



# Gateway Bronco



Lots of classic Broncos ready for restoration



The Bronco on the left was the original Bronco and was owned first by Carroll Shelby. When completed, the Bronco on the right will fetch more than some Shelbys.

Some of our guys were put to work as they helped push a Bronco onto a trailer



This under construction Bronco is be fitted with modern fuel injection.



Ravanelli's never disappoints



The pie alone is worth the trip

Although billed as the Roadrunner Powder Coat tour, owner Seth Burgett noted that the powder coat business was just an excuse to restore classic Broncos. The restoration shop is called Gateway Bronco, located in Edwardsville.

Gateway Bronco is a true innovator in original paint Ford Bronco builds. They scour barns across the country looking for original, first generation trucks. And then they work to sympathetically restore and modernize them with a Coyote 302. They guarantee a two-month delivery schedule by producing trucks the way Henry Ford envisioned – on a production line with quality checks each step of the way.

Seth is an expert on the Bronco line and filled us in on the history and production info on this classic 4x4. Although we did receive information on how powder coating works, his reason for being is the Bronco.

As you enter the shop, there was a line of Broncos waiting for restoration or updating. Many of the trucks are updated with modern conveniences that were never available when they were produced. Some were just starting restoration and we viewed a few high end trucks nearing completion. Seth was a gracious host and made our tour very worthwhile.

After leaving Gateway, we headed to Collinsville to have lunch at Ravanelli's, although somewhere along the way, we lost Mike McCallister. As usual, we were well pleased with the cuisine and service at Ravanelli's.

We thank Dan Kelly for setting up this mid-August tour.