



Perris Press Release

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Perris Auto Hockey Team Plays in SC Fair Tournament

A member of the Perris City Council, a Public Safety Commissioner and a Public Works employee teamed up to represent the City at this year's "auto-hockey" tournament at the Southern California Fair. Auto hockey is a competition pitting three-person, three-car teams against each other in a contest to push as many large truck tires as possible through a goal in five minutes.

The Perris squad included City Councilman Mark Yarbrough, Public Safety Commissioner Shawn Haughney and Public Works employee Mike Tanney.

All said they were delighted to take part in the sport, especially as the tournament took place as the City of Perris celebrates its 100th anniversary since incorporation.

Taking part in auto hockey gave them another chance to meet people and promote the City.

The trio squared off against a team from a local business in a converted auto-hockey arena at the Perris Auto Speedway.

"This is too much fun," Yarbrough said before the match. "I think it's important for people to see that people involved in municipal government are just like everybody else. We're public servants but we like to have a good time too."

The vehicles used in auto hockey are nothing to write home about. In fact, for all the Chevys, Fords, Chryslers, Hondas and Toyotas used in the auto-hockey tournament, it's pretty much their last hurrah.

"They were saved from the scrap heap for a while but to the scrap heap they shall return," Yarbrough said.

The City team put up a spirited battle but in the end lost 5 to 3. Yarbrough earned a hat-trick by scoring all three goals.

"I am a hockey fanatic," Tanney said. "I'll try anything that uses the word hockey. We had fun and that's all that matters."



The Perris Auto Hockey Team: City Councilman Mark Yarbrough, Public Works Employee Mike Tanney and Public Safety Commissioner Shawn Haughney.



Two cars converge on a large truck tire that served as a puck in the auto hockey match.



Awaiting the start of the spirited auto-hockey match.