

# RED CEDAR INN CRUISE-IN AND CAMPBELL'S RT. 66 SERVICE MUSEUM

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Who would have thought that in January, when the City of Pacific, MO contacted Gateway GTO about being a featured club for a Saturday cruise-in and show at the historic Red Cedar Inn, that it would turn out to be so well attended. After having gotten club approval, Chris signed us up for Saturday, May 23, 2026. 14 Gateway cars showed up on the club's behalf, plus 2 other GTOs.



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Schott	70 GTO Convertible
Winslow	2004 GTO
Hedrick	67 GTO
Lewis	67 GTO
Markus	GTO Judge
Neal	69 GTO
Wildebrandt	69 GTO
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Oxler	66 GTO
Bowers	67 GTO Convertible
Schneider	67 GTO Convertible
Melrose	68 GTO
Beasley	64 GTO
Folluo	70 GTO Judge
Non member from Fenton	2005 GTO
Non member (Neighbor of John Folluo)	66 GTO
	16 Cars

In addition, there were a couple of mid-60's Chevy's, one an SS and one an El Camino, a 60's Mustang and an older Ford pickup.



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Despite grey clouds and a light mist requiring only a swipe or two of the wipers on the drive to Red Cedar, the weather was perfect for our first official outing of spring. With cloud cover, we weren't searching for shade or having to douse with sunscreen. Everyone was happy to be out with the cars and gather around to visit not only the pictorial Rt. 66 history inside Red Cedar, but to chat and "shoot the bull" in the parking lot. Numerous freight trains rumbled through town and many cars passing by honked and waved at the site of all our cars. Visitors to the Red Cedar Inn were also happy to browse the parking lot and enjoyed chatting with many of us as well.



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There were a couple of non- “Gateway” GTO’s that also showed up. One was a red 2005 GTO, and one was a black 66. Chris was sure to give them our business card and a membership application. Another couple said they wished their son had known of the car show. He has a 69 Judge, not too far from making its debut on the road, but also several more project GTOs and numerous parts and engines ready to run in their storage barn. It turns out their son lives very close to Gingham’s restaurant in St. Charles. We made sure they also got a business card and application for their son!



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From the show at Red Cedar, we cruised to lunch in Eureka at Poor Richard's. We had their private room reserved and our buffet lunch was ready and waiting for us upon arrival. Their food was great! Cold crisp salad, chilled dollar sandwiches, and piping hot mostaccioli. I think everyone was really happy with lunch.

After a great lunch we cruised back to Campbell's Rt. 66 Service. Proprietor Larry West and his wife Kathleen had the garage doors up and ready for us to peruse their collection of period correct garage items and automobiles. We learned that Kathleen used to work for Pontiac! The Pontiac line was dropped from GM 2 years after she quit working there... Larry West, of West Paving, had been involved in paving of many Missouri highways. Having worked with MoDot, he was able to obtain many photos of the initial grading and paving of the historic highway. He had a PowerPoint presentation showing a lot of the construction, as well as many historical photos of the iconic Rt. 66 establishments in the area. To see even more information on the station you can visit their website <https://tourroute66.com/>.



As far as GTO "tech" issues of the day, ... Terry dug out his portable air compressor from the trunk of the 70 for the Bowers' 67 low tire, and then Schott's and Lewis' stopped at O'Reilly's for connectors/fittings for the bypassing of Earl's

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heater core that had sprung a leak all over the console and carpet of his car. Gail and Barb enjoyed a frozen whiskey sour on the patio, while Terry and Earl performed the bypass surgery in the garage.

All in all, it turned out to be a good day for everyone.

