

Press Release

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6th Annual Antique Tractor, Truck & Model-T Show Comes Back to Jefferson

Save the date of Saturday, September 14, 2024, from 10:00A – 2:00P. Jefferson's streets will be closed to traffic to accommodate Antique Tractors, Antique Trucks, Model-T's, stationary and working antique engines, antique farm machinery, antique displays depicting such things as blacksmithing, ice-cream making, and corn processing; and swap meet participants with items for sale of interest to this specific group. Come exhibit or as a spectator to see over 100 years of rural American history in downtown Jefferson on its historic brick streets.

And something new this year. At 4:00 on Friday afternoon, antique tractors, trucks and Model-Ts will leave Downtown Jefferson for a ride of approx. three miles that traverses the historic district of Jefferson. Spectators are welcome along the Ride Route to cheer on these remarkable vehicles. The Jefferson Tourism Department, event sponsor, says "When you visit Jefferson, you take a journey back through time to a bustling 19th century river port. It was an era of prosperity and wealth, of petticoats and parasols, of Southern grace and romance. Today, Jefferson is a serene but vivacious historic town, a genuine artifact of the thriving riverport town it once was. It is home to more state registered historic structures than anywhere else in Texas, many of which are also listed on The National Registry of Historic Places."

The Friday ride will end at Tony's Pizza, Pasta & more, for a Pizza Party sponsored by promoters Francene and Diamond Don Rainey. All registered exhibitors and their immediate family are welcome. Tony's is conveniently located on Austin and Market, close to exhibit parking area. Come ride, dine, shop, stay and play!

The Saturday event will include Slow Race at 11:00A of Tractors and Model-T's. The Slow Race is a true test of both machine and driver and is quite a sight to see. There will be a Parade of antique tractors, trucks, and Model-T's at 1:00P. This is a great event for the entire family. Be sure to bring out the grandparents and all the kids! The event is free of charge for exhibitors, swap meet vendors and spectators.

Early registration for participants will be on Friday, September 13, 11:30 AM – 6:30 PM on the corner lot next to the General Store, also an event sponsor, at Austin and Walnut. Saturday registration for exhibitors will be from 7:00 AM – 10:00 AM. The Show opens to the public at 10:00 AM on Saturday morning and will close at 2:00 PM.

Participants can register as many vehicles/exhibits as they want. Registration will be onsite at the event. If you are exhibiting, please let the promoters know that you plan to attend, how many exhibits you are bringing and whether you will arrive on Friday or on Saturday morning, so that they can plan accordingly.

Bring your RV or tent camp at Diamond Don RV Park just a short one mile from Jefferson, on the Big Cypress Bayou, keeping you close to the action. Beautiful, wooded sites with lots of wildlife. Many of the RV sites have views of the Big Cypress Bayou. Free showers, rest rooms and dump station. Launch your kayak or canoe right from the park. Enjoy fishing off the banks of the river.

Plan on spending the weekend in a historic hotel or B&B. Dozens of other significant buildings house museums, craft and antique shops and restaurants, many within walking distance of the Show. Most of the restaurants will accommodate call-in to-go orders. For more information, call City of Jefferson Tourism Department, 903-665-3733 or visit their website: www.VisitJeffersonTexas.com; or visit Marion Chamber of Commerce, www.marioncountychamber.org. There is a map of downtown Jefferson businesses located at www.marioncountychamber.org/downtown-jefferson-business-map.

Jefferson is nestled deep in the Piney Woods of East Texas and seems frozen in time. It is a charming town with brick streets that date back to the 1800's. It is an elegant reminder of a bygone era. There are famous hotels downtown, and many notable homes offer bed and breakfast accommodations. Dozens of other historic buildings house museums, craft and antique shops and restaurants. There is a lot to do in Jefferson!

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