



BEFORE THE PARADE on Saturday, Jim Plotts (above) took his granddaughter Alexis Auxier, Keatra Fisher and Miki Dorshorst around the fairground during the annual Mini Sappa Antique Engine and Thresher Show. Harvey Wright (below) worked with the saw with the help Lowell Holmburg. Several men helped cut up a large piece of wood at the sawmill.

Tractors and engines bring out a crowd

With 20 more exhibits than last year, the annual Mini Sappa Antique Thresher and Engine Show was hopping Saturday and Sunday at the fairground.

Many milled around the engines, which ran off and on. Saturday afternoon, several men cut boards with a sawmill attached to old farm equipment. The blade was operated by a giant band attached to a tractor. The blade spun round and round as a large piece of wood was pushed through and a board fell off.

The two-day show featured 48 tractors, 50 engines, 11 mowers, 41 cars, four cycles and scooters and 11 implements from Kansas, Colorado and Nebraska.

Winner of a 1940 Ford 9N tractor was Carolyn Wurm. Delvin Bader of Hays won a quilt; Brandon Vacura of Jennings, a toy Ford 9N tractor and Kiana Martin of Indianola, Neb., a doll quilt.

As the men milled around the engines, cars and tractors outside, women were inside, weaving through the handmade quilts. There were 41 on display, with the People's Choice award going to Donna Lincoln and Anne Teel.

Each day, owners of the tractors and cars started their engines up and paraded around the fairgrounds. During the parade, the top five cars and top five tractors were chosen.

Top 5 tractors Saturday included:

- a 1931 JD Model D owned by Gus Wolters.
- a 1959 Allis-Chalmers Model D-17 owned by Gary Orr.
- a 1957 Farmall 450 owned by Everett Shuler.
- a 1947 International Super A owned by Charles Lincoln.
- a 1953 Allis-Chalmers Model WD owned by Gleason Dryden of Wray, Colo.

Top 5 tractors Sunday included:

- a 1942 John Deere Model H owned by Don Lafferty of McCook.
- a 1935 McCormick Deering owned by Lonnie McEvoy.
- a 1947 International Farmall M owned by Everett Shuler.
- a 1949 Minneapolis-Moline Model R owned by Bob Martin of Herndon.
- a 1933 International F-12 owned by Bill Jones of Quinter.

Top 5 cars Saturday included:

- a 1954 GMC pick up owned by Gus Wolters.

• a 1966 Chevy pick up owned by Carolyn Wurm.

• a 1929 Willys Knight 70B owned by Howard and Joanne Lahman.

• a 1937 Cadillac Opera Coupe owned by Chuck and Pat Wagoner of Colby.

• a 1914 Ford Model T Speedster owned by Ray Kircher.

Top 5 cars Sunday included:

- a 1932 Ford Model A owned by Melvin Smalberger.
- a 1966 Chevy Impala owned by Lonnie McEvoy.
- a 1973 Chevy pick up owned by Everett Shuler.
- a 1930 Ford Model A pick up owned by Rich Shaw.
- a 1934 Dodge Super Deluxe Sports Coupe owned by Richard and Marcia Wiltfong of Norton.

The pedal tractor pull winners included Natalie Hawkins, Atwood, Danae West, Oakley and Shane McEvoy.

Those who won the Garden Tractor Pull included Tex Shaw, Selden, Lawrence Bouray, Nebraska and Bill Anderson, Nebraska.

Poker Run winners on Saturday were Brandi Cook, first, and Everett Shuler, second. Sunday winners were Jim and Carolyn Plotts, first; Brandi Cook, second.



ON HIS TRACTOR, Bob Martin (above) ran the belt throw to make the saw blade rotate. Richard Cole, (from left) Jerry Harris, Gene Leitner and Paul Corcoran sat on a bench before they presented the colors at the parade on Saturday.

