

About 150 cars and trucks shimmered Saturday against the sparkling expanse of the Pacific Ocean, which served as a backdrop for the fifth annual Newport Beach Classic Car-Truck Festival.

The charity event was hosted by Knights of Columbus #15083 Balboa Council and drew between 2,000 and 3,000 people to the Newport Elementary School playground on the sands of the Balboa Peninsula, according to event organizer Mark O’Ravitz. The group raised \$50,000 for its efforts.

“Now with the city into it, and quality sponsorships, [the show] has grown legs, “ said O’Ravitz. “Until now, the city of Newport Beach was the only local city that didn’t have a car show. Now they’re doing this for us.”

Hoping to appeal to a younger demographic, the show included a kids’ activity area with storytelling, face painting and a costume bike parade. A surf and snow expo was also added to bring in younger families, along with musical entertainment.

“Our [Knights of Columbus] organization has always been been a charitable organization, and along with Meals On Wheels, Share Our Selves and Be Well, for example, we’re very involved in the Maui Relief effort, with donation ‘Jars for Maui’ available,” said O’Ravitz.