

## **GULF COAST REGION 6<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CAR SHOW**

Our 6th Annual Car Show, on February 24, 2024, was our largest one yet! We had near perfect weather and a great turnout of some really spectacular cars. The only mis step was that the church youth group, who provide the food for the event, ran out of hamburgers and buns and hot dog buns. Not many people wanted to eat a hot dog without a bun.

The cars in event went from a 1906 Cole to a 2023 Chevrolet Corvette and a great variety in between.

Finishing up on our Area 9 meet in October, we started on this show in December and got it done with the help of our members. We could not have done this without the help of the following people on the Day of Show - Bob and Jennie Bernstel, Hal Bruce and Pam Simone, Tom Burtch, Bob and Darlene DesForges, Pappy Papenfuhs, Al and Pat Robinson, Bob and Margaret Thacker, Debbie Kroeger and Guy Trent.

Two notable awards were the Member Vehicle that is voted on by the show participants which was awarded to Guy Trent's 1973 Chevrolet Malibu, and Best of Show and First Place Truck went to Mark Poniatowski and his 1972 Chevrolet Cheyenne ½ ton pickup.

We also had the privilege of Honor Flight having an informational booth at our show. Karen Maex, the representative from Honor Flight, and Mr. O'Neil Ducharne, a 99-year-old WWII veteran. We all owe a huge debt to this wonderful man.

Following is a list of 2024 Trophy Winners:

**BEST OF SHOW**

Mark Poniatowski      1972 Chevy Cheyenne



**Camaro**

|                       |              |                   |
|-----------------------|--------------|-------------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Place | John Roush   | 1967 Chevy Camaro |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place | William Hamm | 1980 Chevy Camaro |

**Chevy**

|                       |             |                    |
|-----------------------|-------------|--------------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Place | Ken Hornung | 1957 Chevy Bel-Air |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place | Steve Mogil | 1957 Chevy Bel-Air |

**Corvette**

|                       |                |                     |
|-----------------------|----------------|---------------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Place | George Crane   | 1962 Chevy Corvette |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place | Joseph Wheeler | 2012 Chevy Corvette |

**Ford**

|                       |                |                           |
|-----------------------|----------------|---------------------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Place | Ray Cutro      | 1957 Ford Thunderbird     |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place | Wayne Reynolds | 1972 Ford LTD Convertible |

**Foreign**

|                       |                 |                                |
|-----------------------|-----------------|--------------------------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Place | Anthony Purazzo | 2020 Porsche 911               |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place | Jeff Strout     | 1966 Volkswagon Sunroof Beatle |

**Mopar**

|                       |                  |                          |
|-----------------------|------------------|--------------------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Place | Robert Albertson | 1970 Plymouth Roadrunner |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place | Howard Raphan    | 1969 Plymouth Barracuda  |

**Mustang**

|                       |                |                               |
|-----------------------|----------------|-------------------------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Place | Harold Akers   | 1966 Ford Mustang             |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place | Larry Reynolds | 1989 Ford Mustang LX Modified |

**Other Domestic**

|                       |               |                               |
|-----------------------|---------------|-------------------------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Place | Greg Spignesi | 1972 Oldsmobile Cutlass       |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place | Allan Heath   | 1949 Oldsmobile 88 Club Coupe |

**Pontiac**

|                       |              |                                   |
|-----------------------|--------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Place | Bill Rickert | 1968 Pontiac Firebird Convertible |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place | Ken McAvoy   | 1984 Pontiac TransAm              |

**PreWar**

|                       |                  |                                  |
|-----------------------|------------------|----------------------------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Place | Michael Marsilio | 1930 Dodge DC8                   |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place | Richard Whissel  | 1934 Oldsmobile Rumbleseat Coupe |

**Street Rod**

|                       |                 |                    |
|-----------------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Place | Jerry Bascio    | 1932 Ford Roadster |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place | Thomas O'Rourke | 1932 Ford Roadster |

**Truck**

|                       |                    |                        |
|-----------------------|--------------------|------------------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Place | Mark Poniatowski   | 1972 Chevy Cheyenne    |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place | Rich & Gina Diorio | 1958 Chevy Cameo Truck |

**MEMBER VEHICLE**

Guy Trent                      1971 Chevy Malibu





**PICTURES FROM SHOW**



**THE TOYMAKERS OF EAST LAKE**

**HONOR FLIGHT**









