

## **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**





