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Car show at flea market results in \$1,000 donation to Chiefland Fire Rescue Dept.



Chiefland Farmers Flea Market Owner Sonny Griffeth, the major sponsor of the car show and swap meet, gives a \$1,000 check to Chiefland Fire Rescue Capt. Cal Morgan as Tri-County President Cruisers President Doug Mitchell of Trenton joins in the presentation made possible in part by the many competitors in the car show. The Ocala Street Cruisers made a significant impact by bringing at least a dozen vehicles, and several of those competitors won trophies and cash.

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Story and Photos

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CHIEFLAND -- Sonny Griffeth, owner and founder of the Chiefland Farmer's Flea Market, presented a check for \$1,000 to Capt. Cal Morgan of the Chiefland Fire Rescue Department as a donation from the Flea Market and from the Tri-County Cruisers.

The 2 p.m. check presentation on Saturday afternoon (June 10) wrapped up another fun and successful car show at the Chiefland Farmer's Flea Market, located at 1206 N. Young Blvd. (U.S. Highway 19), Chiefland (on the west side of the highway, just north of U.S. Highway 129).

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Judges Rolls In



One of three judges for this car show, Judge Ray Tremblay is seen here on a 2007 Big Dog Mastiff motorcycle that he has owned for six months now. While he is a volunteer judge in this capacity on Saturday, when he is on duty during his paid job, Tremblay is a captain in the Chiefland Police Department. Chiefland Fire Rescue Capt. Cal Morgan was another judge. The two judges had fun greeting each other with "Captain" and "Captain," just like in the funny TV commercial for Captain Morgan Rum – where the several captains in a bar greet each other in that manner. The third judge for the car competition was Mike Kell of Chiefland.

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The three judges (from left) Mike Kell, Ray Tremblay and Cal Morgan, all of Chiefland took time with each vehicle and evaluated them.



Gary Hooper accepts the Best of Show Trophy from Sonny Griffeth as Tri-County Cruisers President Doug Mitchell holds the microphone out for Hooper to speak about the vehicle.

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Best Of Show Winner is this red 1934 Ford owned by Gary Hooper



This burgundy 1933 Plymouth sedan owned by Neil Mahar was the winner of the Sponsor's Pick Trophy.

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Gary Kopf, 77, of Old Town stands with his 1963 Ford Falcon. Kopf was one of the Vietnam veterans participating in the car show and swap meet.



The engine of the 1964 Chevy Nova owned by Steve Metz

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The dark orange 1964 Chevy Nova owned by Steve Metz



The bright green 1967 Dodge Dart owned by Mike McCormack

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The turquoise 1933 Ford sedan delivery truck (Wooly Bully) owned by Marion Hooper (Notice the stuffed bulldog on the running board.)



This blue and white 1967 Chevrolet Camaro (with a 327 cubic-inch engine) is owned by Rob Talsma.

It was another beautiful day for shoppers at the Chiefland Farmers Flea Market, and for people who enjoy looking at show cars and trucks, the Tri-County Cruisers Summer Car Show and Swap Meet was a resounding success. This event has been happening for several summers now, but the heat of June is leading the Tri-County Cruisers to lean more toward not having this one.

Griffeth is a big sponsor for the Tri-County Cruisers when the group conducts car, truck and motorcycle shows at the Chiefland Farmer's Flea Market. For this show, he donated \$400 for the Top 10 (\$40 each), \$50 to the Sponsor's Pick and \$100 to the Best of Show, as well as

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working with the Tri-County Cruisers to provide those 12 trophies and the President's Pick Trophy and the \$1,000 donation to the Chiefland Fire Rescue Department.

Gary Hooper won the Best of Show Trophy and \$100 with his red 1934 Ford. This vehicle has an engine that provides 425 horsepower, Hooper said as he accepted the trophy.

The Sponsor's Pick (Sonny's Choice) was a burgundy-colored 1933 Plymouth sedan owned by Neil Mahar. He won a trophy and \$50.

The President's Pick (Tri-County Cruisers President Doug Mitchell of Trenton) was Fred R. with a 1986 Mazda.

The Top 10 trophies went to (in no particular order of ranking) Phil Nelson with his 1957 Chevy; Scott Henry with 1954 Ford truck; John Nordone with his 2012 Ford Mustang; Robert Talsma with his 1967 Chevrolet Camaro; J & J Thomas with a 1957 Chevy; Marion Hooper with a 1933 Ford Sedan delivery vehicle ("Wooly Bully") {she said her husband did all of the work}; Mike McCormack with a 1967 Dodge Dart; Neil Mahar with a 1933 Plymouth sedan; John Kirster with a 2014 Ford Mustang; and Steve Metz with a 1964 Chevy Nova SS.