



Perris Press Release

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June 11: 12th Annual Rods & Rails Extravaganza

The 12th Annual Rods and Rails Extravaganza, always a huge hit with lovers of classic cars, trains and Perris history, promises something for everyone who drops by the Orange Empire Railway Museum to take in the show.

The City of Perris once again is teaming up with the Railway Museum and the Perris Valley Historical and Museum Association on the Rods and Rails Festival. Event organizers expect 4,500 to 5,000-visitors for the June 11 event, another in series of festivals and celebrations highlighting Perris 100th birthday.

This year's event is even more special than usual, as it also celebrates Perris 100th birthday since incorporation as a city.

City Recreation Supervisor Maria Mathey said she expects 100 to 120-classic cars and 50 motorcycles to be on display. Children will get a chance to pan for gold, watch glass-blowing and textile spinning demonstrations and learn how adobe bricks are made.

Rods and Rails 2011 also includes free admission and free parking.

Free pony rides will be available for youngsters. The first 480 children admitted will receive free engineer hats.

"If someone says they didn't have fun, they didn't show up," Mathey said. "It's a festival atmosphere. The train museum is always a fun place to be. If you like nuts, bolts and gears, you will be enthralled. The whole atmosphere is great. The whole experience is going to be wonderful."

Rods and Rails 2011 offers something for those who just want to get out and enjoy some music and the sunshine.

Rockabilly band Gino and the Lone Gunmen, the Beach Boys tribute band, Surfin Safari and Mark Barnett, who pays tribute to legendary singer/songwriter Roy Orbison, provide musical entertainment while the Old Town Temecula Gunfighters Association will provide its take on "Fables of the West." Puppeteer Mallory Lewis will drop by with her special guest, Lamb Chop.

Perris' history once again will be represented by the Potato Festival put on by the Historical and Museum Association. The festival takes place at the railway museum and pays homage to the City's agricultural roots.

To register vehicles and motorcycles at the Rods and Rails Festival, please click on the following link and go to the Special Events tab and then on Rods and Rails:

► [City of Perris Activenet Registration...](#)



Classic cars will be on display at the Rods and Rails Festival on June 11.



City Community Services worker Stacie Dain answers a question from a resident during last year's Rods and Rails Festival.



Trolleys will roll at Rods and Rails.