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Annual Fun Run makes its mark during 31st edition

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Despite a bit of rain, something that is a rarity during the annual Watrous and Manitou Beach Auto Show 'N' Shine Fun Run, the 31st annual event was dubbed a success. With Main Street in Watrous packed with vehicles of all makes and models July 23 and hundreds of people enjoying checking them all out, organizer Al Madland was pleased with how it turned out.

"Even though we got some rain this year, people once again supported the event and it was great to see so many enjoying the day. Overall we had 275 vehicles registered this year, down a bit from our record of 300 last year, but by all accounts it was still another huge success."

Receiving feedback from those attending the event, with a large number of people enjoying the Saturday show, Madland said, "Just like last year, with the COVID-19 restrictions lifted, people were excited to get together and check everything out. Our volunteers once again pulled together and we had tremendous support from our local sponsors. Add to that a great turnout from those registering vehicles and it was a really good day!"

In addition to the vehicles, the Fun Run also included the return of the Sask. Agility Dogs, Beeper the Clown, live entertainment and a swap meet. Madland said unfortunately due to covid, the monster truck that was supposed to give rides was unable to make it. "The driver was really excited to be here but it just didn't work out. Next year we are looking forward to having him and the truck here."

Also this year, a video was taken during the afternoon of the Fun Run as a drone flew overhead. Madland said people can visit www.watrousfunrun.com where they can click on the YouTube video of the event and see a different perspective

While Madland said the committee is now setting its sights on next year's event (July 29, 2023), he noted a Fun Run of this magnitude would not even be possible

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All lined up

►With 275 vehicles registered for the 31st annual Watrous and Manitou Beach Auto Show 'N' Shine Fun Run, people enjoyed walking down Main Street in Watrous to check out the various makes and models. Despite some rain during the July 23 edition of the Fun Run, it was dubbed a success as people of all ages took in the Saturday event.

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