

Oktoberfest charm still shows in downsized event

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Meredith Patrick Curry and their son, Jack, look over the cars on display during the show at Oktoberfest. Despite the scaled-down event, the car show was a focal point of the annual Oktoberfest event. Photo by Shaun Zimmerman

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And despite its scaled-down size, Oktoberfest still offered treats and trinkets for passers-through to buy and share.

The idea for the event developed in 2000, said Old Munichburg member Stan Fast, when a group of residents and business people wanted to do something for the south side of Jefferson City.

"It's grown over the years," Fast said.

In about 2007, the Mid-Mo Old Car Club and the Old Munichburg Association put their heads together and decided to make it a dual event. The event represented the club's 51st annual Old Car Roundup and Car Show.

Now, there are two wings to Oktoberfest, he said — one focused on the car club and the other focused on the community members.

"This year, the Old Munichburg Association downscaled their participation in light of COVID-19," Fast said. "Because we had events that would have joined people very close together — a beer garden, dog race and show and music — it was best not to do that."

The car show functioned as it normally had, he said.

The event featured more than 20 vendors, two of which provided food and one that sold ice cream.

Vendors offered stuffed animals, knit items, cookies, wooden gifts and other hand-made products. Some vendors offered balloons. Others sold fall decorations, iron crafts and wooden signs.

Despite not having the regular dachshund derby normally held during the festival, Butterfly Treasure Hospice Resale Shop did have a dachshund beauty contest. People sent in photos of their dogs. The "Dapper" dachshund was Bandit, "Diva" dachshund was Macy. Zoe won for the best "Action Shot." Quincy was selected as the "Moxie Doxie." Maxwell and Stella won for "Best Duo." Dexter and Bosco won for "Special Senior."

"We're happy with what's here, and we're looking for a really good year next year as well," Fast said. "So many events have been canceled; people are pretty happy to come to one, even with social distancing and wearing masks."

The big draw appeared to be the car show this year.

Scores of curious people wandered through rows of cars parked along the streets, peeking under hoods and peering in at old leather and cloth interiors.

Randy Thomas, who lives nearby, said he walked a few blocks to check out the vintage cars, which he does every year.

"I like the pickup trucks and the Chevilles," Thomas said. "I think I saw about five Chevilles up there."

He was surprised to see a convertible Chenille was for sale, Thomas said.

Sharon and Leroy Wilde, of Wardsville, said they try to walk among the cars at the car show every year.

"We like to look at classic cars," Sharon Wilde said. "We like Chrysler-type products."

"Mopars," Leroy Wilde explained. "They have a pretty Barracuda up there."

More than 120 car owners signed up to display their vehicles, according to Tom Winters Jr.

The club handed out first- second- and third-place trophies for 16 classes of vehicles, Winters said.

It also recognized awards like "Roughest Vehicle" and "Diamond in the Rough."

It also presented three scholarships for people in automotive programs — two for \$500 each and one at \$1,000.

"The scholarships go to people who participate in something to do with the automotive or aircraft industry," Winters said. "We collected applications over the last couple of months. Our scholarship committee made the selections."

Winners were to be available at the car show to receive their awards.

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