

Route 6 historical program attracts area car enthusiasts

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Approximately 50 people from surrounding areas attended the Route 6 car show and presentation at the Peerless Center on Saturday, April 25.

According to Mary Tomky, executive director of the Colorado Route 6 Heritage Tourism Association, groups of visitors from Sterling, Denver, Brush, Weldona, Colorado Springs, Aurora and Wray attended the event, as did Nebraska visitors from Big Springs, Arapahoe and Cambridge. Cheyenne, Wyo. was also represented.

Seven Model A and Model T vehicles from Sterling were on display across the street from the Peerless on Saturday. Many locals passed by just to take a look at these historical rides.

Lyle Miller of the Colorado Historical Society gave a presentation on the "Historic Gas Stations of Colorado" at the Peerless Theatre. He talked about the history and evolving architectural designs of Colorado gas stations, and then took visitors on a slideshow tour of historic gas stations that can still be found on Route 6.

One of these stations is located right here in Holyoke: the old Reimer-Smith oil station, which is now located next to the Phillips County Museum. The museum was also open Saturday afternoon for visitors.

Colorado U.S. Route 6 Heritage Corp. has been created in Holyoke to promote travel on Highway 6. The organization plans to establish a Visitor and Cultural Center as one of a series of visitor centers along Highway 6.

For more information on Colorado U.S. Route 6 Heritage Corporation, contact Mary Tomky at the Chamber of Commerce office at 854-3517.