33rd Rod Run: Better than ever

ILWACO and OCEAN PARK, Wash. — September is synonymous with Rod Run to the End of the World on the Long Beach Peninsula, and the 33rd edition promises to be better than ever. Around 900 vintage automobiles will again congregate at Wilson Field east of Ocean Park for the car show the Beach Barons started more than three decades ago.

Registration begins Friday, Sept. 9, at 9 a.m., and continues throughout the weekend for cars from 1986 and earlier.

Gates open at 8 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 10, for the general public to view the show and shine.

On Friday, Sept. 9, plan to attend the fun Slow Drag at the Port of Ilwaco, which start at 4 p.m. Watch cars slowly parade through town.

The Beach Barons will again be selling Rod Run T-shirts, sweatshirts and hats to music from the 1950s and '60s. Saturday will feature a musical performance by the Fabulous Farelanes and more. Open to spectators and participants will be Brick-It engine timing, the Nostalgia Booth, engine-raffle ticket sales, a mini-swap meet and a variety of vendors with food and drinks, car products and crafts.

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Make your way to Wilson Field in Ocean Park, Washington to see vintage cars Sept. 10 and 11.

Trophy judging will conclude at 2 p.m. Saturday. At 4:30 p.m., show participants will cruise north to Oysterville, over to Surfside and then south toward Long Beach. People are advised to plan their personal driving needs around sharing the road with the vintage vehicles Saturday afternoon and evening. On the other hand, putting a comfortable chair along side the road is a great way to enjoy the parade.

On Sunday, Sept. 11, gates will open at 8 a.m. with a treasure hunt starting at 9 a.m. DJs will be spinning tunes, and trophies will be presented at 2 p.m.

Spectator gate fees are $5 per person, with children 12 and under free. Active duty service members with ID are admitted for no charge. Parking will be available at a few properties nearby.

More information on the Beach Barons and the Rod Run is available on the club's website: www.beachbarons.com or call 360-665-3565.

Crossword Answer

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No training, no skill, no sweat: Sign up for Instant Gratification Fun Run

ASTORIA — Astoria Parks, Recreation and Community Foundation will present its Instant Gratification Fun Run and 0K at 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 11th at the Barbey Maritime Center, located at 1792 Marine Drive. Come by for an afternoon of fun, prizes and beer. You won't even break a sweat — unless you're having too much fun.

What is an Instant Gratification Fun Run and 0K? It's a race to cross the finish line that requires no training, no skill, no sweat and almost no effort at all.

Participants will line up on the start/finish line at 2 p.m. Wait for the blast signifying the start of the race, and all you'll have to do is cross the line. Prizes will be awarded for best costume, most spirit, and anything else deemed worthy. It's all in good fun.

The 0K is a fundraiser hosted by the Astoria Parks, Recreation and Community Foundation to help support local families who would like to participate at Astoria Parks and Recreation activities but otherwise may not have the means.

Sign up now and get this year's Lazy Mascot T-shirt featuring a sloth. Sizes and availability are limited.

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In the 0K "fun run," participants step across the start/finish line and then celebrate. There are prizes for best costumes.

At the Instant Gratification Run, each participant gets a medal and a refreshing beer or beverage — and costumes are encouraged.

Participants will also receive a race bib, finishing medal, a refreshing beer or beverage, and the opportunity for participation prizes — all of the great bling and rewards of a race without all the training, running and racing.

Tickets including the shirt are $40.Ticket without the shirt are $25.

Sponsors include Fort George Brewery, providing the beer, and the Columbia River Maritime Museum. Other sponsors include Wauna Credit Union, Les Schwab, Columbia River Bar Pilots, Geno's Pizza, and Clatsop Community Bank.

Check out a video of the action from last year's event and follow the Astoria Parks, Recreation and Community Foundation on Facebook. Sign up at webtrac.astoriaparks.com

Prepare for an emergency at Get Ready North Coast

WARRENTON — NW Natural will hold Get Ready North Coast, a safety fair and emergency preparedness event that is set to take place from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 10 at the Warrenton Fire Station, located at 225 S. Main Ave.

The event aims to prepare families for a natural disaster and includes a free lunch and safety item giveaways.

There is no need to register; attendees can just show up.

The first 100 families will receive free American Red Cross emergency kits.

Other local emergency and safety groups will be at the event, including Safe Kids North Coast, American Red Cross, Warrenton Fire Department, Clatsop Community Action Regional Food Bank, Medix Ambulance Service, Lutheran Disaster Response and Clatsop County Emergency Management.