

This Weekend Rocks! Classic cars, balloonists, motorcycles to descend on Gallup

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The 9th Annual Route 66 Car, Truck & Street Rod Show, will be held this weekend as a collective effort with the Freedom Flight Ride & Cruise event. The event will include a motorcycle cruise of Freedom Riders from Tucumcari to the state line and balloonists will participate in mass ascensions each day. The Freedom Riders will also hold the Toys for Tots “Christmas In July” toy run on Sunday.

A variety of food, vendors, a beer garden, and live music will round-out the day’s entertainment along with outstanding shopping opportunities in historic downtown Gallup.

Gurley Motor Co. owner Steven Gurley said this is the second year that the Route 66 Car, Truck & Street Rod Show has teamed up with the the Freedom Flight Ride & Cruise and expects even a better turnout this year, thanks to the collaboration.

“What started out as a vision is just starting to develop,” he said. “What a (great) way to promote the Most Patriotic Small Town in America.”

Gurley said that all the proceeds from the car show’s registration go to Veterans Helping Veterans and Operation Wounded Warrior.

Last year he gained a deeper sense of what the event means to veterans when one man approached him during last year’s Saturday evening festivities. Gurley said the man had tears rolling down his face and expressed gratitude toward the city of Gallup for holding an event centered around service men and women.

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Gurley expects about 150 classic cars and hotrods, making the competition stiff for when it comes time to hand out trophies.

At this year's car show, Gurley's will be giving away a 2004 convertible Ford Mustang. **Visit [w
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for more details.

Schedule

Friday, July 24

6:00 am | Hot Air Balloon Mass Ascensions | Gallup Golf Course, 1109 Susan Ave.

6:30 pm – 8:30 pm | Motorcycle Ride Across NM | Dinner & Registration at Tucumcari Elks Lodge #1117, 2118 S. Adams St.

6:30 pm | Downtown Cruise | Gallup Chamber of Commerce Parking Lot.

Saturday, July 25

6:00 am | Hot Air Balloon Mass Ascensions | Gallup Golf Course

8:00 am | Car Show registration | Gurley Motor Co.

9:00 am | Motorcycle Ride Across New Mexico: Freedom Ride Registration | Glen Rio Visitor's Center, WB I-40 NM/TX State Line.

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3:00 pm | Route. 66 Freedom Weekend: Music, Food, Vendors, Entertainment, and Beer Garden | Downtown Courthouse Square.

3:00 pm | Live Band: Memphis P Tails (ABQ, NM) | Courthouse Square

5:00 pm | Live Band: Dashboard Romeos (Santa Fe, NM) | Courthouse Square

7:00 pm | Nightly Indian Dances | Courthouse Square

7:00 pm ArtsCrawl

7:00 pm – 9:00 pm | Downtown Evening Cruise | Gurley Motor Co.,

9:00 pm | Live Band: Black Pearl Band (ABQ, NM) | Courthouse Square

8:00 pm | “Tunnel of Fire” | Historic Hwy. 66 & 3rd St. Gallup

Sunday, July 27

6:00 am | Hot Air Balloon Mass Ascensions Gallup Golf Course

8:00 am | Route 66 Desert Challenge | Gallup OHV/MX Park

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10:00 am | Toys for Tots: Christmas in July Toy Run | Gallup Chamber of Commerce, 106 W. Hwy 66.

11:00 am | Toys for Tots: Kick Stands Up | Gallup Chamber of Commerce

(Ride will end at Speedway Towing, 601 W. Hwy 66.

Entry Fee: New Toy + \$10 or \$20 per rider.)

12:00 pm | Route 66 Desert Challenge: Awards | Gallup OHV/MX Park