

HIGH RIVER SHOW THIS WEEKEND

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From its humble beginnings in 2003 the River City Classics Car Club show in High River has become one of the major automotive events of the year.

Their first show, only three weeks after 47 founding members formed the club, had 124 cars turn up. Last year there were a little over 1200 paid entries, with an estimated 10,000 people attending.

Hotrods, musclecars, antiques, rat rods, pickups, trailer queens- almost anything might show up. They're all welcome.

High River has a downtown with lots of character, and the reconstruction from the 2013 flood is finally finished. The Town of High River is fully behind this show and goes to great effort to make it a success. (I'll bet that, if High River had a world-class Race City, they wouldn't bulldoze it...)

What makes this show such a success, though, is the volunteers. Since all car clubs are non-profit, any funds raised go back to the community.

Club president Brian Chipchase revealed that last year the club gave \$10,000 to many non-profit groups in the area. It's a wonderful way to give back.

With so many entries coming to the show, that huge George Lane Park eventually fills up with the overflow. Something new this year will be Crossover, a '50's & '60's rock & roll band playing on the Teamsters stage in the park.

Also new this year will be the Battle of The Techs competition right downtown on 4th Avenue. Teams of two compete to see who will be the first to build a running engine from a bare V8 block and a workbench full of parts.

It starts at 11:00, with the final showdown at around 2:30 in the afternoon.

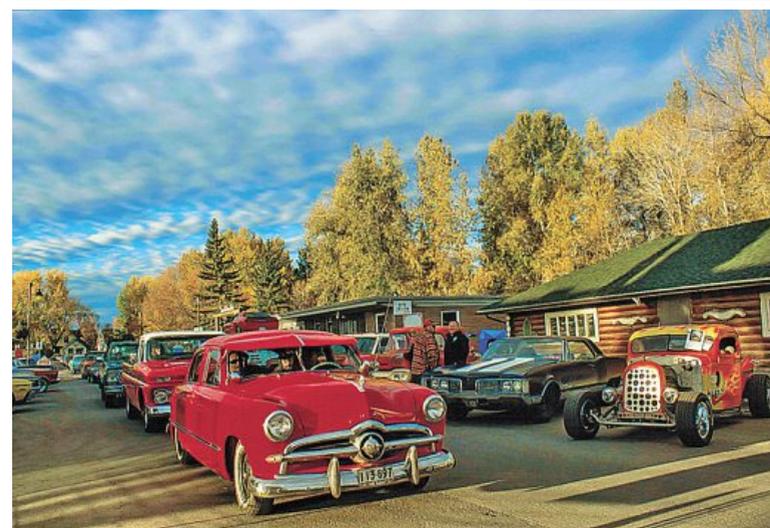
If you're hungry or thirsty, have no fear. There will be over 20 food vendors offering everything from gourmet hot dogs to BBQ beef brisket. And don't forget everyone's guilty pleasure - mini donuts...and homemade pies.

Re Think Media, one of the show's Platinum Sponsors will have two locations where you can purchase the official RCC souvenir t-shirt commemorating Canada's 150th birthday (only \$20).

Something new last year was the Burnout Night on Saturday. To their surprise, 60 cars and trucks registered, and a few thousand spectators showed up.

This year will be limited to 100 entries and they all have to be street legal, registered and insured. Bring your paperwork.

In 2015 the club took on the enormous project of first acquiring, then moving the historical Eamon's Garage to the Ag grounds just NW of town. The Friends of



Eamon's Garage has become its own entity and has applied for society status. They continue to carry on the restoration work to bring this art-deco-style building back to its former glory.

Again, this is being done by volunteers and a number of local businesses who have contributed labour, materials and a whole lot of sweat.

The group is giving away a '37 Ford Roadster replica (value \$25,000) at 3:00 PM Sunday. For every \$20 donation to Eamon's Garage your name will be entered in the draw for the car. There's a booth on 1st Street where you can see it on display.

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What's that...a question in the back...(pause)... yes, I'm told they will also accept donations larger than \$20.

Anyone wanting to register for the show (\$15) can do so at the point of entry or online at www.RiverCityClassics.ca

Since this is pretty much the last show of the year, don't let the entire season go by without driving that thing! Poopsie and I drove our old '34 Ford to the Radium show and back without incident, so now we're gonna drive it to High River. See you there.

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