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Many car shows take place throughout the year in Southwest Kansas and the Oklahoma Panhandle, and since 2008, Bill Hill has hosted the Yellow Brick Road Car Show in north Liberal.

The show normally takes place in the parking lot just north of 11th Street on Kansas Avenue, but Hill said this year's show will be bigger than usual. For this reason, he has moved the show across the street to Light Park, Liberal's largest park.



This year's show will take place May 9 and 10, and new for this year, the car show will feature a craft fair. Hill said 50 vendors have already signed up for that part of the show. He also has auto parts businesses coming to Liberal with anything from harnesses to car wax and more.

"McGuire's has jumped in, and they're going to come down and have a booth down here," he said. "There's a young kid that used to live in Liberal. He works in Wichita now. He invented some wax that's called Killer Wax of Kansas. He's going to have a booth here. Royal Purple, the automobile synthetic oil, is going to be here. Also we're going to have a food court over there."

This year's Yellow Brick Road Car Show will also be tied in with Deuce Days, where Deuce car clubs from across America get together for a reunion. Hill said that happens every five years in many towns in the U.S., with Liberal playing host this year.

"We've been working on it for two and a half years," he said. "We got very, very lucky that these guys picked Liberal, Kansas. Usually, they go with a big show like Good Guys in Louisville or Knoxville, Tenn., Des Moines, Iowa."

Hill said the initial edition of the car show in 2008 drew about 112 registered cars, but more cars than that were actually seen at the show.

"The guys that help me and my cars, we don't really put them in the show," he said. "We bring them, and we show them, but they're not included in the show."

Since then, Hill said the Yellow Brick Road Car Show has grown steadily.



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