

# Car Collectors Say They Enjoy St. Ignace Show

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show. "All those folks who got laid off in mid-Michigan are our tourist customers. They came north this week, though, in droves."

A group of car owners from Wisconsin, many of whom had never been to the St. Ignace show, came this year and said they would plan to return.

Bill Schrock from Oconto, Wisconsin, brought his 1954 Ford Sunliner convertible to his first

show here. He said the show schedule has conflicted in the past with "Back to the 50s," a nostalgic car show in St. Paul, Minnesota. At St. Ignace, he said he enjoyed talking with car enthusiasts he rarely sees elsewhere.

Dick and Chris Sustman from Green Bay, Wisconsin, came with Mr. Schrock's group, and said they enjoyed their first time at the famous show. They brought a 1967 Oldsmobile 442.

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At right: Norm (left) and Marc Schmelzle of Fair Haven stand next to Norm's 1968 Chevrolet Camaro Z-28. The brothers won one of the top 40 spectators' choice awards for the car at the show. Their father, Walt Schmelzle of Troy, (not pictured) also received one of the top 40 awards for his 1967 Chevrolet Corvette convertible, a family car his sons said he has owned for 38 years.



Jay Kelso, Jr. (left) and Jay Kelso from Fenton stand between their two cars at Saturday's show. Mr. Kelso has been coming to the show since it began, and his son said he has been here since he was in diapers. Mr. Kelso, Jr. brought a 1970 Ford Mustang Fastback, his first muscle car, while Mr. Kelso, Sr. brought a 1940 Ford Sedan. The father and son said they enjoy working on cars together and they hope to never miss a show in St. Ignace.

"The weather was great, great for traveling," Mr. Sustman said. "The parade was nice."

He said they would likely come back again, depending on the timing and conditions surrounding the show.

John Lipinski from Munger brought his 1971 Chevrolet Chevelle this year, and said he comes to the St. Ignace show just about every year.

"I like it all," Mr. Lipinski said, "the nice ride [here], the show is great, and you get to meet people."

Mark Reizen from Howell brought a 1939 Ford Deluxe Coupe and said he hoped to bring a 1958 GMC Suburban Carry-all for next year's show. He said he most enjoyed talking to friends and strangers Saturday.

"Being with my friends, some of whom I've known since third grade and all of them since high school," Mr. Reizen said of his favorite aspect of the weekend. "It's a chance to get away from whatever your normal life is."

During the award ceremony Saturday afternoon, Jerry Dixie from *Street Rodder Magazine*, another special guest of the show, praised the weekend's atmosphere, calling it "the mellowest show" he has seen.



The 49th Field Regiment Pipe Band from Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, passes during the Down Memory Lane parade on the evening of Friday, June 26. The bagpipe band is a longtime crowd favorite at the St. Ignace Car Show.

"I've heard this is the best show in Northern Michigan," he said, "but it may be the best show in North America."

The magazine helped sponsor the AMSOIL Street Rodder Road Tour 2009, in which a group of car owners travelled from the NHRA Hot Rod Reunion the previous weekend in Bowling Green,

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## Helen Thompson Wins Car

Helen Thompson of St. Ignace was the winner of a new automobile in the Kewadin Casino car giveaway during the St. Ignace Car Show. "I am very excited and in disbelief," Mrs. Thompson said. Her car was in need of repairs, she said, but she won't have to worry about that now. (Kewadin Casino photograph)

## Rudyard Scholarships Announced

The Rudyard Area Education Fund awarded scholarships in May at Rudyard High School. A total of

\$8,650 was given out to seniors planning to attend college in the fall.

The following is a list of scholarships awarded:

**English-Wallis VFW Post 4905 and Auxiliary Scholarship** - Brittany Hoolsema, Katia Locke, and Kacey Lewis; **John Tilson Scholarship** - Rose Tremi; **Rudyard High School Alumni Scholarship** - David Hoolsema; **Michael D. Flanders Scholarship** - David Hoolsema; **Maki Family Memorial Scholarship** - Rose Tremi; **"Alive and Free in the EUP" Essay Scholarship** - Rhea Moses; **Tahquamenon Area Credit Union Scholarship** - Meagan Mayer; **RAEF Fine Arts Scholarship** - Kasey Lewis; **Rudyard Area Education Foundation Scholarships** - Logan Perry, Melanie Case, Daine Pavloski, Lindsey Traynor, Mitch Wilson, and Erin Jarvie.

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