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There were five cars that met at Des Peres Hospital lower parking lot this morning. Most everyone was there by the time I got there around 8:10 am. We did wait around to see if anybody else would show up before our 8:30 am departure, but nobody else showed up. So we all hopped into our cars and headed to West Park Bowl for the

Logan Eichenseer Charity Car Show in Columbia, Illinois. When we arrived, Bill Bauer, Gary & Barb Warneke were already there. They beat us by about five or ten minutes. So we all parked pretty much together.

Much of the morning looked as if we were going to get wet, but the rain held off most of the morning with just a few sprinkles early and then stopped. The judges just finished up judging our cars when the light rain started. So our cars were judged just in time to roll up the windows, shut the hood and trunks lids so everything didn't get wet. Fortunately, it only lasted about 10 or 15 minutes and turned into a light mist after that. Subsequently, it was dry shortly after that. It was threatening most of the afternoon with a few brief breaks in the clouds for some sunshine. The sun didn't last long before the clouds came back. However, it never did rain in the afternoon and we were all happy about that.

The turnout for this charity car show was light today, primarily due to two other car shows going on and the weather prediction was not good. They were predicting there was a 40% to 70% chance of thunderstorms late morning and early af-

ternoon. I am sure this kept a lot of the car owners home. But, once again, the weatherman turned out to be wrong and I am sure many more cars would have showed up had the weather been more favorable. The total number of cars at this show was only 55. Last year I think they had somewhere around 125 or more cars if not mistaken.

This show was hosted by the Give Back Pack and they chose the Eichenseer family this year. All of the proceeds benefit Logan who was diagnosed with Cri-du-chat Syndrome. Insurance does not cover the specialized therapy Logan responds to. So the proceeds went directly to the family at the end of this car show. The grand total given to the family at the end of the show was \$2,803.00. I think that was pretty good considering we only had 55 cars that showed up for this event.

It should be noted that since Fords Unlimited gave the Club Participation money (\$50.00) we won from the Roxana Car Show back to the Give Back Pack, that the DJ announced Fords Unlimited as one of their sponsors a number of times. So it was great PR for our club in my opinion. Very thoughtful of the Give Back Pack to make sure our club name was included in all the sponsor announcements throughout the day.

Our club cars did very well today with the following members winning awards: Bill Bauer 1st Place, Rick Miller, 1st Place, Jake Turnipseed 1st Place, Ken Farrar/ Sharon Apollo 2nd Place, Dennis & Deb McBee 1st Place, and Gary & Barb Warneke took Best Interior out of all the cars and trucks at this show. Congrats Gary

& Barb!!!! We did have some other members come to this show. We met up with T

It was a fun day and glad that our club was able to help out the Give Back Pack and the Eichenseer Family in their time of need. It was a shame that we couldn't do more for them.

