



## Pontiac Regional Car Show Check Presentation By Chris Winslow



As covered in the September edition of *The Hoodscoop*, our 9th Annual Regional Car Show at the Pontiac Museum was a HUGE success. We ended up with 211 cars. That translated into a lot of registration revenue.

After the show was over, we tallied our net proceeds from the weekend. This year, that was pretty easy since our only significant expense was the cost of the trophies and some of that cost was offset by sponsors. Once it was all added up we determined that we had raised a total of \$5360 for the Museum at the event. Some of that money was cash raised by Earl's amazing 50/50 efforts, some of it was cash donations and the rest was revenue from the registrations.

Based on Will's totals, and subtracting the money that we had left with the Museum the weekend of the event, there was a balance of \$4650 that needed to be delivered to the museum.

Normally Tom and Terrie Oxler head back to Pontiac a few weeks after the event to present a final check for the proceeds from the show but this year Tom asked if Paula and I would like to do it. We happily accepted the task.

We coordinated with Tim and Penny as well as Pontiac Tourism Director Ellie Alexander and Pontiac Mayor Bill Alvey for our visit on Friday, October 30th. Since we were operating on a budget, I did not go out and get a big ceremonial check printed. Instead I made a medium sized one at home.

On that Friday morning, Paula and I jumped in the car (no Pontiacs for this trip, trying to keep the milage down!) and headed for Pontiac.



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The check presentation was made at about noon at the museum. We were all wearing masks, as is the rule in Illinois, so that is reflected in the photo of the presentation. A year from now, when we will hopefully be presenting the check for an even bigger 10th annual event, we will not need the masks and will look back at this photo and remember how crazy 2020 was.

Also joining us at the museum, but not in the picture, were Gateway GTO members Alan and Liane Finkenbinder. After the presentation, we enjoyed lunch at DeLongs restaurant with the Finkenbinder's and the Dye's before heading back to O'Fallon.

As I noted in the September article on this event, this was pretty much the only major Pontiac event in this part of the country that did not get called off in 2020. We managed to pull it off safely while still allowing everyone to enjoy the event. This is a testament to how many great members we have in Gateway GTO and how dedicated they are to the Pontiac hobby.

In recognition of our efforts, we have received two letters from the Pontiac Museum . The first is a letter from Penny on October 1st thanking us for pulling off such an amazingly successful event, even in the middle of a pandemic. The second letter was from Tim on October 27th thanking us for sponsoring the 1970 to 1974 GTO class for the event. I have included both of those letters here.

