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10th Annual Orinda Classic Car Show to Feature '50s Retrospective

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Dude! It's that time of year! Car lovers from the Bay Area and beyond will get up close and personal again with jawdroppingly cool cars at Orinda's Classic Car Show Weekend, Sept. 12-14. Photos Ohlen Alexander Hotrods and cool chicks are about to make September sizzle in Orinda when Orinda's Classic Car Show Weekend celebrates its 10th anniversary of auto staring and community caring.

The beloved annual bash, which has raised more than a quarter of a million dollars since its founding by Orindan Chip Herman, kicks off Sept. 12 with Dancing with the Cars. The always well attended Friday night fete will feature fabulous food, a silent auction and a sneak peek at the show's snazziest rides. Produced by the Orinda Rotary and presented by Mechanics Bank, the theme of this year's dinner and dance-'til-you-drop event is Rebels with a Cause. The fun begins at 6:30 p.m. at the Orinda Library Plaza.

But it's Saturday when the serious under-hood ogling gets underway and new dreams take flight. From 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., this free, family-friendly event will feature everything from eye-popping engine designs to sleek, "now THAT was a car" classics from the 1920s.

Then, on Sunday night, film buffs will join Jake and Elwood Blues as they trade in their Bluesmobile for a microphone and head out on another mission from God during Speed on the Screen, the Orinda Theatre's double feature of "Duel" and "The Blues Brothers." Hilarity will ensue with smiles seen for miles afterward.

So de-mothball those blue suede shoes and get that Elvis pelvis in shape. It's time to be a rebel for a very good cause.

Some events are free, but others require the purchase of tickets in advance. For more information, visit: www.orindacarshow.com.



There's nothing like that first driving lesson from Dad. This memorable moment was made at the 2009 Orinda Classic Car Show.

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