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Ascension Hot Air Balloon Festival Classic Car Show Sept. 26

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GONZALES –Parish President Tommy Martinez, the Ascension Parish Council, and the Ascension Festivals and Cultural Council, Inc. announced this week the 2015 Ascension Hot Air Balloon Festival will hold their annual Classic Car Show on Saturday, Sept. 26 at Lamar-Dixon Expo Center.

The Classic Car Show will take place in the Trade Mart building's front parking lot, around the silos. Registration will begin at 10 a.m. and include a \$20 entry fee. The first 50 registrants will receive a custom 2015 Ascension Hot Air Balloon Festival Dash plaque.

Judging will begin promptly at noon with trophy's being awarded at 3:30 p.m.

Classic Car Show award categories will include:

- Top Ten Stock (Cars in Original Condition)
- Top Ten Custom (Cars that have been modified or customized)
- Top Five Pro Builder (Professionally built cars)
- Best Engine
- Best Paint
- Best Interior
- Best In Show
- People's Choice
- Parish President's Choice

Organizers are encouraging classic car enthusiasts to bring out their cars and enjoy the balloons and fun at the 2015 Ascension Hot Air Balloon Festival.

Admission to the balloon festival is \$5.00 for ages 13-plus, and free for children 12 and under on each day – Friday, Sept 25 and Saturday, Sept. 26. Organizers encourage festival goers to bring their own lawn chairs. Ice chests, pets, bicycles and personal motorized vehicles are prohibited.

Gates will open on Friday at 4 p.m. and close at 10 p.m. Gates will reopen on Saturday at 10 a.m. and close at 10 p.m.

This year's event will again have balloon glows and tethered rides pending safe weather conditions. Balloon officials are reminding all festival goers that windy conditions may warrant suspension of the tethered rides and glows.

For more information and event scheduling, visit <http://www.ascensionballooning.com>. Lamar-Dixon Expo Center is located at 9039 S. St. Landry Ave., Gonzales.

PHOTO CUTLINE 1- Ascension Parish President Tommy Martinez (left) joined classic car enthusiast and parish resident Ed Smith for a photo at the 2014 Ascension Hot Air Balloon Festival Classic Car Show. Smith was showing his 1953 Ford F-1 pickup. (Photo Courtesy of Mark LaCour)

PHOTO CUTLINE 2 – Classic Car Show organizer Rick Webre surveys last year's trophy collection prior to the start of the 2014 Ascension Hot Air Balloon Festival Classic Car Show. (Photo Courtesy of Mark LaCour)



