



GREAT RACE CENTENNIAL PARADE AND CAR SHOW

On Saturday July 26th several major events will be held in Springville to commemorate the Centennial of the 1908 New York to Paris automobile race which was won by Springville's George Schuster driving a Buffalo built Thomas Flyer.

The first event will be a village wide parade of antique and classic automobiles. Registration and check in for the parade will be held at Concord Community Park between 9 and 11:30 AM. The driver of each car entered in the parade will receive a Welcome Bag, prepared by the Concord Historical Society. The Welcome Bag will contain local information, gifts and discount coupons from Springville area merchants. They will also receive a special custom made Great Race Souvenir Wooden Key Fob as well a ticket to each of the Saturday and Sunday Great Race Movies being shown at Springville's Joylan Theater. Also included will be a ticket to Jeff Mahl's "Recollections of the Winner" a "must see" presentation at 7 PM at Griffith Institute High School Auditorium.

Parade coordinator Glenn Cooley will be assembling the anticipated 100 cars in chronological order with the oldest antique cars first and the more recent classics grouped by decade. At this point the registered cars range from a 1910 Model T Ford coming from Marietta GA, a 1910 Chase from Newark, NY thru a 1982 Ford Mustang from North Collins. Riding in a 1930 Model A will be George Schuster's grand daughter Barbara Schuster Mahl driven by her husband Dick Mahl. Announcers along the parade route will be providing a brief description of the cars along with the name and hometown of the driver.

The parade route will be west on Main St past the Jenny Richmond Nursing Home/Bertrand Chaffee Hospital, through the village, the downtown business district to Academy St. It will turn on Academy St to Franklin St and conclude at the Fiddler's Green Park Gazebo area on Chapel St. Parade cars will also be parked on Franklin St between Buffalo St and the Service Medical parking lot and on Mechanic St. Pete Boberg and his "Yesteryear" band will be providing entertainment in the Gazebo starting at noon and concluding after the parade cars arrive.

After a short dedication ceremony at the 1920-1936 Church & Buffalo St location of George Schuster's Dodge Brothers Automobile Dealership, the cars will be on display from 3 – 6 PM in a "People's Choice" Car Show.

As the public admires the assemblage of cars on display they will have the opportunity to vote for their favorite car. Cub Scouts from Pack 59 under the direction of Cub Leader June Dieter will be distributing "People's Choice" ballots. Completed ballots may be deposited at either the Great Race Souvenir tent located in the Town Hall parking lot or at the ballot box in the Gazebo where "Music Memories" DJ Don Gallaway will be providing entertainment during the Car Show.

The car receiving the most votes will be awarded a 1/24 scale model Franklin Mint die cast replica of the winning 1907 Thomas Flyer. Additionally every person voting for the winning car will be entered in a drawing for door prizes. All winners will be announced on Sunday at the Joylan Theater noon showing of "The Greatest Auto Race on Earth".

To preregister for the Parade and Car Show visit www.thegreatautorace.com or contact Joel Maul at JMAUL2@Juno.Com or call 592-4766