

West Texas BBQ Bash draws over 10K

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The 3rd Annual West Texas BBQ Bash and Car Show saw 10,250 people come through the gate to enjoy a day of free food, drinks, music, car show, bouncy houses and visiting with friends.

Thirty-four cooking teams from all over the state cooked a variety of foods for the public to sample and vote on as the best cooks.

ARC Inspection with cook Aaron Cruz, of Kennedy, in the south Texas area was voted the best cooks, making them the Grand Champion BBQ Bash title holders of West and South Texas.

Raffle tickets for five fire-

arms were sold during the day with the winners being announced at the 6 p.m. drawing.

"The 1st year of the BBQ Bash we had 5,200 people attend, the 2nd year 7,700 came and this year we have doubled the attendance," George Bunker, one of the events organizers, said.

The full dollar totals for the Kids Zone donation amount was not final as of Monahans New press time. The total from the Car Show going to the Kids Zone was \$3,000.

The date for the 4th Annual West Texas BBQ Bash and Car Show is already set for October 14, 2023 at the Ward County Arena. The South Texas BBQ

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West BBQ Bash organizer, George Bunker (left), presents Best of Show trophy to Doug Webster, of Odessa, for his 1969 Chevy Camaro Z28 entry into the event's Car Show. (Photo by Jan Cranfill)

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Bash will be in April of 2023. "This is our best year yet and we look forward to an even better year in 2023," Bunker said.

Winners of the Raffle were:
Todd Viers, 2nd Army Camp; Scott Smith, Antitank Pistol; Ryan Valenzuela; Don Creek; James AR-15 Semi Automatic Rifle; Andy Lee; M&P 12200 Shield Compact; Scott Smith, Semi Automatic Pistol.

James Robert Hill, 12 Gauge Semi Automatic; Glenn McJr; Harry Lopez, Henry Golden Boy 22 Lever Action Rifle.

Winners of the Show 8200 Gift Certificates were: Gary Golden, Teresa Burnett and 120 Springer. The BBQ Bash Car Show had 48 entries—winners were:
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The top 30 winners were:
Gary Wilmon; 1947 Ford, Monahans
Silver Rayos; 2013 Dodge Challenger, Midland
Ashley Buck; 2013 Jeep, Odessa
Mile Widdings; 2017 Chevy, Corsville, Midland
David & Morden Valenz; 1972

Chevy, Midland
Tyler Ritchie; 2013 Jeep, Monahans
Ruben Cruz; 1950 Chevy, Odessa
Alan Ramsey; 2020 Ford, Rockdale
Genes Esquivel; 1969 Ford Shelby Cobra, Midland
Eduardo Juarez; 1980 Chevy, Midland
Burr Caldwell; 2018 Dodge Charger, Midland
Steve Brown; 1980 John Deere Tractor, Odessa
Roy Bell; 1973 Chevy Corvette, Monahans
Gary Wilmon; 1993 Mazda Mustang, Monahans
Nancy Wilmon; 1965 Ford Mustang, Monahans
James Lee; 1992 Cadillac, Monahans
Michael Thompson; 1929 Ford, Kermit
Steve Brown; 1950 Cushman, Odessa
Nia Ode; 2019 Radio Flyer
Pete Lantz; 1954 Chevy, Grandfalls
Lauri Grigg; 1963 Chevy, Odessa
Lynn Grigg; 1964 Ford, Monahans
Manny Benavides; 1948 Chevy, Pecos

Lenzy Bingham; 1971 Chevy El Camino, Monahans
Josh Mellis; 1963 Chevy, Monahans
Ben Smith; 1968 Chevy El Camino, Monahans
Rich Estrada; 1999 GMC, Sonoma, Pecos
Kali Priest; 2013 Jeep, Odessa
Randy Ph; 1962 Ford Mustang GT, Monahans
Thomas Sherriner; 2005 Dodge SRT 10, Monahans
Best Ford; Brent Chadwick, Midland
Bicycle; Michael Thompson's 1987 Motorcycle, Kermit
Best Truck; Leon Grigg, Monahans
Best Motorcycle; Amber M. 2006 Harley Davidson, Crane
Best off-road; Kyle Atchison 2014 Jeep, Midland
Best Import; Noel Jimenez 2002 Honda, Fort Stockton
Best Low Rider; Robert Flores 1964 Low Rider, Monahans
Best of Show; Doug Webster 1969 Chevy Camaro, Odessa
Best Chevy; Pecos Lead 1960 C-30 Chevy, Monahans
Best Mopar; Raul Pena 2006 Viper, Midland



A Halloween witch is greeting visitors at one of the booths set up at the BBQ Bash held on Saturday at the Ward County Arena.



Best of Show went to this 1969 Camaro Z28 belonging to Doug Webster of Odessa.



The beer truck was serving free beer on tap.



A 2018 Dodge Charger owned by Barry Caldwell of Midland.



Michael Thompson of Kermit had his 1929 Ford Model A Coupe on display at the Saturday BBQ Bash Car Show.



This 2015 Dodge Challenger belongs to Silver Rayos of Midland and is named the "Hulk" because it's color is Hulk green.



Gone by 9 band performing for the BBQ Bash afternoon crowd.



A 1947 Ford Custom Roadster shown by Gary Wilmon of Monahans.

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