



THE HOOD SCOOP

September 2018

7th Annual GTOAA Regional All Pontiac Event

By Barb Lewis

Gateway GTO
Association



DO YOU BELIEVE IN TIME TRAVEL?

Take the remote in your hand – sit down and hit rewind

Picture this? The entire family is sitting in front of the TV watching the Andy Griffith Show (without a cell phone in their hand)? That’s how I will start to explain the town of Pontiac, Illinois and our time travel back to the **GOOD OL’ DAYS**.

For those who don’t remember or for those not born in that era and only hear stories from their parents and grandparents of how different life was– if you want to experience that feeling – then - you need to take a trip and join us for a weekend of memories and live that era of the **GOOD OL’ DAYS**.

Again, the Gateway GTO is hosting the 7th annual event with the proceeds benefiting the Pontiac Oakland Museum. We start our trip by a group of us meeting at the Hen House for lunch on Friday and others meeting



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7th Annual GTOAA Regional All Pontiac Event



us in Pontiac later that evening, as we begin our journey back in time for a weekend of fun and yes - work. I have to SLAM ON THOSE BRAKES – STOP - and say that we have such an amazing Club who participates in activities

and who join together as friends and not just to have fun but to work and donate their time and are always willing to go the extra mile – they deserve a big shout out – “THANK YOU”



Terry, has called ahead to reserve the upstairs at Bernardi’s for Friday night dinner.



This is where the weekend begins on who is going to be where and do what and help here and there. So set your alarm because in the morning –

LET THE SHOW BEGIN

It’s Saturday morning and registration is open





Getting together with old and new friends and setting up for registrations was the first step -- again Mark and Sandra Melrose took control with the help from Gail, Paula and Bev for two days of registering over 200 cars.



Other members helped with directing cars - folding t- shirts – counting ballots – and filling in when needed and taking photos. So the weekend begins, seeing old and new friends and just visiting and catching up with other car enthusiast - who just like us – enjoy gathering together and showing off their amazing classic cars – amazing muscle cars - and yes amazing works in progress. They spend hours detailing – going for that trophy after the final count of votes on Sunday afternoon - and loving every minute of this weekend spent with their car – family and friends. They enjoy all spectators and other car owners who walk by and comment how beautiful and amazing their car is – and how many times have you heard those words spoken - “I had one just like that back in the day. It starts a whole new conversation. It makes the past a reality and people do travel back to those days when they revved that engine and laid that rubber. You hear stories about their experiences back in the day. So now I ask you,” Do you believe in time travel?” So you see, all this is more than about cars – it’s about people coming together and sharing life.



Behind me is the Pontiac Oakland Museum - where you will be in awe and believe these cars just came off the show room floor – amazing displays of years gone by and a library filled with every Pontiac publication that could be found. And did I mention “Free” - but a donation is always appreciated - and “O - look”, there’s Barney Fife coming in the door now –and can’t you just hear him welcoming everyone and hear the excitement of the weekend in his voice.



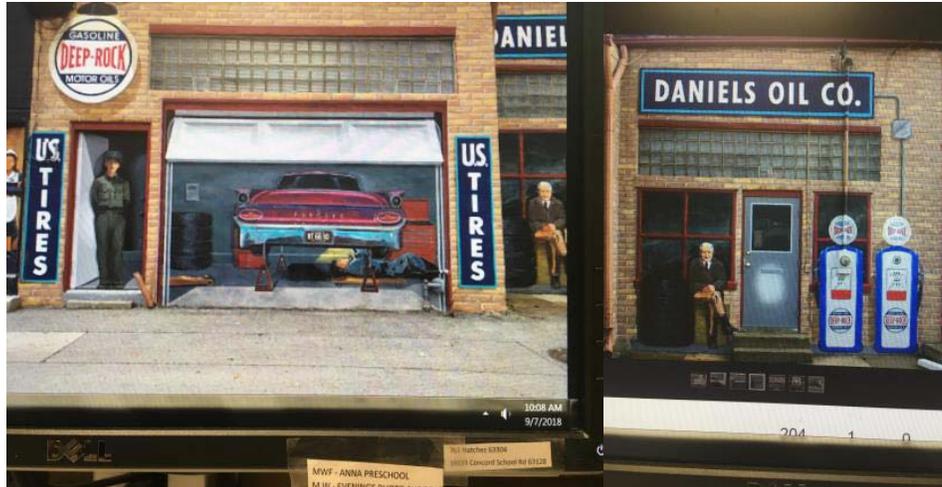
As you leave the Museum - now look straight ahead and there is the Town Square and in the middle sits the “Livingston County Seat Court House” first opened in 1875. Now that takes you back in time.





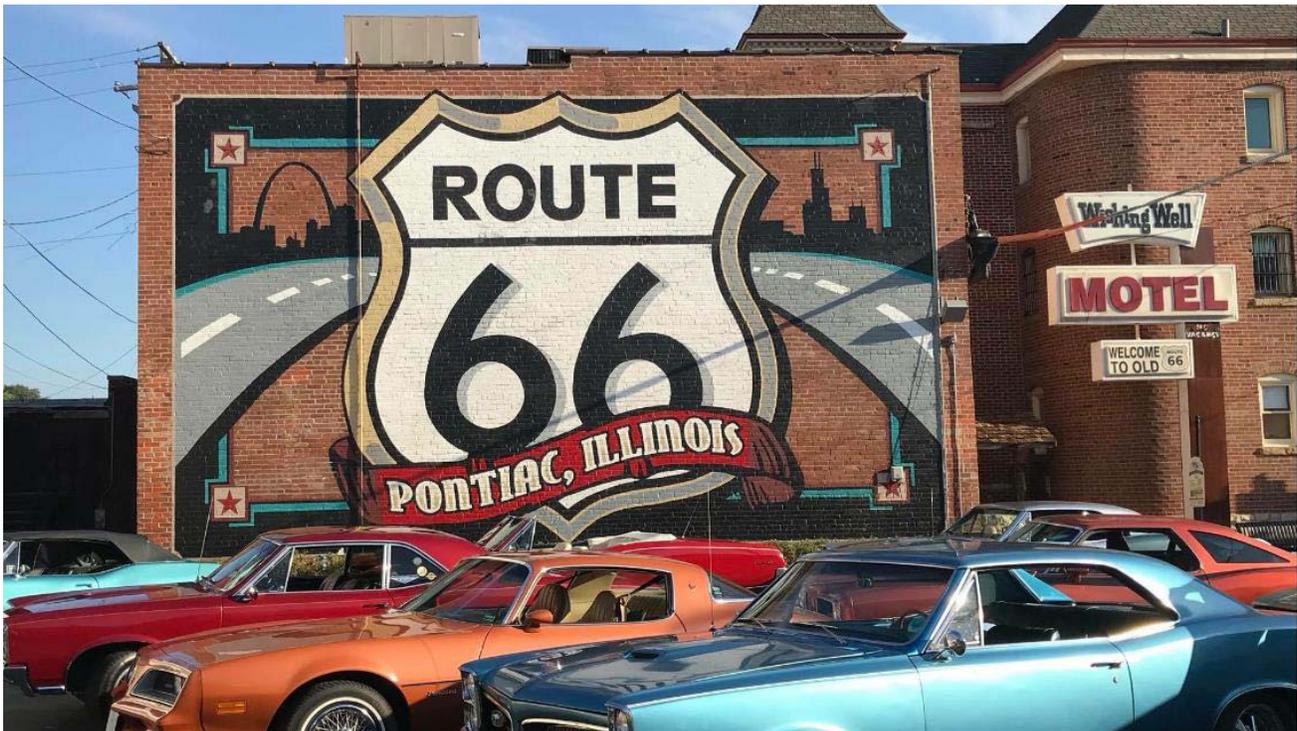
Soon cars will be found parked on all 4 sides and in adjacent parking lots just waiting for the weekend to start –In fact the activities are just beginning – A small farmers market is setting up – A DJ is starting to play oldies... Did I mention they close the streets around the town square for this event? People are starting to wander around and setting up there chairs – wiping any dust that may have landed on that hood – and others just beginning to explore the town. I do believe I just saw Andy Griffith walking with the Mayor Bob and Opie is tailing behind making sure everyone feels welcome. I think that Andy and Barney won't have any problems with this crowd this weekend. I call this town "My Trip back to Mayberry USA."





Don't forget while walking around the town to find all the murals that were painted on the buildings by the Walldogs – they are amazing and all over the town of times gone by - and notice the little cars parked on every corner. You'll always find kids and/or adults sitting in these for their picture and remember to drive your car over a block and take a picture of it parked on the brick under the famous

“ROUTE 66 SIGN”





While you in that area make sure you visit the Route 66 Hall of Fame Museum that is filled with nostalgic relics from The Mother Road. - There's also the Livingston County War Museum filled with manikins wearing uniforms and cases of guns and swords and relics found and donated by family members – so much history. You can tour on your own or listen on a head set the history behind the men who wore these uniforms or just talk to the volunteers as they are filled with knowledge – it's all quite amazing. Remember, I said – “This is all free” but don't hesitate to donate a little as I said before “It's appreciated”. And always, remember they gave us the freedom to be here. Take walk thru Bob Waldmire's Road Yacht parked behind the Route 66 Museum. This is amazing in itself.



You ask, “What else is there to do?” – well, let's jump on the “Free” trolley that runs around town and you'll get your history lesson of Pontiac—you can jump off and on where you can visit historic homes –the old jail - walk across the swinging bridge – visit the shops in town – spend time in other museums and see other exhibits of life in the past – stop in for a glass of wine – eat at one of the restaurants – sit outside and have a drink and just visit with friends. And would you believe to top this day off: Here comes Aunt Bee and Opie – she's telling everyone that tonight (Saturday) we're invited for a Famous Fried Chicken dinner from Bernardi's followed by an Ice Cream Social – and a great talk with pictures of the many stops along Route 66 and come Monday morning the cruise from Pontiac to California begins.

It's Saturday morning and cars are lining up for the Saturday cruise. Weather is beautiful and has totally cooperated this weekend. Headed out of town our first stop is Joe Cleary's Collection of any and everything you can imagine. Would the TV Show the Pickers love this place?



Then after everyone was in awe we headed for Lunch at the Cherry Red Roasters BBQ. All you could eat BBQ pulled pork – beans and potato salad for \$10 – and it held all 100 of us with no problem.



From here we left for two more stops to see - Dave Boomgarden's and Lynn Franz collections.

The first was various old tractors from 1913 and up - and he explained in March he recruits his friends and they take them all out of the barns and actually run them. There were various types of old farm machinery with some restored and some in the process.



The last 2 stops we found other classic cars and trucks and various other collectables waiting to show off their history and times past. Also in one area was layout of rooms decorated with actual furniture and items which came from their own families dating back to the early 1900's.

Arriving back in town around 3:30 everyone got ready to head to the park for the Saturday night Fried Chicken dinner including an ice cream social. We then were given a very informative presentation of Route 66 with many pictures which a lot of us will see as we pull out of town on Monday morning for our **"Adventures on Route 66"**.

Saturday evening wouldn't be complete without our "Apple Pie"



Sunday at 8 am they were lines for registration and once again a perfect day for another successful regional car show and cruise. Earl and Ashley actually ran out of time selling 50/50 – next year they will recruit a couple more for the sales team. They did sell \$666 which ½ went to the Pontiac Museum and the other half split to have 2 winners. Then 1st – 2nd and 3rd places were awarded along with other special awards. Our club again brought a couple home.

So we end another successful Regional Event and on Monday Morning – Mayor "Bob" and Tim waved to those leaving on the Route 66 Cruise to California.



HAPPY TRAILS TO YOU – UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN -- AND SAFE TRAVELS TO ALL



Presidents Scoop

The Presidents Scoop

By Terry Schott

September is here and I hope you all had a great Labor Day. We just had a couple of great events in August. The Meals for a million on Saturday, August 25 was a lot of fun. Everyone there seemed to like it, and there was already discussion about doing it again next year. There will be an article in this newsletter explaining how it works. The event didn't quite make their million meals, but still did a great job. Last year they did 670,000 meals and this year's total came to 900,294, which is just over 34% more. Thank you to all who participated. It's great to help out with the local hunger problem and it only took a couple of hours to help make a positive impact.

Our club picnic on Sunday, August 26, was also a great success. It was plenty warm for sure. We had to move it earlier in the year than normal due to the Street Legends Cruise that is starting right after the Pontiac Regional event and will actually take about 3 weeks to complete. My compliments to Master Chef Chris Simmons as well as the other 2 major assistants, Tony Bezzole and Rich Vie. There was plenty of food for all and as usual it was delicious. Thanks to Barb and Earl Lewis for providing the washer games again this year. Thank you to Laura Kiefer for helping keep the brackets all correct. This year's winning team was Gail Schott and Tom Oxler.

Our Wheels in Motion car show was held on Sunday, September 9. Although the weather was predicted to be clearing on Sunday, it started out with very heavy mist and wet roads. In spite of the conditions, Gateway was out in force totaling approximately 14 cars. The gate was pretty slow, but as the day went on, it did clear off and the sun came out and so did more cars. A count around 12:30 showed around 112 cars, which is down from a typical show, but not bad considering how the weather started out the day. A word of thanks to all who helped to make the show a success, from manning the gate to running the raffle.

In spite of the diminished crowd, our raffle actually made about \$85 more this year than last year. Our final count was \$1385 for the National Children's Cancer Society. A special thanks to all of you who donated and acquired donations of raffle items.

One especially bright spot in the day was when one super excited little boy put all of his tickets into the bucket for the "Cars" bike, and one of his tickets was drawn. Everyone cheered and clapped with joy for him.

Another bright moment was when a family on vacation from Israel stopped by to look at the cars and the raffle table. The 2 young boys really wanted to win the Star Wars Character collection. Again, they also wanted it so much, that they put all of their tickets in that bucket. They did not win. But when Barb Lewis approached Frank Chapman, whose ticket





Presidents Scoop



was drawn, with the possibility of her purchasing it from him to give to the boys, Frank generously donated it to them. It's all of the good people in this club that make me proud to be a part of it.

Our regional event in Pontiac, IL is being held Saturday and Sunday, September 15 & 16. It's always a great event and we really need everyone's support and help. A group of us will be meeting around 11 AM at the Hen House at I-270 and IL Rt. 111 to eat lunch. The group plans to leave at noon to caravan to Pontiac, IL. Feel free to join them for lunch, or you can just meet around noon to drive up with the group.

On Sunday after the show, several people will be driving back while others will stay to start the Street Legends Route 66 Cruise on Monday. Other people will join the cruise as it passes thru St. Louis on Tuesday, September 18. The club will be supplying St. Louis foods to the group on Tuesday night at the Budget Lodging Motel in St. Clair, MO.

For those of you who are not going on the Route 66 cruise, Dents Express is having their annual car club barbeque on Saturday, September 29 at their St. Charles location.

As you can see, September is jam packed with stuff to do. Plan to take part in as many of the events as you can.





Presidents Scoop



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FULL BACK - 12" W x 10" H



Meeting Minutes



GGTOA Minutes: 9/6/18

7:03PM – Meeting start – Old Business – John Havens’ fiancé was in attendance.

Tom Oxler talked about the Ames Tri-Power Nationals

Mark Melrose spoke about the Party at the Beach Cruise-In. He also mentioned that his 68 GTO was used in a display at Webster University. It was an art project about the year 1968.

Gail Schott gave some details about the Meals for a Million event. They packed over 900,000 meals.

Terry Schott talked about the club picnic. Thanks to Tony Bezzole and Chris Simmons for showing up early to start cooking all the meat.

7:18 – New Business – Terry Schott talked about the Wheels in Motion car show, the Pontiac Regional event, club participation to help with Gateway meal for route 66 cruise, St. Genevieve fall cruise.

7:36 – Upcoming Events –

9/17-9/30 – Street Legends Route 66 Cruise (CSE)

9/29 – Dents Express BBQ

10/27-10/28 – Illinois/St. Genevieve Fall Cruise (CSE)

12/8 – Gateway GTO Christmas Party (CSE)

7:42 – Earl Lewis mentioned that he spoke with several Trans-Am owners that would consider joining the Gateway GTO Association. He made a motion to change the club name from Gateway GTO to Gateway GTO/Trans-

Am club. Terry Schott said that he needed to do some fact checking. This issue will be tabled for a future meeting.

Terry Schott said that we are likely going to need a larger meeting place in the future.

7:46 – GTOAA – Steve Hedrick talked about the 2019 Nationals. Reserve a room soon if you plan on attending because the host hotel is filling up quickly. Double Tree in Lawrenceburg Indiana.

7:52 – Tech – Earl Lewis talked about some engine trouble that he had one the way home from the Meals for a Million event. It was the result of an empty gas tank...

Terry Oxler ripped off the front bumper of their new GTO on a parking divider.

Chris Simmons spoke about a “carb injection” system available at JC Whitney.

Mark Melrose decided to put a power steering system in his 68. It works great.

Terry Schott talked about some issues he’s had with remanufactured power steering pumps.

8:11 – Club Personals

Kerry Friedman is recovering from heart issues.

Terry Oxler’s father is still having health problems.

Carolyn Farina was supposed to have knee surgery but it was cancelled.

Brian and Amy O’Sullivan just moved to a new house.

50/50 of \$26 won by Darryl May

Meals for a Million

Meals for a Million

By Gail Schott

Saturday, August 25, we had 20 members, and 9 cars show up to park and show in a HUGE, roped off, secure area at the Family Arena in St. Charles. We gathered in the parking lot, signed our release paperwork and registered to enter. Upon entry, for sanitary purposes we were given new t-shirts to put on over our shirts and hairnets and beard/mustache covers. (See if you can pick out who attended by the pic below!) It was definitely a “Kodak Moment”. We were then sent to a hand washing station and given food service gloves. We were instructed in the procedures to pack the meal that we were packing; apple cinnamon oatmeal.



- We had 10 people to a work station.
 - One to hold the plastic bag under the loading funnel
 - One to add sugar
 - One to add cinnamon
 - One to add the dried apple pieces
 - One to add the oats
 - Two to weigh the bags, and determine if we had too much or too little in the bag and either add/remove the excess
 - Two to seal the bags
 - One to place the label on the bag and place it in the grid to keep track of the count
- (And one person to work our 2 stations to actually fold the cardboard carton and add the packaged meal and seal it shut with packing tape)

They had a DJ there spinning some LOUD tunes, and he was running the gamut of genres from “Oldies”, to “Christian Rock” to “Rap”. There were people of all ages packing and I’m sure they wanted to please everyone..., but we believe they saw the packing pace pick back up when he started “rockin’ back out” to the “Oldies”! By the end of the 2 shifts of the morn-



Meals for a Million



ing, we had packed 250,000 meals. By the way, last year's numbers were 670,000 meals packed. This year's event showed a 34% increase to 900,294 meals packed! Very impressive!

After our 2+ hour stint, most of us went to lunch at Mattingly's Sports Bar in St. Charles. We came out after lunch to see one of the local St. Charles police officers checking out the cars in the parking lot.

We all had a great time and agreed that we'd like to do it again next year. Thanks to everyone who turned out to help others in need.





Gateway GTO Picnic



ANNUAL PICNIC & WASHER TOURNAMENT

2018

By

Gail Schott

As is pretty typical, the day was **HOT!** But our "master Q'rs", Chris Simmons, Tony Bezzole, and Rich Vie, were up to the task and once again turned out amazing pork steaks, brats, chicken breasts, dogs and burgers. As Terry and I were shopping for the meats and the rest of the accoutrements, we just couldn't imagine that we would need that much MEAT?! We even called former president Kerry Friedman to verify that these were indeed the correct amounts to purchase. He said, "yes", and we did go by his last year's suggestions on quantities.



Members kept trickling in as the day went on, they helped themselves to a plate, and as we were picking up at the end of the day, folks had taken home the portions that were left. There were no meats left for us to have to deal with. It all worked out perfectly.

Barb Lewis, even though she was out of town, was good enough to send her company's washer games with Earl. Since it was as "warm" as could be outside, we decided to shorten the game to 10 points. (None of us wanted to be there till

Gateway GTO Picnic

dark trying to get to 21!) The play was intense as we watched washer after washer bounce *in* the box and then bounce *out* of the box. Great anticipation ... followed by *exasperation!* The THRILL of it all! By the tournament's end, the "Winners of the Losers", were Dorie (soon to be betrothed to Jon Havens) and Tom Fox. The "Winners of the Winners" team consisted of Gail Schott and Tom Oxler. Laura Kiefer did a great job of keeping us all on track in the brackets.

A great time was had by all, and we look forward to doing it again NEXT year!





Year Of The 8's



Calling all owners of 1968 GTO's!

**In 2018, in celebration of:
50th Anniversary of the 1968 GTO**

The Hoodscoop will be featuring Car of the Month articles on the anniversary year

If you own one of these special cars, please get to work on your article(s) and get them to Chris Winslow



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STREET LEGENDS TOUR

From Pontiac, Illinois to Needles, California
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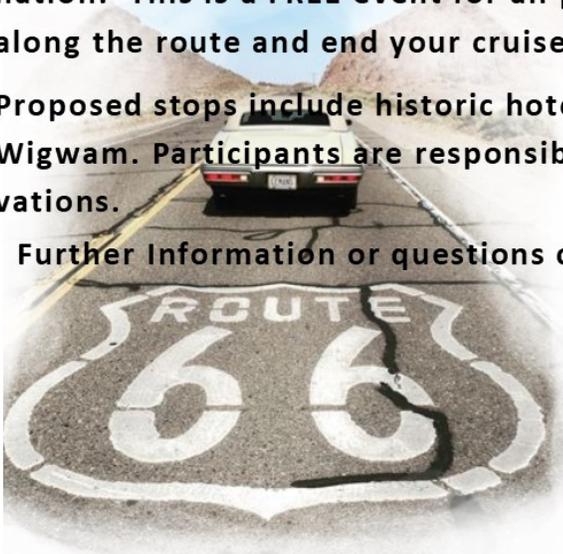
ALL MAKES, MODELS, & YEARS VEHICLES WELCOME!



This 1,700 mile 13 day cruise of old Route 66 kicks off from the Pontiac Oakland Museum in Pontiac Illinois September 17, 2018 following the GTOAA Regional event and will end September 30, 2018 in Needles California. All makes and model vehicles are invited to jump on board as we make our way to our destination. This is a FREE event for all participants, you may join in the cruise along the route and end your cruise at anytime.

Proposed stops include historic hotels; The Blue Swallow, El Rancho, and the Wigwam. Participants are responsible for making their own hotel/motel reservations.

Further Information or questions contact Tom; 636.288.1426 / toxler@prodigy.net



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2018 GATEWAY GTO CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September

6 - GTO MEETING 7PM at Sports Café (CLUB SPONSORED)

8 - JJ's Cruises at 1215 S. Duschene in St. Charles

9 - Wheels in Motion Charity Car Show at Westport (CLUB SPONSORED)

15-16 - GTOAA Regional Event at Pontiac IL in support of the Pontiac Museum (CLUB SPONSORED)

17-30 - GTOAA Route 66 Street Legends Tour

29 - Dents Express Car Club BBQ Event (CLUB SPONSORED)

October

4 - GTO MEETING 7PM at Sports Café (CLUB SPONSORED)

13 - JJ's Cruises at 1215 S. Duschene in St. Charles

27-28 - Gateway GTO Fort de Chartres/Ste Genevieve/Tiger Sanctuary Cruise (CLUB SPONSORED).

November

1 - GTO MEETING 7PM at Sports Café (CLUB SPONSORED)

December

8 - GATEWAY GTO CHRISTMAS PARTY at Hawken House in Webster Groves, MO, details to follow (CLUB SPONSORED)

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Membership dues are \$35.00 per year and all renewals are required to be paid by December 31st. You are allowed to have one associate member.

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