

THE HOOD SCOOP

June 2023

Association Association



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Hannibal Cruise

by Chris Winslow



For the last few years, Gateway has been so busy helping with car shows and charity events that we have not had time for events that were just for fun. To address that, we started planning a cruise to Hannibal in 2022. A big part of that event was to be the really beautiful drive up to Hannibal along Highway 79. Unfortunately, Highway 79 was in really bad shape last fall for the 20 miles or so south of Hannibal due to construction and repaving. Since the roadwork was not scheduled to complete until late fall, we decided to postpone the cruise to 2023. (Incidentally, for those following Paula's ongoing car sagas, that first trip we made late last summer to Hannibal to check out the route was the last trip we made in her Edge before the engine went out).

It turns out that postponing the event was the right move. The Highway 79 is now in great shape the entire way from O'Fallon to Hannibal.

Most of us started the cruise on Saturday morning from the Deer Run Library on Main Street in O'Fallon. Joining us from this starting point were the Oxlers in their '66, Andrew O'Sullivan and his friend Cody in Andrew's '04, the Chapmans in a '70 Judge, Harry Timmerman in his '65 Lemans, the Lewis' in their '67, the Bowers' in their '67 convertible, the





Melrose's along with Mark's sister and brother in law Diane and Mark in Mark's '06, Marty in his '69, and Paula and me in the '04.

There had been some predictions for rain on Saturday earlier in the week, but there was no rain that morning and it would turn out that there would be no rain at all on Saturday for our cruise.

As usually happens when enough of us get together, and even though we were parked at the back of the parking lot at the library, we attracted enough attention that the bank next door sent a teller over to see what we were up to.

With 8 GTO's and Harry's Lemans in a row, we left the library and headed up Main Street to Highway 79. We managed to hit the lights right and all 9 cars got onto 79 at the same time and we headed to our first stop. It was a great morning for a drive and we had the highway to ourselves for much of the cruise to our first stop in Clarksville. This stretch of the highway is really pretty this time of year and include passing through some great small towns along the way.

When we arrived at Clarksville, we ran into what turned out to be the only part of the event that did not go as planned. The plan for this stop was to stop at the viewing area a bit downstream of the dam and get a photo of all of the cars lined up in a row in the viewing area parking lot. That stop also has a restroom available for a mid cruise rest break. Paula and I had made this drive several times when planning this event and there was never anyone in this parking lot. On this particular Saturday, however, there was some sort of a national chili cookoff underway in the lot and it was packed. Fortunately the lot of the boat club next door was largely open, so we were able to park there. But we missed out on the planned photo. The photo below is the best we could do under the circumstances.



After a short stop in Clarksville, we were on our way north again for the second half of the drive up to Hannibal. This second stretch is a lot of fun to drive with lots of hills and curves so we all had a great time. Despite winding through some more small towns we managed to keep all 9 cars together, albeit with an occasional or two interlopers slipping into our convoy.





Once we arrived at Hannibal we headed straight for our lunch stop at Fiddelstiks. There we met up with the Finkenbinder's driving their '70 and their friends the Rapp's driving their '66 Tempest. This gave us a total of 22 Gateway GTO members and friends for the lunch stop.



Paula had arranged for our lunch in a private room with the management at Fiddelstiks and they were ready for us. They had a room that was the perfect size for our group and we had a pair of servers who were just excellent. I don't think I have ever seen a group of this size handled so efficiently and the food was great.

After lunch, Marty had to leave us to get back to St. Louis for a Saturday evening event, but the rest of us headed to downtown Hannibal for some sight seeing and activities.

Being that this was a Gateway GTO event, naturally most of us wound up at the local ice cream shop, Becky's Old fashioned Ice Cream. Afterwards, Paula and I went to the Mark Twain museum and others in the group did some of the other sights. Andrew and Cody decided to go







to the cave. That might have been the smartest move as it had gotten a bit warm in the afternoon and that cave was nice and cool from what they told us.

It was great wandering around downtown Hannibal and finding Gateway GTO's parked all over the place.



With our afternoon activities winding down we all gathered at the Mark Twain riverboat for our dinner cruise. Once we had everyone together we boarded the boat in one big group. When we got to the spot where they take souvenir photos, the photographer asked me how





many we had. I told him 21 and at first I don't think he believed me. Despite the large size of our group we were able to get gathered up and they got a great photo.

Paula had also made all of the arrangements with the river boat staff for the cruise and it was another awesome setup. They had all of us ground together along the windows near the band. The meal was excellent and because of these seats we got to see a lot of great scenery along the Mississippi during the trip.

After the cruise, Barb and Earl had to head back home to prepare for the big gender reveal. Most of the rest of us headed for our hotels for the night. It had been a nearly perfect day

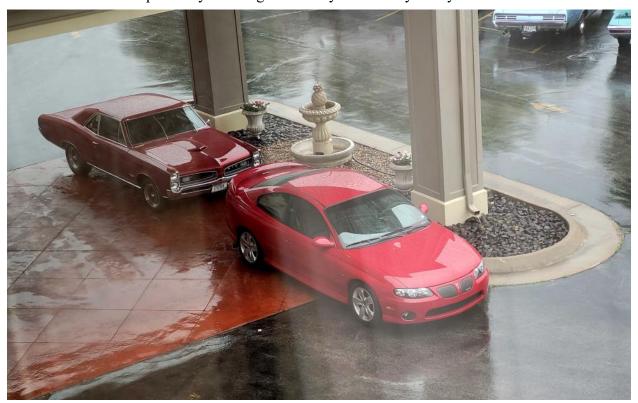






and the rain that they had talked about being a possibility for Saturday had held off. In short, the day could not have gone better.

Sunday turned out to be a bit of a different story. As seems to have become a recurring theme when we go on long distance trips, getting home presented a few issues. First up was the weather. We woke up Sunday morning to a steady moderately heavy rain.



Paula and I were heading back early, along with Tom and Terrie, in order to get back and then head to the chicken dinner. We dodged the rain as best we could under the hotel canopy to get loaded up and then started to head back. That is when my day went south. After nearly 20 years of faithful service, the clutch hydraulics on my 04 chose that morning to go south. As we pulled out of the hotel, I barely had enough clutch pedal to shift gears. I figured if I could just get it to Highway 61, then I could jam it into 6th and at least get it as far as the Main Street exit on Highway 70 in O'Fallon. That way, if I had to get a tow truck, it would only be for 2 miles! Luck was with me, however, and not only did we make it to 61, we had enough pedal left to limp it home and get the old girl in the garage and out of the weather.

And, as I later learned, we were not the only ones that suffered a problem on the way back. Harry was at the chicken dinner and he told me that he and Frank and Cheryl had to stop on the way home due to issues with the accelerator pump on Frank's judge. As is typical for those two, they take stuff like that in stride. They made a roadside repair and got back underway and made it the rest of the way home.

Overall I think it was a great event. As with a lot of things, I had the big idea, but Paula did all the work. Her planning and coordination up front was what brought this all together. We will have to get to work on something to top this next spring.......



Presidents Scoop



The President's Scoop

By Chris Winslow

June has been a busy month already between the cruise to Hannibal and also the big chicken dinner. But all of this is just a warmup for the big event this month, the GTOAA Nationals in Springfield.

As we have previously discussed, Gateway GTO is a Gold level sponsor this year, so when we arrive at the event we will see our logo on a huge banner at the hotel.

We are also the Host Chapter for this event, so we will need everyone to cover the slots that they signed up for and we may need a few folks to pick up an additional slot or two so that we make sure we have everything covered. Remember that if you work 2 or more slots during the convention, GTOAA will refund your registration fee. That is a pretty big deal.

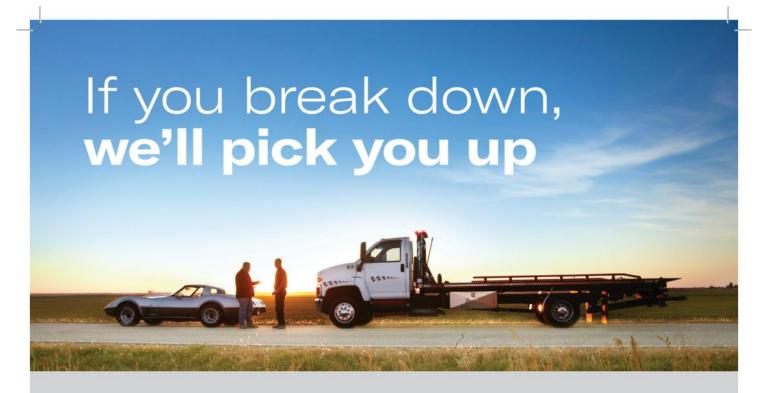
For those that are interested in a caravan up to Springfield, we are planning to meet at the Cracker Barrel at 2001 Formosa Road in Troy Illinois (62294) at 11:00 for a late breakfast or early lunch and then head to Springfield at noon. Speaking of the cruise up, Hagerty is once again stepping up to cover free roadside service for those of us on our way to the event. The next page in the newsletter has the details.

Of course, the really big social event for the convention will be our indoor parking lot party on Friday night. As we have previously announced, this year will have live entertainment like we did back in 2017. The music will be provided by Captain Rat and the Blind Rivets. This band's calling card is how much they interact with the crowd during the show, so it promises to be a lot of fun.

We are down to the final days to prepare for the convention. If you have not already registered or booked a hotel room, the time to do that is now. The host hotel is fully booked, but the backup hotel is right next door and it still has rooms. If you have any questions on any of this or have any registration problems, please give me or Tom Oxler a call.

I am looking forward to Gateway once again showing that we are by far the best chapter in GTOAA!





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Gateway GTO Meeting Minutes



Minutes 6/1/2023

7:02 PM – Meeting Start – New member Jeff Stehman in attendance. He has a 67' GTO.

7:03 – Old Business

The Immanuel Lutheran Car Show and Parade was good. We had good weather and 5 cars present.

The Model T Swap meet was good but didn't have as many booths as previous years.

7:05 – New Business

Trina from "Miracles N Progress" came in to talk about the "Superstars N' Supercars" event. This is a car show and cruise where children with cancer and other serious illnesses get to experience a Red Carpet affair. They choose which car they would like to ride to the event in. Last year they had over 3000 cars. This will take place on September 30th and runs from 10AM to 3PM. For more information check out www.miraclesnprogress.org or contact them at info@miraclesnprogress.org or trina@miraclesnprogress.org.org.

Chris Winslow briefly mentioned Pontiacs at Pigeon Forge and the Route 66 Festival in Lebanon, MO.

Chris Winslow gave more details about the Hannibal Cruise, taking place on the weekend of June 10th.

He spoke about the Gateway Classic Cars "Cars and Coffee" event occurring on July 29th. Gateway GTO association will be the special guests. If we get at least 10 cars to attend, then we will receive a \$200 donation. Chris will be out of town, but Brian O'Sullivan is planning on attending. Contact him if you are interested in cruising over together. He is currently planning on meeting at the McDonalds at Westport Plaza.

Chris talked about the Illinois State Fair Display in Springfield Ill from 11AM to 3PM on August 19th. Anyone interested in attending the show at the fair will receive 2 free tickets. Contact Chris.

7:18 – Upcoming Events

6/27-7/1 – GTOAA Nationals in Springfield Ill.

7/21-7/23 – Tri-Power Nationals

7/29 – Gateway GTO Day at Gateway Classic Cars

7:20 - GTOAA

Dan Jackson still needs 10 volunteer spots filled for the Nationals.

Tom Oxler mentioned that if you sign up for two slots then you get free registration. He also said that we currently have 270 registrants but we are expecting around 330. There are rooms still available. He also thanked the club for approving to help run the 2024 Nationals in Springfield MO, the Wichita club will also assist. More info to come.

Chris spoke about the parking lot party.

7:26 - Tech

Will Bowers had a fan problem during a meet up at Firebird Fest. He was overheating due to the fans blowing fuses. Tom Oxler helped rewire the fans.

Chris Winslow ran into a coyote on the way home from Firebird Fest. He initially didn't see any damage but found some spider web cracks near his fog light. Reportedly the coyote was just standing in the road holding a sign that said "Yikes!" right before it was hit.



Craig Glenn talked about the upcoming St. Charles County Fair on July 27th

Earl Lewis brought in another Hagerty referral check for the club.

John Grissom talked about his Family Farm cruise and camping trip coming up in October.

7:43 – Personals

Kerry Friedman has started his radiation treatments.

Saundra Melrose is continuing her recovery she is doing much better and is planning on attending the Hannibal Cruise.

Tootie May is doing much better after her surgery.

7:47 – Motion to Adjourn by Tom Fox, seconded by Craig Glenn.

50/50 of \$28 won by Donna Bowers

Tom Oxler won the bonus drawing.





44th ANNUAL GTOAA NATIONALS

JUNE 27 - JULY 1, 2023

CROWNE PLAZA HOTEL & CONVENTION CENTER, SPRINGFIELD, IL SCHEDULE OF EVENTS – Subject to change



Draft: 05/24/2023 SPEAKER SESSIONS: RUBY ROOM

Monday, June 26		Thursday (co	Thursday (cont'd)	
All Day	Early Staff Arrivals	3:00-4:00	*Speaker Session: Dick Smart;	
5:15	Board/Staff Meeting Lincoln Rm.		Headlight Conversions	
Tuesday, J	lune 27	4:00-5:00 I	Kids Make & Take Model Building	
9:00 am	Northern Arrivals-Chicago area	1	Ilinois Room	
9:00 am	Southern Arrivals-St. Louis area	7pm	*Speaker Session: Pat Sullivan, 30th	
9:00 am	Eastern Arrivals, Indiana/Ohio Areas		Anniversary of Dazed & Confused Movie.	
All Day:	Western Arrivals, Wichita Area	Builder of movie Car.		
8:00-5:00	-	Friday, June 30		
	Registration Open, Tech/Photo	6:00-5:00	Car Wash Open	
12:00-5:00		9:00-1:00	Popular Voting, Ballots Due 1PM	
Wadnasda	ay, June 28		DJ until 2PM	
6:00-5:00	Car Wash Open	10:00-12:00		
8:00-5:00	•		Wasyliw Doug Warble; New Gen Tech	
8:00-5:00		1:00-3:00	*Speaker Session: Jay Fitzsimmons;	
0.00 3.00	Model Car Displays		New Gen GTO Roots	
8:30-4:30	Bus Trip to St. Louis /Arch/River Boat	2:00-5:00	Bus Tour: Craft Beer- Lunch on own	
0.50 4.50	Cruise Includes box lunch	2:00-3:00	Model Car Judging	
10:00-12:0	00 *Speaker Session- Jim Mattison;	3:00-5:00	*Speaker Session: Arnie Beswick;	
	Faces of GM	7.00.40.00	Racing Q&A	
1:00-2:30	*Speaker Session- I.O.R.T. RT 66	7:00-10:00	AMES /Gateway GTOs: Groovy Ball	
2.00	Scenic Byway Representative		Room Bash with Band: Banquet Room	
3:00-4:00	*Speaker Session: Randy Pribyl;		FREE ADMISSION	
	Auto Detailing		<u>Cash Food</u> - <u>Cash bar</u>	
4:00-5:00	Concours Owner's Meeting	Saturday, Ju	-	
5:00-6:00	Concours Judge's Meeting	8:00-4:00	Car Cruise to Pontiac, Oakland	
7:00-8:00	Concours Judges Training		Museum - includes lunch	
Thursday,	lune 29	8:00-10:00	Chapter Awards: President's Brunch	
6:00-5:00		10:00-2:00	Street Legends Cruise to Wilkerson's	
7:30-8:30			Garage & Motorheads with FREE Car	
8:00-5:00	-	40.00.40.00	Show at Motorheads	
8:00-5:00		10:30-12:00		
8:30-finish		1.00 2.00	Mecum Auctions	
8:30-finish		1:00-3:00	*Speaker Session: OPEN Gateway-Ladies Make & Take	
	2nd floor	1:00-3:00	July 4 decorations	
9:00-2:00	Route 66 Cruise to Litchfield, IL.	5:00-6:00	Awards Happy Hour	
	Lunch included	6:00-7:00	Awards Dinner	
10:00-12:00	*Speaker Session: Kevin Beal;	7:00-9:30	Awards	
	NOS/Restoration parts			
1:00-2:30	*Speaker Session: Steven Paul;	Sunday July		
	Values & Conditions of Collectors	7:00am	Indoor Cars released	
2:00-4:00	Ladies "bedazzle your flip flops"			
	Illinois Room			

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26TH ANNUAL Walter F. Phillips Memorial **Old Cars Against Cancer**

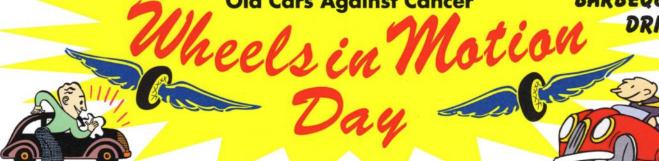
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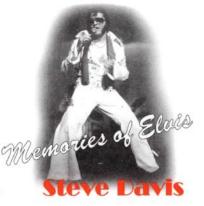
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Will's Address:

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/Signi	ficant Other):				
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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:

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2023 GATEWAY GTO CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June

26 - July 1st - GTOAA Nationals in Springfield

July

- 6 GTO MEETING 7PM at Gingham's
- 21-23 Tri Power Nationals
- 27 Nostalgia Car Show at St. Charles County Fair—Rotary Park in Wentzville
- 29 Gateway GTO Day at Gateway Classic Cars

August

- 3 GTO MEETING 7PM at Gingham's
- 19 Illinois State Fair Display

September

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

SEE THE FULL CALENDAR AT <u>WWW.GATEWAYGTO.ORG</u>

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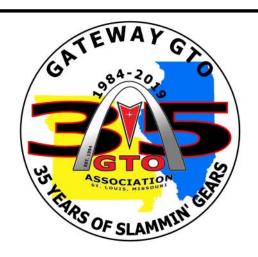
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Gateway GTO Club Information

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.





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