

## Ducktail Run Attracts Classic Cars

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**T**he annual Ducktail Run Car Show is this weekend at Beaner Linn Park in Gas City. The event started yesterday and runs all day today, tomorrow and Sunday. Spectators can come and go for free to see nearly 3,000 cars on display.

"Cars will be 1972 or older," said event organizer Mike Salter. "We have a few of what we call radical customs, which would be a little newer than that, but not very much."

The weekend will hold a plethora of contests, and prizes will be awarded to many cars on display.

According to Salter, there are 33 classes of cars and three first place categories within those classes. There will also be 10 specialty awards as well as a frame contest Saturday night with six or eight prizes. Other contests include a neon contest, an idle drag contest and best car name, among more.

Winners in each category receive a plaque that has the Ducktail Run T-shirt logo on it.

Participants for the weekend are rolling in from across North America.

"We have people from all over the United States and Canada. There are four or five states that we don't get cars from. We get them from California, Arizona, New Mexico, Texas, Florida, every state in the south . . .," Salter said.

Last year, cars came from 42 states and Canada.

"They started lining up to get into the show last Tuesday, and the show doesn't start until this Thursday," Salter said Tuesday.

Spectators come and go throughout the entirety of the weekend — day and night.

"We have people who sleep in their cars at night, or who have tents," Salter said. "The park is always open, they come and go as they please."

Salter said the event's activities begin at

about 6 a.m. and end around 10 p.m.

Salter estimates the most popular nights are Friday and Saturday, which host roughly 10,000 to 20,000 people.

The swap meet, called Jerry's Junkyard, invites people to bring car parts to sell. Salter added that some people clean out their garages and bring parts to sell, while others do it for a living.

"It's probably one of the largest (swap meets) in Indiana," Salter said.

There will be food and drink vendors for the spectators to enjoy during the event.

"You name it, you can get it," Salter said. "We have about 15 different vendors, and they all sell different stuff. Anything you can expect."

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*Onlookers check out classic cars at the 2010 Ducktail Run.*