

# Press Release

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## Street Machine Nationals in Springfield Oct. 1-2

**Springfield, Mo.** – Beautiful, high-performance street machines, hot rods, and street trucks will return to the Ozark Empire Fairgrounds in Springfield for the 23rd Annual O’Reilly Auto Parts Fall Street Machine Nationals Oct. 1-2.

Event highlights include:

- Chip Foose from TLC’s “Overhaulin”
- Luca Oil Dyno Challenge presented by E3 Spark Plugs
- Mickey Thompson Tires Burnout Competition
- The Show-N-Shine competition
- Performance Marketplace with the latest aftermarket parts
- Miss Street Machine Nationals contest
- Family Fun Zone
- Demolition Derby

O’Reilly Auto Parts, with corporate offices in Springfield, is providing primary sponsorship for the Fall Street Machine Nationals. The event was last in Springfield in 2008.

“Hot Rods and O’Reilly Auto Parts are both an important part of Springfield,” said Thomas Conquergood, motorsports manager of O’Reilly Auto Parts. “O’Reilly Auto Parts began in Springfield in 1957 and from our first store here we have grown to serve our customers in more than 3,500 stores in 38 states. We are very pleased to be able to play a role in bringing this important event for performance automotive enthusiasts everywhere back to the city of Springfield, Mo.”

Many of the high-dollar, gorgeous cars that will descend on Springfield for the O’Reilly Auto Parts Street Machine Nationals are insured by the American National Property and Casualty Companies (ANPAC) and their CHROME® classic car insurance. ANPAC/CHROME is also based in Springfield and joins in strong support of the event’s return.

“We are thrilled that the O’Reilly Auto Parts Street Machine Nationals will be returning to Springfield in 2011,” said Craig Meads, national market coordinator for CHROME insurance. “Springfield is filled with gear heads and car buffs of all ages that are looking forward to hosting and supporting one of the most anticipated auto events of the year. It is truly an honor to provide a backdrop for the nation’s most impressive vehicles. We look forward to welcoming spectators, vendors, sponsors and participants to our city and helping them experience exactly why Springfield was the birthplace of the iconic Route 66

– ‘Main Street of America.’ There is really no better place for the O’Reilly Auto Parts Street Machine Nationals to be held.”

Dana Maugans, Director of Sales at the Springfield Convention and Visitors Bureau said the city is pleased the event is returning to Springfield.

“We are so happy to welcome back the O’Reilly Auto Parts Fall Street Machine Nationals,” Maugans said. “There is no better venue in America to host an event all about cars. We offer the participants a great central location full of friendly people. We have 6,000 hotel rooms and lots of affordable choices for food and entertainment. We can’t wait to see these beautiful cars back in Springfield.”

The Street Machine Nationals and other events are brought to Springfield by The Promotion Company-Family Events of Indianapolis.

“We have enjoyed producing events for years in Springfield,” said company president Mike Moore. “We love the location and the facilities, and our participants do too. We are very happy to announce that we are bringing the Street Machine Nationals back to Springfield with the title sponsorship of O’Reilly Auto Parts. It will be an ideal way to spend an early fall weekend in the beautiful Ozarks with some of the most eye-catching cars ever put together. We invite all owners and fans of great performance machines to come join us.”

The O’Reilly Auto Parts Fall Street Machine Nationals will be open from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Oct. 1 and 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Oct. 2.

Registration and more information can be found at [www.StreetMachineNationals.net](http://www.StreetMachineNationals.net) or by calling 317-236-6515.

Tickets are available at <http://www.streetmachinenationals.net/tickets> and at O’Reilly Auto Parts locations. Cost is \$10 for adults and \$6 for ages 6-12 in advance. Cost at the gate is \$12 for adults and \$8 for ages 6-12.

Family Events is a producer of multiple events in Springfield. In 2011, Family Events productions in Springfield include The 18th Annual Greater Springfield Garage Sale and Marketplace Jan. 29-30; and the 13th Annual O’Reilly Auto Parts Autofest Feb. 5-6 at the Ozark Empire Fairgrounds E\*Plex. Family Events will also bring the 14th Annual O’Reilly Auto Parts Ozark 4-Wheel Jamboree Nationals May 14-15 to the outdoor spaces at the fairgrounds.

For more information about this and other events in Springfield, visit [www.SpringfieldAdventures.com](http://www.SpringfieldAdventures.com) or call the Convention & Visitors Bureau at 800-678-8767.