

# Carz and Truckz roll through Souderton

Atmosphere reminiscent of '50s malt shop

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**SOUDERTON** — The borough looked like something out of the past Saturday as the Carz and Truckz in the Park antique and classic rolled onto the grounds of Souderton Community Park.

As spectators entered the park on Reliance Road, they were greeted by the music of Elvis Presley and other timeless musical delights. The area had the feel of a '50s malt shop, as people enjoyed the food and music and took in the sights.

Car collectors brought their classic automobiles, as well as several motorcycles, from all over Montgomery and Bucks counties to be displayed in the park. More than 100 cars sat in the grass, basking in the beautiful sunshine.

There was even one car, a 1934 Plymouth Sedan, looking for a new owner.

Vehicles ranged from a 1929 Ford Hot Rod decked out in flat black with an



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**FIVE-YEAR-OLD** Sean Roussel checks out a vintage Thunderbird Saturday at the antique truck and car show in the Souderton Community Park.

eye-catching fire motif, to a beautiful turquoise 1989 Harley Davidson Motorcycle with sidecar. Also present were several rear-engine Chevrolet Corvairs. Corvairs were the subject of many consumer debates upon their initial release in the 1960s because of safety concerns.

Two of the most admired cars were separate models of the 1969 Dodge Charger.

One was a glossy copper, and the other was bright red and decked out with black racing stripes. The cars, weighing in at nearly 3,700 pounds, were known

to be so powerful that they rocked as they idled.

What has added to the collectibility and the appeal of the Dodge Chargers was that they were the same make as the General Lee from the popular '70s and '80s TV show "The Dukes of Hazzard."

Also at the show were participants of the Indian Valley Soapbox Derby, along with their cars. SoapBox racing has been a summer tradition in Souderton since the early 1940s.

The Souderton Perseverance Volunteer Fire



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**WALT HUNSBERGER** relaxes in the shade Saturday next to his 1941 Studebaker during a car show in the Souderton Community Park.

Company No. 1, which sponsored the event, was not to be outdone by the classic automobiles.

They had a special area in which they showcased

antique fire equipment. In addition to several older-model fire trucks, they featured old, wooden carts used to carry the fire hoses to the sight of the fire.