

Gateway GTO Christmas Party

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On December 8th we had our annual Gateway GTO Christmas Party at our usual location at the Webster Groves Barn. Once again, and despite having lots of grandchildren to help take care of Sandra and Mark Melrose organized the event.

The theme for this year was black and white. Some of the members, such as the Lewis's, went all out dressing as gangsters from the roaring 20's.

Since this was the first time attending a Gateway GTO Christmas party for some members, we did a round of introductions for everyone present. One of the great things we learned during that round of introductions is that Joe and Bev Mayweather will be celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary early next year.

As in past years, we had excellent food from Russo's and Favazza's along with deserts from club members including cookies, cupcakes, a sheet cake, and a lemon meringue pie.

There was one big presentation made during the evening and that was to recognize Terry Schott for all of his hard work donning a pair of coveralls and fixing the cars along the way on the Route 66 cruise.

After dinner and some group photos, we played a few rounds of Bingo.

Of course, all of this was leading up to the main event of the evening, the rob your neighbor gift exchange. There was an interesting mix of gifts this year. This included some unusual gifts for a car club Christmas party, like a weed wacker and holiday pillows. There were also some GTO related items. These included a Gateway GTO Coffee carafe and a really amazing metal wall hanging ornament. (Both of which I had at one point during the evening).

There was also a really neat sign that had led lighting, but it looked like neon. That gift



changed hands a lot, but, for the second year in a row, the most exchanged gift of the evening was a sheet metal white goat. Just like last year, Paula and I were sitting with the Hedricks and just like last year none of us could figure out why the goat was so popular.

After this we were treated to a musical performance by , Jeff (Elvis Presley) Caldwell. Several of the ladies in the club participated in the show.



