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Classic Rides Rule at June Rods & Rails Fest



Classic cars will be out in large numbers during the June 10th Rods & Rails Festival in Perris.

The City of Perris's 18th annual Rods & Rails Festival offers something for everyone—classic cars and motorcycles, music, the chance to ride vintage trains and trolleys and lots of kids activities. Rods & Rails takes place June 10 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. at the Orange Empire Railway Museum (OERM), 2201 South A Street. Admission to the festival and parking are free.

"This is not only a great City of Perris event, it's a big-time Southern California event," said Perris Mayor Michael Vargas. "Every time people attend one of our events provides us with the opportunity to showcase how we are growing economically. Events like Rods & Rails are the kinds of things that promote our City."

Vargas noted that Perris is home to 27 historical, recreational and entertainment venues, including the Orange Empire museum, home to one of the largest collections of vintage railroad equipment in the country.

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The City of Perris's annual Rods & Rails Festival gives motorcycle owners a chance to show off their rides to thousands of visitors.

Recreation Coordinator Rachel Pinedo said that while the festival highlights cars, motorcycles and vehicles that roll over rails, it includes a variety of other attractions.

Among the highlights is the appearance of the musical group Tierra, a Latin rhythm and blues band that first began performing in the early 1970s. The band's hits include "Together," "Memories" and "La La Means I Love You."

Other attractions include the annual Potato Festival, which pays tribute to the spud's impact and influence in the Perris Valley, an appearance of the Old Town Temecula Gunfighters, face-painting and other activities for youngsters.

Pinedo said the number of cars and motorcycles will be limited to 200 this year and she is encouraging vehicle owners to register for Rods & Rails 2017 as soon as possible. Vendors and sponsors also are encouraged to register early. To register, visit www.cityofperris.org or telephone (951) 943-6603.

Pinedo said the Rods & Rails Festival will highlight family activities from a variety of Perris venues, including Skydive Perris, the Lake Perris State Recreation Area, the Perris Valley Historical and Museum Association and the OERM.

"It will be a great venue for all sorts of family-friendly entertainment," she said.



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