

Car-Boat Show makes big splash in 13th year

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Water ski spectacular helps attract weekend crowd of 5,000 to Lake Oswego



by: REVIEW PHOTO: J. BRIAN MONIHAN - A fleet of classic boats sailed into Foothills Park for the Car-Boat Show in Lake Oswego last weekend. One of them was the famed PT658, the last seaworthy PT boat from World War II.

Thirteen proved to be a lucky number for the 13th annual Oswego Heritage Council's Collector Car and Classic Boat Show in Lake Oswego this past weekend.

The other numbers certainly prove that: 279 collector cars, 46 classic boats, 10 water skiing acts, and most of all, an estimated 5,000 fans. At the end of the long weekend, Jude Graham was feeling like Ed Sullivan.

"It was a really big show," said Graham, executive director of the Oswego Heritage Council. "People loved it. We got a lot of compliments, and a lot of people mentioned how fun it was for them to see the entire town. They can't believe how everything is free. It's free to register the cars and the boats and free to see the water show."



by: SUBMITTED PHOTO: TOM SWINFORD - Ruthie White leads the Polka Dot Express in spelling out OSWEGO at the water ski spectacular on Saturday. The six smiling water beauties were a big hit with the crowd.

The water ski spectacular is a recent development for the show, but it is growing rapidly. The Polka Dot Express featured six lovely ladies of Oswego Lake, including Sandy Swinford, Lita Grigg, Ruthie White, Taylor Ballard, Lisa Wisner and Lisa Magliana. Providing muscle for some routines were Craig Knox and Chuck Ramsdell. The most indomitable performer was Gary Lord, an icon from the golden age of Lake Oswego water skiing, who again donned his rabbit costume to amuse the crowd.

“Gary did a great job for 70 years old!” raved Graham. “I told him at the party after the show that the best thing is he’ll have a year to recuperate before next year’s show.”

Mother Nature played a big role in this year’s event by providing nearly perfect weather.



by: REVIEW PHOTO: J. BRIAN MONIHAN - Some of the 5,000 visitors to George Rogers Park stroll through the selection of collector cars on Sunday.

Kudos went to the people who worked so hard and well to make the show a success, including car show chairmen John Baines and Vic Keeler, and boat show chair Kristen Winn.

Winner of the coveted Club Participation Award was the Horseless Carriage Club of America.

There were 70 crystal trophies and ribbons awarded to top exhibitors.

Graham said, “We’re already planning and scheming for next year’s show. We’re going to be adding new water ski acts.”

The date for the 14th annual Oswego Heritage Council's Collector Car and Classic Boat Show will be Aug. 18, 2013.

Award winners were:

Collector Car Winners

Monte Shelton Major Benefactor Award —

1953 Jaguar XK120 DHC owned by Gordon White.

Bank of Oswego Premier Sponsor Award — 1926 Ford Coupe street rod owned by Gary and Terrie Fisher.

Lucia Fine Jewelers Premier Sponsor Jewelers Premier Sponsor — 1957 Jaguar xk owned by Steve Thoren.

Oswego Heritage Council Board of Directors Award — 1926 Rolls Royce 20hp Landulet owned by Craig Hannum.

Classic Boat Winners

Major Benefactor Choice

— 1929 Chris Craft Cadet owned by Mike and Nicole Mayer.

President's Choice — PT 658.

LOC's Choice — 1942 Century Sea Maid owned by Mario and Anne Bisio.

Distinguished Sponsor's award — 1998 reproduction of a 1922 Goldcup Racer owned by Tom and Margaret Horn.

Director's Choice — 1929 Chris Craft Cadet owned by Mike and Nicole Mayer.

Youth Judges Choice — 1938 Monk owned by Jim and Maila Cadd.

Best Century — 1966 Century Coronado owned by John and Elizabeth Tyler.

Most Original — 2012 reproduction of a 1950's Christ Craft Racing Runabout owned by Bill and Sydney Baer.

Best Amateur Restoration — 1959 Glasspar G3 owned by Dick and Kristen Winn.