

Gateway GTO Pizza Party

by Chris Winslow



The Gateway GTO year is officially underway. Our first event of the year was the Pizza Party held on January 12th. We changed the location for 2020, meeting this time at Cannoli's in North County.

The Pizza Party is traditionally one of the most attended Gateway events and this year was no exception. We did not take an official head count, but based on the room setting there were at least 50 members and guests in attendance. As is customary for the Pizza Party, the pizza's were traditional St. Louis thin crust style.

There was no official meeting, but Terry Schott did take care of a bit of club business. This included presenting Craig Glen with his Gateway GTO Club Participation Award for 2019. He also reminded everyone that starting in February the monthly Gateway GTO meeting location will be moving from the Sports Café in North County to Gingham's in St. Charles. He also reminded everyone that for 2020, we are going back to having each member pay their GTOAA dues directly to GTOAA. GTOAA Chapter Representative Tom Oxler will be monitoring the club roster and reaching out to members who's membership is nearing the renewal date. Tom noted during this discussion that the easiest and quickest way these days to renew for GTOAA is to do it online. Steve Hedrick also announced a few upcoming activities including the Collector Car Trivia Night (See flier in this newsletter and on the website).

In addition to the pizza lunch, Earl Lewis brought in a representative from Hagerty Insurance to go over the details of how Hagerty policies work and how they can help





with the valuation of classic cars. Earl, for example, noted that one of the things that he had recently learned was that if a car had achieved a Gold award at a Concourse event (as Earl's car has several times) that in and of itself actually increases the value of the car. There was also some discussion of details of the insurance itself. I learned, for example, that it is actually allowed to drive your classic car to work on the occasional nice day.

Everyone had a great time at the event and based on the positive results we will definitely consider using Cannoli's again next year.

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