

Why attend a Great American Wheels & Wings Event?

We realize that this year, more car shows are scheduled than ever before. The addition of our Great American Wheels & Wings events has given you even more choices where you can enter your car. And that is a good thing! Good old fashion competition and ingenuity are just two of the things that have made this the greatest country in the world. This is one reason we chose the name - Great American Wheels & Wings.

I am afraid the competition for your participation is going to become very fierce. It may end up being like some of our political campaigns and elections trying to obtain your support and vote. I hope not but, you may start hearing rumors and innuendoes about owners, or promoters, which will do nothing but detract from the fun we are supposed to be having. Show car, and car show, owners are a different breed to start with. Each, and every, one has a story, or two, to tell. They have already displayed their independence by the mere fact that they are involved in this pastime. We firmly believe that show car owners will judge for themselves where they want to be on any given weekend day, or evening. We are hereby declaring our resolve to NOT participate in any gossip, name calling, rumors, etc. If it should come to pass, we will let Great American Wheels & Wings stand on its own merit.

Although the events named "Great American Wheels & Wings" may be relative new comers to the car show circuit, we are not. Jim Harvey, the founder, has had many years of show car ownership and car show involvement. Car show experience dates back to 1962 when, at age 15, he became a junior member of the Quartermilers, a Dallas area car club. The Quartermilers hosted the Dallas Autorama for many years before it was turned over to Chief Auto Parts and then O'Reilly's. Several years of Autorama experience has enabled Jim to more fully understand the complexities of hosting a successful car show. Jim personally hosted and participated in a number of local car shows before establishing Great American Wheels & Wings. A few years ago, some shows were organized under the banner "Paws 'n' Wheels", to benefit animal rescue groups.

Great American Wheels & Wings was started at Northwest Regional Airport in Roanoke, Texas. It began as a monthly show that was scheduled from July through November in 2009, combining aircraft, automobiles and motorcycles on display for viewing by owners and the public. The blend of aircraft, cars and motorcycles at a show provides an interesting mix that makes the events much more exciting than many car shows. Last year, only a few planes were involved (plane owners just may be more independent than show car owners!). We are currently building the plane participant base and expect that to grow significantly in 2010. This year, in addition to our April through November monthly shows, we are hosting two May shows, on Saturday and Sunday, that will run concurrently with the NW Regional Airport Air Fair on May 15 and 16. The Air Fair is a fly-in event and promises to have several aircraft on static display. It is a free event open to the public with hot air balloons, rides, games, vendors, food & drinks. The car shows will be on the east side of the airport.

The car shows last year were Show 'n' Shine only and were only located at Northwest Regional Airport. This year, the shows are "participant judged" shows with awards and are, again, being held at the airport and, now, area businesses. Show 'n' shine only is still available to owners not wishing to compete. Everyone is welcome! Currently, public spectators are not charged an admission fee and we don't anticipate changing that policy anytime, soon. Participant input is very important to Great American Wheels & Wings and the wishes of our participants are considered at all times! Jim's decades of owning and running successful businesses coupled with a lifetime of listening, attention to detail, follow-up and implementation help ensure that all car enthusiasts, participants and spectators alike, will have a worthwhile experience. We truly hope that you will join us and become a member of the Great American Wheels & Wings family.

We are asking your help in making these shows some of the most popular around by participating whenever possible. Owners who have joined us on previous occasions have remarked what an enjoyable atmosphere and relaxing time they experienced. A car show at an operating airport is not unique as there are wheels and wings events in other areas of the country. It is somewhat different for the DFW area, however. Although, NW Regional Airport is the only airport currently being used for the Great American Wheels & Wings shows, we are hopeful that other airports will work with us in hosting them.

All proceeds from Great American Wheels & Wings events go to Paws 'n' Wheels for animal welfare. There are many worthwhile causes benefiting from car shows and we applaud all of those efforts. It is our feeling that, given the state of our economy, animals (particularly abused, abandoned, "dumped" and neglected pets) are suffering greatly and need all the help we can give them. We do not try to make a living from our shows and there are no administrative fees deducted. Please go to www.greatamericanwheelsandwings.com or the Facebook pages for Great American Wheels & Wings and Paws 'n' Wheels to see our schedule of events and "help us help those who cannot help themselves"! Thank you for your time, Jim Harvey.