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Hot Rods and Customs

34th Auto Show Hits Town

Spectators Stroll State Street Saturday

Top Celebrity Guests Make for Great 2009 Show, Says Organizer Ed Reavie



Name: Wes Myrick
Model: 1940 Hudson Custom
Home: Belmont

Number of Visits: Has been to every show, but this is first with this car

"I love the north. I've met so many wonderful people up here. It's a great experience."



Name: Jay Kelso
Model: 1940 Ford Custom Sedan
Home: Fenton

Number of Visits: Has been coming since the beginning

"This show is such a family thing; it's the first thing I put in for for vacations."



Name: Tim Tabbert
Model: 1961 Ford Econoline Truck
Home: Cassopolis

Number of Visits: Second time

"I found this in a used car lot for \$600. It's a lot of fun to drive and it turns a lot of heads."



Name: Roger Somero
Model: 1964 Chevy El Camino
Home: Hancock

Number of Visits: First time with this car

"I've restored cars all my life, ever since I was a little kid. It's unbelievable how much money people put into their cars during a recession."



Throng of people take to State Street in downtown St. Ignace Saturday afternoon, June 27, perusing the multitude of classic and custom cars on display during the 34th Annual Auto Show. As seen from atop the city's Municipal Hall, spectators and automobiles were packed shoulder to shoulder and bumper to bumper between Municipal Hall and the Arnold Dock, just a small section of the show's entirety.

By Mark Tower
People and gleaming automobiles filled the streets of St. Ignace Thursday, June 25, through Saturday, June 27, for the 34th Annual St. Ignace Car Show. Winners included Dave and Diane Fischbach of Bellaire for their 1956 Chevrolet Bel Air in Best of Show Original, Tom DeMarco of Rochester Hills for his 1954 GMC Pickup in Best of Show Modified, Jim Ryan of Ypsilanti for his 1970 Ford in Participants Choice Original, and "Hot Rod Bob" Fulkerson of Oxford for his 1957 Chevy Bel Air in Participants Choice Modified.

Highlights of the show were the Down Memory Lane Parade Friday evening, cruise night Thursday, and the all-day car display that drew thousands of people downtown Saturday. Cars were displayed along the city's main street, with State Street closed from Church Street to Marquette Street to accommodate the vehicles and show goers.

As the last muscle cars and hot rods filtered out of town Sunday, the city returned to its everyday life and residents were left with memories of celebrity guest John Schneider, the General Lee, cars cruising down State Street, and car lovers as far as the eye could see.

What brought so many people to St. Ignace Saturday? According to Ed Reavie, the show's organizer, the two celebrity guests, television actor John Schneider and automotive writer Ken Gross, played a big part in making it what Mr. Reavie called "one of the bigger shows" in its 34-year history.

"Celebrity-wise, it was the best show," he said. "We have had one of our better guests in John Schneider, an absolute four-star guy. Ken Gross brought a lot of people; he's a street-rod god."

Of Mr. Schneider, Mr. Reavie said the fan pandemonium the former "Dukes of Hazzard" star brought with him was "absolutely incredible."

"He came in here this morning at about 10:30, hit the

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John Schneider recognizes the "Dukes" theme song during Friday's Guest of Honor brunch.



July 4 Events Planned

Activities Announced in St. Ignace, Mackinaw City, Curtis, Naubinway, Trout Lake, DeTour, Les Cheneaux

A listing of Independence Day observances planned throughout the area.

St. Ignace

Crowning of the royal court Thursday, July 2, will begin St. Ignace Fourth of July festivities, which will include a parade, Fire Department public picnic and open house, and fireworks.

The contests for Miss St. Ignace, Junior Miss St. Ignace, Princess, and Prince will be at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, July 2, at City Council chambers in City Hall. The winners will participate in the Fourth of July Ruby Goudreau Memorial Parade, which begins at 1 p.m. Saturday, July 4.

The Bayside Live! Waterfront Entertainment Series offers its first performance in the series of weekly Thursday concerts. Performing

Thursday will be Saints of Steel, the LaSalle High School steel drum band. The event is free to the public and takes place in the pavilion on the dock of the public marina in downtown St. Ignace.

The Fourth of July Ruby Goudreau Memorial Parade begins Saturday, July 4, at 1 p.m. The parade begins at the corner of Stockbridge and North State streets and travels south along State Street, ending on McCann Street.

Immediately after the parade, the St. Ignace Kiwanis Club will have games for children at Dock 3, near the Coast Guard station at the end of Ferry Lane.

St. Ignace Fire Department will host its open house at the City Park and Dock 3 area at 3 p.m. Free hot dogs, brats, ice cream, and soda pop

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EUP Women Knit Hats for Soldiers

By Mark Tower

A group that began in the EUP and now includes people from areas as diverse as Rudyard, Bay City, Grand Blanc, and Brooklyn, New York, have banded together to knit and crochet hats and send them to ill and wounded American troops overseas in Iraq and Afghanistan.

The project was initiated by two Rudyard women, Meta Welcher and Polly Ross, who decided to start a knitting group during Christmas 2004, and began knitting and mailing out comfort items to U.S. soldiers.

They had a tent set up during the St. Ignace Car Show Saturday, June 27, where people could find out more about the project and have the opportunity to "sponsor" a hat for a soldier by giving the

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Meta Welcher of Rudyard stands with the "Warmth for Warriors" booth during the car show Saturday, where visitors could sponsor one of the hats sent to sick and injured troops overseas for a donation.

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