Bill Hill explains how several states make up the Mid America Deuce Car Club, and that club has agreed to take up Hill's invitation to host its reunion in Liberal during the Yellow Brick Road Car Show that Hill promotes and hosts annually. The Deuces could bring in 100 or more additional cars to Liberal's show. L&T photo/Giseelle Arredondo

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With less than a year away, preparations are already underway for Liberal's next Yellow Brick Road Carshow scheduled for May 9 and 10, 2014, at the parking lot right next to Billy's Blue Duck BBQ.

"Every year, I do a theme and this next year's theme will be called 'Deuce Days at the Yellow Brick Road Car Show,'" event organizer Bill Hill said.

“The Yellow Brick Road Car Show will be hosting the Mid America Deuce Inc., a national club, with members from New Zealand and Australia, but we’ll be hosting in conjunction with the regular car show, too,” he said.

“Now this will be a reunion. It’s a fifth year reunion. Every five years, they do one. They’ve had them in Knoxville, Tenn., Louiville, Ky., Indianapolis, Ind., and they are usually in conjunction with the Good Guys.

“The Good Guys are a big organization, and this year will be the first year they ever went out and tied in with the independence show,” Hill added.

The club has been going since the 1950s, and its members reunite every five years.

“It’s like like a class reunion,” Hill said.

However, the number of members in the show is not for certain.

“I’m not really for sure, I think in our local area they have, maybe in Kansas they have 250 or something like that. I’m a member, but I can’t tell you,” he said.

The Yellow Brick Road Car Show last year brought in quite a few vehicles on its own.

“Well, in the carshow last year we had 230-something, but we don’t exactly know how many of the Deuces Club are going to bring to our show. The Mid America Deuce Club is Kansas, Nebraska, Missouri, Iowa, Illinois, and I think South Dakota too, but in doing this, the Mid America Deuce Club has contacted the club’s from Texas, other clubs from, Colorado, Arizona, California. And they have expressed interest in coming to the reunion,” he said.

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“The last time they had a reunion, they had it in Nashville. There was a car show in Wichita about a week ago. It has nothing to do with these guys.”

The car show brings families together. It’s a display of motorcycles and trucks. It’s a gathering of people.

“They kind of display them so other people can come and enjoy them. It’s a gathering of friends,” Hill said. “Some shows, the participants of our show vote for what cars they like – pickups, cars, whatever. And that’s kind of how our show goes. The big national shows, they have their own circle of judges. Participants just bring their cars, display them and then they pick to win. And then some shows you just go show them and it’s not whether you win or lose, actually you don’t lose, everybody wins. It’s for a good time.”

The car show will consist of cars, such as the1932 Ford.

“The Deuces are ’32s. They are the most popular car. The ’32 Deuce was only built one year. And the ’32 Deuce has about five or six different version of cars, like a sedan, two door, four door, but the roadster type car started back in the days, in the 1940s. Guys started building hot rods out of them. Since then, we’ve got street machines, street rods, muscle cars, pro-touring cars,” he said. “Anyhow, when they started in the early ’40s, fixing them up so they run faster and do all that, the ’32 really was the leader of the pack to do all that. And I think it’s going to be a great deal for the City of Liberal, for the area communities and all. And the big thing is, it’s the first time they ever go outside of the major people and did this reunion.”

He continued, “Over the next period, until they come in for our car show, It’s going to be an awesome thing.”

People have already expressed interest in registering for the show.

“Oh yeah, they do mail outs every other month on their clubs, and they’ve already got interest. That’s the reason they decided to do it here,” Hill said. “They kind of sent it to a vote with their club about coming with us, so yeah they have. And the full registration, we start sending out registration forms around March, and we’ll get some back in April or so, preregistered.

“But yeah, we’ve got alot of interest already showing that people are coming and it is, hopefully, knock on wood, it’s gonna be a good one,” he added.