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Newsline

Memorial Day events

Uniform is service dress. The annual event is sponsored by Post 26 of the American Legion. Doughnuts and coffee will be served following the service.

If interested in volunteering, see first sergeant or any CMSgt. for details.

□ The Idaho Military History museum at Gowen Field is hosting an open house and celebration of World War II veterans Saturday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.. The event is free and open to the public. The American Legion of Boise will serve an all-you-can-eat pancake breakfast from 8 a.m. to noon, cost of the breakfast is \$5.

□ Also, Sunday at 10 a.m., Legionaires from posts 26 and 101 along with volunteers will place flags on the graves of all veterans in the cemetery. The public is welcome to attend.

□ Looking for volunteers who would like to be part of a formation for a Memorial Day service at the Mountain Home Cemetery Monday at 11 a.m.

Safety campaign to begin

The "101 Critical Days of Summer" safety campaign officially begins Friday. Today, all Gunfighters are scheduled to participate in wing safety day.

The schedule details the main events, with squadron activities to be posted in their respective squadrons.

□ The operational risk management briefing from 8 to 9:30 a.m. in the base theater.

□ The board training session is from 9:30 to 10:30.

□ At 10:30 a.m. safety briefings will take place in the base theater for Operations Group members and in hangar 1333 for Maintenance Group members.

□ Mission Support Group members are scheduled for noon in hangar 1333 and Medical Group members should report to the base theater for the noon briefing.

Summer events

Company Grade Officers' Council June events: June 19, 9 a.m. to noon — Adopt-a-Highway clean up. June 26 — Red Fish Lake camping trip. Contact 2nd Lt. Kendra Fletcher at 828-7292 for more information.

Trapshooting competition

The trap & skeet range is hosting the Idaho Pacific International Trapshooting Association State Trapshooting Championships June 11 through 13. For more information call Mr. Harley Lekvold at 828-6093.

Power outages on Alpine St.

Idaho Power Solutions in conjunction with the 366th Civil Engineer Squadron is improving electrical power reliability and base appearance. Outages will be closely coordinated with building facility managers, affected commanders, Idaho Power Solutions and 366th CES.

In about 30 days, Idaho Power Solutions will initiate power outages for 38 separate buildings in the area of the base bordered by 7th Avenue, Alpine Street, 13th Avenue and Liberator Street. Alpine housing not effected. Outages will take place one building at a time over a sixty-day period. Technicians will energize new underground power distribution systems and remove existing poles and overhead lines. Outage durations will range from 30 minutes to 8 hours. Outage durations and user inconvenience will be kept to a minimum.

Safety reminder

The safety office reminds Gunfighters that drinking and driving do not mix. Call AADD 599-3922 and 599-3923.



Photos by SSgt. Christopher Gish

Pacific thinking

Left: Female members from Boise State University's Hui-o-Aloha dancing group perform at the community center Monday as part of the Asian Pacific American Heritage committee's dance performance. Right: Male members of BSU's Hui-o-Aloha perform the "slap dance".

A time for honor

By CMSgt. Michael Sullivan
366th Fighter Wing command chief

In my role as the 366th Fighter Wing command chief, I often have the opportunity to attend a variety of military ceremonies.

Within the past few months there have been graduations, retirements, changes of command, daily reveille and retreat, promotion ceremonies and all too many memorial services and funerals.

The organizers of these events are normally fellow members of our Air Force who give of their time to ensure everyone who attends leaves feeling proud to be Gunfighters, a team of expeditionary combat leaders who provide decisive combat power, worldwide, on demand.

It is evident those who organize and conduct these ceremonies take their tasks seriously.

Whether I'm a participant or an observer, I'm often moved by the events I witness.

The symbols of our shared service are small and may seem trite to the outside observer, but they carry great meaning for us.

Our flag raised and lowered and folded with the utmost of care and respect.

A medal, a small piece of bronze or pewter attached to a bit of brightly colored cloth.

Certificates, pieces of paper with fancy printing.

A model airplane, a plaque or a shadow box, pieces of wood and glass, containing symbols of our service.

A small bouquet for a dedicated spouse.

Every item has meaning for us because they represent the honor we bestow on one another.

Monday, our nation and its citizens will pause to pay respect to those who have gone before us and some who have served beside us, our fallen comrades.

Memorial Day is set aside each year to pay tribute to those who have served, and died.

As in past years, Post 26 of the American Legion will take the lead in organizing and conducting this tribute. As Gunfighters, we have been invited to stand with them, shoulder to shoulder with one another, to show our respect. The ceremony is scheduled to take place Monday at 11 a.m. in the Mountain Home Cemetery. Those wishing to participate must be their service dress uniform and in place by 10:45 a.m.



Ever had a ...
Base tour request?

Speaker request?

Flyover request?

These must all be worked through public affairs. To have them done right, contact Gunfighter public affairs at 828-6800.

Commander's Hotline

This Hotline is your direct line to me.

It's your opportunity to make Mountain Home AFB a better place to live and work.

I review every response to Hotline questions, but functional experts prepare most responses.

If possible, you should first contact the organization responsible for the problem or function.

Your first sergeants, commanders and agency chiefs want to help, so please let them try.

If you do not know how to proceed or if you have already tried your chain of command, then do not hesitate to contact the Hotline at 828-6262 or CommandersHotline@mountainhome.af.mil.

Not all Hotlines are published, but if you leave your name and phone number or e-mail address, I will make sure you get a reply.



Col. Hansen

Col. Blair Hansen
366th Fighter Wing commander

Last DUI:

(As of noon Wednesday)

366th Communications Squadron

Days without a DUI:

3

AADD made 8 saves since
May 21, 125 in 2004

A time for remembrance

By Maj. William Morrison

366th Mission Support Squadron commander

Well, it's finally here — Memorial Day, or should I really say summer. Memorial Day is the day we set aside as the unofficial start to the 101 days of camping, golfing, fishing, white-water rafting, swimming and enjoying the warm weather and long hours of daylight. It is also a day for great shopping as the stores always have great sales. Finally, Memorial Day is the signal that school is about to end for the year.

These facts are what most Americans see Memorial Day as — a day off to enjoy, a day off to have fun, a day off to not be in the office. Memorial Day, however, is much more than this.

Per General Order 11 from the Commander in Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, "The 30th day of May, 1868, is designed for the purpose of strewing with flowers or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in the defense of their country in the late rebellion, and whose burdens now lie in almost every city, village and hamlet church-yard in the land."

Gen. John Logan, the commander in chief who authored this order, wanted all Americans to preserve a day to re-

member those who gave the ultimate sacrifice in the defense of the nation.

He wanted to set aside a day to pay tribute to those who defended our liberties and freedoms.

Between 1868 and 1971 when Congress legislated the current 3-day weekend in May, the ideals that Gen. Logan wished for on Memorial Day slowly took hold all over the country. Before World War I, the Southern states remembered those who died for the Confederacy on a day other than the 30th of May. After World War I, the entire country, North, South, East and West began to mourn as one country.

They mourned those lost in the "Great War" and those lost in all wars we have fought as a nation. It was then that the 30th of May truly became a time to remember.

The 30th of May also celebrates the end of the month in which we recognize and pay tribute to our Armed Forces. In May, we celebrate Armed Forces Day and Military Spouse Day and we normally collect money for military families through the Air Force Assistance Fund.

Former President Ronald Reagan stated in his proclamation on the first Military Spouse Day in 1984, "the wives of our servicemen have made unselfish contributions to the spirit and well-being of the fighting men and the general welfare of their communities."

President Reagan called our wives, and husbands, volunteers that support our communities. As parents, he said they uphold our family traditions that strengthen the foundation of our nation.

Our spouses are special people who need to be remembered because of their unfaltering sacrifices.

They have given up their own careers to follow us from assignment to assignment, they support and nurture our families and communities during long temporary duties and deployments, and finally, they are special patriots loyal to the freedoms we, the men and women in uniform or as Department of the Air Force civilians, swore to defend.

They are true public servants who love their country and should be remembered when we take time to remember those who have gone before us.

Therefore, I challenge all of you to place the memorial back into Memorial Day. Let's all take a moment at 3 p.m. Monday to remember those fallen comrades and our families.

You could also follow Gen. Logan's direction and decorate the graves of those who died in defense of our great nation while somehow showing our families how thankful we are for their support and strength.

Memorial Day is truly for them.

May we never forget their resolve.



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Welcome to Gunfighter
Country — home of a
winning attitude!



Air Force Awards

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Air Combat Command Awards

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12th Air Force

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Rack 'em up — Annual Gunfighter winners

Baby great horned owls returned to wild

By Ms. Angelia Binder
366th Civil Engineer Squadron

Two fledgling great horned owls were successfully returned here and released May 18. One owl had been found earlier in the spring near one of the flightline hangars. The other was found a few weeks later near the entomology shop.

You may have read the article in *The Gunfighter* for Earth Day entitled "Wildlife Protection and Rescue — How to Help Without Getting Hurt." That article was written after these two owl rescues to help you decide when to intervene and when to leave Mother Nature alone.

To illustrate this point, a third baby great horned owl was found recently near the Gunfighters Club. After investigation of the grounded owl, it was discovered that one of the parents was keeping close watch from a nearby tree.

There was also evidence found that the baby owl was being fed. In this case, intervention was not needed.

The two baby owls found on base and in need of help were turned over to the Animal Emergency Clinic for care because their parents could not be found. They were too young to fly and feed themselves. Both owls were "grounded" at the time they were found.

The Animal Emergency Clinic called Ms. Diana Siderides of Flight to Freedom, a non-profit organization devoted to the rescue and rehabilitation of great horned owls and other raptors. Ms. Siderides is authorized to work with owls, eagles and hawks by special permits and licenses from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Idaho Department

of Fish and Game.

Ms. Siderides has been working with owls for 19 years. Most of the 140 birds she cares for every year have been abused by people. These birds are protected species. Harming, harassing or killing them could invoke fines or jail time for the abusers.

Ms. Siderides limited her interaction with the owls during the rehabilitation so they would remain wild. For a release to be successful, owls must learn to hunt and fend for themselves without relying on humans.

As the fading light of dusk gently slipped away in the western sky, the transport cages containing the owls were opened. One brave owl popped out of his cage and hopped into the air, sailing low and coming to rest on the ground about 50 feet away.

The second owl, reluctant and wary, remained in his cage before being coaxed into flight.

So far, there are two adults, the two released juveniles and two other juveniles living near the Gunfighters Club. It seems that top aviators like to flock together.

If you wish to learn more about owl education programs offered by Flight to Freedom, please call Ms. Siderides at 208-584-9034 or visit her Web site at www.flighttofreedom.org.

Ms. Siderides can arrange for a one-hour teaching session and will bring an owl with her for an up-close-and-personal encounter with one of the great aviators of our times.



Air Force photo

Great horned owl



Photo by TSgt. Katherine Hurt

Graduates

Congratulations to the 04-4 Goodfellow NCO Academy graduates **Front row, left to right:** TSgt. Karen Blaha, TSgt. Martha Watt, TSgt. Nicole Scogin, TSgt. Nicholas Posey **Second row, left to right** TSgt. Kim Piskacek, TSgt. Charles Elders, TSgt. Victor McKenzie, TSgt. Jason Pendergrass **Third row, left to right:** TSgt. Timothy Lievsay, TSgt. Jon Veenstra, TSgt. Joseph Leclair Jr., TSgt. Clifford Sibley **Back row, left to right:** TSgt. Andrew Castell, TSgt. James Gottsch, TSgt. Mark Allen, TSgt. Eddie Cantrell, TSgt. Melvin Green II.

CMSAF sends Memorial Day message

The following is a Memorial Day message from CMSgt. of the Air Force Gerald R. Murray:

In our nation's capital, we memorialize American patriots who have fought and died for our country throughout history — the Korean War Memorial, the Vietnam Wall, Arlington National Cemetery, and the newest addition, the National World War II Memorial, which will be dedicated on our National Mall Saturday.

In small towns and big cities around our nation this Memorial Day, Americans will gather around flagpoles and in cemeteries to remember the bravery of their neighbors, friends, and family members who have laid down their lives so that we may continue to fly the flag of freedom.

Our generation of Soldiers, Sailors, Marines, Coast Guardsmen and Airmen shares a bond with warriors of generations past.

We, like them, understand in a personal way the unfortunate truth that there are times when blood must be spilled in order for peace to be secured.

We, like them, know that the ultimate sacrifice may be required in order to defeat the darkness that threatens our way of life.

This Memorial Day, as America remembers the courage and commitment of heroes who died in service to our nation, we owe it to each of them to continue the fight for which they gave their lives, thus ensuring that America remains the Land of the Free and Home of the Brave. (AFP)



Ms. Debbie Sandberg

366th Services Squadron

Duty position: Gunfighter Club kitchen manager

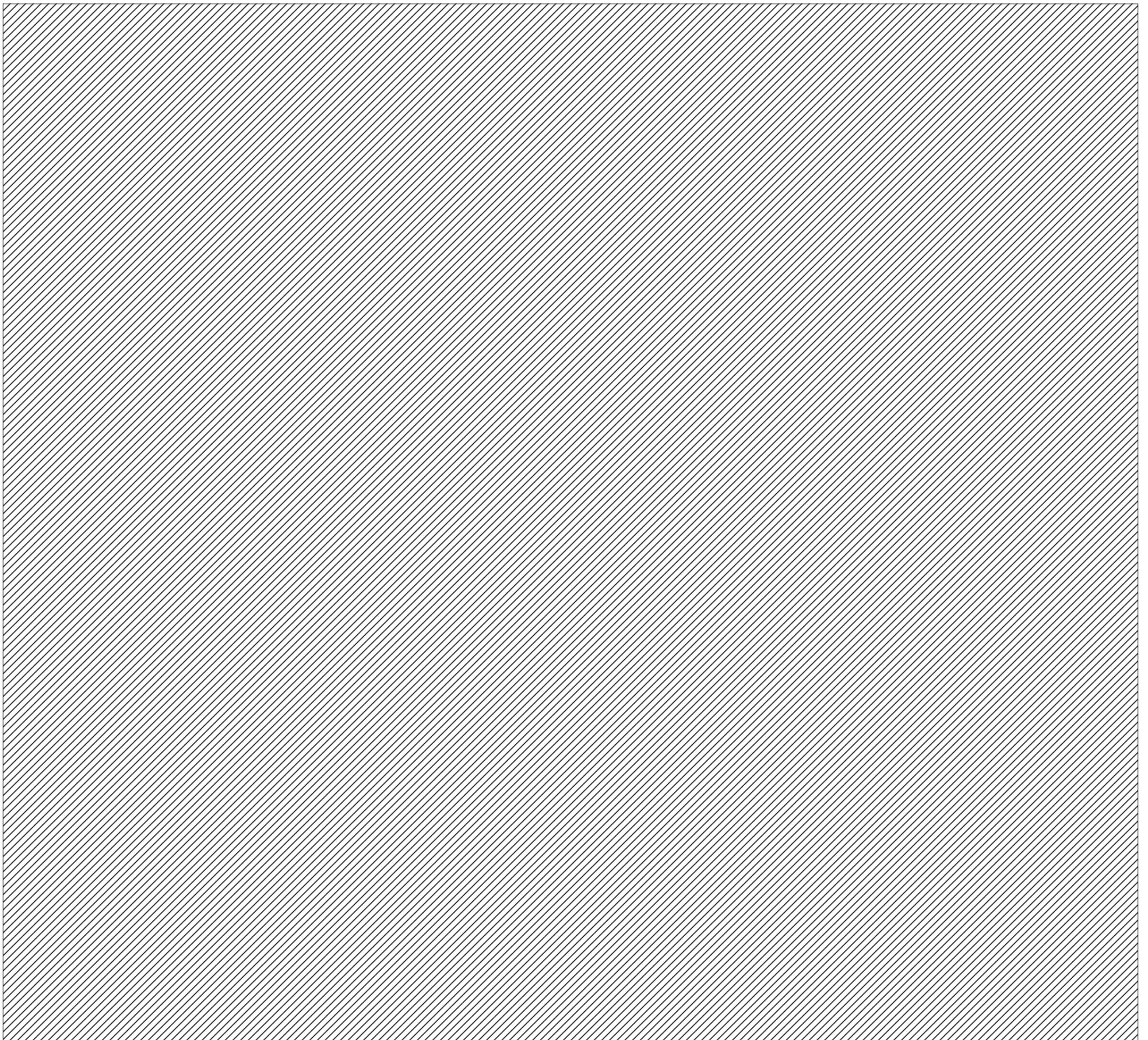
Hometown: Denver, Pa.

Hobbies: Yard work and boating

Time on the job: Five years active duty, 25 years as NAF employee

What is the best part of your job? Interacting with people and watching tasks being completed from start to finish

Why did you join? To broaden my horizons



2nd annual Gunfighter Car Show



Photos by SSgt. Chris Campbell

A record number of vehicles were entered for the 2nd annual Gunfighter Car Show May 22. Car entries ranged from 1920s coupes to late model sports cars.

By Mr. Ron Dillon,
366th Services Squadron

The second annual Gunfighter Car Show returned to Holt Air Park May 22. Questionable weather and road construction didn't deter participants or spectators from the surrounding community from participating in the festivities.

A record number 58 vehicles were entered in the show which opened with the Singing Stripes singing the National Anthem.

"We really enjoyed hosting the Gunfighter Car Show again this year. We appreciate all of the support that we received from the community and the sponsors," said Lt. Col. Glenn Winkler, 366th Services Squadron commander.

Lt. Col. Winkler handed the top show honor, the commander's choice award, to Mr. Donald Hanson for his stunning, yellow Pontiac GTO. Mr. Arnie Ringnberg's black, flamed '41 Willey's Coupe took the people's choice award.

Held in conjunction with the car show, the Outlaw Lawn Dragsters held a competitive meet featuring highly-modified machines that could hit 0 to 60 mph in slightly more than two seconds. These modified lawnmowers are known to race and win against drag racing cars in short-course drag races. Sixteen racers competed in the race with Mr. Devin McGehee winning the top fuel, AA division over Ms. Kim Burchtorf.

Adding to the show, the America's Kids Run was held at 9:30 a.m. in the park and 37 local children showed up to run. The event was for children ages 5 to 13.

"This was a good kid's run and we placed the emphasis not on winning, but rather on having fun and creating healthy attitudes about exercise and sports," said Ms. Diana Lawson, run director. "The kids seemed to have a good time and a lot of their parents were there, shouting words of encouragement." Plans for the 2005 Gunfighter Car Show are already being discussed, and it should be back next year, bigger and better than ever.

Car show winners:

- 1920s Car stock: 1. Mr. Kent & Linda Villanova
- 1920s Car modified: 1. Mr. Bill Fuller
2. Mr. Ty Ridenou
- 1930s Car modified: 1. Ms. Cheryl Roessler
2. Mr. Steve Mani
- 1940s Car modified: 1. Mr. Arnie Ringnberg
- 1960s Car stock: 1. Mr. Phillip Gehlet
2. Mr. Dave Kosmann
- 1960s Car modified: 1. Mr. Tony Martinez
2. Mr. Gregg Roessler



Mr. Pat Dickard runs the 100 ft. race. His race mower has a 850cc engine and has been timed at 2.5 seconds.

1970s Car modified: 1. Mr. Jason Mant

1980s Car modified: 1. Mr. Patrick Smith

1990s Car modified 1. Mr. Autturio De La Fuente
2. Mr. Rashad Hollis

Pre-1976 Truck stock:
1. Mr. Darrel Edwards

Pre-1976 Truck modified:
1. Mr. John Wick
2. Ms. Marilyn Wick

1976-Newer truck stock:
1. Mr. Steven Hausner

1976-Newer truck modified:
1. Mr. Tony Levinson
2. Mr. Cal Walsh

Best of 4x4: 1. Mr. Dennis Cooper
2. Mr. John Hannah

European sports car: 1. Ms. Linda Keesler
2. Mr. Dale Dixon

Foreign sports car: 1. Mr. James Leonard
2. Mr. David Buell

Motorcycle stock: 1. Mr. K.R. Reinschmidt

2. Mr. Jim Blanton

Motorcycle modified: 1. Mr. Marty Clifton
2. Mr. Cal Walsh

Under construction: 1. Mr. Mike Kimball
2. Mr. Richard Johnson

Special interest: Mr. Dar Fuller

People's choice: Mr. Arnie Ringnberg

Commander's choice:
Mr. Donald Hanson

Outlaw lawnmower drag racing results:

AA: 1. Mr. Devin McGehee
2. Mr. Jeff Kubal
3. Ms. Kim Burchtorf

A: 1. Mr. Del Cornett
2. Mr. Chuck Shipley

Modified: 1. Mr. Jack Burchtorf
2. Ms. Karen Burchtorf

Juniors: 1. Mr. Marc Burchtorf
2. Mr. Cody Abbott



Car show entries varied between performance and show, convertibles and hard tops, new and classic. The two entries above garnered attention from show-goers young and old.



Ms. Lisa Olson who rides with the Outlaw Drag Racers in the "A" division, runs the 100 ft. race in 2.55 seconds riding on "Mom's Toy" her mower with a 750cc engine.



Many classic cars were displayed during the show. Many autos were more than 50 years old.