



## 27th Annual Wheels In Motion Car Show

by Chris Winslow



The 27th annual Wheels In Motion Car show was held on September 8th. As always, the show was held to benefit the National Children's Cancer Society. What was new this year, however, was the location. After many good years at Westport Plaza in the front parking lot and a few not so good years at Westport in the back parking lot, the show was moved to the Elk's Lodge in Ladue.

Many of us were excited to be in a new location since the attendance at Westport following Covid and the move to the back lot had been way off from where it had been a few years earlier. We were also hopeful since the KSHE car show that we has been up against in 2023 had been held earlier in the summer and as such was not competing with us for 2024.

The new location did prove to be an interesting challenge. Since one of Gateway's duties is collecting the car show fee from each attendee and then showing the owners where to park their cars, we had to figure out the new parking arrangement. This was tricky because the Lodge has very limited paved parking so the show field was actually the large lawn out in front between the Lodge and Ladue Road.

We worked with the organizers of the show to start parking cars in orderly rows on the grass as people started rolling in. Fortunately, it had not rained in a few weeks, so the ground was really hard, making it possible to park cars even if they had really low ground clearance.

Of course, Gateway makes three other large contributions to the show. The first is that we run a raffle based on prizes that we collected from local businesses. As usual, the Gateway gang had come through so there was a great selection of raffle prizes. This included a big screen TV, a variety of restaurant gift certificates, many household items like



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glasses and a toaster oven, some kids bikes and, of course, car cleaning supplies and accessories.

The other two big sources of money raised come from Earl. One of those sources is from 50/50 ticket sales. As he does at many events, Earl works the crowd selling 50/50 tickets.



At this event, we usually pick a car and use it as a unit of measure for \$50 worth of tickets. This year that car was Frank and Cheryl Chapman's Black Judge.

But, like most of the last several years, Earl came to the event with a lot of donations already in his pocket. This is a cause that Earl really takes seriously and he works hard every year to raise money for "his kids".

We do not count up all of the money we collect for the gate. That is done by the event organizers. We do, however, total up the funds our members raise from the other sources. For 2024 here are the totals:

Raffle = \$1020

50/50 = \$416

Earl Pounding the Pavement before the show = \$2570

This give us a grand total for 2024 of **\$4006!**

Of course the vast majority of that is due to Earl's tireless efforts for the NCCS. Without all of his work before and during the show, we would have only had about a quarter of the total donation that we ended up making.

In addition to raising money, our own Bob Blattel entertained some of the kids at the event with a magic show, making the event a lot more fun for them.



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In the next few weeks, we will learn what the total take for the event was. Once I re-



ceive that number I will pass it on. In the mean time, thanks to everyone who helped us put together so much money for such a great cause.





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