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CLINTON COUNTY FAIR CAR SHOW TO EXPAND OFFERINGS FOR 2022 EVENT

MORRISONVILLE — Area residents will have an opportunity to meet legendary drag racer Shirley “Cha Cha” Muldowney Saturday, June 25, when the three-time National Hot Rod Association (NHRA) champion visits the Clinton County Fairgrounds for the final day of the 2022 Clinton County Fair Car Show, set to kick off Friday, June 24.

Ranked as the nation’s No. 5 top drag racer of all time, Muldowney, who earned the title of “First Lady of Drag Racing” after breaking into the male-dominated sport in 1958, will be on hand that Saturday to chat with fans and fellow auto and racing enthusiasts. A collection of her memorabilia will also be on display.

Though she was born in Burlington, Vt. and spent time in Grand Isle, Vt., in her youth, this will mark Muldowney’s first visit to the Plattsburgh area, and she has already received hundreds of text messages and emails from fans anxiously anticipating her arrival.

“It’s amazing,” said the racing legend, who, in 1965, became the first female Top Fuel dragster to be licensed by the NHRA. “I am very excited, especially for the area and knowing that many people are that excited to come and see me and buy a poster and share their racing stories. That’s going to be fun.”

Hosted by the fairgrounds and North Country Classics and sponsored by Be Cool Heating and Air Conditioning and WIRY Hometown Radio, the Clinton County Fair Car Show will run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on both days and feature an array of classic vehicles on display, along with vendors, music, basket raffles to benefit the North Country Honor Flight and a 50/50 raffle.

Also featured at the event will be the Car Corral, where attendees just may find the exact items they’ve been looking for among the assortment of used cars and parts for sale.

“We are encouraging all car enthusiasts to clean out their garages and bring their parts to the Car Corral,” said North Country Classic Car Club administrators Jerry and Dianna Seymour.

In addition, attendees will have the opportunity to check out local motorhead Danny Matton's temporary on-site motor shop, featuring running motors, a large selection of automotive parts for sale from various vendors, and sign painting services provided by the Purple Painter.

"She'll be able to do anything that somebody may want done at the show," Matton said of the Syracuse-based sign artist. "That specific sign for the vehicle or garage or whatever, she'll be able to do that."

Other highlights include the Burnout Competition, Rat Rod Reunion and Swap Meet, all set for June 25.

"This event is a perfect opportunity for non-locals to make a weekend of visiting our beautiful region," said Clinton County Fair Events Manager Mike Perrotte. "Visitors can camp at the fairgrounds, enjoy themselves at the Car Show and check out all the area has to offer, including Lake Champlain, Lake Placid, the Adirondacks and more."

"There's going to be excitement," Matton added. "You just walk around, and there's enthusiasm — everybody comparing their projects and working on their cars and getting ideas from other people. It's just cool stuff. Any car enthusiast can't help but to enjoy themselves."

Admission is \$5 per person or \$10 per carload.

For vehicle owners wishing to participate in the show, registration will take place at 8 a.m. on both days for a fee of \$20 per entry. All makes and models are welcome, including motorcycles, antique tractors and hit-and-miss engines. Alternatively, participants can pre-register for a fee of \$15 by calling or texting Dianna Seymour at 518-563-6657.

In addition to the "Best in Show" title, a number of special awards will be given out, including the judges' "Top 60 Classic Picks."

Vendors interested in selling their wares at the event, including at the Swap Meet, should also contact Seymours. A \$40 fee applies to all vendors.

A rain date has been set for Sunday, June 26.

For more information, contact Mike Perrotte at 518-645-2545, Jerry Seymour at 518-593-2320 or Dianna Seymour at 518-563-6657.

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