

# Press Release

Springfield, Missouri, Convention & Visitors Bureau

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## 26<sup>th</sup> Annual NSRA Mid-America Street Rod Nationals This Weekend

Springfield, Mo.— More than 2,000 street rods will be on hand Friday-Sunday at the Ozark Empire Fairgrounds as the National Street Rod Association® presents its 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Mid-America Street Rod Nationals®.

This will be the 15<sup>th</sup> time the NSRA Mid-America Street Rod Nationals® have been in Springfield and an all-time high number of participants and spectators are expected.

The host organization, NSRA, defines a street rod as a modernized vintage vehicle that must be of pre-1949 manufacture. These vehicles are equipped with the latest options available on the newest model vehicles, including but not limited to disc brakes, air conditioning, cruise control, and tilt steering wheel. Most of those attending have updated the engine and drive train to enable the owner to cruise down the highway in comfort and safely maintain the speeds traveled by more modern vehicles. This enables owners to drive their vehicles from all over the United States. All vehicles must be driven on to the grounds.

The NSRA Mid-America Street Rod Nationals is an excellent event for spectators to attend and those who take time to attend will be treated to the sights and sounds of some of the most beautiful, best constructed vintage vehicles ever assembled in one place. One of the special attractions for the spectators is that they can walk right up to the vehicles and check each one out close up as they are not roped-off or otherwise confined. All are in the open and can be examined top to bottom, front to back, inside and out. While the exquisite paint and other features of the car should not be touched, spectators are free to look to their heart's content.

Admission is \$14 for adults, \$5 for children ages 6-12, and children younger than 6 are free with an adult. A \$2 discount applies to active military and people age 60 or older.

Hours are 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, and 8:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Sunday.

For more information, call the Convention & Visitors Bureau at 881-5300 or 800-678-8767.

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