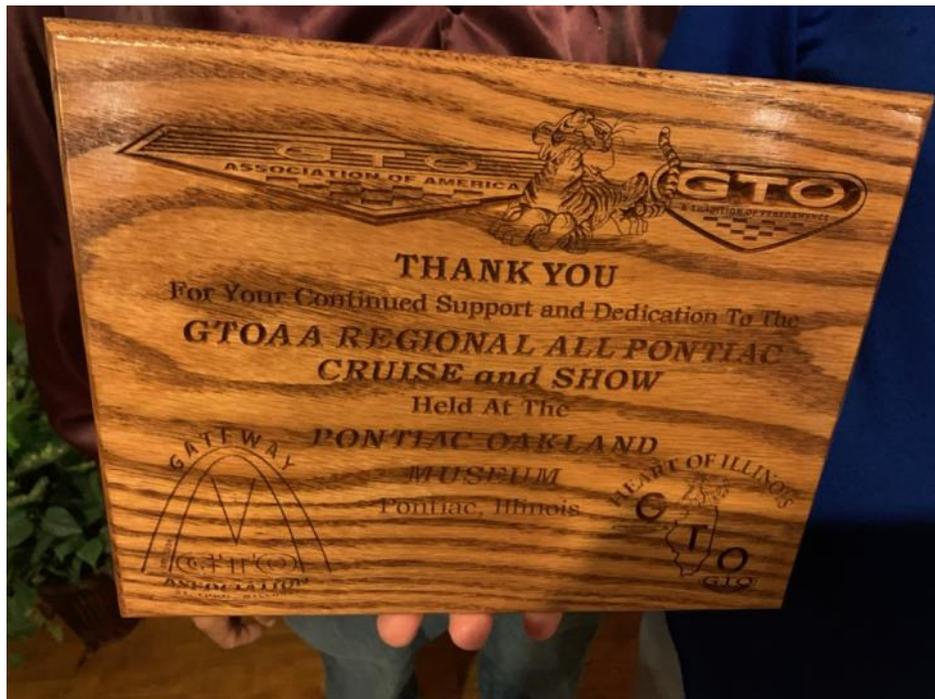


quick enough as we did end up getting rain towards the end. (Many thanks to Justin Sidener who grabbed an umbrella and kept me dry enough that the ink was not running on the judging sheets I was trying to read!).

One bright spot is that Tim Dye presented Gateway GTO and Heart of Illinois with a plaque thanking us for our years of supporting the museum. We decided to leave the plaque with Tim so that it could be put on display at the Museum.

It is really disappointing to spend most of the year planning and preparing for an event this big only to have the weather interfere with it so significantly. But, as usual, Gateway's members stepped up and made the best of it. Will and I are still working on the totals, but based on my preliminary count, and including the money that Earl raised, I think we will end up with a donation to the Pontiac Museum of just over \$3000.

Planning is already underway for 2024. The date is set as September 20-22. We are due for a really nice weekend after two years of rainy Sundays, so everyone start putting your requests in now.



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Presidents Scoop

The President's Scoop

By Chris Winslow

As it is every year, September is a busy month for Gateway as we have 2 major charity events.

First up was the Wheels In Motion Car Show. Once again this year, the event took place at the parking lot to the west of Westport Plaza. The weather, unlike last year, was ideal. Unfortunately, a competing car show in Chesterfield really cut into attendance. In addition, the Model T Club, a perennial staple at this event with their iconic Model T assembly raffle was not able to attend, further reducing the draw to the event. Despite that, Gateway pulled off our part of the event quite successfully. I was really proud of how our members stepped up to get prizes and donations for the event. It was arguably the best prize set we had ever pulled together including a 50" TV, 2 bikes and countless baskets, gift certificates, and other prizes. By far, however, the most notable effort was by Earl Lewis. Earl had singlehandedly raised \$2100 for the event before it even started! He then went on to raise over \$600 more in 50/50. In the end, our donation was just shy of \$3700. This was more than double our total for last year of \$1810.

Of course, our other really big event was our annual GTOAA Regional Car Show at the Pontiac Museum. All indications were this was going to be a big one. I had received lots of preregistrations and lots of phone calls. In addition Liz from the City of Pontiac received the stats on our email blast and those also were pointed to lots of interest. On top of that, heading into the weekend the weather looked great. Then on Friday rain started to creep into the forecast and by Sunday rain was with us off and on most of the day. With it also raining in Chicago, the weather managed to put a damper on what would likely have been a huge turnout. Despite all this, everyone from Gateway stepped up. Alan and Liane hosted a great Bar B Que on Friday night. Alan also planned a really nice cruise for Saturday that many of us enjoyed. And, on Sunday, we covered the traffic control and registration. Tammy did her usual great job of setting up the tabulation sheets and we even contributed a number of members to help get the tabulation completed. It could not have gone more smoothly. It is a shame that mother nature stepped in and hurt our attendance numbers.

Still left in September is our annual Winery Cruise on Sunday the 24th. See the flyer in this newsletter for more details. Also in September the Superstars and Supercars event is coming up on the 30th. Given all of the other official Gateway GTO activities for September, and with our picnic the next day on October 1st, I am not going to try to organize our attendance at Superstars and Supercars. For those that would like to attend, you can sign up on their website at www.miraclesnprogress.org.





Presidents Scoop



Of course, we have three big events planned for October. First up is our 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 that 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.

We also have John Grissom's big Family Farm Fest party the weekend of 7th. The details for that event are included in this newsletter. John has put a lot of effort into planning this and it promises to be a lot of fun, so make sure you have it on your calendars as well.

Finally for October, as discussed at the last meeting, I have reserved 2 tables for Gateway at the Archway Olds Club's annual Collector Car Trivia night. I will be looking to get folks that are planning to go signed up at our October meeting in a few weeks. The flyer with more details is also attached to this newsletter. The cost is \$20 per person and I call dibs on having Brian O'Sullivan at my table!!

One final bit of business for October and November is officer elections. This is an election year for Gateway. I have included in this newsletter the official nomination form for officers. If you would like to run for an office or nominate somebody else to run, please fill out this form and get it to Will Bowers. The ballot will be in the November newsletter with the winners announced at the Christmas Party on December 9th



Official Gateway GTO Officer Nomination Form For 2023

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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Gateway GTO Meeting Minutes



Minutes 9/7/2023

7:01 PM – Meeting Start – No new members in attendance.

Dawn from the National Childrens Cancer Society came in and displayed a couple videos showing what they are able do with the donations.

Chris Winslow requested raffle items and informed everyone about arrival times for anyone that wanted to help with the Wheels in Motion show.

Earl Lewis brought in two autographed baseballs that he was offering for \$100 donation to NCCS or he would save them for the WIM show raffle. Through some serious footwork he was able to get \$2180 in donations from various businesses in the area. He also informed us that Rich is no longer the clubs rep for Hagerty insurance, however Rich donated \$500 to club to help pay for our Christmas party.

7:14 – Old Business

Brian O’Sullivan talked about the Caffeine and Chrome event. We had 14 cars present and received a check from Gateway Classic Cars for \$160 for our participation. He also described a really interesting banner that the Cadillac LaSalle club had at the show. It was custom designed, over 10 feet tall and was easily portable. He did some research and found that we could have our own version made for \$300 to \$500 depending on size and options. Chris Winslow suggested a vote for approval to move forward with the purchase. A vote was held and approved with a majority of the present members.

Chris Winslow talked about the event at the Illinois State Fair. We had 11 cars participate in an exhibition with neon signs, a miniature drive-in movie screen and displays with the history of Illinois portion of Route 66. On the way home we stopped by The Ariston for dinner. Everyone had a great time.

7:20 – New Business

Chris spoke about the Wheels in motion show. He mentioned that next year show will likely be held in another location due to all of the construction at Westport. Initially they were thinking about having it at the St. Louis Car museum, but their parking lot may be too small for the show.

Chris talked about the Regional car show in Pontiac, Illinois.

Chris said that the Superstars N’ Supercars event is still supposed to be happening, but he has had a

hard time getting details from the event organizers.

Marty Howard has set the Fall Winery Cruise for October 24th.

John Grissom talked a bit about the Family Fest being held on October 7th.

Chris Winslow informed everyone that officer elections are coming up soon. Please submit nominations in October. Ballots will be in the November newsletter with results being announced at the Christmas Party. Chris is able to run for one more term for present.

Chris stated that the Christmas Party will be held in the same place.

7:42 – Upcoming events

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 Fest

10/21 – Collector Car Trivia Night Sponsored by the Archway Olds Club

7:49 – GTOAA

Tom Oxler talked about the 2024 convention. Hotel rooms are now available for reservation. Original owners will be allowed to park indoors if they choose. There are plans to have a drag day at a ¼ mile track that is located about 30 miles from the event hotel.

Terrie Oxler received a grill badge.

7:55 – Tech

Mark Melrose’s engine block should be ready by October

Joe Mayweather had a trailer hitch receiver installed on his GTO so he could add a cargo tray for Bev’s wheel chair.

8:00 – Personals

Kerry Friedman is done with his radiation treatments.

John Havens is feeling a bit better.

8:04 – Motion to Adjourn by Tom Fox, seconded by John Taylor

50/50 of \$44 won by Brian O’Sullivan



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GATEWAY GTO



35 YEARS OF SLAMMIN' GEARS

GATEWAY GTO 2023 Fall Colors Wine Cruise – Sunday, Sept. 24

Meet at Francis Howell High School
7001 MO-94, St. Charles 63304
@ 10:00 a.m. – Depart promptly at 10:30 a.m.

“Arvell & Cherie” Performs at Montelle Winery – 1-5 p.m.
201 Montelle Dr., Augusta, MO 63332



GATEWAY GTO FAMILY FARM FEST

OCTOBER 7TH & 8TH, 2023



Grissom Farm in Dent County, between Salem and Rolla
 Near 72 and FF: County Road 3050 (1st house on the left)

- 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

- Drive by **Crossroads Inn** on the way to the farm.
- Call **573-729-4700** for a group discounted reservation for the non camping option. Inn brochure attached.



Short walk past the barn to the pond, feed the fish from the dock.

WHAT TO BRING: Your toys (ATV's, dirt bikes, side by sides, golf carts...**DRINKS**

Tent, camper, lawn chairs, bug spray

Snacks and A SIDE DISH or DESSERT

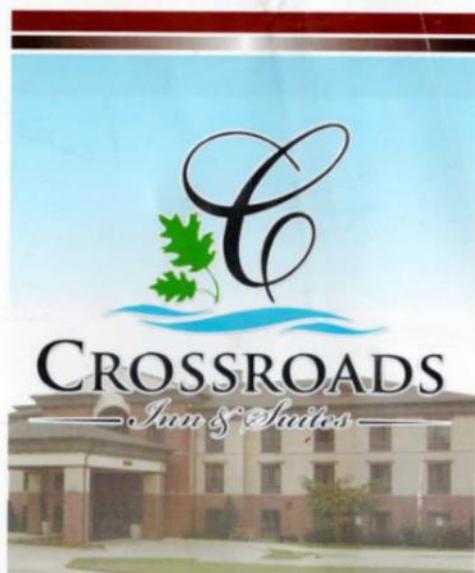
COOLERS and **ICE**

Can you join us? DO let us know by Emailing: johnnyg67gto@gmail.com

Plan to attend Saturday and Sunday, or only one day?

What side/dessert can you bring?

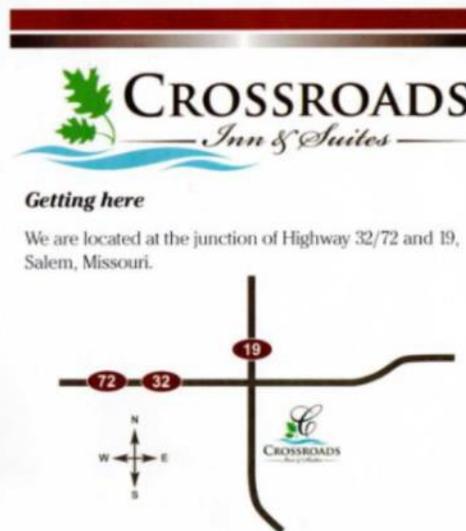
Staying at the farm will bring a tent or camper,
or have you reserved your room at Crossroads Inn?



We are waiting for you.

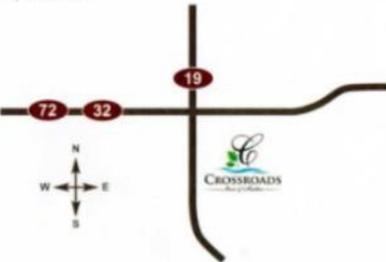
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The Farm's Large Pole Barn allows us to gather inside.

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Superstars N' Supercars



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10 AM TO 3 PM

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Questions? olsonrsa@gmail.com or (314) 825-2980

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Gateway GTO Membership Renewal

Gateway GTO Dues for 2023 are \$20 and are due by the annual Gateway GTO Pizza Party.

- Send dues to Will Bowers by mail or pay in person at the Next Meeting
Will's Address:
4213 Napa View Lane
St. Charles, MO 63304
- In order to Renew with Gateway GTO, members must be members in good standing with GTOAA.

Contact Chris Winslow if you have any questions on renewing your Gateway GTO membership



GATEWAY GTO ASSOCIATION Membership/**Renewal** Form

(Please print clearly)

New

Renewal

Returning

Name: _____ Date: _____

Associate Name (Spouse/Significant Other): _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Home Phone: () _____ Cell Phone: () _____

E-mail Address: _____

Occupation: _____

Year & Body Style of Car(s) **ALL PONTIACS:**

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GTO Association of America membership renewal date: _____
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PLEASE FILL IN ALL FIELDS

And mail to:

Will Bowers, Treasurer
Gateway GTO Association
4213 Napa View Lane
St. Charles, MO 63304

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:

Tom Oxler Contact Info:

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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
- 24 - Annual Gateway GTO Winery Cruise
- 30 - Superstars and Supercars - See Attached Flyer

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

November

- 7 - GTO MEETING 7PM at Gingham's

December

- 9 - Gateway GTO Annual Christmas Party at Webster Barn

SEE THE FULL CALENDAR AT WWW.GATEWAYGTO.ORG

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Classified ads are free to members. Classified ads up to 50 words for non-members are \$5.00 per issue.

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.

The Hood Scoop is published as an informative news bulletin to keep our members up to date on past, present, and future events.

Advertising is free for members in good standing.

Advertising rates for non members are:

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