

2015 Rods 'N' Rhodies

- Best in Show**
By Florence Area Chamber of Commerce
1936 Ford Coupe
John Winkes
- Mayor's Choice**
By Florence Mayor Joe Henry
1946 Mercury Convert
David Rasmussen
- Chief of Police's Choice**
by Chief Tom Turner
1941 Willys Sedan
Don and Robin Pyle
- Fire Chief's Choice**
By Chief Jim Langborg
1968 Mercury Cougar
Ken and Darlene Schram

RODS 'N' RHODIES HUGE HIT IN FLORENCE

For the eighth year in a row, the annual invitation-only Rods 'N' Rhodies car show rolled into Florence from Friday to Sunday, Sept. 11 to 13.

Phenomenal weather greeted hundreds of spectators who turned out Saturday and Sunday to view the nearly 100 high-end custom hot rods, muscle cars and classics from all over the western United States and Canada.

The car cruise Saturday night was the most heavily participated cruise in years, according to event organizers, with nearly half of the participants thrilling spectators along Bay Street — including one who demonstrated the art of a “Chinese Fire Drill.”

The Invitational Best of Show award this year went to John Winkes of Trail, Ore., with his emerald green 1936 Ford Coupe.

On Sunday, Merchant Awards were passed out to 30 recipients, as well as Mayor's Choice, Fire Chief's Choice, Police Chief's Choice and two awards sponsored by Tim and Pat Smith.

This year's 50/50 raffle benefit

went to the Siuslaw High School Auto Shop Program.

Organizers wished thanked the many volunteers who helped produce the event by serving on the Committee as well as manning event duties throughout the weekend.

They particularly thanked the Rhody Cruisers, as well as other community supporters, including local

merchants who sponsored awards, businesses who provided items for the “goody bags,” the City of Florence, Siuslaw Valley Fire and Rescue and County Transfer and Recycling.

They also thanked the event sponsors: ACR Automotive, Les Schwab Tires, Oregon Pacific Bank and Oregon Pacific Management Company.

2015 Rods 'N' Rhodies Merchant Awards

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| <p>The Archives: Best Restoration
1929 Ford Model A, Tommy Car</p> <p>Bay Street Family Tyes:
Four Doors For Family Fun
1954 Chevy Tin Woody, Jim Wascner</p> <p>Bay Street Grille: Best Grille
1947 Lincoln Coupe, Ron Lopez</p> <p>Bay View Bistro: A Touch of Class
1957 Chevy Truck, Bob Hansen</p> <p>Beachcomber Pub and Grill:
Nicest Grill
1937 Ford Roadster,
Atland and Virginia Erickson</p> <p>Books-N-Bears: The Booker Prize
1966 Chevy Chevelle,
Kent and Annelle Brewer</p> <p>Bridgeport Market:
The Hot Dog of Hot Rods
1952 White Bus, John Morehouse</p> <p>City Lights Cinemas:
Like Bogie and Bacall
1967 Chevy Corvette,
Daryce and Carole Bloom</p> <p>Coast Insurance Services, Inc.:
A "Premium" Ride
1932 Ford Coupe, Mike Rowe</p> <p>Coast Radio: Most "CAR" Like Car
1939 Special Construction,
Dennis Langston</p> <p>Driftwood Shores: Best Drift Woody
1947 Willys, Fred Calosso</p> | <p>Florence In Bloom: Rhodylicious
1956 Ford Pick Up, Larry Manardo</p> <p>The Firehouse Restaurant:
Hottest Flames
1935 Ford Pick Up, Tom Nelson</p> <p>Handyman 101 Inc.:
Handyman Special
1955 Chevy 2DR, Sue and Toney Stoter</p> <p>Heceta Self Storage: Heavy Hauler
1930 Ford Sedan, Del Marlyn Miller</p> <p>Hoberg's Auto Center:
The Most Original
1969 Buick GS 400, Dick Nali</p> <p>Homegrown Public House:
Best Medium Rare Car
1954 Willys Wagon, Sheila Durmier</p> <p>Kitchen Klutter: This Car Is Cookin'
1934 Ford Coupe,
Bob and Lynn Whitehead</p> <p>Mon Ami Antiques:
Pièce de Resistance
1955 Chevy Belair, Merton Beebe</p> <p>Old Town Inn: The "Inn" Paint Job
1957 Chevy Belair, Malcolm Growlx</p> <p>On Your Feet With A Splash:
Splashiest Paint Job
1941 Ford Pick Up,
Dee and Elsa Wooley</p> <p>OregonCoastHotRods.com:
Best Coastal Cruiser
1951 Chevy Suburban, Dave Surmon</p> | <p>Port of Siuslaw:
Most Radical Land Yacht
1948 Caddy, Lorne and Jauck Fedoruk</p> <p>River House Inn: The "Inn" Car
1956 Ford Parklane, Herb Sutton</p> <p>Rodet Construction Co. Inc.:
The One I Like Best
1950 Ford Club Coupe,
Zack Brombacher</p> <p>Silver Sand Dollar: Jewel Of A Rod
1954 Buick Special,
Dave and Merianne Pharr</p> <p>Siuslaw News: Stop the Press Award
1940 Ford Pick Up, Wolfy Wolfswinkel</p> <p>Siuslaw River Coffee Roasters:
Crème de la Crème
1958 Buick Limited
Jim and Kathy Schwette</p> <p>Tim and Pat Smith:
Smith's Choice:
1. 1941 Willys Coupe,
Phil and Carol Larvick
2. 1933 Desoto,
Val and Joy Dutson</p> <p>Wizard of Odds:
Most Wizardly Wicked
1936 Ford, John Winkes</p> <p>The Wood Wizard Gallery:
"Spellbound"
1933 Ford Speedstar Coupe, Ron Cremo</p> |
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Learn about scholarship opportunities Monday

On Monday, Sept. 21, beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the Siuslaw High School Commons, local scholarship providers will be available to meet with students and parents to share information about funding opportunities.

Last year, the Florence community gave 68 scholarships worth more than \$93,000.

During Monday's meeting, students will receive thumb-drives pre-loaded with applications. Parents and students can attend three workshops

that will also include tips for filling out successful applications and give good interviews.

The workshops are presented by Western Lane Community Foundation (WLCF); Funding Post-Secondary Options presented by ASPIRE; and The Oregon Promise: Free Community College presented by LCC.

This event is sponsored by the WLCF and is open to Mapleton as well as Siuslaw students.

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WORD ON THE STREET

What do you like most about car shows in Florence?



"It's been 91 degrees where I live, so I like the cooler weather. I love cruising in my car with the top down. I like the downtown. All the shops give us time to spend money."

—CAROL HOOD
1957 BLUE THUNDERBIRD
ALBANY



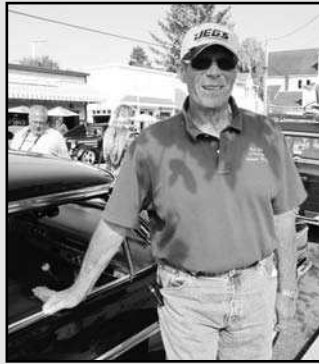
"It brings all the community to walk down the streets to see all the cars. I'm up and down the coast all summer."

—BOB WOERNER
1949 FOUR-DOOR CADILLAC
FLORENCE



"The people are very friendly here. That's the best part for me. It's a real joy to come down here and tell stories. You see a lot of veterans, and we have fond memories of things going on down here."

—HENRY WILLIAMS
1942 MILITARY FORD JEEP
FLORENCE



"I've done shows here, in Yachats, down in Winchester Bay. The favorite thing about showing, period, is the people. I like talking to people, especially about cars."

—DAVID HOLE
1963 1/2 FORD GALAXY
FIREBIRD XL
FLORENCE

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