

Seneca couple wins antique pedal car at Lunney museum

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SENECA — Chris and Katy Nall of Seneca are the proud new owners of a 1955 Smiley Face pedal car.

The couple registered to win the car at the Christmas Open House on Dec. 12 at the Lunney House Museum, where a rare collection of antique pedal cars was on display.

Donated by the Mike and Brenda Cannon family, the displayed collection contained 54 pedal cars — from fire trucks and police cars to airplanes, trains and tractors.

"Tickets were sold to support the museum, and there was an opportunity to win the car," Mike Cannon said.

Initially bought by Mike Cannon in the early 1990s, the car was restored by Jimmy Brank of Asheville, N.C. Nearly 10 years later, the Cannons donated the car to the Anderson County Museum as a fundraiser.

John and Joan Martin of Florida won the pedal car and kept it at their North Carolina home to entertain their grandchildren. But once the grandchildren grew up and were too big to enjoy

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the pedal car, the toy soon found its way back to the Cannons.

"Randy Dodgen of Greenwood then restored the car back to its original condition," Mike Cannon said. "This same pedal car now has the honor of helping two museums in the Upstate raise money to support their respective museums."



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Lunney House Museum curator Dr. John Martin, left, present the keys of a 1955 Smiley Face pedal car to winners Katy and Chris Nall of Seneca. Mike Cannon, right, recently donated an antique pedal car collection to the museum.