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The Wauneta Breeze

On Aug. 17, Imperial's Wellington Street was a sea of shining chrome and paint during the 2013 Car Nutz Cruize-in at the Chase County Fair.

The event drew 56 entrants plus 13 club members' cars for total of 69 cars on display for all to see.

The cars ranged from a 1923 Ford T-Bucket to a 2013 Chevrolet Camaro.

People who stopped by the show had the opportunity to vote for their favorite car. The car with the most votes was selected as the coveted "People's Choice" winner.

This year, the People's Choice winner was Mike Amen of Bridgeport with his 1965 Pontiac GTO.

Car Nutz members also cast their votes for the best car in the show. The "Club's Choice" award was given to Judy Winick of Wellington, Colo., for her 1958 Chevrolet Impala.

Three area car dealerships also sponsored awards in the show. Award winners were chosen by dealers' representatives, who chose the car they liked best.

The Imperial Country Ford Top Ford Award was given to Gary Johnson of Oshkosh for his 1970 Ford Mustang Mach 1.

The Harchelroad Motors Top GM Award was taken by Larry Hilty of Sterling, Colo., for his 1939 Chevrolet Coupe.

The Deveny Motors Top Mopar Award went to Brian Schilz of Ogallala for his 1969 Plymouth Road Runner.

The club also awarded a trophy to the best rat rod of the show. This year's winner was former Waunetian Brent Littrel of Hastings for his 1949 Chevrolet Pickup. Littrel said he originally built the pickup for his parents, Shirley and Roy Littrel.

The award for best electric car went to the Chase County Schools' 2012-2013 Power Drive Team.

Award for the best interior went to Larry Hilty of Sterling, Colo., for his 1939 Chevrolet Coupe.

Best engine award was given to Jason Krayra of Goodland, Kan., for his 1923 Ford T-Bucket.

The award for best paint went to Gary Johnson of Oshkosh for his 1970 Ford Mustang Mach 1.

Show registrants were entered into a drawing for a 40-inch TV. Joe West of Arvada, Colo., who entered a 1966 Ford Galaxie in the show, was the proud winner of the TV.

All show entrants received a t-shirt and drew a magnetic koozie with a number on it for a door prize. All entrants and the public were invited to participate in the Valve cover races.

Rex Felker with Car Nutz said the group is very grateful for their sponsors.

"We'd like to thank our Imperial and Wauneta sponsors, car club members and spouses and kids for their help, but most important are the participants. Without them the Cruze In wouldn't be possible," said Felker.

A percentage of the proceeds from the show will go to a scholarship given by the Car Nutz Car club to a senior who is going in to the automotive field (mechanics, auto body, etc.). The scholarship is open to any Chase County senior attending either Chase County Schools or

Wauneta-Palisade Schools. Seniors can apply for the scholarship by contacting any Car Nutz club member.

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