



More than a hundred motorcycles (above) paraded down Main from Ninth to 17th and then back up to the Veterans of Foreign Wars hall during the Flatlander Fall Festival. Steve Zeigler (right) tried to get close to the orange cone so his rider could put a tennis ball on top during the bike games Saturday, Sept. 23. Janet and Chuck Redlin (below) were part of the parade, with son Braxton, 9, on the back of Chuck's bike and Bracelyn, 11, riding behind on a small bike.

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Bike-show organizers pleased with turn out

Cold weather reduced the number of motorcycles in the 12th annual Northwest Kansas Bike Show on Saturday, Sept. 23 — part of the Flatlander Fall Festival — but organizers said they were pleased with the turnout.

There were 159 motorcycles and trikes, down from 195 last year.

Dave Daniels, a city commissioner and a member of the Flatlander committee, said he was worried that the weather would drop the bike count below 100, and was a little surprised how many people traveled to the show.

“We had a good weekend,” Daniels said. “It was fun, and with the large turnout, we had a great show.”

Daniels said having the registration inside the Veterans of Foreign Wars Hall made it better for the workers, keeping them out of the cold and wind.

The bikes were displayed on

Main Avenue for most of the day. Bike games began at 3:30 p.m. on the parking lot behind Bankwest, including courses where the rider had to get close enough to a set of cones to allow rider to place tennis balls on top or throw rings over them. In a timing test, the rider and passenger had to time dropping of a tennis ball through an angled pipe and catch it at the bottom.

Awards were handed out Saturday night at a dinner held at the veterans hall for the top prizes and the bike class winners.

Top prize winners included Levi Livengood of Salina, who won the Big Brothers Big Sisters People's Choice Award for his Class A-9 radical custom bike; Brandon Gustafson of Burlington, Best Pain award for his Class AS-4 Metric 750-under street bike; and Rick Wells of Wray, Colo., Best of Show and Best Engine with his Class A-9

radical custom bike.

Bike show class results

Class A-1 FLH, American: Doug Tongish, Goodland; Dan Worley, Fort Collins, Colo.; Gary Slough, Goodland; and Al Gerze, Colorado Springs.

Class A-10 Custom Sport, American: Randy Tomie, Burlington; Ray Dunaway, Aurora, Colo.; and Craig Quint, Cheyenne Wells, Colo.

Class A-12 Factory Built, American: Scott Spena, WaKenney and Sid Unruh, Goodland.

Class A-13 American Trike: Jo Lohmeyer, Tribune; Jack Parker, Wray, Colo.; and Max and Scoop Kriegh, Winona.

Class A-2 FL, American: Rich Romine, Goodland; Dave Hageman, Goodland; Craig Johnson, Thornton, Colo.; Gary Garrett, Goodland; and Mike Garrett, Goodland.

Class A-3 FX, American: Linda Hofreter, Arvada, Colo.; Mike Miller, Goodland; and Nikki Knox, Burlington.

Class A-4 XL, American: Mike Miller, Goodland; Stuart and Heather Pittman, Goodland; Al Tremblay, Plainville;

Class A-5, Antique, American: Kirk Easterday, Atwood; Dean Topliff, Goodland; and Matt Murray, Goodland.

Class A-6, Mild Sportster, American: Dan Krayca, Goodland; Scott Devader, Burlington; and Jeff Gassmann, Plainville.

Class A-7, Mild Custom, American: Rick Chartier, Denver; Ron Cowan, Goodland; Val Gallentine, Goodland; Shad Sheldon, Goodland; and Randy Knox, Jr., Burlington.

Class A-8, Full Custom, American: Randy Knox, Burlington.

Class A-9, Radical Custom, American: Levin Livengood, Salina; Rick Wells, Wray, Colo.; and Kelley Faylor, St. Francis.

Class AS-1, Touring, Metric: Robert Moore, Golden, Colo.; Ron Hackel, Loveland, Colo.; Diane Fields, Aurora, Colo.; Don and Collen Dowell, Sterling, Colo.; and Bill Chartier, Brighton, Colo.

Class AS-2, Street, Metric: Jeff Chartier, Brighton, Colo.; Dave Buick, Fort Collins, Colo.; Jared Enfield, Goodland; Greg Williams, Goodland; Kenneth Ray, Burlington; Paul and Sharon Weber, Haxtun, Colo.

Class AS-3, Sport, Metric: Jon Kleymann, Tribune; Michael Collins, Elendale; and Jim Kennedy, Goodland.

Class AS-4, 750 under street, Metric: John Studer, Goodland; Tom Purvis, Goodland; and Brandon Gustafson,

Burlington.

Class AS-5, Antique, Metric: Tom Purvis, Goodland; Travis Murry, Goodland; Mike and Michelle Weed, Colby; and Jim Oliver, Colby.

Class AS-6, Chopper, Metric: Lindsay Page, Burlington.

Class AS-7, Custom, Metric: Chuck Redlin, Goodland; Jan Westback, Morrison, Colo.; and Silas Kapphan, Peyton, Colo.

Class AS-8, Dirt Bikes, Metric: Chuck Redlin, Goodland; Tyler Hillmer, Goodland; and John Vilex, Loveland, Colo.

Class AS-9, 250 under street, Metric:

Chuck Redlin, Goodland and Craig Quint, Cheyenne Wells, Colo.

Class ASE-1, Trikes, Metric: Norene Moore, Golden, Colo.; Terri Wallert, Aurora, Colo.; and Joe Roberts, Windsor, Colo.

Class ASE-2, Scooters, Metric: Tom Purvis, Goodland first, second and third.

Class E-2, Street, European: Jared Enfield, Goodland; Sigg Pflumm, Evergreen, Colo. and Stuart and Heather Pittman, Goodland.

Class E-5, Antique, European: Chuck Engel, Goodland; Gary Garrett, Goodland and Jan McClelland, Goodland.

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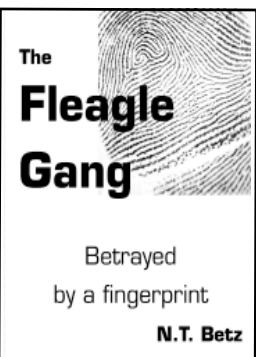
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Ranked in top 20 true crime, burglary and robbery on Barnes & Noble

Author Tom (N.T.) Betz, editor of *The Goodland Star-News*, has spent a lifetime in journalism and on the Great Plains.

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