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True classics



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Ninth annual Rods 'n' Rhodies takes to the streets of Historic Old Town with 111 classic cars, hot rods

Fuel injection cut off and chrome plated rods were just some of the features spotted at the ninth annual Rods 'n' Rhodies Invitational Car Show last weekend in Florence.

Organizers said that 111 cars lined Bay Street and the Old Town area from Friday, Sept. 9, to Sunday, Sept. 11, as pedestrians admired custom creations, restored features and in-progress projects.

There were more cars than in previous years.

Gary Cargill, member of the Florence Area Chamber of Commerce Rods 'n' Rhodies

committee, said, "We had a lot of 'above and beyond' cars. I know of several that were brand new builds and showing for the first time. The level of cars shown was amazing."

Old Town merchants and event sponsors chose award-winning cars to highlight during the award ceremony on Sunday. A total of 39 cars drove away with awards.

The Invitational Best of Show went to Dave and Merianne Pharr's 1955 Plymouth Wagon. Other award highlights include the picks from Florence Mayor Joe Henry — Ray and Kay Smith's 1963 Chevy Impala; Police Chief Tom Turner — Scott and Diane Ivers' 1959 Porsche Speedster; and Fire Chief Jim Langborg — Mike and Sharon Cover's 1969

Pontiac GTO.

The chamber teamed up with City Lights Cinemas to feature Faith Granger, her film "Deuce of Spades" and her 1932 roadster. Dozens of guests attended a showing of the documentary "Against All Odds: The Making of Deuce of Spades" and a social.

"It was great to have that extra entertainment," Cargill said.

Nancy Pearson, chamber events coordinator, said, "All-in-all the feedback was very positive. I am lucky to have had such an awesome all-volunteer committee. Thank you to the City of Florence, Siuslaw Valley Fire and Rescue and our auxiliary police officers for all of their efforts throughout the weekend."

See more Rods 'n' Rhodies award results on page 2B

