

# Classic Car Show a highlight of Tomato Festival's final day

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FAIRFIELD — All good things must come to an end and so the 26th Annual Tomato Festival drew to a close Sunday, but not before visitors got to enjoy a car show.

People were waiting with their cars, ready to go long before the festival opened.

Mike Mitchell, of Golden Street Machines Unlimited Car Club and Solano Classic Car Club, came once again to help with the judging of the car show.

“This year there were 21 entries,” Mitchell said.

The previous year they had 25 cars entered into the contest.

The cars were situated this year along Jefferson Street rather than Texas Street. It was a change from past years and seemed to get approval from the participants.

“The car people love it because it's in the shade under the trees,” Mitchell said.

Mitchell said he would love for the show to get bigger but this weekend was difficult because so many car shows were happening in Northern California.

Officials with the Fairfield Main Street Association also hope to see the car show grow over the next few years.

“It's usually about 20 cars,” said Margaret Manzo, executive director for Fairfield Main Street Association. “It would be nice to see more.”

William Peterson of Vacaville came for the first time to the competition and brought his snow-white 1970 Chevrolet Chevelle convertible.

He has put many hours into perfecting his beautiful car over the past two years. Like many vehicles, it has a story, but it doesn't originate in America.

“I was looking for a Chevrolet because my wife took my other one,” Peterson said. “It was also a convertible and we wanted our cars to match.”

So he looked all across America and didn't find one that was right. Then he saw an ad online for a car in Canada.

“I literally drove through rain, hail, snow and sleet to get this car,” he said.

The family left on a Friday, drove to Canada and picked it up, battling the weather all the way.

“The owner sent me a hundred photos before we went,” Peterson said. “So I knew the car was right.”

They are a family of car lovers. His wife is Christine, like the Stephen King novel about a car. One daughter is Chevelle and the other, Mercedes.

Peterson even met his wife at the car dealership where he worked when she walked up and was critiquing his own car.

“We bonded over cars,” he said.

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## **Top cars**

The winners of the contest were:

- Mayor’s Choice: 1973 red Cadillac, Steve and Diane Taylor.
- Fire Department Choice: 1966 Chevy Impala, Will Mattis.
- Judge’s Choice: 1929 Ford Roadster, Lee Parker.
- Fairfield Main Street Association: 1954 Pontiac Catalina, Jack Derry.
- Most Likely to Get a Ticket, Fairfield Police Department: 1968 Mercury Cougar, Darby and Bruce Sutherland.
- People’s Choice: 1969 Chevy Impala, Josh Olsen.