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Stevie Serge, 7, of Clarks Summit, enjoys the front seat of a vintage pickup on display Sunday at the Villa Capri Cruisers Car Club's annual Father's Day Car Show at Nay Aug Park in Scranton.

## HORSEPOWER AND HISTORY

*The Villa Capri Cruisers Car Club's 23rd annual Father's Day Car Show draws thousands to Nay Aug Park.*

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Sun glistened off the chrome trim of Leo Zapotok's 1933 International D1 pickup.

After spending six years meticulously restoring the former grocery delivery truck, he and his wife, Cheryl, of White Haven, set up camp chairs at Nay Aug Park for the Villa Capri Cruisers Car Club's 23rd annual Father's Day Car Show and chatted with passers-by who appreciated the truck's unique history.

In 2009, after retiring, he and Cheryl found the pickup at an auction.

It had been large-truck maker International's response to a competitive market that had been dominated by the Model T, and 1933 was the first year for the truck.

Before he bought it, it had been in the same family for 76 years and even supported the war effort in Pennsylvania during World War II, Leo Zapotok said.

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plan on doing this," he said of the car show circuit. "We planned on just driving it and enjoying it, but every-

body started complimenting us on it, so we thought maybe we should." Please see **CARS**, Page A9

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It has already picked up some prestigious awards, including one on Sunday, and was featured in an Antique Automobile Club of America magazine.

The Zapotoks paid about \$16,000 for the truck.

"I'm not going to say what's in the restoration," Cheryl Zapotok said, chuckling.

Car Club Secretary Dave Thomas estimated 6,000 people flocked Sunday to the wooded hilltop to ogle more than 400 muscle, antique and creatively modified cars.

The car show is the club's biggest annual fundraiser; the proceeds of which go to local organizations like the Children's Advocacy Center, the Ronald McDonald House and the Janet Weis Children's Miracle Network.

Thomas estimated the one-day event would pull in between \$10,000 and \$14,000 for their cause, after adding concession sales and individual donations. He applauded the community for its support and said one man simply approached him, shook his hand and passed a \$100 bill before walking away.

The man never identified himself, Thomas said.

"Everybody who comes here knows what we do," he said.

While many exquisite true-to-history restorations dotted the hilltop, enthusiast



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Richie Matello of Forty Fort dusts off a Mustang on display Sunday at the Villa Capri Cruisers Car Club's annual Father's Day car show at Nay Aug Park in Scranton.

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Storm-troopered cars, as they're called among modification enthusiasts, feature an almost all-white body

with black trim and rims — an homage to the fictional soldier in the cult "Star Wars" films.

"I'm a big fan of 'Star Wars,' and when I got the car, I didn't want to leave it clean," Ronda said, explaining he and a friend made most of the modifications themselves.

His muscle car featured an artistic storm-trooper decal on the door panels, changing colored LED lights throughout the interior, and even a mannequin storm trooper to stand alongside the car — just in case the theme wasn't strong enough.

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