

14th Annual Old Car Festival Begins Saturday At Fairgrounds

The 14th annual Lancaster Old Car Club, Inc., spring festival officially gets underway Saturday at the Fairfield County Fairgrounds.

Antique, classic and custom cars of all shapes and sizes have already begun arriving in Lancaster for the two-day event.

Co-chairman Edson DeVore says antique autos from all parts of the country will be displayed. Vehicles are judged in 31 classes with 99 trophies going to winners.

"Last year we had over 480 vehicles from all parts of the country," DeVore said.

Old cars are not the only attraction the festival offers. It has one of the largest flea markets in the area. Over 160 dealers took part last year.

The Adelphi Old Timers Band

and the Hocking Valley Steam and Antique Power Club will also be at the festival.

The band will be presenting several shows. It is the oldest band in Ohio.

The steam club features antique, steam engines, farm equipment and gasoline engines.

One of the most recent and most popular additions to the festival line-up is tomorrow's antique auto auction.

H.M. Nestor and Associates will offer numerous antique and classic cars for sale. The auction begins at 10:59 a.m.

DeVore said over 30 autos were sold at last year's sale.

Admission to the festival is still free. Inflation has taken its toll on the old Car Club, however. This year, the group

must charge a \$1 per car parking fee for use of fairground's parking facilities.

"Inflation is just catching up with us," says DeVore, "and while we hate to charge, we are at least keeping it to a minimum."

The Ohio Wing of the Civil Air Patrol will provide security for the antique autos, direct traffic and operate an information booth on the grounds.

Radio station WHOK-FM will broadcast from the grounds both days. Worship services will be held at 9:45 a.m. Sunday.

DeVore says the Old Car Club hopes its thousands of old friends and many new ones will visit the Fairfield County Fairgrounds either Saturday or Sunday for a glimpse of automobile history.

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