Muscle and Chrome car show revs up in Seaside

SEASIDE — Several hundred muscle cars and their proud owners will converge on Seaside for the Seaside Downtown Development Association's 12th annual Muscle and Chrome car show, to be held June 19 and 20, sponsored by NAPA Auto Parts.

For a \$30 registration fee, participants get to show their cars off along Broadway on Saturday, culminating in the Downtown Cruise parade as they vie for awards in 30 categories. The awards presentation is part of the finale banquet.

Registrants can also participate in a Show and Shine and barbecue compliments of Thousand Trails Campground and take part in the organized Cruise, showing off south along U.S. Highway 101. In addition, they have the opportunity to win prizes and more than \$300 in cash in the SDDA Downtown Treasure Hunt. "On Saturday, Broadway from Holladay to the turnaround — is typically wall-to-wall people appreciating the cars, talking to the owners, shopping, having fun and enjoying our town," says Laurie Mespelt, SDDA's special events coordinator.

Founded in 2004 as Muscle Beach Cruz by the late Gary Diebolt who was a SDDA board member, the event has morphed over the years with a name change and from showing vehicles 1960 to 1978 to now including factory performance vehicles from 1979 to the current year. This year a limited-edition 1964 Mustang — only 1964 were built - will be on display. A Founder's Award is given in Diebolt's name and an award named for SDDA's first executive director, Dolna Mespelt.

Every year a car is selected to be the "signature" car for the following year's advertising



See classic cars on display in downtown Seaside June 19 and 20.

and apparel, which "fly off the shelves" according to Tita Montero, SDDA executive director. The selection is revealed when event information is unveiled. Rodney Fobert, the owner of this year's poster car — a 1967 Mercury Cougar XR7 — was surprised when one of his car club buddies told him to visit the SDDA website. He and other members of "The Unlimiteds" will be in the car show this year.

"We appreciate that car enthusiasts show their regard for Seaside through their generosity as they participate in an activity at their awards dinner, which raises funds for the Seaside food bank," says Montero. "Greg Boat, owner of DelSol, carries on the tradition started by Gary Diebolt for SDDA's car shows to give back to the community at large."

Muscle and Chrome entries will be on display from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday along Broadway; the cruise is from 5 to 5:45 p.m.

Muscle and Chrome is one of 10 events and activities mounted by nonprofit SDDA.



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7:30 рм

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