

WESTERN AMERICANA DAY

'Something for Everybody' at Sedona celebration

Sedona showcased its roots Saturday with Western Americana Day at the Sedona Airport. Revamped from its start in the 1990s, Western Americana Day is touted as Sedona's biggest community event of the year. It may have been, as hundreds of people showed up to participate. There was plenty of food, exhibits, recreation, arts and crafts, a big classic car show, entertainment and aviation. The event was free and lived up to its advertisements of having "something for everybody." More than 30 booths also spotlighted local businesses and services.

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A little girl held a tarantula in the ILX Resorts' booth, which featured special animal and reptile presentations.



Gary Johnson, public information officer and fire marshal for the Sedona Fire District, helped a boy spin a prize wheel. Johnson said he had given out more than 100 fire helmets by 2 p.m.



Above, even dark rain clouds in the distance did not discourage a large crowd that attended the Western Americana Day. Left, a sight that many people in the over-50 crowd will remember seeing often, a window tray hanging on a 1957 Chevrolet at a drive-in restaurant. Below left, an ILX Resorts employee shows a snake to some interested, if wary, children during one of the featured presentations. Below right, Dave Rice and the Prairie Heart Band entertained a crowd of people during Saturday's Western Americana Day at the Sedona Airport.

