

Summer rolls into town with Dandelion Daze

Written by Holyoke Enterprise



Car enthusiasts from all over Colorado displayed a total of 46 cars at Saturday's car show. People's Choice Award went to the 1956 Chevy Bel Air, owned by Steve Sullivan of Holyoke.
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Perfect summer weather greeted car enthusiasts last weekend at Holyoke's 10th annual Dandelion Daze event Friday-Saturday, June 18-19.

Sponsored by Holyoke Chamber of Commerce, Dandelion Daze offered a number of activities including a car show, barbecue and kids' games.

Car owners had a chance to show off their vehicles in Friday evening's Grease Lightning Parade, as well as Saturday's Show and Shine at the Phillips County Courthouse lawn. A total of 46 vehicles were registered.

Top Gun (Rodder's Choice) honor was awarded to Denver's Edwin and Mary Lou Rockwell and their 1940 Ford Convertible.

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The 1956 Chevy Bel Air owned by Steve Sullivan of Holyoke won the People's Choice award.

The top 15 cars were recognized with a plaque and a special bottle of Dandelion Wine. Top 15 are as follows:

Jerry McArthur, 1970 Chevy Pickup and 1934 Chevy 3-window, Burlington; Don Cullip, 1936 Ford Pickup, Sterling; Mike Kerker, 1955 Dodge Power Wagon, Sterling; Pat and Marge Smith, 1956 Chevy Pickup Model 3100, Colorado Springs.

Harry Lindsay, 1940 Ford Coupe, Littleton; Richard Fell, 1936 Ford Roadster, Englewood; Bob DeBoer, 1952 Ford Pickup, Holyoke; Bob and Polly Zetterman, 1965 Chevrolet Impala SS Hardtop, Arvada.

Don Donjon, 1951 Chevy 1/2 Ton Pickup, Ovid; Eugene Reinke, 1958 Buick Special, Oshkosh, Neb.; Tom Webb, 1939 Ford Standard Coupe, Sheridan; John Blachowski, 1947 Chrysler Town & Country Sedan, Aurora; Marvin and Muriel Nelsen, 1942 Ford Sedan, Julesburg; Blain Sharp, 1967 Chevy Camaro, Wray.

Saturday's Dandelion Daze event also featured 12 craft/vendor booths in addition to the fire truck on display. The Phillips County Museum had their 1909 Hupmobile Coupe on display, a car donated to the museum by the Lloyd Covert family.

Around 450 people enjoyed the Holyoke Marketplace/Bank of Colorado Friday night meal while 185 were served at the Chamber's Saturday lunch.

Phillips County 4-H and the Colorado State University Extension had a pickup raffle with proceeds going to the benefit of the local Extension office.

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New to this year's Dandelion Daze was a life-size Candy Land game sponsored by My Little Angel. Kids got to decorate cupcakes, finger paint with chocolate and decorate coloring pages.

Children had the chance to meet firefighters from the Wages Volunteer Fire Department, who were there handing out balloons and candy. Firemen showed the kids they weren't scary and that their job is to help them in an emergency.

Dozens of children participated in the free child identification kits. The kit, with their fingerprints and other important information, will be valuable to parents and law enforcement if the child is ever lost or missing.

My Little Angel partnered with Operation PC Cares to make a quilt to send to local troops serving overseas. Kids used colorful paint to put their names and handprints on the quilt.



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New to this year's festivities was a life-size Candy Land game for children, sponsored by My Little Angel. In addition to a number of fun candy-themed games, volunteers from the Wages Fire Department were there to greet children and hand out candy. Fireman Damon Struckmeyer gives a sucker to Hannah Lindholm. —Enterprise photo