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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 Wednesday of the month at Culpeppers Restaurant, St. Charles Mo. 3010, West Clay 636-916-3105

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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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July 5th GTO Meeting Minutes
By Vic Nettle

The Meeting started at 7:03 PM.

Guest Speaker Steve Rober of Schaeffer Oil gave a talk about modern motor oil being deficient in lubrication for cold starting of engines which is detrimental to flat tappet camshafts. Solution: use Schaeffer oil or convert to roller tappet cams. Their oil sounds like the way to go.

Old Business: Mark Melrose told of a road rally that he, Tom and Kerry (I think) went on. They had a good time and another will be forthcoming in September. We should try to go on it.

I told of the cruise to Diamond Mineral Springs Restaurant. We had a cruise consisting of 7 new style GTOs and a Saturn (which we welcomed). Afterwards we went to Bobbie's Ice cream and socialized for hours until evening fell and we went home. All who attended had a good time.

Vicki Simpson told of the cruise to Meramec Caverns last Sunday taking highway 94, 47, 100, I-44. Don Bright gets 50 hardship points for a solenoid failure on the cruise.

Tom told about the trip to the GTO Nationals last week. We had 30 persons from Gateway GTO attending. And we won at least 16 awards ranging from Newsletter excellence, to silver Concours, to 1st, 2nd, 3rd in popular vote, autocross, valve cover racing, poker run, and club membership (see awards list in the newsletter). There were 410 registrants, and 300 cars registered with 67 Concours and about as many new style GTOs included. GTOAA dues are increasing to \$35 next year. If you want to see an article about your car, fill out forms found in the GTOAA website on the Internet and send to John Schwen. John Johnson is retiring after 4 years as Chapter coordinator. 1100 persons have signed up for the membership directory. There was a prototype G-8 auto on display as well as the last production Spice Red 2006 GTO. **New Business:** There will be a mine museum cruise the 21st of July to Park Hills (or Flat River as it used to be called). See the Calendar.

29th of July there is an Archway Olds club show (see calendar)

Aug 5th is the Pontiac Rendezvous at the museum of transport. It is an all Pontiac display and they need sponsors

Aug 25th is the muscle car tour. Route being drawn up by Chris Winslow. See Calendar

Sept 9th is the Westport Charity show. They need sponsors and prizes. Call Kerry

Sept 15th is the Roadhouse Car Show, which has a GTO class

Sept 23rd is the club picnic at VAGO Park

Sept 29th is the Route 66 Cruise. See Calendar.

Technical Session: Tom Oxler got 17 to 20 mpg with his 500 horsepower 454 Pontiac and 5-speed overdrive transmission driving to the Nationals. Shauna and Chris observed 28 mpg in their new GTOs.

The 2010 GTO is reputed to have the 6.2 liter engine with displacement on demand which should give the best of both worlds, economy and power out the wazoo.

Health Report: Terrie's mom is still very close to end of life. Joan Troky's mother passed away recently.

50/50: Gail Schott won \$33 in the 50/50. Congratulations Gail

The meeting ended at 8:57 PM and many of us went to Lyon's for ice cream. I accelerated briskly and a St Charles police man flashed his lights at me. But I had not squealed the tires or gone over the speed limit, so he did not come after me.

Also it was agreed that our Club would sponsor a soldier for the Holidays and give stuffed animals to children at Cardinal Glennon and Children's Hospitals. More info to follow.

Joyce and I have taken upon ourselves to do a coat and food/personal care drive. Please be generous and give. Flyers in newsletter.

June 10th 2007 Cruise to Diamond Mineral Springs Restaurant

A group of 6 new style GTOs and 1 Saturn (Paul and Cory, Richard Vie, Brian and Amy, Shauna, Buzz and Vicki, John Lally in order of arrival) met at Vic and Joyce's home at about 10:30. We left the house about 11, stopped to fill the gas tanks and hit the road about 11:20. After a speed limit observant trip (for the most part) arrival at the restaurant was at 12:20.

Frank and Cheryl Chapman met us there in their Brazen Orange 06 GTO (all GTOs were new style cars, they made a neat looking caravan.



Food ordered included Fried Chicken, Bar-B-Qued Chicken, Roast Pork, Chicken Fried Steak, Shrimp, mashed potatoes, apple sauce, honey, butter, beans, beets, cold slaw, biscuits, and other entrees. Desserts included the advertised foot-high-pie and strawberries with ice cream on top.

Afterwards we talked until 2:30 and drove leisurely over highway 160, old highway 40, highway I-55/I-70, IL 159 to Bobbie's Ice Cream where we had ice cream, chocolate covered strawberries, turtle sundaes, and other non-fattening ?? confections.

While we were enjoying the cool overcast day several custom cars arrived including a 56 Corvette, 55 Chevrolets, 56 Chevrolets, a 67 Lemans convertible, and a 66 GTO hardtop.

We stayed until 5 o'clock when dispersal saw some cars go north to I-270 and some of us went south to I-55 to I-44 and home. It was a fun day. No speeding tickets. 20.1 mpg average for me (I never had an old style GTO give as much as 20 mpg).

Vic Nettle



Palisades Yacht Club

Earl Lewis' son, Scott, bought a Marina, (Palisades Yacht Club, Portage des Sioux), and had his Grand Opening June 16. Ribbon cutting was at 2:00. Our club was invited to show off our cars. There were 5 GTOs which met at Dairy Queen on N. 3rd St just off 370, (Buzz and Vicki, Brian and Andrew, Paul and Cory, Shauna, and Vic and I) . We met at 12:45 and left at 1:15. We cruised in, set up our tent, (after some minor difficulties), and were joined by Mark and Sandra, Marty, and Kerry and Debbie. Of course Earl and Barb were there way before all of us.



Shauna and I went for a walk then drove to the Trading Post for some snacks and bug spray. The Marina had burgers, dogs, and smoked turkey legs to be enjoyed. It was said that the turkey legs were too big to eat all.



Mark asked the question, who did Marty remind you of with the turkey leg???
I think Shauna came up with the answer first. **Fred Flintstone.**

Several of us took the self tour of the Marina. It is a very nice Marina, you can sit and watch all the boaters go by, swim in the pool, and have a drink at the bar. A lot of work went into the Marina and it shows.

After the snacks and turkey legs were consumed, Shauna and I went back to the Trading Post for ice cream (drumsticks and sandwiches). Marty left first and had to check with a few members on how to get out. You know Marty, bless his soul. The rest of us stayed for a couple of hours then split up. A few of us ended up going to Long Horn for more food. Seems we like to eat.

A good day was had by all. The weather was wonderful.

Joyce Nettle



Gateway Corvette Club Father's Day Car Show

By Shauna Wollmershauser

On Father's Day I spent the day with my family instead of going for ice cream with a few of the other club members. It had been a while since I had done a car show with my brother's and what better day than on Father's day. I was surprised with the turn out. I would guess that the Corvette Club members had about 20 cars on display. The show itself included everything from street cars to all out drag race set ups and motorcycles. Here are pictures of my brother's cars. The first one is Eugene's. The only way I'll ever be able to beat him in horsepower output is to build a car. No way am I doing twin turbo's on the GTO. The Nova belongs to James. I'll be able to catch up if not exceed his horsepower output after a more modifications to my GTO.



After a brutally hot day the awards were handed out. Eugene placed second in his class. Beating my brother James. I'm not sure how that happened, but it did. I placed first in my class much to my surprise. I think Tigger is what really sealed the deal. Yes, I was the only GTO there. As with pretty much any show there was some serious bench racing going on at this one. So much so that one guy was embarrassed and walked away after I told him to put his money where his mouth is or shut up. All in all it was a fun day and spending time with my brothers was excellent as usual. Now if only we could get some track time together.



Quality Car Show June 23rd 2007

By Vic Nettle

The meeting place for Gateway GTO's caravan to the Quality Show in Alton was Q-T gas on St Charles Rock. Rd. We would have been there at 8:45 but the shifter cable in our 70 GTO apparently chose today to fail. So we switched to the 2006 Spice Red GTO with Joyce in her 99 30th Anniversary Trans Am made it by 9 AM. Several cars caravanned from there to 1620 Homer Adams Parkway in Alton where Quality Pontiac is located. Members attending included: Tom Oxler (66 GTO), Mark Melrose (68 GTO), Paul Jenkins and Cory Evans (2006 GTO), Shauna Wollmershauser and her son Darren (2006 GTO), Kerry Friedman (69 GTO), Bill Fenlon (2005 GTO), Joyce (99 TA) and I (2006 GTO), Buzz and Vicki Simpson (2004 GTO), Mike Lyon (2004), Cecil Morton (1958 Pontiac), Bob Blattel (1968 GTO), Mark Obukowicz (1966 GTO), and John Frame (1968 GTO) who is also a member of the Pontiac club in Alton hosting the Quality Show.



It was hot and the sky looked like rain, turned darker then lightened up and finally rained (a few drops for about 20 seconds). Bill Fenlon bought 6 50/50 tickets, which also were used for attendance prizes. At least 4 of his 6 tickets were winners. Finally he just turned his tickets in.



Afterwards some of us went to DQ for ice cream. Other members went to Grafton for beer. Remember 4 in an hour will register as legally intoxicated (except for us really heavy guys). On the way home the rains did come and as luck would have it the windshield wipers in Joyce's 99 TA don't work when it rains. So she just followed me home. She says I was up to 90 mph (don't believe everything she says, although maybe in this case you may make an exception).

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Just a note to thank all of those who participated in our annual Quality Cruise. I took all involved to make it happen. Unfortunately I had to work, but you all were on my mind. Especially when the rain came. I am glad it was a success !!! A special Thank You to David Stevenson and the entire group at Quality. If it wasn't for them the cruise would not have been a success. I would also like to Thank Rob Klaus and family for their contribution of prizes and for transporting our canopies during the rain. Another special Thanks to the group from Gateway GTO for coming over. We were glad to have them and hope they keep participating!! We owe them.

Our next meeting is July 1st. It is a Meeting/BBQ combination. We have important issues to discuss (2008 cruise, dues, insurance, POCI affiliation, upcoming events and window stickers) to name a few. We will have brief but thorough meeting then get down to some serious eating. The starting time is 3PM and lasts until the last person leaves. Our meeting will begin at 3:30. Bring ideas for our 2008 cruise. Again bring a covered dish, chips etc. Club will pick-up burgers, dogs buns & soda. BYOB. Please RSVP by Friday 29th for head count for the food. Deb and I will be going to pick up food Saturday. This will be rain or shine!

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Our Trip to the GTOAA Convention

By H Timmerman

Our trip started with Old Goat, Wanna Be and Young Goat Trailer Queen meeting at Greenville IL. About ten miles into our journey, Young Goat Trailer Queen Tow vehicle starts running bad. Young Goat Trailer Queen heads home for a different tow vehicle and said he will catch up with us later. Old Goat and Wanna Be continued on the journey.

Old Goat and Wanna Be made a detour to look at a possible addition to the Old Goat Car Collection. The car was less than described. So the trip continues, Old Goat and Wanna Be meet up with Young Goat Trailer Queen the journey continues. Old Goat losses clutch about two miles from convention, but he nurses it to the end.

The group finally arrives at the GTOAA Convention.

The week went quite well with few problems. Food at the Food Court was very good at some places and not so good at other places. But the Beer was always Good. Young Goat (newlywed) losses one Wedding Band, One Good Samaritan and One Wedding Band Recovered, Thank God.

Saturday, Judgment Day, went quite well for some, not so well for others.

Wanna Be took a First Place Plaque.

The two Authentic Judges got beat out by a Local Judge Clone

“Damn them Clones”

Sunday, the Trip Home (The Trip from Hell)

Trip Started at 8 AM, arrived at Fuel Stop. Purchased food, fuel and coffee at the Columbus BP. The fuel was less than adequate for some (Ping City Gas).

Trip continues about a half hour Old Goat breaks a shock. We stopped to repair Thank God for Young Goat Trailer Queen Parts Car. Repairs completed journey continues.

Indiana / Ohio State Line Young Goat Trailer Queen Parts Car losses a trailer tire. Repairs made journey continues.

Next stop, trailer tire replacement, food and pick up little one. Wanna Be stops to pick up little one (step daughter) who's dad was to have her ready (not) and food order at food stop wrong. Journey continues to gas stop.

Defective Gas Pump, Unhelpful Vendor, Lost Temper, Embarrassed Wife, Argument with Wife.

Journey Continues to Terre Haute where Young Goat Trailer Queen Parts Car losses another trailer tire. Repairs made again, went shopping for and purchased two spare tires.

Journey continues finally arriving home at 8:30 PM. Unloaded car, ate pizza, put little one to bed, made up with Wife.

**All and All a Good Trip
No One Killed Anyone
And
Everyone Arrived Home Safe
Thank God**

Wanna Be = Harry Timmerman Old Goat = Frank & Cheryl Chapman
Young Goat Trailer Queen = Mike & Joy Soto

Our trip to the GTO Nationals 2007

By Vic Nettle

Chris Winslow, Shauna Wollmershauser and Joyce and I left our house at 8:30 AM June 26th heading across the Jefferson Barracks Bridge and up I-255 to I-70. We were pulling the 70 hardtop on an open trailer which was a bit too heavy on tongue weight on our 2004 Suburban. At 65 to 70 miles per hour any cross wind would excite the Suburban and trailer into oscillations similar to those of the Tacoma Narrows Bridge of the 1930s. It was scary. Usually driving at speeds as slow as 65 is very boring. Not so this time. Then the rains came. It was like driving under Niagara Falls, I had to slow to 50 for a while!

Eventually we drove through the rain and before you know it we were at Indianapolis Indiana where we really did not need gas but rest rooms. Interestingly the Suburban 5.3 liter engine averaged 15 miles per gallon pulling the Suburban full of stuff and the 70 GTO on a trailer (I never observed gas mileage that good with just the GTO alone when it had a 455 engine in it). Another 200 miles and we arrived at the Doubletree in Worthington only 7 hours and 10 minutes total time.

We unloaded and decided that it would be worth investigating to see if we could fix the Power Steering leak which precipitated using the trailer rather than driving. Chris Winslow focused his engineering powers of observation and determined that a fitting was the source of the leak. Chris noted that the fitting was loose so he removed it, gave it a visual to determine that there were no defects, and reinstalled the fitting. No more leak. So we were able to drive the car home.

After arriving Chris, Shauna, and Joyce washed cars. In the following days we went to seminars (I think I need a Harrup 122 supercharger for the 2006 GTO) (so do Tom, Mark, Frank, Paul, Steve and everybody who has a new GTO), and the Ames party.

Thursday many went to the Autocross competition (neat event, we all should try it), Shauna placed third. Many also went to drag racing (first hot then very wet). Shauna did 100.87 mph and 14.7 sec. Thursday we partied in the parking lot.

Friday we went to Pontiac seminar then to the Pedders (new car suspension) seminar where Mark learned that his new car did not get the proper repair for the defective struts which came with the car. John Sawruk told us what to do (and it is not easy to find a dealer with mechanics versed on the Monroe strut servicing procedures). We found out that the new G-8 will have exactly the same front suspension, so maybe there is hope that servicing procedures and training will be forthcoming. Later we saw a new G-8 and the Pontiac employee gave me hell for opening the doors (as if opening the doors might damage the auto). We saw a 64 GTO sport coupe for sale for \$110,000. Of course we bought it.

Valve cover racing was Friday evening. Many of the St Louis group assisted in assembling the race track: Tom Oxler, Chris Winslow, Darrell and Tootie May, Marty Howard, Steve Hedrick, and Joyce Nettle. It took 2 electrical engineers to fix a faulty switch (fortunately two were available). Marty was the announcer, Chris was the photographer, and I was the starter. There were more young Pontiac-ers than previously and it was a lot of fun. Afterwards the parking lot party went on till midnight.

Saturday was the car show day and there were 230 Popular Vote cars and 60 Concourse cars. That is a lot of cars to look at. Afterwards the awards banquet started at 6:09 pm where we were told of next year's GTO Nationals location: Saratoga, New York on July 15th. There was a tribute to Dan Gregory by his son Dan II. A presentation of money from the silent auction to the Prevent Blindness Ohio society in the amount of \$1600 was made. John Sawruk told about the G-8 and said that there would be no questions. After his presentation I shouted "What does it weigh, John?". He said that the data packet did not have the mass data and what part of "no question and answers afterwards" did I not understand? Then awards were given out for Autocross, Popular Vote and Concourse. The results are listed in a separate Awards list.

Sunday we packed up hit the road at 8:40AM and made the trip home (with no Power Steering leakage) in 6 hours and 55 minutes including a 20 minute pit stop).



2007 GTO Nationals Awards

GatewayGTO Bronze in Chapter Awards Membership Participation

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Shauna Wollmershauser won 3rd in the stock autocross event

Doug Wollgast won 3rd in stock 67 hardtop class with his 67 red GTO

Chris Winslow won 1st in stock 2004 class with his Pulse red GTO

Harry Timmerman won 1st in stock A body 64 to 74 with his 65 Le Mans burgandy convertible

Jim Kiburz won 2nd place in Mild Hardtop 67 with his blue 67 GTO

Mark Melrose won 1st place in Mild Mod 68 with his burgundy 68 GTO

Kerry Friedman won 3rd place in Mild Hardtop with his burgundy 69 GTO

Steve Hedick won 2nd place in Mild Mod with his 2005 GTO

Will Bowers won 3rd place in Mild Mod GTO Conv with his 64 GTO Convertible

Vic Nettle won 3rd place (out of 3) in super mod 64 to 74 with his LS2 powered 70 Black hardtop

John Johnson won Silver in Concourse with his 69 GTO Judge

Joyce Nettle won 1st place in the adult class of the Valve Cover races

Shauna won 2nd place in the adult class of the Valve Cover races

Luke Boyle won 1st place in the child class of the Valve Cover races (driving Vic's Valve Cover)

Shauna won a door prize subscription to Pontiac Enthusiast magazine

Marty won a door prize subscription to Pontiac Enthusiast magazine

Terrie won a door prize subscription to High Performance Pontiac magazine

Frank Chapman won the "chicken" at the Ames social but exchanged it for a hat because he won the "chicken" last year also.

Members and friends attending the Nationals from the St Louis area

Tom and Terrie Oxler, Tootie and Darrell May, Donna and Will Bowers, Kathy and Jim Kiburz, John and Diana and Brian Johnson, Steve and Krista and Lucas Hedrick, Kerry Friedman, Mark Melrose, Cheryl and Frank Chapman, Amy and Harry Timmerman, Amy, Doug, Robert and Megan Wollgast, Chris Winslow, Shauna Wollmershauser, Joyce and Vic Nettle, and Joy and Mike Soto.

If anyone was forgotten , sorry.



GTOAA Nationals

By Shauna Wollmershauser

As many of you know Nationals was held the last week of June in Columbus, Ohio. Joyce, Vic, Chris Winslow and I left Tuesday morning headed towards Columbus. After about 7 hours, a couple of hairy events with the trailer Joyce and Vic were towing and one bathroom/gas break we made it to the hotel relatively unscathed.

The week went by faster than I thought. Everyday there was a seminar or event that you could attend Thursday was seminar day. John Sawruk talked about how the 04-06's came about. Jon Schwenn did a pretty cool slide show that showed how the new GTO's were designed. And last but certainly not least Pete Basica (aka Justice Pete) did a presentation on the 2004-2006 GTO suspension.



I chose to attend and participate in the Autocross and Drag races. Even though we weren't going very fast on the Autocross course things happened very quickly. I learned a lot more about my car and my driving abilities by doing this event. Not to mention I managed to shave 4 seconds from my first lap to by best lap. That constant improvement led me to place third in my class. Watching the 64-74 GTO's do the course was impressive to say the least. It's amazing how different the cars looked on the course. One car (a 70 I believe) rolled his tire off of the rim and a badge popped off of a fender. Those were the only "breakdowns" if you will.

Sadly the drag races were rained out. A few of us got to make a couple of passes and that was it. Needless to say my need for speed and adrenaline were satiated at the track. Well for that day.



Mark Melrose, Vic and Joyce Nettle, Tom Oxler, Chris Winslow and myself attended this seminar. Pete did a great job explaining what strut rub really is, what to look for, what parts should be checked and how to check them. Everyone in the room learned something that day. The presentation is available on the club homepage and at http://www.peddersusa.com/PowerPoint/GTOAA_2007_files/frame.htm. Be warned that slides take nest to forever to load. Much to my delight this was not a "you must buy Pedders suspension products or your car will never be right", but a very informative seminar.

Then there was the Harrop seminar. Let's just say that I'm convinced that I have to have their setup for my GTO. I think Vic is as well.



Friday brought the Valve Cover races. According to the trophies the Value Cover Races. This event was a blast. I must say Thank you to the local club members that got the track put together and essentially ran the event. You did an excellent job. I'm sure next year will be a little bit different.

There were 9 trophies that were handed out. The best one being at least in my opinion was best finish. One of the racers crashed towards the end of the runway and had a wheel (compact disc) go flying, but it still made it to the bottom of the track. Vic's Valve covers took home 3 of the 9 trophies. Way to go Vic. Your designs were obviously superior. Now if only one of us could get our reaction times in order. There was a little bit of bloodshed. Joyce did you ever put a band-aid on your finger?



Saturday was Popular Vote day. There was a lot of finishing going on to all of the cars on display. Lots of questions were asked about cars. Lots of votes were cast. Then again some votes weren't cast. In the end the best of the cars were rewarded. Congratulations to all of the Gateway GTO members that placed or won their class. Your hard work paid off and it shows.

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In conclusion lots of adult beverages were consumed. Friends were made. I got to see every year GTO that was made. I learned more about our cars. All in all going to Nationals was a great experience for me. Yes, I'd do it again. Yes, I'm even considering the two-day drive to Saratoga Springs, NY next year.

I have to thank Vic and Chris Winslow for the pictures that were used in this article. It seems as though I was pretty busy participating in events and not taking pictures. What's wrong with that picture?

Cruise to Meramec Caverns

June 30, 2007

By Vicki Simpson

Brian O'Sullivan mentioned at the June Club meeting that some of us should get together that were not going to Nationals. Then someone mentioned (I think it was me) that we might consider Meramec Caverns. Without much investigation – about 30 minutes on the internet – and a couple of e-mails back and forth, Brian and I decided it was a go.

We pulled up at Culpepper's at 9:30 am. By 10:00 am we had Brian O'Sullivan, Andrew and Amy, Paul Jenkins and Cory, and Bill Fenlon. We were all driving our GTOs. We also had special guests, Dennis and Cindy O'Sullivan (Brian's parents). They had picked up their new 2007 Sky Redline convertible Friday night. Even though it wasn't a GTO, we were thrilled they decided to join us. Unfortunately, the weather wasn't being real cooperative – it was cool and cloudy.



With Brian in the lead, we headed south on Hwy. 94. We got out of town and everyone was getting "itchy" to work their suspensions and steering through the twist and turns. As we saw the first "S" curve sign, we had to slow down. There, in front of us, dashing all hopes of playing on the curves was our "Pace Car for the Indigent" (so named by Cindy O'Sullivan). Eventually we did pass the car and did get to some twist and turns.

We took Hwy. 47 outside of Augusta and arrived at Washington, Missouri. Buzz took the lead and we stopped on the riverfront. Cory, Amy and I had to stop by the antique store just to see what was there. We stretched our legs and headed toward I-44.



At I-44 and Hwy. 100 we met Don Bright and Gina. With them were Gina's daughter Jenny and her grandson Aidan. Don was in his '71 GTO even though he thought the solenoid was not functioning. Apparently Don had stopped at the exit before we met them to get gas and Gina and Jenny had to push him so he could jump start the car. This explained why the car was running when we pulled in to meet them. At noon we headed west on I-44 towards Meramec Caverns – it only took 20 minutes to get there.

Everyone was hungry when we arrived so the first thing we did was have lunch. Deciding whether to have ice cream or order a sandwich was a tough decision but everyone opted for a sandwich. After lunch Bill Fenlon headed for home as he was having company (his parents) and the Brights and O'Sullivan's did the Cavern tour. Buzz and I and Paul and Cory decided to sit back and people watch. We also walked through the gift shop (where a lot of the stuff was made in China).



After the Cavern Tour, ice cream was next on the agenda. We then headed down to the water where Brian and Amy did the boat ride. The Brights also decided to do the boat ride and told us we didn't need to wait.

Earlier in the day, Cory had spotted a sign for an animal park that included reptiles, lions, tigers, etc. On the way home, we stopped so Cory could pet the alligator. Cory, Paul and Buzz did the tour. I don't know if Cory got to pet the alligator, but she did get to play with the snake. The rest of us were glad we had stayed behind.



Don and Gina stopped by the animal park – we were relieved his car had started. They headed on home.

The rest of us headed to Hawthorn Inn in Labadie for dinner. I have to admit, this is my favorite restaurant and we love to share it with friends. We were served more food than we could eat and we all went home with "to go" boxes. Cindy O'Sullivan was concerned that there wasn't enough room in the trunk of their Sky for their boxes, but since the top was up, there wasn't a problem.

Even though we got rained on and it was cloudy all day, we had a great time. I hope we can do this again sometime soon.

Schedule of Events 2007

JULY:

10th – 15th

POCI NATIONALS Tulsa, OK, Crowne Plaza Tulsa, 100 East 2nd Street, Tulsa, OK 74103

http://www.poci.org/POCI_Annual_Convention.cfm?PT=C

21st **Park Hills Museum of Mining** more info to follow **(CLUB SPONSORED point value 20 - 40)**

29th **ARCHWAY OLDS CLUB** General Motors, Wentzville Plant reg 8-noon

AUGUST:

1st **GTO MEETING** Culpeppers St Charles 7pm **(CLUB SPONSORED point value 20 - 40)**

4th **DQ SHOW** New Halls Ferry and Lindbergh

5th **PONTIAC RENDEZVOUS AT MUSEUM OF TRANSPORT (CLUB SPONSORED point value 20 - 40)**

<http://www.museumoftransport.org./pdf/mot2007events.pdf>

10th – 12th **TRI POWER NATS** Norwalk, OH 4196637383

11th **4th ANNUAL DRIVE-IN MOVIE NIGHT** Hazelwood Parks & Recreation, Hazelwood Sports Complex 6:00 pm

4622 Aubuchon Road and Tesson Rd “Smokey & the Bandit”(CLUB SPONSORED point value 20 - 40)

25th **MUSCLE TOUR (CLUB SPONSORED point value 20 - 40)**

SEPTEMBER:

5th **GTO MEETING** Culpeppers St Charles 7pm **(CLUB SPONSORED point value 20 - 40)**

9th **WESTPORT CHARITY CHILDRENS CANCER (CLUB SPONSORED point value 20 - 40)**

15th **AMERICAN ROADHOUSE SHOW** Warrenton Outlet Mall reg 9 – 12 awards 4

(CLUB SPONSORED point value 20 - 40)

23rd **GGTOA PICNIC** Vago Park, Fee Fee Road and Midland Avenue **(CLUB SPONSORED point value 20 - 40)**

28th – 30th **RT 66 MOTHER ROAD FESTIVAL** 9th and Capital, Springfield, IL (downtown) 217-698-4800

29th **AMERICAN ROADHOUSE RAIN DATE (CLUB SPONSORED point value 20 - 40)**

29th **GGTOA ROUTE 66 CRUISES** 12 days to California <http://www.gatewayto.com/route66tour/index.html>

(CLUB SPONSORED point value 20 - 40)

OCTOBER:

3rd **GTO MEETING** Culpeppers St Charles 7pm **(CLUB SPONSORED point value 20 - 40)**

6th **OLD DOG STREET RODS OPEN HOUSE AND NSRA APPRECIATION DAY** 9 – 4 on site parking for 72 and older

11435 Dorsett Road, Maryland Hts., MO

6th – 7th **MUSCLECAR REUNION and NOSTALGIA DRAGS** Kansas City MO www.musclecarreunion.com

21st **Mystery Tour MUSEUM OF TRANSPORT** more info to follow **(CLUB SPONSORED point value 20 - 40)**

<http://www.museumoftransport.org./pdf/mot2007events.pdf>

NOVEMBER:

7th **GTO MEETING** Culpeppers St Charles 7pm **(CLUB SPONSORED point value 20 - 40)**

DECEMBER:

8th **HOLIDAY PARTY WEBSTER GROVES BARN (Hawkins House), 1155 South Rock Hill Road, Webster Groves, MO**

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| LEWIS | 370 |
| FRIEDMAN | 460 |
| HOWARD | 470 |
| WINSLOW | 510 |
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| MELROSE | 760 |
| SIMPSON | 810 |
| O'SULLIVAN | 1000 |
| JENKINS | 1050 |
| NETTLE | 1320 |
| WOLLMERSHAUSER | 1490 |

**Gateway GTO Association
Participation Points Submission
JULY 2007**

(anything after JULY 5 will be on next months form)

NAME: _____

Gateway GTO Sponsored Events:

6/26 – 30/07 Nationals: wGTO _____ w/oGTO _____

7/05/7 Club Meeting: wGTO _____ w/oGTO _____

GTOAA Sponsored Events – Be sure to indicate wGTO or w/oGTO for each entry:
(GTOAA Nationals, GTOAA Regionals, etc.)

Gateway GTO Non-Sponsored Events – Be sure to indicate wGTO or w/oGTO for each entry: (JJ's, POCI Nationals, Roadhouse Warrenton, Tri-Power Nationals, etc.)

Other Activities: (Event Helper, Hood Scoop Article, Sponsor New Member, etc. -- See Gateway GTO Association Participation Points System 01/06 Rev.)

Submit **ONE** completed form for each month within 30 days of month end to:

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4450 NAZARETH HILLS DRIVE.
MEHLVILLE, MO 63129
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Email: vnettle@swbell.net

Use Reverse Side If Additional Space is Required

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**<http://www.gatewaygto.com/points/index.html>
or go to calendar page and click on points submission**



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Will be given to local Food Bank in the name of

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