

Vintage bikes roll into Delano for display

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Erick Riedell rode his vintage 1960s Columbia bicycle through the streets of Delano on Saturday with playing cards clicking and clacking through the spokes of his wheels.

As a founding member of the Coaster Bicycle Club and the owner of 40 vintage bicycles, Riedell said he wasn't interested in modern-day bicy-

cles.

"We've got fenders; they don't have fenders," he said. "We've got coaster brakes; modern bikes have hand brakes.

"And we've got bells and horns and sirens and



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Erick Riedell, a founding member of the Coasters Bicycle Club, rides one of his vintage bikes at the club's display.

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Throughout the afternoon, Coaster Bicycle Club mem-

bers rode and displayed their

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Alex Kruse, left, and Danny Roman check out some of the vintage bikes at the Coasters Bicycle Club's display at the Credit Union of America parking lot in Delano on Saturday.



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bicycles in the parking lot of the Credit Union of America, 711 W. Douglas.

The event was part of "I Bike Douglas," which included a series of biking activities such as safety and maintenance clinics, and guided tours that focused on architecture, art and photography.

At the vintage bicycle display, Devin Twombly parked a restored 1954 Schwinn Typhoon at the north end of the parking lot.

"I used to ride in there when I was a kid," he said as he showed how the bicycle's metal child seat opened and closed.

He kept the bike after his father died nine years ago, he said, and he started restoring it about two years ago.

He's since acquired a half-dozen other vintage bicycles that were on display Saturday.

"I just love these old bikes," he said as he showed off the bicycles before stopping at a 1941 Goodrich.

"This one I think actually rides the best," he said. "It's the balloon tires, the big, fat balloon tires."

At the south end of the lot, Steve Stang pedaled around

on a red tandem bicycle that he helped to restore.

"It's a 1935 Colson 'steer from the rear,'" he said. "You can drive it from front or the back. I like driving from the back because it's different."

The red, white and blue "Captain America razor bike" belonged to Dan Welty. He said the two dozen people displaying bikes probably left well over 100 bicycles at home.

"And every one of us is looking for another one," he said. "Another cool, old bike."

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