



# Gateway Relay

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## Council News & Notes

- As this issue goes to press, we have a rather big event weekend coming up, with more than enough variety to keep everyone busy. The Volvo owners have headed to Kansas for an annual meet, the Jaguar crew is making an excursion to far north Illinois for some vintage racing. Want to stay closer to home? Cars & Coffee/Westport, a couple of shows and an autocross beckon.
- Want to go for a drive? You have two opportunities the weekend of the 23rd-24th, plus *another* autocross (great having three different series in greater St. Louis, eh?).
- As our staff makes the rounds covering events and spreading the word about the StLSCC, we regularly get queries concerning event participation from owners of cars which aren't covered by any of the eight member groups. As a reminder, the majority of the clubs welcome participants in their events, particularly the drives; the goal is to get our cars out and have some fun. If you're reading this and have any questions about specific activities, by all means call the club contact.
- Finally, something different for this month's feature, on page 3. Don't worry Volvo, your turn comes up again next month!

## Up & Coming

- 15-17 Jun 18**—Gateway VCOA **Midsommar**, in Lindsborg, Kansas. Hosted by the Heart of America VCOA Chapter, will include traditional Swedish Midsommar activities including music, folk dancers, crafts and food. For information registration call up [www.kc-vcoa.org/midsommar-2018/](http://www.kc-vcoa.org/midsommar-2018/) or email [gateway.vcoa.chapter@gmail.com](mailto:gateway.vcoa.chapter@gmail.com); a block of rooms is reserved at the Hampton Inn, Salina, mention the Volvo club. Celebrate Midsommar like a Swede!
- 15-18 Jun 18**—**Blackhawk Vintage Classic XXVI**, Blackhawk Farms, South Beloit, IL, hosted by the Vintage Sports Car Drivers Association (VSCDA). JAGSL is sending a contingent in support of Phil Taxman and his E-Type, other events include the Sprite/Midget Series race and Scramble Enduro. Info at [www.vscda.org/events/blackhawk-vintage](http://www.vscda.org/events/blackhawk-vintage).
- 16 Jun 18**—**Cars & Coffee-Westport**. 8-11 AM, at Westport Plaza, monitor <http://carsandcoffeestl.org>.
- 16 Jun 18**—**Hazelwood Baptist Car Show**. 6161 Howdershell Rd 63042, 10AM-4 PM, at Cars, music, food! Online registration at <http://hazelwoodbaptist.com/HBC2014/formsContact/CarShowSignup.php>.
- 17 Jun 18**—**SCCA Autocross #4**, at Gateway Motorsports Park. Registration from 7 to 8:15 AM, \$40 for SCCA members, \$40 plus \$15 weekend membership for non-members. Info at [www.stlsolo.org](http://www.stlsolo.org).
- 17 Jun 18**—**Cars With Class Father's Day Car Show**, Museum of Transportation, 2933 Barrett Station Rd, 9 AM-2 PM. Free admission to the museum, monitor <http://transportmuseumassociation.org> or call (314)615-8668.
- 21 Jun 18**—MG Club of St. Louis **RUBCO**, at Sunrise Family Restaurant, 3500 N Lindbergh, 9:30 AM.
- 23 Jun 18**—Jaguar Association of Greater St. Louis **Scavenger Hunt**. Meet at the Carmack's house, 241 Wenneker Dr, Ladue, between 9:30-10:00 AM. Lunch at 12 noon, Schlafly Tap Room, 2100 Locust St, St. Louis. Prizes for first and second place; please RSVP to Tom Loew, [big.cat92@hotmail.com](mailto:big.cat92@hotmail.com) (314)877-1677 or Terry Carmack, [tcarmack01@charter.net](mailto:tcarmack01@charter.net) (314)692-0566.
- 23 Jun 18**—St. Louis Triumph Owners Association/MG Club of St. Louis **Southwest Excursion**. Meet at the MO 94 commuter lot (MO Hwy 94 and I-64/US 40, O'Fallon) at 10 AM, cars roll at 10:30 AM. Take a fun, winding drive to Cedar Lake Celars, 11008 Schrekengast Rd, Wright City, arrive around 12 noon. The participant-

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Note: Some club events restrict participation to club members only, primarily for national/chapter insurance reasons. If interested in joining in on a drive or other event, we recommend you contact the club's event coordinator in advance for details.

## In Print

Plenty to choose from this month, starting with May's *Thoroughbred & Classic Cars*, where staff analyst Quentin Willson selects five "life-enhancing classics to bag before prices jump;" the group includes the BMW 635CSi. Also, a "Top 10 cars to restore" list, which includes the Jaguar E-Type Series 3, Austin-Healey 100/6 and Triumph TR5. Specifically for Jaguar enthusiasts, a remarkable story on the repair and restoration of one thoroughly trashed E-Type Series 1 hardtop, pulled out the mountains of New Mexico in 1971 with substantial rollover damage and multiple bullet holes (uh, high-speed chase anyone?). Finally, a buyer's



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*Up & Coming (Continued from page 1)*

ing cars will park on display around the lake; eat, drink, enjoy the company and the live entertainment by Every Little Thing (Top 40 pop and country). For more info, contact event coordinators Steve Moore (SLTOA) at myredTR6@sbcglobal.net or Allen Decker (MGCStL) at events@stlouismgclub.com

- 24 Jun 18—BSCC Autocross #4.** Show around 9:30-10 AM, six runs for \$35. For more information or to get on the email alert list for events, contact Racer Steve at sshab@yahoo.com.
- 30 Jun 18—Cars & Coffee/Gateway Classics,** 1237 Central Park Dr, O'Fallon, IL, 9 AM-11 AM. For info call (618)271-3000.
- 1 Jul 18—SCCA Autocross #5,** at Family Arena, St Charles. Registration from 7 to 8:15 AM, \$40 for SCCA members, \$40 plus \$15 weekend membership for non-members. Info at [www.stlsolo.org](http://www.stlsolo.org).
- 3 Jul 18—5<sup>th</sup> Annual Twin Oaks Presbyterian Church Car Show,** 1230 Big Bend Rd, Ballwin (Big Bend at MO 141). Registration 9 AM-noon, entry fee is canned goods or non-perishable food items for the church food pantry. Top 15 pick awards, people's choice award at 2 PM. All raffle proceeds benefit the Church Youth Mission. Food and refreshments available, Village of Twin Oaks fireworks display at ~9:15PM. Info (636)225-5625.
- 4 Jul 18—Gateway VCOA participation in the Annual Webster Groves Parade,** details TBA, monitor <https://gatewayvolvo.club> for details.
- 6 Jul 18—Sonic Car Cruise,** 1002 S Kirkwood Rd (corner of Kirkwood and Big Bend), 5-9 PM. Hosted every Friday evening through 28 September by The 'Stang Gang. Primarily rods/muscle cars/American heavy metal but foreign cars *do* draw attention...
- 6 Jul 18—First Friday Car Show/Memories Car Cruise,** aka "The Zoo," at Faith Church, 13001 Gravois Rd, Sunset Hills, 4 PM-9 PM. For 1979 and older cars.
- 7 Jul 18—Honor Flight Benefit Cruise,** hosted by the GTA Car Club. Noon until 6 PM; Poker Run noon until 5 PM, silent auction at 6 PM. All proceeds go to Honor Flight for our veterans. At White Mule Winery, US 50, Rosebud, MO. Call (314) 578-7203 for more info.
- 7 Jul 18—Cars & Coffee West/SunShine UMC,** 7116 Twin Chimneys Blvd, O'Fallon, MO, 8-10 AM.
- 7 Jul 18—Tire Rack Street Survival School,** at Family Arena, 7 AM-4:30 PM. The primary emphasis is a hands-on driving experience in real-world situations. Info at <http://streetsurvival.org>.
- 8 Jul 18—Gateway Autocross Association Events 3 & 4,** Family Arena, St Charles. Info and registration at [www.gatewayautocross.com](http://www.gatewayautocross.com).
- 14 Jul 18—Jaguar Association of Greater St Louis Birthday Party,** at the Missouri Athletic Club-Downtown, 405 Washington Ave, St Louis, in the Crystal Room. Starts at 11:30 AM, cash bar throughout the event, \$35 per person. Please RSVP by 10 July to John and Meg Sippel at john@sippel.pro.
- 15 Jul 18—BSCC Autocross #5.** Show around 9:30-10 AM, six runs for \$35. For more information or to get on the email alert list for events, contact Racer Steve at sshab@yahoo.com.
- 17 Jul 18—SLTOA Annual SweatFest!,** at John Lamberg's, 14148 Cross Trails Rd, Chesterfield. Show after 5:30 PM or thereabouts, the club will provide the main course, please bring a side dish or desert and your preferred libation. Don't forget to park in John's back yard...
- 21 Jul 18—Cars & Coffee-Westport.** 8-11 AM, at Westport Plaza, monitor <http://carsandcoffeestl.org>.
- 22 Jul 18—Gateway Autocross Association Events 5 & 6,** Gateway Motorsports Park. Info and registration at [www.gatewayautocross.com](http://www.gatewayautocross.com).
- 28 Jul 18—Cars & Coffee/Gateway Classics,** 1237 Central Park Dr, O'Fallon, IL, 9 AM-11 AM. For info call (618)271-3000.
- 29 Jul 18—SCCA Autocross #6,** at Gateway Motorsports Park. Registration from 7 to 8:15 AM, \$40 for SCCA members, \$40 plus \$15 weekend membership for non-members. Info at [www.stlsolo.org](http://www.stlsolo.org).
- 4 Aug 18—Cars & Coffee West/SunShine UMC,** 7116 Twin Chimneys Blvd, O'Fallon, MO, 8-10 AM.
- 5 Aug 18—Jerseyville DARE Car Show.** Registration 8 AM-noon, dash plaques to the first 100 entrants, 50/50 drawing benefiting the Jerseyville DARE Program. Family friendly, food, vendors, at Jerseyville High School, IL 67, north end of town (1801 N State St).
- 18 Aug 18—Cars & Coffee-Westport.** 8-11 AM, at Westport Plaza, monitor <http://carsandcoffeestl.org>.
- 19 Aug 18—SCCA Autocross #7,** at Family Arena, St Charles. Registration from 7 to 8:15 AM, \$40 for SCCA members, \$40 plus \$15 weekend membership for non-members. Info at [www.stlsolo.org](http://www.stlsolo.org).
- 20-22 Aug 18—St Louis Speed Festival.** Locations and events TBA, monitor [www.gatewaymsp.com/11045-2](http://www.gatewaymsp.com/11045-2) in the meantime.
- 25 Aug 18—Cars & Coffee/Gateway Classics,** 1237 Central Park Dr, O'Fallon, IL, 9 AM-11 AM. For info call (618)271-3000.

St Louis Car Shows and Cruises: <http://clubs.hemmings.com/lakerscarclub>

**Ed note:** You think the St Louis region Cars & Coffee gatherings are entertaining? Cars in the hundreds, people jockeying for prime parking spaces, representatives of the species *Bozous Americanus* doing burnouts as they head towards I-64?

Well, apparently, things are even more fun at one of the C&C gatherings back in DC. The following appeared in the online Washington Free Beacon on Monday, 4 June; the location was Katie's Coffee House, on VA 193/Georgetown Pike, northwest of DC near the Potomac.

# THE WASHINGTON FREE BEACON

## Politicos In Cars Getting Coffee

*The race for the most luxurious sports car in The Swamp*

By Nic Rowan, June 2, 2018 5:00 AM



It's early Saturday morning outside Katie's Coffee House in Great Falls, Virginia, where about 400 car enthusiasts from Maryland, Northern Virginia, and Washington, D.C., have rolled out to the parking lot for Cars and

Coffee—their weekly chance to gawk at the metro area's finest classic and exotic cars.

The show begins at 6:00 a.m. and runs until 9:00 a.m., but car show devotees compete for parking spots as early as possible.

Katie's owner Mike Kearney has been hosting the event for local car enthusiasts every Saturday in the spring, summer, and early fall since April 2010. But in the past few years, Cars and Coffee has become an outsized spectacle.

"We got here at 5:40, so I think we're done," a woman in a Nike visor yells across the parking lot to a man opening the driver-side door of his Ferrari.

When I approach the man, now turning the key to start his Ferrari, I notice the bags under his eyes. He's parked almost directly in front of the Katie's patio. This is the main thoroughfare today for coffee drinkers and car lovers—prime real estate for someone who desperately wants to get noticed.

I ask him if he had to get here early to nab such a great spot.

He laughs.

"If you start getting there at 5:15, there's people already there who have been camping out since way earlier," he says. "The earliest I ever got here was 4:00."

You're dedicated, I say.

"Well, I'm never the first one here," he says. "But this guy named Dave Trader—he once got here at 3:06. He's always, always here before everyone else."

The old man leans out of his car and chuckles: "Too bad he's not here today."

As he drives away, I read his license plate: IRONHRS. I wonder if that stands for "Iron Horse" or "Iron Hearse."

A few minutes later, an identical Ferrari takes his spot.

The last time I came to Cars and Coffee was in August 2016. A friend and I borrowed his dad's 2001 Porsche Boxster and raced twenty minutes out from McLean down the winding Great Falls roads. When we arrived at Katie's and saw the parade of Ferraris, Maseratis, and Lamborghinis, my friend became embarrassed.

"This car isn't good enough to be seen here," he said.

So we parked far away from all the action, in one of the Katie's shopping center's back lots.

Now, as I'm browsing these same back lots nearly two years later, I see how much the event has grown. A line of six Corvettes — all models from the early 2000s — are lined up in a gauntlet of American manufacturing ignominy.

A man clad in a salmon shirt, blue shorts, and brown Sperry's taps the ash off his cigar.

"End of an era," he sighs, examining the Corvettes.

He introduces himself as Bill. In the early morning light, his tanned and veiny legs seem accustomed to this kind of pre-breakfast tobacco stroll.

"It's a breakfast cigar," Bill says. "I have breakfast, lunch, and dinner cigars."

"Every day?"

Bill sighs again.

"No, not every day. In fact, since I retired, my wife has really gotten mad at me because I spend all my time out in my garage with my cars," he says. "So now I'm smoking almost every day. I didn't used to do this. It used to be a weekend thing. But I say hey, I'm 66—what the hell."

Not everyone at Cars and Coffee is an old man longing for sexy sports cars. There are plenty of young gearheads running around, too, geeking out over Audis, Mercedes Benzs, and other assorted specimens of German engineering.

Sometimes, the young clash with the old.

The last time I was here, a middle-aged woman driving a 380 SL Mercedes Benz backed into a parked red Ferrari 458 speciale headlight inset in the car's hood. Both cars' alarms went wild. The woman's back bumper wouldn't dislodge from the low-set Ferrari's hood. Her husband looked worried. Her two sons in the backseat watched in horror as the sports car's hood began to scratch and crumple.

"Ohhh s\*\*\*\*" a bystander said.

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## *A Couple of Specials* (Continued from page 3)

The car alarms attracted a horde of curious people armed with smartphones to film the carnage.

The owner of the Ferrari, a younger guy wearing athletic shorts and a blue t-shirt, ran over to the embarrassed family, who were getting out of their Mercedes to assess the damage.

"Are you serious? Are you \*\*\*\*\* serious?" he said. "This is the dumbest thing I've ever seen."

But it's not the dumbest thing that ever happened at Cars and Coffee. That prize goes to Josef Tosovsky, the 65-year-old man who just a few months before, on April 16, 2016, totaled his 2007 Ferrari just after he left the event.

According to Fairfax County police reports, Tosovsky had been joyriding at high speeds down the serpentine Georgetown Pike when he unexpectedly came up behind a car waiting to make a left turn onto Towlston Road. Attempting to avoid a rear-end collision, Tosovsky swerved into the left lane and struck an 2005 Acura RSX head-on. The Acura slid off the road into a telephone pole.

But Tosovsky's careening adventure wasn't finished. The Ferrari kept speeding forward and slammed into a 2008 BMW, also in the left lane. It continued spinning out of control until a collision with an International Harvester tractor trailer that was towing a large construction vehicle in the left lane totaled the Ferrari completely.

Three people ended up in the hospital with minor injuries, and Tosovsky was charged with reckless driving.

But accidents like these happen all the time in Northern Virginia — and not just around the Katie's scene. This past April, a driver sliced his Lamborghini in half as he rammed into a telephone pole at high speeds just outside Tysons Corner. Granted, it was night. No one was hurt, but the car (or was it two cars at this point?) will never roll up on Coastal Flats again.

As I'm preparing to leave Katie's today, I wonder if arrogance feeds recklessness. Cars and Coffee began as an informal morning gathering of car lovers—like they do out in California—but like everything else in D.C., it has become a competition.

I walk back out front to the two spots directly in front of the entrance to the coffee shop. These are the top spots on the lot. Split by a crosswalk and in the very heart of Cars and Coffee, whoever parks here dominates over the morning's action simply by being most visible.

Lamborghini Gallardos fill both spots. The one on the right is an orange convertible, the one on the left a tricked-out black coupe.

I peer into the console of the orange one and see a Make America Great Again hat. A man in a linen coat comes up and glances into the car.

"Subtle," he says.

As he storms away in lined discontent, the owner of the other Lambo, the luxury real estate agent Saad Jamil, bursts out of Katie's. He looks to be in his 30s, wears a driving jacket, and his eyes gleam with excitement. He's talking a mile a minute, explaining all the sweet new modifications he just slapped on his car.

"Where'd you get it tinted?" his friend asks him.

"Actually it came like that," Jamil says. "I already got a ticket on it. The cop pulled me over. It's a 20 percent tint."

"Ohhhhh. No, you can't do 20 in Virginia."

"Hey, I don't have front plates," Jamil says. "And he pulled me over when I was speeding. He tested it. There's a ticket."

His other friend, sitting in the car, revs the engine: "Yo, this s—is badass."

"Thanks, man," Jamil says. "But, but you got those billionaire doors though, man. You got the billionaire doors. I need to get mine detailed for that."

"Hey, when did you get here this morning?" I ask.

"I was one of the first few," he says. "Okay, well, I came at about 5:45."

"Was it worth it?"

Jamil stares at me.

"Hey man, this is a race. You gotta race for this prime real estate!"



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## *In Print* (Continued from page 1)

guide on the Triumph Herald and Vitesse. Meanwhile, over at *Octane*, the May edition features the first and last Austin-Healey 3000 works rally cars, built in 1959 and 1964.

The 29 May edition of *The (London) Telegraph* provided a quick look at the new BMW i8 Roadster; the article noted the car was going for £124,735 (about \$165,360 US) or £12,000/\$15,908 more than the hardtop. If you can't access the paper, you can read about the car in *Car & Driver* online at [www.caranddriver.com/news/2019-bmw-i8-roadster-photos-and-info-news](http://www.caranddriver.com/news/2019-bmw-i8-roadster-photos-and-info-news) (as an aside, representatives of Autohaus BMW at the recent European Auto Show didn't know when they'd start seeing the cars in their showroom). Speaking C&D, the June issue provides a comparo of wagons, matching the Jaguar XF Sportbrake S AWD and Volvo V90 T6 AWD against the Mercedes-Benz E400 4Matic; there's also a short look at the new Volvo XC40. Elsewhere, for those who regard legendary Detroit front-engine/rear-drive vehicles with affection or nostalgia, a salute to the Ford Crown Victoria. While the model went out of production in 2011, they're still used by law enforcement but their numbers are thinning rapidly; one of C&D's writers went out on patrol with one of the last Crown Vics operated by the California Highway Patrol.

*Classic & Sports Cars* for May has a cover article on "The World's Sexiest Roadsters:" the Jaguar XK150, Mercedes-Benz 300SL Roadster and the Maserati 3500GT Spyder. Farther along, an article on one owner's 14-year restoration of rare BMW E3 Estate and a one-page update on another owner's race to get his Triumph 2500TC ready for a London car show. Speaking of Triumph saloons, this issue also incorporates a buyer's guide to the Triumph 1300, 1500 and Toledo.

In June's *Road & Track*, a column by Sam Smith, "So You Want An Old Car." He notes "...the downsides are many, but so are the rewards" and expands on the idea with two questions: What do you want to do with the old car? And, what's your appetite for quirk? He finishes with the following: "An undriven car is basically furniture. Which is all well and good for some people, but then, you're not reading *Recliner & Throw Pillow*, are you?"

## Featured Events

## CVAR Mike Stephens Classic

JAGSL 13-15 Apr 18



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## MGCStL Montell Winery Drive

29 Apr 18



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Hermann Maifest  
MGCStL—19 May 18



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Friday Nights at the Sonic

25 May 18



Not a Lamborghini: well-built kit car with a Cadillac Northstar 32V amidships





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31<sup>st</sup> Annual St Louis European Auto Show

3 Jun 18



**Featured Events** continued



**Museum of Transportation Orphan Auto Show**

3 Jun 18





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