

Gateway GTO Annual Picnic

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The annual Gateway GTO picnic was held, as scheduled, on October 11th at Vago Park in Maryland Heights. This continued our new tradition, started last year, where we moved the picnic to the fall to take advantage of cooler weather.

The strategy worked as the weather was nearly perfect. In fact, when Paula and I arrived around 8:00 to help set up, it was maybe a little too cool. But our official club chefs, Tony Bezzole, Rich Vie, and Chris Simmons probably appreciated the cool weather while they were cooking up the brats, burgers, pork steaks, chicken and hot dogs.

In addition to the cool temps, many of the trees had started to turn for the fall and drop their leaves. When we arrived, the parks department was busy blowing the leaves to clear the area for us. It was a losing battle for them as no sooner did they clear an area than a breeze would bring more leaves to recover it.

The nice weather also meant that many of the club members were able to bring out their GTOs for the event. This included new Gateway GTO member Bill Markus who brought out his 1968 White Judge. For many of us that was the first time we got to see this car.



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In addition to the club supplied meat, there were plenty of side dishes and deserts provided by the member in attendance. We did handle the food line a bit different this year with myself, Paula, and Terrie Oxler serving.





Although Barb Lewis has officially retired, she was still able to borrow the washer sets from her old office so that we could have our annual washer tournament. I personally have never been any good at this game and this year was no different. Unfortunately for her, Miranda got stuck playing with me again. While she is actually quite good, it was not enough to make up for how good I am not! In the end, the winners of the winners this year were Rich Vie and Janet Lacavich and the winners of the losers were Tom Oxler and Will Bowers.



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