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Rods and Rails Comes to the City of Perris June 9th



Perris Recreation Coordinator Rachel Pinedo stands between members of The Satinettes singing group at the 2017 Rods & Rails Festival. The performers once again will be at this year's Rods & Rails Festival on June 9.

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The 19th annual Rods & Rails Festival—a celebration of classic cars, motorcycles, trains, street cars and trolleys—takes place June 9 at the Orange Empire Railway Museum, 2201 South A Street.

"Rods and Rails is one of our City's signature events and one that is truly enjoyed by everybody," said Recreation Coordinator Rachel Pinedo, who is organizing the event. "It honors and preserves our culture and heritage. It's a great event that everyone looks forward to."

Rods & Rails typically draws between more than 2200 classic rides and 4,000 and 5,000 visitors to the railway museum. This year's event runs from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and also includes musical performances by The Satinettes and Dock Rock-It. The day's activities also include a bounce house and arts-and-crafts for kids along with the annual Potato Festival, which honors a pioneer family who helped contribute to Perris' agricultural heritage.



Classic cars lined up at the 2017 Rods & Rails Festival. More than 200 cars and motorcycles are expected at the upcoming June 9 event.

But the main attractions remain the same as ever—more than 200 classic hot rods, muscle cars, coupes, convertibles, touring cars, roadsters, pickups and vans. A cornucopia of colors, makes and models, personalized modifications and designs aimed to catch and please the eye.

Some classic cars remain as they rolled off the assembly line decades ago.

Others have been souped-up, chromed up and polished up. There's also plenty to love for motorcycle enthusiasts—Harleys, Indians, other classic rides. The Christian Motorcycle Ministry from Free Indeed Christian Fellowship in Perris are among the regulars bringing their bikes to Rods & Rails. Car and motorcycle owners praise the venue for hosting Rods & Rails and the City for creating and what they consider a top-shelf event.



Rods & Rails also featured motorcycles.

The OERM provides the "rails" in Rods & Rails by operating its trains, trolleys and street cars. The railway museum is home to one of the largest collections of rolling stock in the country.

Admission to the festival is free. For more information, contact rpinedo@cityofperris.org or call 951-943-6603.



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