



Car show, motorcycles here Saturday

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This weekend The Saturday In The Park Car and Bike Show is set to roll into town as car and bike enthusiasts come to St. Francis to see what the show will bring. This is the 14th year for the event, which will be held on Saturday, May 10, in the streets around Sawhill Park in downtown St. Francis.

Members of the Cheyenne County Cruisers are planning on 120 to 150 entrees this year. New this year will be the addition of tractors along with the vintage vehicles.

Registration begins at 8 a.m. and runs until noon. There are already people registered from Kansas, Colorado and Nebraska.

There will be antique vehicles, Pre-'49 street rods, 1950's, 1960's, 1970's, 1980's to present, under construction, British, pick ups, under 18, motorcycles, tractors, and rat rods all at the car show.

There will be a breakfast served

at the Senior Center from 7 a.m. until 1 p.m. for everyone to enjoy after they have registered their vehicles.

At 9:30 a.m. the National Anthem will be played.

The public is encouraged to stop by the Registration Desk and pick up a voting ballot to vote for your favorite vehicle. The ballots are due at 2 p.m. The winner will be announced at the awards at 4:00 and receive a trophy.

Lunch will be served by the vendors in the park. After lunch, at 1:30, there will be a poker run. The run will leave from the southwest end of the park.

At 3 p.m. there will be a chicken bingo. You must be 21 to play, purchase tickets by 2:45.

In conjunction with the car show, Yost Ford is sponsoring a Drive 4UR Community event. The program will run from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. Ford will donate \$25 per registrant to the project, which has been earmarked for

a non-profit organization, such as the motorcycle museum. The Cheyenne County Cruisers encourage you to attend Saturday's show and support Ford's Drive 4UR Community. Take a test drive and help earn money for your community!

Some vintage motorcycles will also be on display in the park. The owners will also be there to answer any questions you have. This will just be a sample of the bikes we could have in the proposed motorcycle museum.

The Aurora Honda and Aurora Harley Davidson clubs will be riding in for their annual ride for St. Jude's Hospital. They will be arriving between 12:30 and 1 p.m. Each year the members plan a trip to St. Francis and they are planning on good weather so everyone can make the ride.

Proceeds go toward scholarships
There is no charge to attend the show. Proceeds from special events at the car show will go toward

college scholarships for graduating seniors in the area. Using proceeds from past shows, the Cheyenne County Cruisers have previously presented 44 scholarships. The group has given away thousands of dollars in scholarships and sponsored many other community projects.

Raffle tickets will be for sale and those that purchase them will have the opportunity to win a number of items, including a quilt made by Debi Race, a small refrigerator donated by Biers' Hometown and a two and a half ton floor jack donated by Car Quest of Burlington. The big ticket winning item of the day will be a Mechanics rolling metal tool chest. If you purchase a ticket, you do not have to be present to win.

The Cheyenne County Cruisers are also giving away two kid's bikes. Any child 14 years and under can stop at the registration desk and sign up. They do have to be present to win. There will be

a tractor pull for the children this year as well. See related article in this paper for more information.

The show will be held rain or shine. Weather has varied over the last 13 years. While most of the years have been warm and sunny, there have been a few overcast and one year it rained all day. However, 67 vehicles still came to that show, even with the rain.

Months of work and planning go into each year's show. The Cheyenne County Cruisers hope that everyone will come to Sawhill Park to support all the vendors and enjoy the day. They also ask that no skateboards, bicycles or pets come to the park that day.

The show has become a community event which brings people to town.

Everyone is urged to mark their calendar for May 10 and plan to spend the day at the park.

For more information check out the web site at www.cheyennecounty cruisers.com.

Saturday's Schedule

- 8 a.m. to noon: Registration
- 7 a.m. to 1 p.m.: Breakfast served at the Senior Citizens Center (west end of Washington Street)
- 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.: Show and Shine
- 9:30 a.m.: National Anthem
Lunch will be served by vendors in the park.
- 1:30 p.m.: Poker Run
(The run will leave from the southwest end of the park)
- 2 p.m.: All ballots are due at registration table
- 3 p.m.: Chicken Bingo.
Must be 21. Purchase tickets by 2:45 p.m.
- 4 p.m.: Awards presented

Car dealership offers test drives

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Everyone is urged to stop by the Saturday in the Park Car and Bike Show on Saturday, May 10 and take a test drive with one of the vehicles. With every drive, \$20 will be donated to a non-profit organization, such as the St. Francis vintage motorcycle museum.

Yost Ford, in conjunction with the community, will help the St. Francis community raise as much as \$6,000 when they "take the wheel."

Last year, Ford introduced Drive 4UR School, a program that helps Ford dealers support local schools by hosting a special test drive event. In Cheyenne County, Yost Ford helped the community raise \$4,205 for the St. Francis Community School District and \$3,120 for the Cheylin School District.

Inspired by that program, which has raised more than \$18 million

since 2007, Ford created Drive 4UR Community, which launched in the fall of 2012. These organizations range from nationally recognized charities, like the American Cancer Society, Habitat for Humanity, and Make-A-Wish Foundation, to local organizations that are meeting a specific need in a community.

Last year, there were drivers from all over the area.

"We had drivers from Bird City, St. Francis, McDonald, Atwood, Goodland and Oberlin," Brent Rueb, sales manager for Yost Ford, said.

"Whether you are looking to test out our fuel-efficiency vehicles, like the Fusion or Focus, we will be able to put you behind the wheel of your favorite Ford vehicle," he said.

Yost's staff will be on site to assist with all vehicles and provide additional information about each vehicle available for test drive.



TIM RACE backs his 1981 Chevrolet El Camino out of the garage. He will be showing the vehicle at the car show on Saturday. Stop by and see the work he has done.
Herald staff photo by Tim Burr

New club member shows off vehicle

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One of the newest members of the Cheyenne County Cruisers Car Club will be showing his car Saturday at this year's show.

Tim Race and his wife, Deb recently moved to St. Francis from Sterling, Colo. He is a mechanic at Yost Farm Supply.

He brought along his classic 1981 Chevrolet El Camino when they moved to town, and he said he is glad to be able to show it off at the show.

He bought the car in 1992

from a auto dealer in Sterling and, he said, has treasured it ever since. He drove it for a few years as his main transportation. Then, he says, it became his "play toy," and he started some restoration work on it.

"Most of the work I have done has been painting. The metal on the roof was rusted and pitted, and it took a lot of work to get it in shape. There has been some minor body work that I had to do. Like any older car, it had a few dings in the doors and such. I'm going to start on the

interior next, and I need to get the compartment under the hood slicked up. It is an on-going process, but I enjoy doing it."

Tim is originally from Michigan. He came to Denver to attend auto mechanic school, before living in Sterling. He has been a member of several car clubs, including one in Chappell, Neb., and the Liberty Car Club in Ft. Wayne, Ind.

Tim couldn't tell the number of hours he has spent on his El Camino.

"It has been a bunch of hours,

and a bunch of dollars, and it still isn't done," he said. "Guess I'll just keep at it till I finish."

Tim does have his eye on another potential project.

"I kind of like the look of the 1930s to 1940s International half-ton pickups. I have my eye on one that I might like to fix up. That might be my next project."

Tim joined the Cheyenne County Cruisers last fall, shortly after moving to St. Francis.

"I'm really looking forward to the show this weekend" he said.

Pedal pull set for Saturday at 1 p.m.

There will be a kids' tractor pedal pull on Saturday in the band shell at Sawhill Park. The pedal pull is being held in conjunction with the Cheyenne County Cruisers' Car Show.

Registration will begin at 12:30 p.m. and the pull starts at 1 p.m. Age divisions for both boys and girls are 4 to 12 years.

There will be prizes for the top three placers in each division and a coupon to the Shriners' Candy Wagon for each participant.

The top two placers in each division qualify for the state pedal pull on Sept. 7 in Hutchinson during the Kansas State Fair.

The tractors are provided by Siruta Pedal Pullers from Colby.

Antique motorcycles displayed at car show

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Recently, there has been some serious talk about establishing a motorcycle museum in St. Francis. Plans are still not set as the committee is looking into several places to locate the museum, but excitement about the possibility has increased.

The motorcycle museum at Marquette is thriving and seeing 10,000 visitors per year. The motorcycle museum in Marquette is Marquette, said a resident on one of our visits.

Mike Bahnmaier, who has a number of bikes in the museum, was approached by a fellow collector about opening another museum. Mr. Bahnmaier, the biological dad of Dr. Brett Poling, told him he was approached, then Dr. Poling asked, "Why not St. Francis?" Mr. Bahnmaier liked that idea.

Since the preliminary planning of the museum in St. Francis, there have been other people with bikes who have also showed an interest in bringing bikes to show, at the museum.

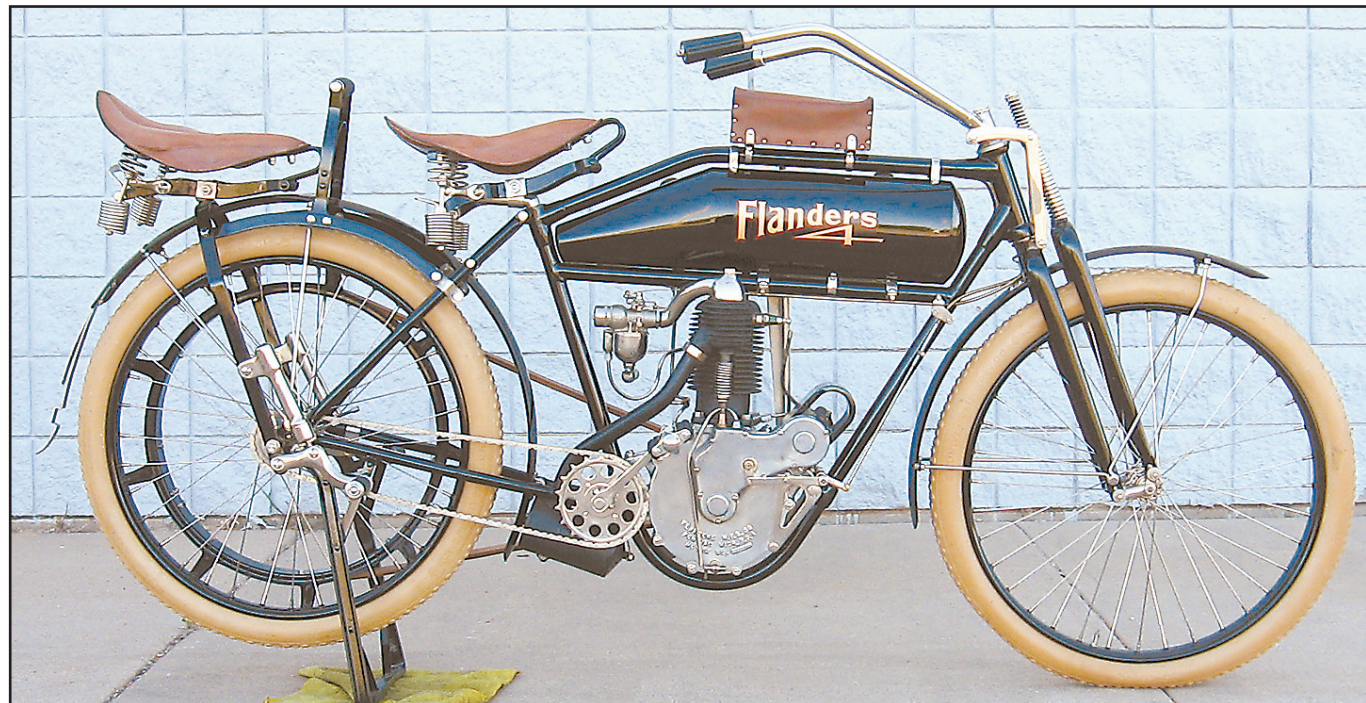
It opens up an opportunity for those

with show bikes, but also an opportunity to build the display of bikes in the St. Francis motorcycle museum, Dr. Poling said. There are many travelers on Highway 36 looking for destinations and places to stop along the way. There have been up to 100 bikes come to St. Francis for the Cheyenne County Cruisers Car Show and the museum would be another reason to stop in St. Francis.

The St. Francis motorcycle museum will be a unique opportunity to make the city a destination.

Mr. Bahnmaier, who collects only American-made bikes, plans to bring a number of bikes to the car show on Saturday including a 1912 Flanders, a 1912 Harley, a 1960s Harley and a 1930 Henderson. People will be able to view the antique motorcycles and also be able to ask more questions about the museum plans.

This will also be a good opportunity for people, who want to see the motorcycle museum succeed, to show their interest. The museum project has a 501c3 designation. When money is collected it will be put in the account, and anything over \$500 is considered a tax write off. The museum



This 1912 Flanders bike will be among others displayed at the car show on Saturday

board will be seeking donations when plans and the location is finalized.

Yost Ford will be hosting the Drive 4UR Community Program where every time someone drives one of the new Ford vehicles, \$20 will be donated to a non-profit community project. Ford will donate up to \$6,000, to the non-profit motorcycle museum said Brent Rueb, sales manager.

Come test drive one of these vehicles and show your support for this project.

Museum name

The proposed motorcycle museum is yet to have a name. As this is a Saint Francis museum, I think that the name should be picked by the people of this community, Bahnmaier suggested. It could be a contest or it could be a number of suggestions by

the people. That will be decided in the near future as the plans for the museum develop.

Stop by

People are urged to stop by the motorcycle display during the car show on Saturday. View these unique bikes, which are examples of the 20+ bikes of Bahnmaier's that will be displayed in the new motorcycle museum in St. Francis.