



Gateway Gear Summer, 2007

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President's Message

Varoom!

Gateway is celebrating its 34th year with a lot of traveling and a full schedule.

I do want to acknowledge and thank what I call our "Gateway Family"—Associates, Alumni, Emeritus Members, and Friends who continue to actively support our events and travels. We're also so fortunate to have such an awesome home bar in JJ's Clubhouse and the support of our two brother St. Louis Clubs—Blue Max C.C. and the Show Me Bears. Like many of the older clubs, Gateway has evolved from a bike club of the '70s to a Leather/Levi fraternal and fund-raising brotherhood. Maybe we don't raise as much as the Key West Wreckers...but we're trying.

I also want to again congratulate Scott Fausz, Mr. Missouri Leather, 2007. Scott placed 6th at IML in Chicago—the highest placement in our MML history (See stories below). We've kept him busy as f___ since his win in March and he also got a write-up in the *Post-Dispatch* for his appearance at the St. Louis Pride parade and rally. We're proud of him.

Also thanks to Kad D., our webmaster. Check out our site. It's awesome.

And put St. Louis on your travel schedule. Between JJ's Clubhouse and the Bad Dog Saloon we have a great LL/bear scene in St. Louis.

Mike Jones, President

Note to Associate Members:

We value our Associate Members and your gesture of friendship. After this many years, however, our list is unwieldy and sorely out of date. We've done two things---

1. We've reduced Associate dues to \$10.00 per year.
2. We're starting the list over based on current dues payment.

We appreciate your friendship and brotherhood & hope to hear from you soon. Associates must be a member of another recognized club; an on-line application is available.



As the first "torrential dew" of AIDA came down, I took a breath of relaxation. My partner and I had been looking forward to this time off for a year, and once again, we were not disappointed. Tsarus has put on another wonderful run for us all to enjoy. In this time of high prices throughout the whole economy, the men and women of Tsarus have spared no expense. From the mouth watering home cooked breakfasts, to "The Pharaoh's Feast" steak dinner, plenty of weight was gained at this run.

Besides Gateway M.C., approximately 12 leather clubs from around the country were well represented, including other clubs from St. Louis. The weekend was started off with a celebration of the life of Jeff Vann, a founding member of Tsarus, and the party paved the way for a following 13 cocktail parties during the weekend.

The people games were once again a fun way to pass the cocktail free hours. After sitting with some friends and mulling over a "Company Logos"

More Aida-----

puzzle, and an AIDA themed word search created by Jules and Ray Ray, Gateway started to set up our “Cinco de Mayo” cocktail party. Thanks in part to Elliot Blevins’ margarita fountain, and help from all the Gateway members; we were able to once again scrape up a “Best Cocktail Party” award. In addition to the fountain of liquor, a piñata fundraiser was put on, and Gateway was able to raise \$500+ for Tsarus. I would like to give a thanks to everyone there who bought a raffle ticket and let Tom Hardesty chew on your crotch a little, well more then a little.

In addition to the money donated by Gateway, a few other clubs donated money to Tsarus. Although not a member of Tsarus myself, I thank you, we all do. Every penny that is given ensures just a little more fun we will have next year.

At the awards ceremony on Sunday, besides the “Best Cocktail Party”, Gateway was presented with the “Club Participation” award. Besides the awards, a few of the guests from St. Louis were honored. Elliot Blevins and Rob Brown were made Honorary Associates of Tsarus. Jeff Plunk and Jerry Coombs were made Full Honorary Members of Tsarus. Congratulations you four, we are all proud of you.

So as the camper came down, and I got our truck stuck in the mud on Sunday. It was sad to see the campground grow smaller in our mirrors. But a final congratulation is given to Tsarus on a fantastic run, and as next year gets closer and closer, I start to think of it more as a family reunion instead of a run.

p.s. A special note for Motherbeast, Dan and I will bring extra ICE since Jerry never has any.

-Jake Lucas



Nimbus Michigan Dunes XXX

Dunes XXX in Douglas, MI was a reunion in a lot of ways. Not only was the show a collection of hilarious clips from many past years, but it was a reunion with many old friends from Detroit and Chicago as well as Grand Rapids. Gateway & Nimbus go way back and have been friends for years. Like many older clubs Nimbus can’t display all of their trophies and treasures—there are way too many. They created a display—thirty years of Nimbus history, events, travels and we were so complimented with a long row of Arches from Nimbus visits to St. Louis.

True to form the anniversary was on-schedule and superbly planned to the last detail, including nice & unexpected gifts for all participants. Food was A+ and cocktails flowed. Gateway co-hosted the Main Cocktail Party with our Conductor brothers from Nashville, and together raised well over \$225.00 in that hour for the Nimbus charity—the Leather Archives.

But there were no trophies. Instead donations were made on behalf of the clubs winning for participation. What a cool idea.

Our Congratulations again to Nimbus, Michigan for thirty years of Brotherhood and an excellent and fun Anniversary weekend.

Mike Jones

MR. MISSOURI LEATHER, 2007

The first weekend in March, Gateway M.C. hosted its 26th annual Mr. Missouri Leather contest. It may be the longest running leather contest in the country sponsored by one organization. Of course, these days we're happy to have J.J.'s Clubhouse, Gateway's home bar, as a cosponsor.

Our weekend began on Friday night at Bad Dog Saloon and J.J.'s Club House where we welcomed our judges and met our contestants. That night we had four contestants, but by Saturday we had added another, for a total of five. Friday night also gave us a look at all the items that had been donated for our silent auction with two beneficiaries. The first was Doorways, an ASO that provides housing and housing subsidies to people living with HIV. The second was our MML 2007, to help him pay expenses at IML in Chicago.

We had five excellent judges. Philip Deitch, a St. Louis activist and member of the leather community returned for his sixth year as head judge. Rich Wilson, our MML 2006 who made such a fine showing at IML, also served as judge. Our other three judges were Karen Ultra Crecelius, 1st runner up in the 2004 Ms World Leather contest; Todd Davidson of the Chicago Leather Kennel Club; and Jesse "Spanky" Penley, 1st runner up in the 2004 International Mr. Bootblack contest.

On Saturday afternoon, all the judges and contestants came together at J.J.'s Clubhouse for prejudging. In the evening, the public segments of the contest took place, and J.J.'s was packed! Our five contestants—Jean Brunton, David Hoff, Michael Jacobs, Mark Moore, and Scott Fausz— looked hot and spoke well as they competed in

the cruise wear, physique and short speech segments.

Our M.C. was Randy Wrisinger, a former Mr. Dixie Belle Leather and the partner of Rich Wilson. Don Leach, Great Lakes Leather Sir 2002, and Mark Bozif, MML 2003, were our tally masters. I enjoyed hosting the informal Gateway Guy contest, which I've been doing for at least a dozen years.

After Rich Wilson gave his tearful farewell speech (he's a sentimental guy who couldn't help getting verklempt), it was time to announce the winners: second runner up David Hoff, first runner up Mark Moore, and the winner, Mr. Missouri Leather 1007—Scott Fausz.

By the end of the contest, our silent auction had yielded over \$1300. On Sunday, our MML 2007 weekend concluded with a brunch and a Leather Ball.

Our new MML 2007, Scott Fausz, has made an excellent 6th place showing at IML! We know he will represent our community well during the year ahead.

— Fredric Rissover



INTERNATIONAL MR. LEATHER 2007
Memorial Day Weekend In Chicago by: Philip
Dietch

The 29th annual International Mr. Leather Contest was held Sunday, May 27 – its second consecutive year at The Legendary Chicago Theatre on State Street. Cheers could be heard all over our area with two Missouri men making it into the final top 20. They were Mr. Missouri 2007 Scott Fausz of St Louis and Mr. KC Dixie Belle Crisco Schiefer of Columbia. Scott is sponsored by Gateway MC and JJs Clubhouse and Bar and Crisco is sponsored by The Leather Shop, The Kansas City Pioneers and Bootleggers Club at Missie B's. Scott placed six (6) overall making him the highest scoring Missouri contestant ever. Missouri contestants have built a strong reputation often making the top 20 or achieving national recognition in other ways. The three major opportunities Missouri area men have to compete are for Mr. Missouri Leather, Mr. Dixie Belle and Mr. Mid-West Leather.

Mikel Gerle, Mr. Los Angeles Leather 2007, has been named International Mr. Leather 2007, winning over a field of 52 contestants from Canada, Denmark, Germany, Italy and the United States. Rob Grant, Washington State Mr. Leather 2006, was named first runner up. Bill Hoepfner, Mr. Ramrod 2006 from Ft. Lauderdale Florida, was named second runner up. The winner of the 15th annual International Mr. Bootblack Competition is Spot from Indianapolis IN, winning over a pool of five contestants. Over 10,000 men and women from around the world attended events at the Palmer House Hotel with over 1700 in attendance at the contest itself.

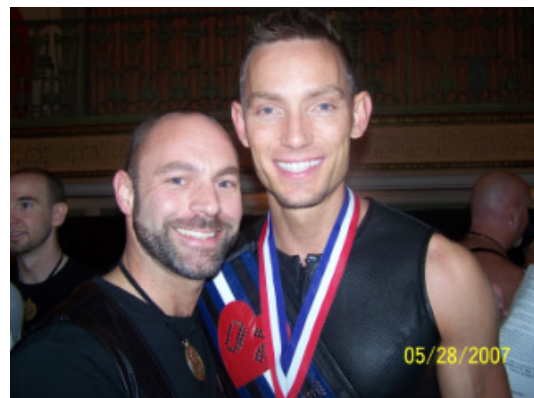
Contestants are judged on a variety of criteria including community involvement, speech, presentation and overall presence. Their stage time included the opportunity to show their physique and also how well they appear in leather. Speeches among the top 20 this year addressed a range of community concerns including domestic violence, HIV/AIDS, recovery and crystal meth education, diversity, disability, gay parenthood, adoption, coming out support, religious tolerance, on line respect, personal growth and how to build a stronger more caring community. A new national campaign to increase voter registration and issue awareness was also announced. It will be coordinated by the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (www.thetaskforce.org) and the Woodhull Freedom Foundation (www.woodhullfoundation.org). In addition to

the events designed simply for fun – and they were – there were also a series of educational events focused on networking women, people of color, and mental health professionals among others. Chuck Renslow, IML Executive Producer spoke about the need to increase diversity among IML participants and Rick Storer, Executive Director of the Leather Archives and Museum promoted continued community support in the form of memberships. The Museum is located in Chicago and is open to the general public chronicling and explaining the leather community culture (www.leatherarchives.org).

Both Missouri contestants are involved in their city's anti-violence projects with specific concern about addressing the issue of domestic violence and they have also both assumed leadership roles in the voter registration campaign. Scott (mrmoileather2007@yahoo.com) and Crisco (mrdbleather2007@hotmail.com) both welcome contact from those interested in working with them on these or other issues.

The IML 2007 Judges included: Bo Ladashevskia, IML 2006 from Canada, Matt Foreman NGLTF Executive Director and from around the US Master Jim Glass, Scott Bloom, Ted Lassen, Gil Kessler, Glenda Rider, Joe Reusch, and Matthew Johnson. The Tally Masters were: Blackkat and Jim Kiley-Zufelt. This year's entertainment was provided by actor and comedian Hal Sparks. Brad Balof returned for his third consecutive year as IML emcee.

International Mr. Leather (www.imrl.com) will celebrate its special 30th anniversary on May 22 through 26, 2008 in Chicago. The Palmer House Hilton, 17 E. Monroe St., will be the official host hotel of IML 2008.





Mr. Leather Screening

Gateway was proud to co-sponsor the screening of the documentary film, *Mr. Leather* celebrating the contestants of the Mr. LA Leather contest. It was also sponsored by Cinema St. Louis with the proceeds going to the Leather Archives & Museum in Chicago.

GATEWAY ON THE ROAD

MORE CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Conductors, Nashville
Anniversary, March 16-18

Pioneers, Kansas City
Trailer Trash
April 20-22

HIT AND RUN

Indianapolis, March 31
Thanks to the Indy clubs for showing us a great time. Tom and Dan got to use the water rifles for the wet jockey shorts contest at the 501.

Memphis, June 9
Celebrating Memphis Pride
We joined the Blue Suede Bears club night, Amber on stage, and a rowdy after hours party with a full tree house at the Pumping Station.

Of Local Note---

Tsarus Club Night, June 23

It happens twice every year. Tsarus invades St. Louis—and always for St. Louis Pride. It was a busy night at JJs with the Tsarus raffle, shots and drawings. We love it when you invade.

JJ's Clubhouse 7th Anniversary Weekend, June 28-30

Gateway was honored to be invited to the VIP party on Thursday evening. Congratulations to our brothers and friends at JJs.

Mr. Heartland Bear Contest, June 1-3

Gateway Secretary, David V. was the memorable orange jumpsuit. Congratulations to Woofers, Mr. Heartland Bear.



Mike Jones, President
Tom Hardesty, Vice President
David Vaughn, Treasurer
Roger Lantzy, Secretary
Ron Otto, Road Captain
Jerry Jurak, Historian
Dan Barks
Richard Bell
Jake Lucas
Dan Voigt
Mark Smith
Bill Lasich
Alumni--
Elliott Blevins
Frederic Rissover
Emeritus—
Al Haskill
Garry Hawk
Al Washington

Home Bar:
JJ's Clubhouse
3858 Market St.
St. Louis, MO 63110
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Up and Coming

Gateway Meeting, Sunday July 15, 4 p.m.,
JJs Clubhouse

Indiana Falcons Club Night, Saturday Jul
21, JJs Clubhouse

Blue Max Legendary Daddy-Boy Contest &
Leather Sale, Saturday, August 25, JJs.

Next Gateway Club Night, Saturday, Sept 1,
JJs.

New Orleans trip to the Knights Run. Sept
27-30.

Gateway 34th Anniversary Weekend
October 19-21.

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Weenee Roast

August 3-5
Carlisle Lake, Illinois

Like camping, boating,
swimming, water sports????
Our annual Weenie Roast
campout is August 3-5, 2007
at Carlisle Lake in west
central Illinois.
It's not only the most fun
outdoor weekend ever, it's
home to the legendary
Saturday night & Sunday
morn ing Feasts.

TO: