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The 6th annual Chase County Corvette Classic just continues to grow. Held during the fair on Saturday, Aug. 15, more than 200 cars registered for the show.

The event is sponsored by Harchelroad Motors, Inc., and they officially registered 215 cars in the show.

Organizer Sid Harchelroad said they ran out of display space along Wellington Street, forcing the spillover of another 30-40 Corvettes along adjoining streets.

The highlight of this year's show came in the form of a 1953 Corvette convertible restored to original condition.

The car, owned by Joel and Lynette Janssen of Papillion, won the Dealer's Choice award in the show, one of the top prizes awarded.

There were less than 250 of the Corvettes made in 1953.

Janssen said he bought the car after the engine had caught fire and damaged a significant portion of the front of the car.

He said it took him eight years to fully restore the beauty back to original condition. Since its restoration, the car has had only 56 miles put on it.

Janssen also displayed two other Corvettes at the show and said he owns more than 40 collectibles.

The Looking Glass Corvette Association from the front range of Colorado won the show's Governor's Cup for bringing the most cars—43.

In addition to the Corvettes, six new Camaros were also on display.

Trophies for cars in six different divisions were awarded, including one for stock and one for modified. Divisions are determined by the model year of the car.

The C1 division covers years 1953-1962; C2—1963-1967; C3—1968-1982; C4—1984-1996; C5—1997-2004; C6—2005-present.

Winners of the various classes follow:

C1—1st, Joel & Lynette Janssen, Papillion, 1953 Convertible; 2nd, Roger Coffman, Hastings, 1959 Convertible.

C1-Modified—1st, Denny & Cheryl Jorgensen, Fort Collins Colo., 1962 Convertible; 2nd, Dennis & Gerri Janssen, Glenvil, 1961 Convertible; 3rd, Gene & Diann Perry, Otis Colo., 1962 Coupe.

C2—1st, James & Paula Butters, Fort Collins Colo., 1963 Convertible; 2nd, Ken & Barb Hodges, Julesburg Colo., 1966 Convertible; 3rd, Lyn McDermott, Lakewood Colo., 1967 Convertible.

C3—1st, Diane & Danny Krayca, Goodland, Kan., 1980 Convertible; 2nd, Mark & Linda Hamel, Arapahoe, 1981 Coupe; 3rd, Ted & Dana Jedrzejczik, North Platte, 1970 Convertible.

C3-Modified—1st, Steven & Jane Laughlin, Wray Colo., 1969 Coupe.

C4—1st, Lonnie Ochsner, Greeley Colo., 1990 Coupe; 2nd, Frank & Martin Padilla, Brighton Colo., 1992 Coupe; 3rd, Tim & Rolanda Powell, Kenesaw, 1994 Coupe.

C4-Modified—1st, Dave & Lynne Hazelton, Longmont Colo., 1986 Coupe; 2nd, Scott Mucklow, Fort Collins Colo., 1985 Coupe.

C5—1st, Bob & Sandy Connolly, Arvada Colo., 2003 Coupe; 2nd, Ron & Gail Blummer, Littleton Colo., 2001 Coupe; 3rd, Dave & Gayle Daugherty, Castle Rock Colo., 1998 Convertible.

C5-Modified—1st, Pat & Sandy Swift, Omaha, 2003 Convertible; 2nd, Leo & Lisa Vialpando, Denver Colo., 2000 Coupe; 3rd, Donald & June Nelson, Fremont, 2003 Coupe.

C6—1st, Dave & Sandy Everett, Arvada Colo., 2009 Coupe; 2nd, Richard Ochsner, Windsor Colo., 2007 Coupe; 3rd, Dale & Linda Zimmerman, Lincoln, 2008 Convertible.

C6-Modified—1st, John Kosmicki, Windsor Colo., 2007 Convertible; 2nd, Gene & Diann Perry, Otis Colo., 2009 Coupe; 3rd, Joe & Sam Parker, Arvada Colo., 2008 Coupe.

High Distinction—Dan & Linda Wallace, Windsor Colo., 2007 Coupe; Jerry & Jo McDonnell, Fort Collins Colo., 2005 Coupe; Carol & Brad Bolack, Littleton Colo., 2008 Coupe; Roy Harrach, Commerce City Colo., 2008 Coupe.

Camaro—Don Schultz, Big Sandy, Mont., 2010 Camaro; Austin Kaliff, York, 2010 Camaro; Spencer Vasa, Holyoke Colo., 2010 Camaro.

Dealer's Choice—Joel & Lynette Janssen, Papillion, 1953 Convertible.

Governor's Cup—Looking Glass Corvette Association, Colorado, 43 Corvettes.