

THE HOOD SCOOP

May 2023

Immanuel Lutheran Parade by Chris Winslow



A few years ago, Earl Lewis got Gateway GTO starting participating in the annual parade at Immanuel Lutheran Church in St. Charles. Our role has been to provide cars for the parade to transport veterans and also church officials from the church over to church picnic at Blanchette Park.

For this year we had Frank and Cheryl Chapman, Jim and Shelly Schneider, and Earl Lewis. I was also there, but in the Trans Am since the GTO was down with a leaky radiator.

This year saw an increase in the number of veterans. Covid had damped the turnout in '21 and '22 but this year there a few more veterans and we had the privilege to transport 3 of them.

Like last year, we were once again able to toss candy to the folks lining the streets to see the parade. The crowds at the church and along the route were even larger than 2022 and the crowd at Blanchette Park was huge. There was some assistance on that front by mother nature as the weather was absolutely perfect for the event.

This year the Schneiders led us out driving their 66 Bonneville, followed by me in the 98 Trans Am, Frank and Cheryl in their Judge and Earl in his '67 GTO.

This is a really worthwhile event as it allows us to showcase the club while at the same time giving some of our veterans a well deserved moment in the spotlight.





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Presidents Scoop





The President's Scoop

By Chris Winslow

June is upon us and it is a big month. First up (after our meeting on June 1st at Gingham's) is our cruise to Hannibal. We will cruise in our GTOs from O'Fallon, MO on the "Little Dixie Highway" (Route 79) to Hannibal for lunch and afternoon activities. We will then attend a cruise on the Mark Twain Riverboat that will include dinner and dancing in the evening. The details are on the flyer included with this newsletter. Everyone that wants to go on the dinner cruise needs to make their own reservations, so please do so if you have not already. The details are on the flyer along with recommendations for a hotel if you would like to spend the night in Hannibal after the dinner cruise.

The morning after our Hannibal cruise is the annual chicken dinner at Terry and Gail's church (St. Thomas United Church of Christ on 17842 Wild Horse Creek Road) You don't want to miss that! I have included the flyer for that event in the newsletter as well.

Of course, the really big event for June is the GTOAA National Convention. By now everyone should be registered and have their rooms booked. If not please do it right away. We also still need to fill a few worker slots, so if you have not already signed up, please contact Dan Jackson to pick up a few slots. Like we did in 2017, Gateway is planning a huge indoor parking lot party for Friday evening. We are going to have live music like we did in 2017. This time around the band is going to be Captain Rat and the Blind Rivets. The theme for the party is Groovy Ballroom Bash. Of course, there is always a lot to do at the Nats. I have also included in the newsletter the latest schedule of events with all of the details.

One request at the May meeting was to set up a caravan to Springfield on Monday for the convention. With the Hen House now permanently closed, my recommendation is that we 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 plan to head to Springfield at noon.

In July the big event will be the Gateway GTO Day at the Cars and Coffee cruise in at Gateway Classic Cars in O'Fallon IL. That is on the 29th. We will want to have a really good turn out for that event since they are putting it on in our honor, so please mark your calendars for that weekend.

We have also been invited to put on a display at the Illinois State Fair in Springfield on August 19th. For that event they are looking for 10 cars. It is a Route 66 themed display, so for this one I think we will want to have mostly classic GTOs to go with the theme. If that is something you would be interested in, please let me know.







Gateway GTO Meeting Minutes



Minutes 5/4/2023

7:03 PM – Meeting Start – No new members in attendance.

Old Business

Chris Winslow talked about the Forest Park Easter Show.

Earl Lewis talked about the Family Arena Easter Show. There were over 700 cars there. He also spoke about the Wings and Wheels Fly-In show. He said it was a great time.

7:09 PM - New Business

Chris Winslow talked about the Immanuel Lutheran Parade and the Hannibal Cruise.

Chris made a quick mention on Gateway GTO dues. If you are behind on them, please send it to Will Bowers. He also gave some details on the ladies' shirts for the Nationals parking lot party, and he had suggestions for the men's attire.

Chris informed the club that the GTOAA has asked the Gateway GTO Association to co-host the 2024 Nationals with the Wichita club. They currently only have 10 active members, which (as anyone who has run one of these in the past should know) isn't nearly enough people. For helping out, we will be given a portion of the proceeds from the event. He asked those in attendance if that was acceptable, and the reception was positive.

7:17 PM – Upcoming Events

6/2-6/4 - Pontiacs at Pidgeon Forge

6/3 - Route 66 Festival in Lebanon

6/10 – Gateway GTO Cruise to Hannibal

6/11 – Chicken Dinner at St. Thomas United Church of Christ

6/27-7/1 – GTOAA Nationals in Springfield Illinois

7/29 – Gateway GTO Day at Gateway Classic Cars

Steve Hedrick talked about the Model T Swap meet held on May 7th

7:23 PM – GTOAA

Chris Winslow talked about the upcoming Nationals and possible caravans up to Springfield.

7:31 PM – Tech

Mark Melrose talked about a catastrophic engine failure in his GTO due to a broken crank shaft. The block is unsalvageable.

Chris Winslow finally got his 2023 GMC Acadia back from the shop only to find that there is a recall for his vehicle that can cause the drive shafts to drop out while driving. There is a national back order for the parts, so the Acadia is grounded until the parts come in.

7:41 PM – Club Personals

Tootie May is recovering from surgery

Kerry Friedman was diagnosed with prostate cancer. Through a blood test he caught it early in stage 1. He will begin radiation treatment soon.

Mark Melrose said that Saundra is doing well.

John Grissom gave some more details on his cruise/camp-out coming up in October.

7:54 – Motion to Adjourn by Paula Winslow, seconded by John Taylor.

50/50 of \$40 won by Jim Schneider, he gave it back to the club.

Paula Winslow won a GTO cup in a second drawing.

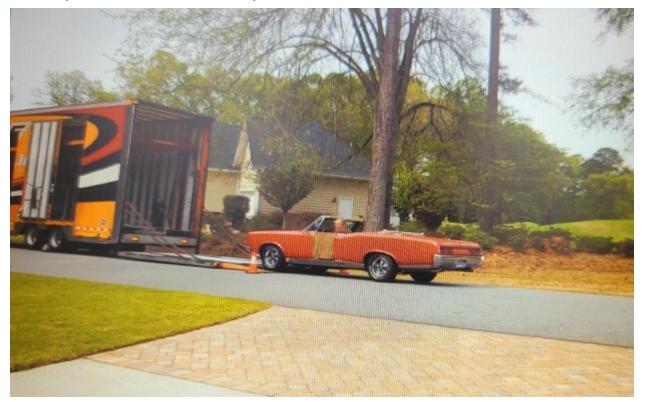


AS THE ODOMETER TURNS, WITH GERTIE THE GOAT By Ima Poadie (aka Dabhie Arzberger)

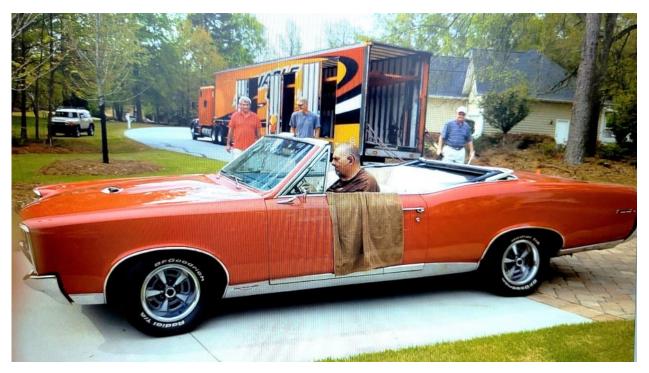
By Ima Roadie (aka Debbie Arzberger)

What does a Tugboat Captain do when he retires? He buys a big boat, of course, and joins a yacht club! We enjoyed a fabulous 5 years boating on the Intracoastal Waterway, and on the high seas with a group of fellow boaters (all in a line) heading to destinations in the Keys, the Bahamas, or to various Intracoastal marinas. We met and played hard with such a wonderful group of fun loving, water traveling Scalawags. Alas this too came to an end when we followed 2 of our grandchildren to North Carolina to the Asheville area. The mountains were beautiful, but we still had that wanderlust feeling and started contemplating what our next form of entertainment would be. While thinking about it a couple more years passed, and we now lived in South Carolina on Lake Greenwood with a pontoon boat. The Tugboat Captain, "Tug", was busy going through car magazines trying to possibly find a traveling car of some sort with which we could join a car club and travel about meeting new friends and seeing new places.

Now what does a Tugboat Captain do? He buys a 1967 GTO Convertible in Colorado, sight un seen! "Gertie The Goat" arrived at our house on Lake Greenwood in a big Reliable Carrier van on April 12, 2017. The neighborhood men were all on the lookout for her arrival, and came right over to watch the unveiling, so to speak, when she made her grand entrance driving down the ramp at the stern of the van. But she wouldn't start. The truck driver cranked and cranked – no start – Oh what a bummer! Crank ... crank ... crank ... sputter ... sputter ... sputter ... cough ... cough ... SHE STARTS! Oh Boy! The mini crowd was waiting with anticipation and big smiles as they heard the sound of her revving engine inside the van. Then, slowly she appeared backing down the ramp, her white top was making a perfect contrast to her bright red body. WOW, she's gorgeous! All gasped at her beauty! Slowly ... slowly ... inch by inch, more of her body was visible ... the mini crowd went silent. Cough ... crank ... crank ... crank ... as we all hold our breath, she starts again and completes the trip across the street and into the driveway. Gee Wilkins, she's a beauty!







This was almost a blast from the past for Tug and me. We happened to have dated in Tug's then 1965 maroon hard top GTO back in 1970. Nothing like dating a guy in a muscle car!! With the arrival of "Gertie", we now had another GTO and had come full circle, but with a convertible this time, Joy ... Oh Joy!

Buying "Gertie" has turned out to be one of the best things we have done in our 52 years of marriage (well, except for our 3 children)! Once we had a car, now we needed to find a car club to join to travel and have fun with. This is where the GTOAA came into our lives and will soon be the source of many "Gertie the Goat" adventures, as told by this trusty little old reporter, Ima Roadie!

Be on the lookout for future installments of her many back-road adventures in "As the Odometer Turns, With Gertie the Goat", By Ima Roadie.

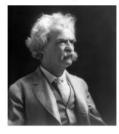




GATEWAY GTO HANNIBAL CRUISE JUNE 10, 2023

Cruise Schedule

- Leave from the Deer Run Library in O'Fallon (1300 N Main)- Meet at 9am, depart at 9:30am
- Take Main Street to Highway 79 North
- Mid Cruise Stop Clarksville Lock and Dam Arrive by 10:30am, depart by 11:00 (Restroom on site)
 - If needed, there is a Shell gas station 10 miles from Clarksville in Louisiana, MO (Not currently planning mid cruise gas stop - Cruisers are strongly encouraged to arrive with a full tank)
- Lunch will be at Fiddlestiks in Hannibal at 12:30pm Address - 8945 US-36 - Gateway has reserved a room for the lunch, cruisers will pay for their own lunches
- After lunch activities will be at cruiser's choice
- 2 Hours Riverboat Dinner cruise on Mark Twain Riverboat: 6:30 – 8:30 - <u>Members wanting to attend</u> <u>the Dinner Cruise MUST make a reservation in ad-</u> <u>vance</u> - To make a reservation contact Mark Twain Riverboat at <u>573-221-3222</u> - Tell them you are with the Gateway GTO Car Club, Cost is \$54.95 per person
- For those that want to spend the night in Hannibal after the cruise, the recommended hotel is the Quality Inn - For reservations call (573) 221-4001





GATEWAY GTO HANNIBAL CRUISE

Possible Afternoon Activities:

- Mark Twain Boyhood Home and Museum -<u>www.marktwainmuseum.org</u>
- Mark Twain Cave and Winery -<u>www.marktwaincave.com</u>
- Shopping in Downtown Hannibal -<u>www.historichannibalmo.com/shopping</u>
- Rockcliffe Mansion <u>www.rockcliffemansion.com</u>
- For other options see: <u>www.visithannibal.com</u>



ST. THOMAS UCC CHICKEN DINNER

Sunday, June 11, 2023 Dine In: 11am - 3pm Carry Out: 11am - 4pm

MENU

Our Famous Fried Chicken

- Dine In: All-you-can-eat
- Carry Out: Half chicken

Homemade Potato Salad Homemade Coleslaw Slow Simmered Green Beans Assorted Pies, Cakes, Desserts Adults \$15 Kids \$7 Cash & check accepted

17842 Wild Horse Creek Rd Chesterfield, MO 63005 1.5 miles west of Long Rd 2 miles east of Hwy 109

For more information: stthomasucc.org 636-532-3556 ucc.st.thomas@gmail.com





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44th ANNUAL GTOAA NATIONALS

JUNE 27 - JULY 1, 2023

CROWNE PLAZA HOTEL & CONVENTION CENTER, SPRINGFIELD, IL

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS – Subject to change



Monday, June 26					
All Day	Early Staff Arrivals				
5:15	Board/Staff Meeting Lincoln Rm.				
Tuesday, June 27					
9:00 am	Northern Arrivals-Chicago area				
9:00 am	Southern Arrivals-St. Louis area				
9:00 am	Eastern Arrivals, Indiana/Ohio Areas				
All Day:	Western Arrivals, Wichita Area				
8:00-5:00	Swap Meet/Vendor/Model Car Setup				
	Registration Open, Tech/Photo				
12:00-5:00	Car Wash Open				
Wednesday, June 28					
6:00-5:00	Car Wash Open				
8:00-5:00	Registration Open, Tech/Photo				
8:00-5:00	Swap Meet, Vendors, Display Cars,				
	Model Car Displays				
8:30-4:30	Bus Trip to St. Louis /Arch/River Boat				
	Cruise Includes box lunch				
10:00-12:00 *Speaker Session- Jim Mattison;					
	Faces of GM				
1:00-2:30	*Speaker Session- I.O.R.T. RT 66				
	Scenic Byway Representative				
3:00-4:00	*Speaker Session: Randy Pribyl;				
	Auto Detailing				
4:00-5:00	Concours Owner's Meeting				
5:00-6:00	Concours Judge's Meeting				
7:00-8:00	Concours Judges Training				
Thursday, June 29					
6:00-5:00	Car Wash Open				
7:30-8:30	Judges Breakfast Meeting				
8:00-5:00	Registration Open, Tech/Photo				
8:00-5:00	Swap Meet, Vendors, Display Cars				
8:30-finish	Concours Judging				
8:30-finish	Concours Tabulation, Opal Room,				
	2nd floor				
9:00-2:00	Route 66 Cruise to Litchfield, IL.				
	Lunch included				
10:00-12:00	*Speaker Session: Kevin Beal;				
	NOS/Restoration parts				
1:00-2:30	*Speaker Session: Steven Paul;				
	Values & Conditions of Collectors				
2:00-4:00	Ladies "bedazzle your flip flops"				

Illinois Room

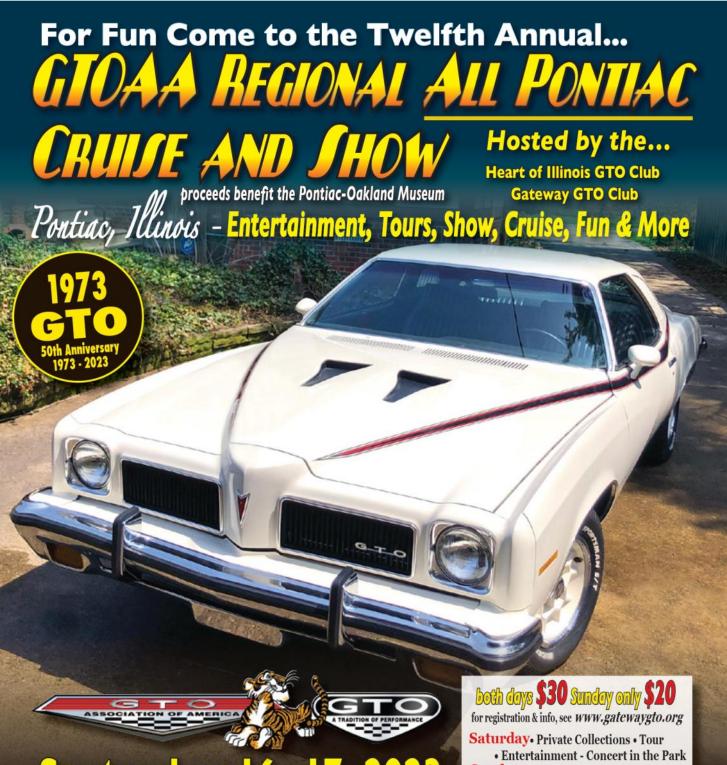
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SPEAKER SESSIONS: RUBY ROOM

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Thursday (co	nťd)				
3:00-4:00 *	Speaker Session: Dick Smart;				
	Headlight Conversions				
4:00-5:00 K	ds Make & Take Model Building				
	llinois Room				
-	Speaker Session: Pat Sullivan, 30th				
	Anniversary of Dazed & Confused Movie.				
Builder of movie Car.					
Friday, June 30					
	Car Wash Open				
9:00-1:00	Popular Voting, Ballots Due 1PM DJ until 2PM				
10:00-12:00	*Speaker Session: Chris Winslow Walt				
	Wasyliw Doug Warble; New Gen Tech				
1:00-3:00	*Speaker Session: Jay Fitzsimmons;				
	New Gen GTO Roots				
2:00-5:00	Bus Tour: Craft Beer- Lunch on own				
2:00-3:00	Model Car Judging				
3:00-5:00	*Speaker Session: Arnie Beswick;				
	Racing Q&A				
7:00-10:00	AMES /Gateway GTOs: Groovy Ball				
	Room Bash with Band: Banquet Room				
	FREE ADMISSION				
	Cash Food - Cash bar				
Saturday, July 1					
8:00-4:00	Car Cruise to Pontiac, Oakland				
	Museum - includes lunch				
8:00-10:00	Chapter Awards: President's Brunch				
10:00-2:00	Street Legends Cruise to Wilkerson's				
	Garage & Motorheads with FREE Car				
	Show at Motorheads				
10:30-12:00	*Speaker Session: John Kraman;				
	Mecum Auctions				
1:00-3:00	*Speaker Session: OPEN				
1:00-3:00	Gateway-Ladies Make & Take				
	July 4 decorations				
5:00-6:00	Awards Happy Hour				
6:00-7:00	Awards Dinner				
7:00-9:30	Awards				
Sunday July 2					
7:00am	Indoor Cars released				







September 16 - 17, 2023

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Brian Sorensen 630-991-1465 bsorensen1@comcast.net

- Sunday All Pontiac Car Show
 - Expanded Classes
 Special Displays

Hotels

- Hampton Inn 815-844-4400 • Quality Inn 815-844-4444
- Super 8 815-844-6888 • Best Western 815-842-2777

Pontiac-Oakland Museum • 205 N. Mill Street - Pontiac, Illinois 61764 • Phone - 815-842-2345 • www.pontiacoaklandmuseum.org



<u>Gateway GTO</u> 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 <u>Will's Address:</u> 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



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GATEWAY GTO ASSOCIATION

Membership/Renewal Form (Please print clearly)

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Associate Name (Spouse/Si	ignificant Other):			
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Home Phone: ()		Cell Phone: ()	
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You are allowed one Gateway GTO Member Go to <u>WWW.GTO</u> A	s must also be me	(spouse, signi embers in goo	d standing with	n GTOAA



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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: Phone: 636-928-5548 Email: toxler@prodigy.net





2023 GATEWAY GTO CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June

- 1 GTO MEETING 7PM at Gingham's
- 2-4 Pontiac at Pigeon Forge
- 2 Route 66 Festival in Lebanon, MO
- 10 Gateway GTO Hannibal Cruise (See flyer in this newsletter)
- 26 July 1st GTOAA Nationals in Springfield

July

- 6 GTO MEETING 7PM at Gingham's
- 21-23 Tri Power Nationals
- 29 Gateway GTO Day at Gateway Classic Cars

August

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

SEE THE FULL CALENDAR AT WWW.GATEWAYGTO.ORG

Gateway GTO Classifieds



(314) 838-5533

Jon's Tri-Power Service

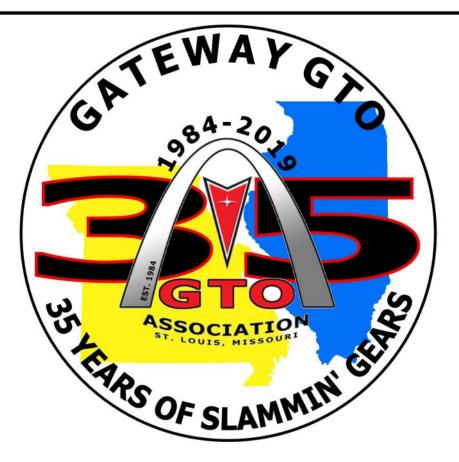
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Gateway GTO Association Photo Album

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.

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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.



The Gateway GTO Association is an official chapter of the GTO Association of America www.gtoaa.org

Visit us at www.gatewaygto.org or www.gatewaygto.com



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