

LUSK MUNICIPAL AIRPORT FLY IN

# Classics and Cowboys

## Second fly-in brings out the crowds

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**LUSK** – Cowboy hats and classic cars, aviators and Cessnas. Pancakes and sausage. All could be found at the second annual Lusk

Municipal Airport Fly-in, Car Show and pancake breakfast. Started last year as a way to promote rural and small municipal airports, the funding comes from the state of Wyoming.

Kicking off with at 7 a.m. pan-

cake breakfast those in attendance enjoyed their hot breakfast while watching planes fly in and cars rumble across the parking lot. While weather prevented some pilots for

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**Ronnie Brown stands next to his 69 Jag in prowler purple that sports a 302 Ford under the hood at the second annual Lusk Municipal Fly-in and Car Show**



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**Owners of private planes made attendees smile and watch with awe as they came and went during the fly-in.**



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**Over 100 people attended the fly-in and car show on Saturday June 10.**

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being able to attend, those that were able to make it willingly answered questions about their aircraft. Several local pilots also opened up their hangars at the airport to allow attendees a look at the private planes they might see in the skies over Niobrara county. Dan Hanson was there with his fully restored Hudson Hornet and also showed off his personal

aircraft. Ronnie Brown and Hanson stood looking at cars while their cowboy hats shaded their eyes from the morning sun. The enjoyment of the morning evident on their faces.

The tail draggers were parked on the grass. These planes tend to be more for the off-runway landings and some had larger tires to get the prop up even higher during landings and take-offs. A nickname for the 180's and 185 is the "Alaska State

Bird" since it is a preferred aircraft for many bush pilots. The planes with "tricycle gear" or one tire in the front and two in the back tend to be more for use in situations where runways are available. They are often used by doctors and attorneys.

All ages enjoyed watching planes take off and land. Kids in attendance exclaimed over the convertibles and bi-planes. Childhood fascination with planes and cars came to

the forefront for even the adults in attendance as they crossed their fingers the weather would hold out for the anticipated flour drop at 10:00.

Organizer Royce Thompson expressed his appreciation for the pilots and car owners that helped make the event a success. Seeing the many families enjoying the event seemed to make all the work of coordinating and organizing worth it.