

KANSAS STATE TROOPERS/C.A.S.T./KHP REEL DEAL  
“CRUISIN IN THE JUNGLE”  
SEDGWICK COUNTY ZOO  
JUNE 15, 2008  
FATHER’ DAY

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Sunday, June 15, 2008 was the Father’s Day “Cruisin In The Jungle” event at the Sedgwick County Zoo. This was sponsored by the Zoo and the ARC of Sedgwick County. There were over 400 hotrod/classic cars and we were there with our C.A.S.T. display, KHP REEL DEAL youth fishing club members, two patrol vehicles and the convincer. This is their biggest event of the year and we were given the center area just inside the front doors of the Zoo. The event is sponsored in part by the Sedgwick County Zoo, KEYN, CARS magazine, The Arc and First National Bank of Anthony/Wichita. Carl and John Fry both with the Arc of Sedgwick County put us where we could get the most exposure. They support C.A.S.T./KHP and what we are about. We had over **8,000** people walk by our booth and see the convincer in action. We handed out safety information and got to talk about our C.A.S.T. event at El Dorado Lake and our youth fishing club, KHP REEL DEAL. There were a lot of people that walked away that day that couldn’t believe the convincer represented only a 5 mph crash. In short, the convincer convinced a lot of people to “buckle up” and wear seatbelts, which is what we are about.....saving lives through education! Most of that education came from Lieutenant Jimmie Atkinson and Trooper Jeannie Pearson, fellow troopers with the Kansas Highway Patrol. However, sometimes that education is better coming from someone a little younger. That’s just what happened at this outing. KHP REEL DEAL youth fishing members Cale Renollet (past Kansas State Champion and KHP REEL DEAL Vice President) and Brande Branine (2008 Kansas State Champion and KHP REEL DEAL Club President), both helped in this endeavor and promoted wearing a seatbelt when driving. Just maybe some of the young drivers at this event listened to two of our youngest supporters when it comes to someone educating them. It’s just smarter to “Buckle up!”

Tight Lines!!  
Tom Spencer

See photos from this event in my photo gallery.