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as the Georgia Mountain Moonshine Cruiz-In kicked off on Thursday, July 28, to remember the origins of auto racing that can trace its roots back to Northeast Georgia.

It doesn't matter if your allegiances lie with Chevrolet, Ford or Mopar, there was something for everyone at last weekend's Cruiz-in.

While Camaros, Chevilles and Corvettes easily outnumbered the competition, Fords and Dodges definitely made up for the lack of quantity with quality.

Husband and wife car show veterans, Bob and Susan Anderson of Cleveland, Tennessee, each brought a car to Hiwassee last weekend for their sixth consecutive trip to the Georgia Mountain Moonshine Cruiz-in.

Susan brought her dark, burnt orange metallic 1970 Dodge Challenger R/T, while Bob made the trip in his 1970 Boss 302 Ford Mustang convertible.

"The (Challenger) is a 383 (cubic-inch engine) Magnum," Susan Anderson said. "They had two 383's back then, one was a two-barrel (carburetor), and the magnum had the four-barrel (carburetor) and the 440 heads. It was rated at 335 horsepower, but they underrated them at the time. It has an automatic 727 transmission, and it's pretty much stock the way it is, but we did put in an MSD distributor/ignition system."

The Andersons, who have attended car shows in 37 different states (including Hawaii), have attended the last six Cruiz-Ins, and said they plan on returning with more friends and family members to what has become a can't-miss event for them.

"We began with two

booths and now we're up to 14 total," Susan Anderson said. "We brought our son and daughter-in-law, and their family from Texas. We've got friends from Pensacola (Florida) up here, and a few friends from Cleveland, Tennessee.

"We like the location, and the fact that we can get these booths is a nice bonus," Susan said. "We've got lights, shelter, electricity, and with the lake right here it's just a very beautiful location. The hotel rates up here are very reasonable, there are a lot of good restaurants like Al's Pizza and the Happy Hawg."

The Cruiz-In wasn't only for classic hot rods, as one of the crowd favorites was a 2015 Dodge Challenger Hellcat, whose supercharged Hemi engine produces an earth-shaking 707 horsepower.

First-time show-goers Richard and Lucille VanDeventer of Middletown, Ohio, made the trip south to Hiwassee in the Challenger Hellcat, which is a tribute to the Grumman F6F Hellcat, a legendary World War II fighter plane.

"We're having a great time, and (Lucille) has family that lives just south of here, so we're making a family reunion out of it," Richard VanDeventer said. "We were online looking for car shows in the area and we decided to come to this show and visit family while we're down here."

"I've never been to this area before, but it's really beautiful. I've been to the Carolinas but never to Hiwassee before. This is a really nice town. We were out on the lake yesterday, and it's all very beautiful. We hope to make this show a regular event for us."



The Eighth Annual Georgia Mountain Moonshine Cruiz-In rolled into town for three hot days of hot rods and classic car goodness, Thursday, July 28, through Saturday, July 30. The Georgia Mountain Fairgrounds always plays a gracious host for the Cruiz-In. Photo/Lowell Nicholson



Rakes Parrish, as Flip Flop Promotions, has put the Cruiz-In together for eight years, and it seems to grow every year. Photo/Lowell Nicholson



This 1970 Dodge Challenger R/T is the pride and joy of Susan Anderson from Cleveland, Tennessee. She and her husband, Bob, have been coming to the Moonshine Cruiz-In for six years. Photo/Todd Forrest



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