



ILLINOIS ROUTE 66 GEARING UP FOR TWO OF THE BEST CAR SHOWS ALONG THE MOTHER ROAD!

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The last weekend in August and the last full weekend in September feature two premiere Route 66 Car Show festivals in Berwyn and Springfield respectively. The 26th Annual WeatherTech® Berwyn Rt66 Car Show, sponsored by Paisans Pizzeria & Bar, will be held on Ogden Avenue in Berwyn on Saturday, August 27th from 7:00am to 4:00pm. On September 23-25, 2016, the International Route 66 Mother Road Festival presented by COOL 93.9, will be featuring over 1000 cool cars and 80,000 spectators rolling into the heart of Springfield's historic downtown. Be sure to attend for a weekend of family fun in the sun and non-stop live music and entertainment!

The WeatherTech® Berwyn Rt66 Car Show is brought to you by the Berwyn Preservation of Historic Route 66 Commission of the Berwyn Development Corporation (BDC). The event takes place on Berwyn's strip of Route 66 along Ogden Ave between Oak Park Ave and Ridgeland Ave. Berwyn has always been a great Route 66 town with a thriving, dynamic and fast-growing community at its heart. The Route 66 Car Show is the area's best and biggest car show, attracting more than 30,000 visitors.

On Saturday, visitors can soak up the classic car culture of Historic Route 66 with a stroll through over 550 vintage and custom cars, trucks and motorcycles. The event hosts a parade to the World War I Memorial and a presentation by the Color Guard during the National Anthem.

The event will feature live music from Rick "Elvis" Saucedo performing an Elvis musical showcase and Tony Pellegrino performing a Frank Sinatra showcase of classic pop and standards. The Roamin' Chariots Car Club will provide demonstrations of Automobile Flamethrowing. Don't try this at home!

Legendary WLS DJ & Radio Hall of Famer Dick Biondi will sign autographs and award trophies from 2:00pm - 4:00pm. There will also be guest appearances from the WLS 94.7 Promotional Team. Spectator admission is free so bring the whole family!

Awards are also doled out in a wide variety of categories with names including "B-B-B-Bad to the Bone," "Hog Heaven," "Impressive Import," "Hot Hauler," "Pleasantly Preserved," and "Slo & Lo" to name a few. For more information and for those interested in displaying their vehicles, online registration is available at BerwynRt66.com or call 708-788-8100.

Now in its 15th year, the International Route 66 Mother Road Festival presented by COOL 93.9, features over 1000 classic cars from 20 states that flock to historic Downtown Springfield (between Washington & Capitol and 4th & 7th Streets) each Fall for a beautiful weekend celebrating the Mother Road. Come celebrate the golden age of Route 66...the cars, the music, the food, the friends - all brought together along Illinois Route 66.

On Friday night, from 6pm to 10pm, is the Rt. 66 City Nights Cruise For Crime Stoppers – over 1,000 classic cars cruise the city streets! A \$5 Donation to Crime Stoppers of Sangamon & Menard counties is encouraged. Saturday's activities begin at 11am and run until 10pm, and Sunday the festival hours are

from 11:00am to 2:00pm. Visit the Travel Illinois Expo, sponsored by the Illinois Route 66 Scenic Byway, showcasing unique travel opportunities to Route 66 motorists traveling through Illinois communities along the Mother Road. There is plenty of live entertainment on the Hot Rod Stage with classic hits from the 50's, 60's & 70's.

For the car enthusiasts, check out the gorgeous rides in the Monet of Cars - all cars on display from local philanthropist Dick Levi's private collection. Enjoy the Horsepower Alley featuring the Burnout Competition. Visit the Performance Marketplace for the restoration enthusiast. There will be vendors on display throughout the downtown. The event features over 50 classes of car awards with CASI certified national judging. New classes of judging have been added for 2016. For more information and for those interested in displaying their vehicles, online registration is available at www.route66fest.com or call 317-236-6515.

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