



Rods 'n' Rhodies

Sept. 8-10, 2017 & COMMUNITY-WIDE GARAGE SALE

5TH ANNUAL COMMUNITY- WIDE GARAGE SALE

Florence's annual treasure hunt begins all over the area on Friday, Sept. 8, and continues through Sunday with Rods 'n' Rhodies Invitational Car Show weekend.

The fifth annual Community-wide Garage Sale has dozens of locations throughout the city and surrounding communities, as well as many business participants in Old Town and the Antique District on Highway 101. All are listed in the directory map (see pages 3-4).

There are treasures aplenty out there just waiting to be found!

If you're a seasoned garage-saler, you probably don't need help. But if this is all new to you, here are a few hints to help make the day extra fun.

1. Pick an area or neighborhood to start in, then use a highlighter to help map out your "plan of attack." You've got a lot of ground to cover — stay organized.
2. Pack some extra boxes, sacks and/or packing paper in your car. It's always a big disappointment to get home with a fragile find and discover that it's been broken in transport because it wasn't carefully wrapped.
3. Bring plenty of change and small bills. You are going to need them!
4. Take snacks and beverages along to keep you fortified. This garage-sale stuff is serious business and takes a lot of energy.
5. Be friendly. Have fun. Don't be afraid to negotiate, but haggle fairly. Keep it fun!

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DREAM MACHINES

Florence is tuning-up for the 10th annual Invitational Rods 'n' Rhodies Car Show and Community-wide Garage Sale this weekend, Sept. 8 to 10.

The event, organized by the Florence Area Chamber of Commerce, showcases more than 100 of the best high-end hot rods and custom cruisers from the west coast, dozens of private and commercial sales all over town and other family-friendly events.

"It's a high-octane weekend at a spectacular time of year here in Florence," said Chamber Executive Director Bettina Hannigan. "This year's 'American Graffiti' theme will rev-up the weekend from start to finish."

Bargain hunters can cruise the treasure trail to see dozens of commercial and private sales all over town from Friday through Sunday. This is the fifth year of this popular, ever-expanding event.

"Rods valued in the range of \$250,000 are regulars at this event," added Hannigan. "We'll have the 'American Graffiti' tribute cars, the famous Copper Caddy, a special screening of 'American Graffiti' with a costume contest, several show-and-shine locations, a classic cruise, vendor fair, poker walks, a Pinewood Derby open to the public, lots of prizes and awards, and perfectly-themed music both days in Historic Old Town Florence."

Three Rivers Casino Resort joins the event as a major sponsor this year and will host Friday's show-and-shine registration event featuring four "American Graffiti" tribute vehicles, the famous Copper Caddy featured on Velocity Channel's program "Bitchin' Rides" and Best of Show winners from prior years.

Mrs. Lane County, Brenda Ivey, will greet guests during Friday's show-and-shine at Three Rivers Casino's Event Center from 4 to 7 p.m.



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Historic Old Town Florence and Three Rivers Casino Resort will feature classic cars during the 10th annual Rods 'n' Rhodies Invitational Car Show from Friday, Sept. 8, to Sunday, Sept. 10.

The "American Graffiti" Tribute Cars include a yellow 1932 Milner deuce coupe, a black 1955 Chevy 210, a 1958 Chevy Impala and a 1969 Vespa scooter — and will appear at different venues all weekend.

The Invitational Car Show moves to Historic Old Town for Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. where the invited high-end rides, tribute cars and the Copper Caddy will be on display again.

A poker walk, raffles, a Pinewood Derby open to the public to enter (\$5 fee), and

live DJ music will add to the excitement.

Also on Saturday, from 4 to 5:30 p.m., the official car cruise will wind its way through Historic Old Town Florence to the sounds of '50s and '60s music.

Saturday night features a screening of "American Graffiti" and an appearance of the movie's tribute cars at City Lights Cinemas, 1930 Highway 101, with a '50s and '60s costume contest at 5:30 p.m.

The movie begins at 6 p.m., and standard ticket rates apply.

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