

All American Cruise come to Wayne Road in Westland

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(Photo: File Photo)

Classic cars will take over the main drag of Westland next weekend with the return of the All American Wayne Road Cruise.

The third annual cruise will span two days and start with a kick-off event at the Wayne Ford Civic League on Friday, July 10. Cruisers will take over Wayne Road from Glenwood to Joy on Saturday, July 11.

The festivities on Friday will start at 4 p.m. with a concert and drive-in movies at the Civic League, 1661 N. Wayne Road. Bennyof Benny and the Jets will be the emcee for the concert that features Eddie Cooper and the Exit Band and Leah and the Troublemakers. At dusk, all eyes will move to the 55-foot portable movie screen for

a showing of the Disney Pixar movie, Cars, for the kids followed by American Graffiti.

Interest in the cruise has been building and Nicholson is expecting to have at least 12,000 cruisers and cruise fans attend this year's event. Last year he passed out 15,000 green paper All American Cruise slips.

"Every year this is getting bigger and bigger," said organizer Don Nicholson. "Our hope always is that if you were there last year and had a good time, you'll come back and bring a friend."

Locations along Wayne Road will feature special events or happenings on cruise day. Cuda Automotive at 1136 N. Wayne Road will have a swap meet and entertainment. St. John's Lutheran Church will be hosting a family festival along with free classic car parking on the grass along Wayne Road. Auto specialty vendors will be at the Wayne Ford Civic League.

The Westland Historic Village will once again be hosting an open house and classic car parking. The first 100 classic cars that stop in and take a tour will receive a free commemorative dash plaque. Back again this year will be the Detroit Grand Prix car. While guests won't be able to sit in the car, they will be able "get up close and touch it and get a picture of themselves with it," Nicholson said.

"They love coming to the cruise," he said, adding that While there, stop by the MotorCities National Heritage Area booth and find out why Westland is part of the National Parks Area."

For Nicholson, this year marks the first time the All American Cruise has been put on by an American. The Westland resident became an American citizen last month. Born in Canada, he's lived in the United States for 45 years.

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