

2023 Partnership for the Performing Arts Benefit Car Show

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Despite the fires, power outage, Hwy 199 closure, and Lucky 7's own generator breaking down hours before the show, exhibitors and the public were treated to a stunning array of cars, trucks, and motorcycles dating back to the 1920's at the 24th Annual Lucky 7 Car Show on Saturday, August 19th at Lucky 7.

With generous hosting by the Lucky 7 Casino & Hotel and a most welcome assist from the Curry County Cruisers, PPA (Partnership for the Performing Arts) was the designated nonprofit beneficiary.

With the spirit buoyed by the perfect song list courtesy of Scott Graves's Wild Rivers Sound Mobile DJ Services, great food from Darrick and Grilled Chic, and the Lucky 7 Beer Garden, enthusiasts of all ages

spent the day admiring, comparing, dreaming, and drooling over close to 100 vehicles. Many exhibitors were local, but the show also drew entries from as far away as Portland and Santa Cruz.

Exhibitors and visitors took advantage of the raffle (our local business stepped up with close to 75 items!), 50/50, and a Silent Auction that knocked it out of the park (thank you Ace Hardware, Walmart, Hiouchi Café & Motel, and Home Depot!).

All proceeds from the Car Show go to support the Partnership for the Performing Arts, a local nonprofit organization whose primary mission is supporting the performing arts in public education in Del Norte and Curry Counties. Formed in 2021, PPA has donated 100's of new band instruments to Del Norte and Brookings Harbor School Districts and spearheaded the renovation of Crescent Elk Middle School Auditorium, among other things.

Its flagship project, in partnership with Del Norte Unified School District, is the construction of a 1,000 seat Center for the Performing Arts, to be built on the Del Norte High School campus. Adjacent to the band room, the Center will be transformative, providing opportunities and cultural enrichment for our area that most other school districts take for granted.

Thanks to a \$2,500,000 state appropriation secured by Senator Mike McGuire, the design process has started, with doors scheduled to open in January of 2028. www.ppadelnorte.org @ppadelnorte on FaceBook.