



Gateway GTO Annual Picnic

By Chris Winslow



The annual Gateway GTO picnic was held on October 2nd at our usual location at Vago Park in Maryland Heights. After dealing with rain in our two big events in September (Wheels in Motion and The GTOAA Regional) we were due for a great day for a Gateway event and we got one.

Our official club chefs, Tony Bezzole and Rich Vie showed up early to get the meat on the grill. They were joined by Richie Vie to round out the team. On the menu were hamburgers, brats, hot dogs, chicken and, of course, pork steaks. I learned a lot watching these masters at work.

The morning did get off to a bit of a slow start since the 1967 GTOs of both Terry Schott and Earl Lewis decided to pick that particular Sunday morning to have battery issues. In Terry's case, it happened at home, but in Earl's case, the battery failed about 2 miles from their house, forcing Barb to walk home to get a jumper box. (That worked out good for Paula and I as we got to take home a lot of Barb's famous mostaccioli since a lot of folks had already eaten by the time they got to the picnic).

Once they arrived, Barb and Earl Lewis conducted the official washer tournament. The tournament was a blast with a lot of close games. In the end, the winners of the winners this year were Sue Vie and Bob Blattel and the winners of the losers were Marty Howard and Gabe



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Hedrick. This, by the way, is the second year in a row that Bob was a winner of the winners. Something to keep in mind when partnering up for next year!

Because it was such a nice day we had a great turnout with almost 40 people in attendance. We all owe our chefs Tony, Rich and Richie our thanks. In addition to cooking, Tony makes this event possible every year by being first in line after the new year to reserve our spot with the City of Maryland Heights so thanks again to Tony for always making it happen!



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