

Annual Cruise for a Cure car show arrives Sunday

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Tim Schmidt is one of a kind.

And he likes to leave his impression on everything he touches. Call it his distinctive style.

He's leaving his mark with his automobile collection, and large-scale charity events.

He just can't wait to present this year's Tim and Brenda's Cruise for a Cure, an annual car show fundraiser that draws thousands of visitors every July.

This year it's personal. Tim's wife Brenda is holding her own after treatments for lung cancer. Doctors are saying the treatments have been working but they're taking their toll. Brenda, however, is one tough cookie.

She's been receiving treatment at Sunnybrook's Odette Cancer Centre; one of the top comprehensive cancer centres in the world.

And that's where this year's proceeds from the Cruise will go. The event has raised roughly \$100,000 annually, split between several charities.

Last year's event saw almost 10,000 visitors and some 700 vehicles take part in the day-long festival. Over the last four years, Tim and Brenda's Cruise for the Cure Show and Shine has welcomed more than 24,000 visitors, 1,958 show cars and raised over \$346,500 for registered charities close to the heart of Tim, Brenda and Helga Schmidt.

The fifth annual event is scheduled for this Sunday (July 19) from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at 13200 Weston Rd. in King City

On tap will be four bands ? BamBoo, Freedom Train, Pop Cherry and Carpet Frogs.

There's a \$30 show car registration fee and public parking is \$20 per car load.

They will have a midway, pony rides, zoo to you, Bubba the Clown and face painting. Check out the Q107 live remote with John Scholes, food festival, vendors, raffles and mega raffles, 50/50 draws, etc.

Several awards will be dished out ??People's Choice (Grand Champion), Top Domestic and Top Import. They will also be awarding 50 import and 50 domestic awards throughout the day.

Tim is an uber-passionate car collector and he wouldn't part with any of them. They include vintage, classics, muscle cars and modern luxury vehicles. He radicalized a Jeep 4X4 and is in the process of fixing up another, complete with a tent trailer.

Anything different catches his eye and if it's straight from the factory, Tim will always add his personal touch and tweak the vehicle to his own specifications. This could include unique body work, paint, wraps, interior and engine modifications. All of Tim's vehicles are one of a kind ? just the way he likes it.

The rural King property, dubbed ?Horsepower Haven??has now taken on a bit of a European flavour.

His newest addition is a 2015 Lamborghini Aventador Roadster, arguably the nicest supercar on the planet. It boasts a 700-hp V-12, all-wheel-drive and carbon fiber body. A speed-engaged rear spoiler and removable carbon fiber roof panels make this the ultimate dream car. It can reach 100 km-h in under three seconds and can hit a top speed of ?somewhere??in the neighbourhood of 350 km-h (217 mph).

Tim already swapped the rims and had it painted a unique pearl ?balloon??white. He has plans to tweak it even further.

It's a piece of art and Tim says ?I'm loving it.?

The Lambo takes its place alongside two other customized European beauties ? a Rolls Royce Phantom Drophead and a widened drop-dead gorgeous red Bentley sports coupe.

Not far behind is some current North American muscle ? a white 2011 Camaro SS convertible with 24-inch wheels and a widened stance. It's dubbed ?Phatzo.?

He's a ?fanatic? about tires and rims and that has led him to become a partner in a Woodbridge tire shop.

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Drop by the annual Cruise for the Cure and chat with Tim about his collection. You'll be helping a very worthy cause in the process.

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