

Many attend show in spite of cool temps

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There were clouds, little sun and the wind was blowing but that didn't stop car owners from bringing around 75 vintage vehicles to St. Francis for the 11th Saturday in the Park car show. Also coming to the show were motorcycles – about 50 came from the front range of Colo.

Scott Schultz, one of the coordinators, said the number of entries was down this year but thought a lot of the lower numbers was due to the weather and the price of gas. The motorcycle club from Colo. had started out with 77 bikes but 25 turned back. As they drove into St. Francis, they were bundled up with their leather gear. Some had face coverings to protect them from the cold.

We were really pleased with the turnout of vehicles and bikes, Mr. Schultz said. He estimated that there was probably \$3 to \$4 million in vehicles parked around Sawhill Park. The 1970 Plymouth Hemi Cuda and the 1969 Shelby GT 350 along with a 1916 and 1942 Harley motorcycles

were among some of the more expensive vehicles on display.

Coming the longest distance was Bill and Betty Mullis who traveled 980 miles from Collierville, Tenn., with their 1955 Chevy BelAir. Rodney Shay, St. Francis, with a 1931 Ford Model A pickup took the antique class.

New this year was the kids' drawing for three bikes. They went to Nick Paulsen, Nick Easter and Avery Jensen.

The special club award went to Bill Samler.

Those who were not able to attend the show can see it on YouTube, compliments of Kent Kechter, club member and official photographer for the show. Log onto YouTube.com and search for "kkechter." The Saturday in the Park video is there. Or, Mr. Kechter said to log onto YouTube and type "Saturday In The Park 2011" in the search window. The clip will be listed.

The club members will meet soon to start planning for next year's show to be held the second Saturday in May.



SATURDAY IN THE PARK Car Show was held Saturday around Sawhill Park, St. Francis. It was cold and Mrs. Rich Fiegenschuh of Sydney, Neb., spent much of the day bundled up in a blanket. Top right, Jim Bowker, Goodland, had his car at the show and Billy Krien was admiring it; clockwise, Joey McCormick checks out the inside of a car while Nathan Lamb and Jenice Hartman look at the motor; many people took the opportunity to visit with friends and neighbors as they looked at the vintage vehicles; about 50 motorcycles from the Colorado Front Range arrived in St. Francis after a 200-mile ride.



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Saturday In The Park car show class winners announced

Antique: 1) Rodney Shay, St. Francis, 1931 Ford Model A pickup.

Pre-49-street rods: 1) Jake Brooks, Scott City, 1937 Chevy Coupe; 2) Danny Krayea, Goodland, 1923 Ford T-Bucket; 3) Robert Adams, Trenton, Neb., 1935 Chevy two-door.

Cars 1950s: 1) Bill and Betty Mullis, Collierville, Tenn., 1955 Chevy BelAir; 2) Chuck and Dee Gill, Garden City, 1955 Ford

Crown Victoria; 3) Steve Brooks, Liberal, 1950 Nash Air Flyte.

Cars 1960s: 2) Nathan Thomas, Goodland, 1969 Chevy Chevelle; 2) Fred Dinkel, Ellis, 1969 El Camino; 3) Larry Morris, Oakley, 1960 Chevy Impala; 4) Jim and Nancy Lichtenberg, Cedar Bluffs, Neb., 1969 Shelby GT 350; Tim Neitzel, Goodland, 1969 Dodge Charger RT; Roger Blume, Goodland, 1967 Chevy Camaro.

Cars 1970s: 2) Shawnie Butts,

Goodland, 1972 Ford Mustang Mach 1; 2) Jonnie Johnson, Wray, 1970 Plymouth Hemi Cuda; Travis Thrasher, Oakley, 1970 Ford Mustang Mach 1; 4) Mark Perry, Englewood, Colo., 1973 Ford Mustang Mach 1; 5) Bob Gittinger, Goodland, 1972 Chevy Malibu; 6) Nick Thomas, Goodland, 1977 Pontiac Grand Prix.

Cars 1980-1999: 1) Cassey McLaughlin and Bryan Lum, North Platt, Neb., 1998 Chevy

Camaro; 2) George and Linda Dorman, Thornton, Colo., 1981 Chevy Corvette.

Cars 2000-present: 1) Diane Krayea, Goodland, 2004 Chevy Corvette; Everett Eggers, Goodland, 2006 Chevy Corvette.

British cars: 1) Mark E. Bosler, Castle Rock, Colo., 1975 Triumph TR-6; 2) Connie Dawson, Oakley, 1965 Sunbeam Tiger; 3) Brooks Turner, Centennial, Colo., 1959 Triumph TR3A.

Pickups: 1) Don Cullip, Sterling, Colo., 1936 Ford; 2) Fred and Joanne Cook, Fort Morgan, Colo., 1956 Ford F100 Big Window; 3) Dale Melton, Goodland, 1967 Ford F100.

Under 18: 1) Dillion Straub, St. Francis, 1964 Ford Galaxie.

Under construction: 1) Tyler Lohman, St. Francis, 1966 Chevy 3/4-ton pickup.

Other: Bill Farland, St. Francis, Rat Rod.

Motorcycle: 1) Kevin Giedd, Burlington, Colo., 1942 Harley WL; 2) Kevin Giedd, Burlington, 1916 Harley; 3) Vernon Fischer, Sharon Springs, 1966 BMW R69S Side car BMW Special; 4) Steve Confer, St. Francis, 2008 Harley Softail.

People's Choice: Fred Dinkel, Ellis, 1969 Chevy El Camino.

Kid's Choice Award: Bob Adams, Trenton, 1935 Chevy 2 door.