

Jamboree Car Show Rebuilt

For the first time since 2008 the Vernonia Friendship Jamboree was host to the "Run What Ya Brung & Rat Rod Revival Car Show, organized by Mike Snow.

Following the successful show, Snow offered his thanks to the sponsors, R&S Market, Black Bear Coffee, Tommy's Tinting, Mike Pihl Logging, Vernonia Dental, and Frank & Patty Schrier of Vernonia. "We have put the building blocks in place to bring this show back to Vernonia," said Snow.

"We had 40 cars and I was pleased with the results," added Snow.



"The coolest thing that happened was we had several Vernonians that stopped by out of the blue to help make it easier for us to set up and tear down before and after the show, just out of pure enthusiasm for the event!"

Snow noted that several entries traveled from some distance to participate including a pair from Oregon City, Kelso and Longview, Tigard, St. Helens,



Clatskanie, Rainier, Banks and Forest Grove. "From my standpoint, that's impressive!" said Snow.

Snow was also pleased with a new twist to this year's show. "We had a couple of 'single owner/multiple entries' this year. We had a couple from Vernonia, Mike and Christine Mihalisko, bring three Mopars, '64 Plymouth Satellite, '73 Plymouth Cuda and '70 Plymouth Roadrunner, which won the 'Most Likely To Get Pulled Over' award. And Chris and Erin Scheuerman of Vernonia brought in four VWs from their incredible private collection, a '65 VW Deluxe Bus, '71 VW Westfalia Camper, '73 VW Type 181 Thing and '59 VW Type 2 Single Cab Flatbed."

Overall Snow was pleasantly surprised with the results of the show and the feedback from his audience. "We got a lot of comments from the show and we expect it to double or more by next year," said Snow.

He said people really liked the unique judging system which did not

include classes. Instead judges grade each car on a scale of 1 to 10, regardless of what it is. "If a ride hits a 7.5 on the scale, we put it in a group of 7.5s and debate on the winner. Makes it equal for everyone," said Snow.

Up for grabs were ten "Best Ten of Ten" awards and three hand built awards. Jeffrey Crouse of Scappoose took home the "Grand Rat Award."

Another twist this year was the addition of the "350 Smallblock Tear-



down & Rebuild" contest. Local Vernonian Matt Poetter was the winner over Scott Ross of Clatskanie by 9/10 of a second and walked away with the \$250 grand prize sponsored by Louis Lardy's Mechanic Shop.

"A good time was had by all and the Jamboree Car Show has been rebuilt," said Snow.

Top left: Grand Rat winner Jeffrey Crouse with show organizer Michael Snow (left) and show sponsor Louis Lardy (right). Above: Matt Poetter won the Small Block Tear Down & Rebuild contest.

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