



EARLY SATURDAY, David Sporn (above) helped himself to pancakes at a feed at the museum as part of the car show. Judge John Bremer (below) drove down Main Street in the

afternoon in his 1981 Gazelle, which is a replica of a 1929 Mercedes Benz. It is a kit car.

Owners show off antique vehicles at annual event

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Some had their hoods up, some didn't, as their owners buffed out any spots or streaks on their "rods." There were cars painted red, blue, green, orange and lots of other colors. Each one came with a story of how the owner found it, restored it or planned to fix it.

Each car, truck or motorcycle shined in the bright sun Saturday during the Decatur County Museum's Summerfest Car Show on Main Street. It was the fifth year for the show, which is always held the first week in June.

The event brought out 114 entries from Kansas, Colorado and Nebraska. Vehicles and owners checked in early Saturday and then found a spot on Main Street. Curator Sharleen Wurm said the show was a great success. They sold out of about all of their food at noon and had more cars than last year.

The owners polished the vehicles up for the "show and shine" before things got really busy downtown.

In the late morning, the street was swarming with people. Some walked under the shady canopies and looked at the back of the cars while others roamed in the middle of the street to check under the hoods.

Although many of the owners drove their vehicles in from out of town, some came from Oberlin.

LaVern Burtis entered his 1939 Ford Model A with a 1946 Teardrop trailer. Mr. Burtis said the blue car was his first high school car back in the 1970s.

The Model A belonged to his dad, said Mr. Burtis, but from an early age he latched onto it. Later his Dad gave it to him.

While he was in the Army and for a while after he came back, the Model A sat on blocks at his Dad's house. About four years ago, said Mr. Burtis, he went to pick the car

up. He just had to put gas and a new battery in and the old Ford was ready to go.

Mr. Burtis said he and his wife Carolyn found the trailer when they were in eastern Nebraska. He said he was going to make one out of wood so they could take it camping and, then found this one in the classifieds.

Mr. Burtis said he plans to restore both the car and trailer.

Until then, though, the couple still uses both. He said they like to take them out to Sappa Park. The trailer sleeps both of them and they are able to set up an awning with a table and chairs underneath.

Although he had his 1981 El Camino entered in the show, that didn't stop the owner from continuing to work on the vehicle. The owner had hired Greg Guise of Guise Art in Ellis to finish etching the windows during the show.

Mr. Guise had etched a design on the back window and was working on the side windows on Saturday.

He said he had been working in the etching business for 14 years. Most of his work, he said, is on cemetery monuments. Since the same technique is used on both granite and glass, he decided to expand the business.

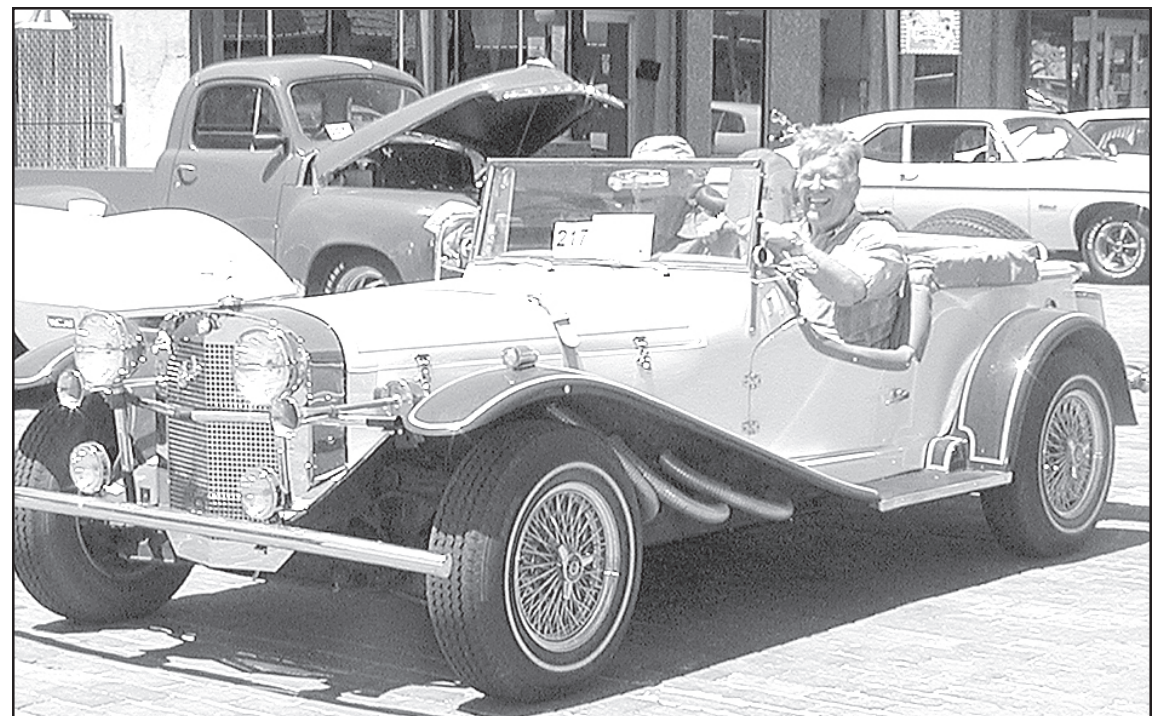
Although this was his first car show, he said he plans to attend more.

Winners of the activities during the show included:

- Pastor Rick Langness, Shane McEvoy and Gatlin Whetzel in the Chamber-sponsored remote car races.
- Renee Mullins, first; J.R. Wolfram, second; and Susan Witte, third in the poker run.
- Will Steinbeck took first in the men's starter put.
- Keri Bryan took first in the women's starter put.
- Dalton Paul took first in the kid's starter put.

Winning cars included:

- Jim and David Sporn for their 1936 Ford delivery truck for best work in progress.
 - Scott Spena for a 2005 American chopper for best motorcycle.
 - Patrick Shirley for his 1959 Triumph TR3 for Mayor's Choice.
 - Bob and Vickie Adams for their 1935 Chevy coupe hot rod for best street rod.
 - Del Deleplancque for his 1959 Pontiac Bonneville for best Pontiac.
 - Wayne Goltl for his 1969 Chrysler New Yorker for best Mopar.
 - LeRoy Krafft for his 1956 Chevy 2 DHT Belaire for best Chevy.
 - Shawn Adams for a 1979 Chevy Camaro for best muscle car.
 - Pete Jensen Jr. for a 1939 Ford half-ton pickup for best pickup.
 - Renee Mullins for a 1967 Ford Mustang for best Ford.
 - Marge Bretton for a 1964 Ford Laundau for People's Choice.
 - Dallas Hayes for a 1957 Chevy 3100 for Museum's Choice.
 - Dave and Bev Posson for their 1949 Mercury for Best of Show.
 - Dwayne Jones for his 1928 Ford Model A for best antique.
- The top 10 vehicles selected were:
- 1937 Ford owned by Terry Hilker.
 - 1957 Studebaker Golden Hawk owned by Leonard Sewell.
 - 1968 Chevy Camero owned by Kathie Francis.
 - 1980 Chevy Corvette L82 Couple owned by Danny Krayca.
 - 1939 Olds Coupe street rod owned by Bob Callihan.
 - 1962 Chevy SS HT owned by Rick Windell.
 - 1929 Ford Model A two door owned by Bod and Shirley Sproul.
 - 1970 Mercury Cougar owned by Shane Wurm.
 - 1966 Pontiac LeMans Sport owned by Jerry and Diane Ball.



ON MAIN STREET, Greg Fidele put entries for the drawings into the boxes under the KFNF tent on Saturday.