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A lot of chrome and shine lined the walkway into the Chase County Fairgrounds Saturday as the fair's motorcycle show took center stage.

A total of 20 motorcycles were entered in this year's show, down some from last year's 35 entries, according to ABATE of Nebraska District 12 spokesmen, hosts for the show.

Judges from Colorado cast their ballots for winners in five divisions—best domestic, best metric, best modified, best pre-1970 and best mini.

In addition, all those who exhibited bikes in the show cast their ballots for "Exhibitor's Choice." Another individual also won a plaque for riding the farthest to the show.

The 2009 Bourget "Fat Daddy" motorcycle entered by Elsie's Greg Sis won the coveted Exhibitor's Choice plaque. The beautifully painted purple bike earned a lot of "oohs and aahs."

Jerry Littrel of Davenport, Neb., rode the farthest to get to the show, clocking 207 miles on his motorcycle.

Earning the best domestic plaque was Imperial's Greg Koellner, with his 2010 Harley-Davidson Ultra Limited.

The best metric was shown by Derek Harris of Culbertson with his 2012 Star Stryker.

A 2005 Eddie Trotta Thundercycle entered by Lance Kimble of Imperial won the best modified division.

Jerry Groff of Imperial went home with two plaques for best pre-1970 and best mini. His 1961 Honda Dream 3000 won the pre-1970 division, while his 1946 Hiawatha Doodlebug took the best mini class.

ABATE spokesman Greg Koellner said they really like the location for their show in the walkway area, where they were moved three years ago. He said the expo exhibitors request that the show remain in that location because it draws additional traffic into the expo area nearby.

It was a bit of a fluke that the motorcycle show moved to that location. It used to be lined up just west of the fairgrounds on East 7th Street, but three years ago, vehicles disregarded the sawhorses set up to keep traffic off that block, so there was no where to display the bikes.

A quick decision by the fair board moved them to the walkway, where they've had the show ever since.

Helping present the plaques to the show winners were Desarae Balderston of McCook, Miss Wilsonville Junior Rodeo Queen, and Dannyl Bromander of Eustis, Miss Southwest Nebraska Junior Rodeo Queen.

Hegwood Trenching and Liewer Funeral Home helped sponsor the motorcycle show with the fair board.

