

## Alumnus movie Speeds into theaters

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George Gatins, a ceramic engineering major from the Class of 1987, is bringing his childhood love for automobiles to the big screen this weekend with the opening of “Need for Speed” in theaters nationwide.

George, who wrote the screenplay, and younger brother John, a producer who also has a fondness for cars, grew up in Poughquag, NY in downstate Dutchess County. In the March 14, 2014 edition of *The Poughkeepsie (NY) Journal*, John W. Barry writes about how the brothers have taken their fascination with cars and transferred it to the big screen.

“As a teenager growing up in Poughquag, George Gatins owned an orange 1972 BMW 2002.

“I drove it like a maniac,” Gatins said. “I remember being, once or twice, in a four-wheel skid...”

“The high school parking lot was full of Chevelles and Mustangs and Pontiac GTOs,” John Gatins said. “We grew up in Poughquag. To get to Arlington was 15 miles for us. There was a lot of driving.

“The Gatins, both graduates of Arlington High School, now live in Los Angeles and work in the film industry. And today you can see how they took their love of automobiles — “We weren’t mechanics,” George Gatins said, “but we loved cars” — and transferred it to the silver screen when the motion picture “Need For Speed” opens nationwide.

“The story idea was conceived by the brothers. The screenplay was written by George Gatins and John Gatins is a producer. The film stars Aaron Paul of television’s “Breaking Bad” fame and is linked to a video game of the same name.

The trailer for “Need to Speed” revolves around a guy, a girl, fast cars, police chases and car wrecks.

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