

Hot cars are a crowd-pleaser

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About 3000 cars and up to 40,000 visitors attended the 19th Woodstock Classic Car and Hot Rod Festival in Kumeu.

In a largely American-themed event, vehicles ranging from Camaros and Chevs to Buicks and T-buckets were spread over the Kumeu Showgrounds at the weekend.

"We had a little bit of everything here," event manager Shane Reynolds says.

"Most people have trouble seeing it all in one day. I saw an article a few years ago about the show and it said 'it's a bit like eating an elephant. Where do you start?'"

Mr Reynolds of Parakai says participants and visitors come from throughout New Zealand, and there are also regulars from overseas.

It is the largest event of its type in the southern hemisphere, he says. Some participants camp on site and many know each other from previous shows or other gatherings.

Mr Reynolds has run the event for 18 of its 19 years. A love of cars keeps him coming back.

He owns several clas-



Purring Plymouth: Dave Cracknell of Hobsonville has a colourful 1968 Plymouth Satellite.



Classic collection: A 1962 Ford Galaxie, black, and 1969 Chevrolet Camaro SS, orange, were among vehicles displayed inside at the Kumeu car show.

sics, including a 1949 Mercury coupe, 1963 Chevrolet pickup, 1964 Fairlane station wagon and a late 70s Canadian Fairmont.

"I've got a couple more

floating around too, but there you go. A bit of a bad habit," he says.

The weather was good for the two-day show, with only a bit of rain early Sunday.



Bucket beauty: Eric Livingston of Henderson with his 1923 Ford T-bucket.