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It looks like Gallup will have a car show during the Freedom Ride, Flight & Cruise weekend in July, although the event was in doubt for a while and details for this year still need city approval.

This year's event will be smaller, expecting 60 to 70 classic rides as opposed to about 120 in past years. It's set to take place at a vacant lot on West Aztec Avenue between Fourth and Fifth Streets from 10 am to 2 pm July 30, giving tourists and locals a reason to stay downtown between the morning balloon lift and the motorcycle cruise and Tunnel of Fire in the evening.

Auto dealer Steve Gurley, who put on the show for many years, was unable to continue this year. That left it up to others to pull together a show.

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Enthusiast Ted Gonzales, who has helped Gurley on past shows, stepped up to help organize the new event.

“He’s a car genius,” BID Director Francis Bee said. Bee approached Gonzales to take on the job. Gonzales has been hard at work getting volunteers and sponsors and arranging for vendors, trophies and merchandise ever since.

“No matter how much you do it, you’re starting from scratch all over again,” Gonzales said. “All the doors are open but you still have to do the walking and the talking.”

Plans include having a DJ and at least one food truck on site for the show, which will be free to attend. The car entry fee will be \$30, and one prize will be offered in each of 12 categories, Gonzales said. Entry forms will be available on the Business Improvement District website the week of June 6.

Gonzales plans to follow Gurley’s example and donate any proceeds from the show to Veterans Helping Veterans.

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