

Autopalooza Summer Winds Down

'Cruise and Shoes' Woodward Event Set for Aug. 17

Some folks will be in cars while others will be in shoes.

Those in shoes will be participating in the "Cruise in Shoes" 5K Run/Walk on the same day - Aug. 17 - as the 19th annual Woodward Dream Cruise.

The run/walk will start at 7:30 a.m. on Yorba Linda Blvd., continue on historic Woodward Ave., wind through several Royal Oak neighborhood streets and finish at Shrine High School.

Those interested can sign up on the day of the event at Royal Oak Shrine High School.

'Cruisin' Hines' Set for Aug. 25

The third annual "Cruisin' Hines" event will take place Aug. 25.

An official Autopalooza event, "Cruisin' Hines" will begin at 9 a.m. as cruisers enter at Merriman Rd./Merriman Hollow Pavilion.

Spectators will be able to enter at Merriman Rd., Telegraph Rd. and Warrendale. Hines Drive will be closed to everyone except classic cars and hot rods.

Pavilions will be open to the public and vendors will be there with food and event souvenirs.

Dream Cruise Will Attract Promoter For Hot Rod Expo

Somewhere among the throngs at the Woodward Dream Cruise Aug. 17 will be Ford Sterling Assembly Plant employee David Szerlag.

His job will be to promote the upcoming Motor City Hot Rod and Racing expo, a motorsports-related exposition to be held March 22-23 at the Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi.

The Expo "will fall somewhere between a traditional trade show and an old-fashioned swap meet," Szerlag said.

Art Van Contest Winners Will Drive 'Happy Days' Stars Down Woodward

"Potsie" and "Ralph Malph" will be two of the passengers motoring down Woodward Avenue in this coming weekend's Woodward Dream Cruise.

The two "Happy Days" sitcom stars - Anson Williams and Don Most - will be doing the waving while two Art Van contestant winners will be driving them in the winners' classic cars.

The furniture retailer is hosting an online contest for a chance to ride along with the two TV stars on Saturday, Aug. 17.

To enter the "Art Van Happy Days Dream Cruisers" contest, classic car owners can post a photo of themselves in their classic car on Art Van Furniture's Facebook page (<http://www.facebook.com/art.van.furniture>) now

through Thursday, Aug. 15, at midnight.

Two winners will be selected and announced on Friday, Aug. 16.

The "Happy Days" dream cruisers will ride the route and wave to classic car fans lining Woodward during a 30-minute drive.

"Art Van Furniture is located in the heart of the cruise, so we look forward to interacting with classic car fans from around the world," said Art Van Elslander, founder and chairman of Art Van Furniture.

"Bringing in two of television's most popular actors from 'Happy Days' adds the perfect nostalgic touch, and having them cruise Woodward with contest winners in the front seat of their vintage cars will provide a once-in-a-lifetime thrill."

Flint Headed 'Back to the Bricks' For Annual Car Show and Cruise

It's 'Back to the Bricks' time again.

That means downtown Flint will be bursting with people, classic cars, hot rods and food during the Aug. 17 cruise, an Autopalooza event.

The 9th annual cruise weekend is known for parked classic cars lining the street, but the inspiration for the event didn't have anything to do with parked cars.

A group of guys who spent time cruising around town decided to get back together and show off their cars.

Now, although a lot of cars will be parked, the event always includes the Rolling Cruise Aug. 14-15, two evenings of driving down Saginaw Street.

Cruisers drive from downtown Flint through Grand Blanc, revving their engines and stopping at old hangouts.

These days, there's the cruise, but most of the folks line Saginaw Street in lawn chairs and watch the cars go by.

All along the street, people - those who work in the businesses and those who came to see the cars - just hang around, some grilling out. (And, some of that food is free.)

Last year, crowds were estimated at half-a-million people.

Other events leading up to the Aug. 16-17 car show include a movie at the US-23 Drive-in Theater Aug. 13, and a swap meet and craft/yard sale on Aug. 14.

Car Show to Help Military Families

USA Cares, a nonprofit organization that raises money for military families, is putting on a classic car show at the Warren City Hall off of Van Dyke on Saturday, Aug. 24.

The event begins at noon and lasts until 9 p.m. The featured

performer will be singer Justine Blazer, whose concert starts at 6 p.m. A motorcycle charity ride, vintage military vehicles and a petting zoo, along with the classic cars, also will be featured.

To learn more, go to the site, usa-cares.com/about-us.php.

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