

Classic Car & Bike Show at Post 35



American Legion Post 35, located at 2240 W Chandler Blvd in Chandler, hosted their 5th Classic Car & Bike Show on Saturday October 9, 2021.

It was free event to attend, so it is difficult to judge actual attendance; BUT we're told that the Post's front parking lot was full all day plus a lot of people parked in the parking lot to the east and on the street.

The show had about 178 vehicles in it. We enjoyed strolling the aisles to check 'em all out. The oldest entries we saw were a 1932 Ford Roadster and a 1925 Studebaker.

The panel of judges included one Post member representing each Military Service branch, plus one from their sponsors - San Tan Ford and Desert Car Care.

Congratulations to all of the winners.

Air Force - Henry Batten '56 Ford F-100 ; Army - Bruce Fromm, '65 Corvette ; Coast Guard - Steve Stoiker '70 GTO ; Marines - Chris Bok '68 Lincoln Continental ; and Navy - Rick Blaise,

'68 Camaro.

Best interior & judged one of the Top 5 cars of the show - Badonio Victo's '67 Ford Galaxy ; Best paint & a Top 5 - RJ Helton's '61 Chevy Impala ; and Best engine & a Top 5 - Bontias Gindi's '69 Corvette.

Best Bike was won by Annemaire Voss. It was her very first show. She also won the 50/50 raffle. Very nice ☺

Hank's Memorial & San Tan Ford's Award were won by Mikr Kurthy's '72 Plymouth Road Runner. Hank was a former Post Commander who passed away a couple of years ago.

The Ira Hayes Memorial Award was judged by Corporal Hayes' nephew Kevin Whitiker. The winner was Dan Wirtala's '69 Camaro.

The Jim Peterson Award went to John Mihalic's '07 Mustang.

Best of Show was Rob Frakes' 1957 Chevy Bel Aire.

The trophies were license plates or plaques, depending upon the award.

The beneficiary Survivors of War had an information booth, as did sponsor San Tan Ford.

Vendors included booths hosted by the Agent Orange Awareness / Legion of the Silver Rose organization and by Wreaths Across America; plus Bang Energy Drinks, Down Time Wines, Hooters, K&R Fudge, Papparazi Jewelry, and Well Hung Meats.

The Post had their grill crew cooking up burgers for lunch.

There was a variety of raffle items available.... including adult beverages, tees, hats, golf course time, Cardinals football tickets, an assortment of giftables, and more.

The Sons of the American Legion was an additional beneficiary of this fundraiser. *From their webpage ...* The Detachment of Arizona Sons of The American Legion have adopted two specific charities that our members support through their efforts within the Squadrons. Our local state charity is C.H.A.M.P. Foundation (Charities Helping American Military Patriots) which supports Tucson Fisher House. Our National Charity is C.W.F. (Child Welfare Foundation).

Rick Buss of Post 35 commented, "Our biggest supporters are San Tan Ford and Desert Car Care. Without their help it wouldn't be possible to put this show on."

This Post is hosting a Christmas Bazaar on Dec. 5th. The American Legion Riders of Post 35 have a "Toys for Tots" collection drive coming up in December, but the date was unavailable at the time of this writing. To stay up to date with happenings at Post 35, you can visit the American Legion Post 35 facebook page.

Our thanks to Rick Buss for his help with this article.

It was a good day & we're glad we could be there.

Betsy & Bruce

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