

ANPAC® Car Show for Kids
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Classic Cars roll in, and so do donations for the United Way of the Ozarks 8th Annual ANPAC® Car Show for Kids hits new high mark

Increasing by nearly 35 percent over last year, the ANPAC® Car Show for Kids Sept. 22 in Springfield raised more than \$20,000, thanks to sponsors, car registrants, and spectators. But that wasn't the only record it set.

"This year, we had 236 cars; that's more than we've ever had," said Craig Meads, ANPAC® employee and co-coordinator of the annual car show benefiting United Way of the Ozarks. "People come to the show because they like the laid back atmosphere of our show, and they want to see beautiful cars, and we definitely had that!"

Held at the American National Corporate Centre parking lot on East Sunshine in Springfield, the show drew a record-setting crowd to see a variety of classics, ranging from T-Buckets to Corvettes, street rods and muscle cars. "It was the best attendance we've had so far," Meads said. The combination of great weather, numerous hands-on activities for kids, live music, and other exciting activities made the event a great day for family fun, all for the benefit of United Way of the Ozarks.

According to John Rush, president/CEO for the United Way of the Ozarks, the ANPAC® Car Show is more than gleaming bumpers, judges, and trophies. "To the thousands of children serviced by United Way agencies, it may mean learning leadership and having fun, and for many, it is a chance for a better life. In some cases it may even save a life. Helping children may be far from the minds of those who are having a good time at the Car Show, but in fact that is one of the greatest benefits," Rush said.

The show began eight years ago to serve as a vehicle for giving back to the community while promoting CHROME®, ANPAC's specialty car insurance, and has raised close to \$90,000 since it's inception. In addition to the registrants' awards presented for the top judged cars, this year's show included a drawing for a \$500 gift card among registrants who are American National clients sponsored by CHROME®. And, another lucky registrant won the grand prize, a 350 crate engine, provided by Dennis Hanks Chevrolet.

Many thanks to Dennis Hanks Chevrolet and other sponsors, including Premier Sponsor, Empire Bank, O'Reilly Auto Parts, the show's exclusive ticket outlet, and media partners: KY3, News-Leader and Clear Channel. Likewise, a big thank you to over 100 ANPAC® employees and volunteers who assisted in the many months of planning and preparation and those who worked the day of the show. Together, you helped make the 8th Annual ANPAC® Car Show for Kids a great success!