

Car show plans being made

On Saturday, May 14, the streets around Sawhill Park, downtown St. Francis, and some of the adjoining streets will be lined with classic vehicles. This is the 11th year for the Saturday In The Park Car and Bike Show.

Not only will there be lots of vintage vehicles but there will be many vendors. Nancy Schultz, one of the coordinators, reported there will be people selling jewelry, Scensy candles, T-shirts and baked goods. Other food vendors include barbecue, corn on a stick, the Wahrms, Hobo Wagon and Mountain Man.

Breakfast will be served by the senior citizens at the center from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. This is their pancake day and one of their money-making endeavors to help

support the center.

New this year will a drawing for three bikes that have been renovated. Kids can sign up – no charge – and the first name drawn will get their pick of the three.

In 2001, the first Saturday In The Park Car Show was held. With a zero balance in the bank account, three club members stepped forward and paid for the dash plaques and trophies for the show.

There were 69 entries that year. This year, Mr. Schultz said the weather has been cold so he suspects that has slowed down the entries. However, closer to May 14, they expect a bunch to be coming in. Also, if the day is predicted to be fair and warm, the motorcyclists from the Colorado

Front Range are planning to come.

"That will be about a 100 motorcycles coming into town," he said.

The show is held rain or shine. Through the years, there have been nine years of good weather. One year, it was cold and drizzled rain all day and the other year, it just plain rained all day. However, 67 vehicles still came to the show.

"We always receive positive comments from the people who come to St. Francis," Mr. Schultz said. "They talk about how clean the town is and how beautiful the park is. They also enjoy the friendly people who live here."

Everyone is urged to mark their calendar for May 17 and plan to spend the day at the park.

Cruiser prepares for show

"Honey, I May Be in Big Trouble"

On a sunny July 2008 afternoon in southwest Kansas, this now famous remark could be heard coming from the computer room in our home, "Honey, I think you better come in here. I may be in big trouble."

I was just bidding on the Camaro for fun! said Bruce Bolen, Bird City, and member of the Cruiser's Car Club.

After spending many hours on eBay looking for a 1969 Z/28 Camaro, he was playing with the bidding when it finally stopped with three hours left to go, and he was the high bidder.

"It was more than I wanted to spend and the car I was about to own was located in Buffalo, N.Y.," he said.

There were no more bids for the remainder of the auction and he and his wife, Emily, were now the new owners, sight unseen.

"I must say I was more excited than she was!" he said

The other now famous quote in their family is "The car is show ready and I will not have to spend very much money on it." This turned out to be problem number two!

After taking a quick flight from Colorado Springs to Buffalo and back in 24 hours, Bruce made arrangements to have the car shipped to Amarillo, Texas, about



Bruce and Emily Bolen's 1969 Chevrolet Camaro Z/28

three hours from their home at the time in Johnson. Of course when he arrived to pick up the car it had been damaged in shipping, which seemed to fit in with the "rest of the story."

Our 1969 Chevrolet Camaro Z/28 tribute is the fourth muscle car he had restored, and the only one that they currently own. It was in very nice shape and could have been taken to car shows in the condition that I purchased it.

Of course, he said, I am obsessed with my cars, and this one was no different.

After getting the car home, he immediately started the restoration process by removing the entire front and rear suspension, installing all new polyurethane components and having all pieces powder coated. After completing the suspension, he removed the dash and reworked the gauges and lighting. Of course this made the carpet look drab, so he removed the complete interior and installed new sound-deadening material and new carpet.

I could have quit with this, he said, but when opening the hood, the performance-built 350 engine was painted black. Everyone knows it should be the correct Chevrolet orange, so one engine repaint and

under-hood detail later; it was on the road again.

The 15 minutes of fame came when the Bolens were invited to attend a special Chevrolet unveiling of the new 2010 Camaro at Riley Chevrolet in Ulysses. This was a special invitation to Camaro owners to display their cars for this "back-in-time" tradition of keeping a new car under wraps until that special day when it was first seen by the general public. It was a special day of sharing memories, Chevrolet, hot dogs, and apple pie.

"We have attended many car shows over the past three summers and plan on attending many more," Mr. Bolen said.

The first show in Northwest Kansas where he won a trophy was "Saturday in the Park" in St. Francis. This was the spring before they moved to Bird City, and meeting all the great people had an influence on them moving to the area.

"I love driving the Camaro and just enjoy reliving the memories of the past when times were slower, simpler, and gas was a whole lot cheaper!"



RIVERSIDE GOLFERS Greg Wolters (left) and Gene Dodd are ready to tee off at the first tournament of the year at Riverside Recreation.

Herald staff photo by Betty Jean Winston

Tournament held at Sainty

May has arrived and Riverside Recreation had their first golf tournament of the year on Sunday. It was a three-man scramble with 48 golfers playing despite the cool weather.

Club Clip

Hospital Guild

The Cheyenne County Hospital Guild met on May 2 at the senior center. The lesson on Macular Degeneration was given by Dr. Danielle McAtee. The 14 members and four guests present enjoyed her informative talk.

Those present enjoyed a salad luncheon. Hostesses were Joan Richard and Elaine Owens.

A discussion was held during the business meeting about having a membership drive in the fall when the members meet again.

The men were divided into two flights, a championship flight and a first flight.

Winning the championship flight was the team of Horsey, G. Glad and Schwiezer. The team of Taylor, Kriss and Lucas placed second in the flight while two teams, Roesener, Sager, Greg

Lauer and Jay, Stone, Jay tied for third place.

The first flight had the following results: (1) D. Dinkel, Workman, Gerald Lauer; (there was a tie for second place) AJ McAtee, Farrell McAtee and Ryan McAtee; and Smull, Krieh and Brock McAtee; (4) R. Lampe, B. Lampe, Erker.

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