

Fourth: Cool cars, hot motorcycles, loud fire trucks, plus wind, cold and a bit of rain

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... aunt lives on Main Street," said Lindsey Burns of Astoria, who entered her 1966 Ford F100. "I'm 27 and I haven't missed a parade in all this time. Except this year, I have to work at 3 o'clock."

There were floats and entries from Costco, Fred Meyer, KOA, Big River Excavating and dozens of other local businesses.

Clubs, children's groups and professional organizations all brought cheer and plenty of candy to toss to the thousands of people lining Main Avenue.

"I find it remarkable that everybody's so willing to be cooperative so we can have a good, safe parade," said D.B. Lewis, who was staging the parade at First Street and Alder Avenue.

There were more than 75 entries, many of them including dozens of people or several vehicles.

It was the first year for the Oregon Air National Guard's F15 flyover. The 142nd Fighter Wing had already made flyovers at parades in Manzanita, Independence and Rockaway

Beach before passing above Warrenton.

"I'm pretty stoked!!!" Mayor Henry Balensifer wrote after learning he was successful in arranging the F15 flyover after he and City Manager Linda Engbretson toured their facilities in March.

"Their mission goes unnoticed by many, but it is critical," he said. "They are the only American air assets ready and able to respond to threats against the homeland between California and Alaska."

Their pass over Warrenton was 1,000 feet above ground and at 400 mph, according to the 142 Fighter Wing. The Coast Guard's rescue helicopter was much closer and slower.

Car Show Awards

- **Mayor's Award:** Terry McCleary of Astoria, '57 Chevy Chevelle
- **People's Choice:** Bob Torppa of Grays River, '68 Pontiac Firebird
- **Best Restoration:** Name unavailable, Black Chrysler
- **Flashiest:** Dave Pedegana, '37 Ford



Above: Astoria Scandinavian Midsummer Festival's Float. **Below:** Kids wave from Big River's big truck entry.



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Dan Jordan and his old military bike take a lead position in the parade.



Left: Mayor Henry Balensifer gives the Mayor's Trophy to Fur and Feathers 4H and Photo by Kelsey Balensifer

Bottom left: Parade judge Paul Mitchell hands out the Hammy Award to the crew from Bayview Transit Mix. Photo by Mike Moha

Bottom right: Local Commercial Fisheries brought a large cable hoist as part of its entry in the parade. Cindy Yingst/The Columbia Press



Bottom left: Bob Torppa of Grays River holds on to the hood of his '68 Pontiac Firebird as winds kicked up Wednesday afternoon. He won the People's Choice trophy.

Bottom right: Visitors look at Mike Brewer's 1926 Dodge Bros. Brewer said everything on the car is original, "but I made it run." It was first sold in Kent, Wash.



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Costco's colorful float had bulk shopping items and lots of cute kids.



Parade Awards

- **Mayor's Award:** Fur & Feathers 4H
- **Clatsop Award:** Infinity Gymnastics Academy
- **Astoria Award/Most Patriotic:** Columbia Bank
- **Hammy Award:** Bayview Transit Mix
- **Warrenton Award:** Oregon Army and Air National Guard units stationed at Camp Rilea



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A patriotic young lady rides in a pink Barbie car in the 2018 Old-Fashioned Fourth of July Parade down Main Avenue.



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