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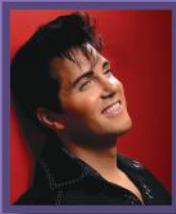
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Schedule at a Glance

Thursday, June 6, 2019

Monte Carlo Night – Highlands Falls Country Club | 6:00-10:00 P.M.

Friday June 7, 2019

“One Lap of the Mountains” Driving Tour – Kelsey-Hutchinson Park | 7:30 A.M.-4:00 P.M.

Welcome Parade and Party – Kelsey-Hutchinson Park /High Dive | 5:30-8:00 P.M.

Saturday June 8, 2019

“Cars in the Park” Premiere Car Show – Kelsey-Hutchinson Park | 10:00 A.M.-4:00 P.M.

Music in the Park – Kelsey-Hutchinson Park | 6:00-8:00 P.M.

Sunday June 9, 2019

“High Octane on Main” Car Show and Social Gathering

Wright Square, West Main Street | 8:00 A.M.-12:00 P.M.

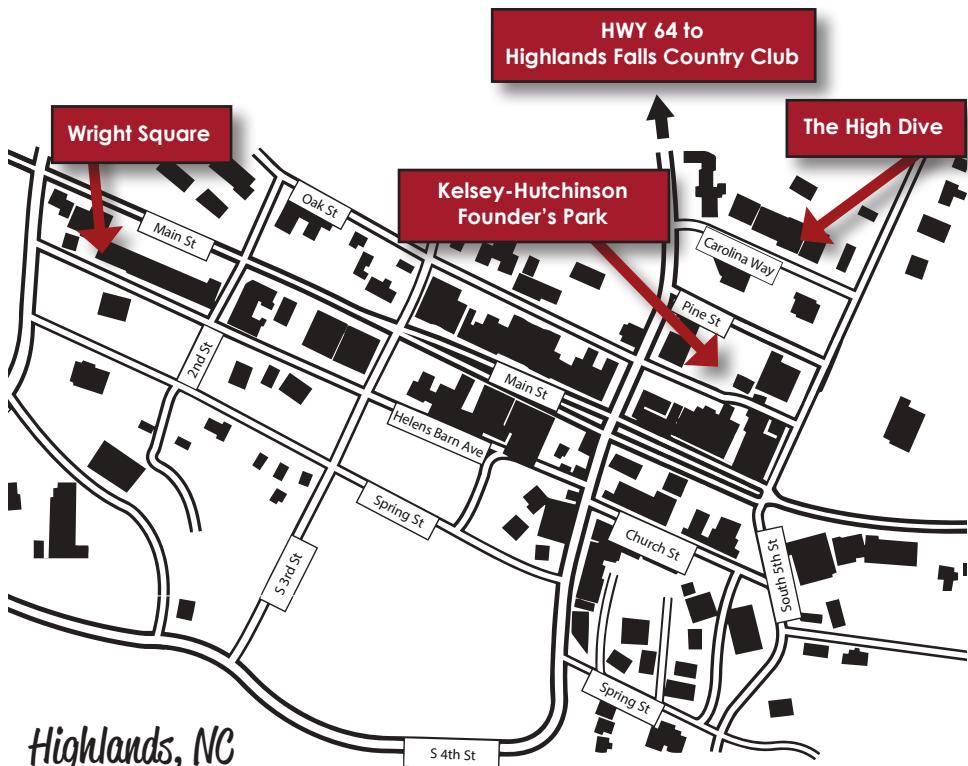




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Welcome to the 12th Annual Highlands Motoring Festival

This brochure is prepared to acquaint you with The Highlands Motoring Festival.

It's an overview of the festival's five events. There are also background articles about the festival, local driving routes, and class judging details.

For the past 11 years, our local car show has grown to become one of the South's most popular automotive events and was voted Best Concours by *Classic Motorsports Magazine* in their January 2019 issue.

Further, Dennis Gage will be at HMF2019, filming an episode of his hit TV show, "My Classic Car." This show has reached tens of millions of households in its 23 seasons on various automotive-oriented networks and YouTube.

The resort town of Highlands is a sparkling jewel during June. Its high elevation ensures cool temperatures. Its location, surrounded by mountains and national

forests, makes it rich with scenery. During summer months, about half of the cars in Highlands are high-end imports. Many of our visitors have come from Atlanta, Charleston, and South Florida, year after year, to escape the summer heat.

Highlands is finding that these second-home owners are now retiring permanently to our community. There's also a new wave of younger people coming here to stage weddings and highlight the milestones that mark their lives.

The festival has the full support of the town officials with the exclusive use of its Kelsey-Hutchinson Founders Park, right in the heart of Highlands. Over 100 volunteers work the event, with all proceeds going to local charities.

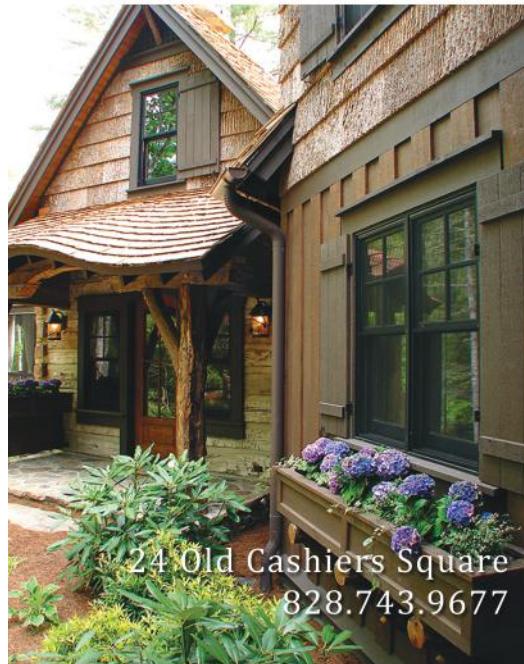
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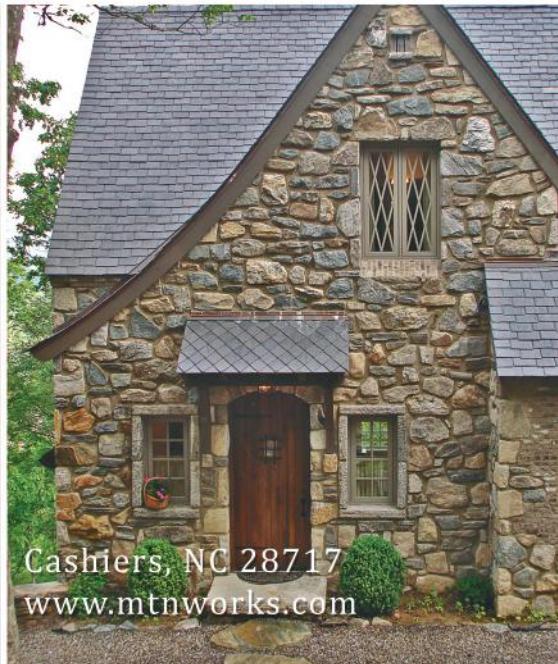
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About Highlands, NC

His unique resort village is known as the "Highest Town East of the Rockies."

It sits on the eastern continental divide in the Blue Ridge Mountains of North Carolina at an average elevation of 4,000 feet, producing mild summer temperatures and giving us spectacular fall foliage. For decades, it's been a popular destination for golfers, hikers, and fly-fishers. The town is surrounded by national forest and connected by some of the most beautiful mountain roads to be found. Many miles of driving pleasure await visitors on these well-banked and nicely-paved roads surrounded by the natural beauty of mountain views and waterfalls.

Since its creation in 1875, the demographic mixture of Highlands has been remarkably unique. Highlands was founded by hardy pioneers from all over the nation – sober, industrious tradesmen from the north; Scotch-Irish laborers and craftsmen from the surrounding mountains and valleys; and wealthy, aristocratic planters and professionals from the South. The town has served as a cultural center for well-known artists, musicians, actors, authors, photographers, scholars, and scientists who have

thrived in its natural setting. This strange alchemy has resulted in a town too cosmopolitan to be provincial, too broadly-based to be singular in attitude and perspective, too enamored of its natural surroundings to be entirely indifferent to them, and just isolated enough and small enough to be anxious about the benefits and setbacks of growth and development.

Today, the village is vibrant with almost 100 shops, boutiques, and restaurants concentrated along a three-block stretch of Main Street. A dozen private golf clubs in the area bring thousands of summer residents. World-class lodging and destination weddings continue to bring new generations to this hidden gem of the South.

Located in the center of town, less than 100 yards from Main Street, is the Kelsey-Hutchinson Founders Park, a vast community green space. It is used year-round for events ranging from craft fairs to ice skating. On the second Saturday of June, it's the show field for Highlands Motoring Festival. The town of Highlands is an integral part of the motoring festival. Every effort is made for the Motoring Festival to reflect the unique charm of Highlands.



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Car Classes and Awards

The Saturday car show, "Cars in the Park," is a judged event and welcomes a broad assortment of vehicles in eight judged classes, ranging from pre-war classics to trucks.

We strive to create a friendly, welcoming, and positive experience for participants. You'll see some rather spectacular automobiles. Some come by trailer, but most are driven by their proud owners. All are welcomed and appreciated. Despite the judging, remember, the fun is in meeting other enthusiasts and displaying your pride and joy.

Highlands Motoring Festival focuses on autos from the pre-computer car era. Cars from the model year 1989 and older are eligible for entry into Cars in the Park.

Owners of later cars are encouraged to display them at Sunday's car show and gathering "High Octane on Main." There is no judging for "High Octane on Main."

The festival committee has assembled a panel of judges (often two per entry class) who are not just knowledgeable but are owners of similar cars. Note that they are prohibited from entering their personal cars for judging. The Honorary Head Judge, KB Pearce, is widely known in the Southeast for his vintage Mercedes Gullwing and has

long served as a senior judge at the Hilton Head Island Concours d'Elegance. The other judges, each authoritative in their field, hailing from Atlanta, Greenville, Jacksonville, Sarasota, and other important classic car areas. Several are from Highlands.

There will be an award for Best of Class in each class. Also, there may be Outstanding in Class awards – the quantity to be determined by the number of registrants in each class. The "Featured Marque" will be grouped as a separate class. As in past years, there may be an invitational, non-judged, class, such as Vintage Race Cars.

The decisions of the HMF Selection Committee, regarding both acceptance into the field and class designation, are final. Acceptance of your vehicle will be based on space availability within each class and the overall vehicle profile. The Selection Committee attempts to create a diverse field of show cars that will be of greatest interest to the public.

All cars must carry an up-to-date fire extinguisher. The trophies are custom, locally produced, pieces of pottery commemorating HMF2019. On behalf of the Highlands Motoring Festival, we look forward to getting to know you and your car. We sincerely appreciate your support.



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HMF Judging Criteria

Cars will be judged on overall quality of restoration, authenticity, historical significance, provenance, and presentation.

Areas that will be judged on correctness and cleanliness are: exterior paint and body; interior; engine compartment; and trunk. The car's underbody, and chassis as viewed from underneath, will not be judged.

Correctness to the minute detail is not criterion. For example, while our judges are knowledgeable car collectors/restorers, they will not be inspecting for authentic hose clamps. Judges will also take into consideration an owner's knowledge of their car, enthusiasm, and additional presentation effort (i.e. period attire, factory brochures on display, etc.).

We recognize that many collector cars are driven regularly, so modifications for safety and drivability are given special tolerance when our judges consider originality. Acceptable modifications include seat/shoulder belts, modern tires, upgraded brakes, battery, hoses, and belts. Vehicles with deep modifications will be entered into the Modified/Custom Class. These modifications include engine type, wheelbase, track, transmission/drivetrain, suspension type, and body lines.

HMF Judged Classes

Touring: Pre-1949, American passenger vehicles. Examples: Model T, Model A, 1940 Ford Sedan, 1913 Buick, 1936 Packard.

American Classic: American made se-

dans, coupes, station wagons and convertibles (1949-89). Examples include cars from the Big Three from the 50's, 60's, and 70's. Examples: 1962 Chevrolet Impala, 1955 Ford, 1989 Thunderbird, Chrysler 300, Pontiac LeMans, etc.

American Performance: American-made sports cars, pony cars, and high-performance models. This class is intended to include Corvettes, pony cars, and factory muscle cars (1949-1989). Examples: GTO, Mustang, Camaro/Firebird, Barracuda, Olds 442, Roadrunner, AMX, GTX, GS, XR-7, Z-28, Trans Am, etc.

Foreign Classic: Sedans, coupes, station wagons and convertibles (pre-1990). Examples: Mercedes 280SE Convertible, Rolls Royce, Bentley, Jag sedans, VW Beetle, etc.

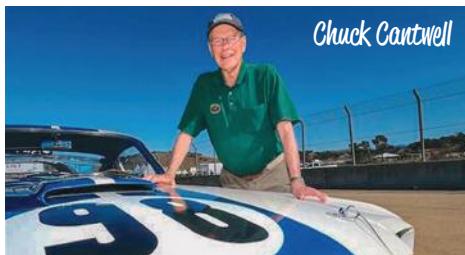
Foreign Sport: Sporty roadsters and coupes (Pre-1990). Examples include: MG, Ferrari, Austin Healy, Porsche, Sprite, Mercedes Gullwing and SL's, BMW 3.0CS, etc.

Modified and Custom: (Application Required) Highly modified American or European cars originally constructed prior to 1990. In addition to body work changes, modifications include changes to engine type, transmission/drivetrain, and suspension type. Examples are resto-mods, street rods, custom-built cars, re-bodied or re-powered cars and continuation/tribute cars.

Trucks/Utilities (including pre-1949): Trucks, all-wheel drive, and utility vehicles. Examples: Jeep, Ford trucks of all eras, VW Thing, tractors, and military vehicles.



1966 GT350H



Chuck Cantwell



1964 Shelby AC Cobra USRRC Competition

The Cars of Carroll Shelby

The Marque of Highlands Motoring Festival 2019

America's most iconic name was earned by the crusty Texan when he took knowledge gleaned from his early success as a racing driver and conceived and produced some of America's most legendary high-performance cars.

Highlands Motoring Festival's 2019 Featured Marque will include cars driven, influenced, or built by Carroll Shelby in the years prior to 1968. Entry into this invitational, unjudged class will require an application (available at www.highlandsmotoringfestival.com).

Chuck Cantwell will be on hand, signing his book and telling stories about Shelby American. Cantwell was hired by Shelby as Project Manager on the Mus-

tang program and worked closely with such greats as Ken Miles, Peter Brock, and Phil Remington.

Featured Theme: "Pre-War Orphans"

This particular class is for cars produced before 1942, whose brands have subsequently gone out of business (Packard and Oldsmobile for example). These marques are referred to as "Orphans" and survive a failed business. Highlands Motoring Festival will include recognition as "Orphan" those brands that failed and which decades later had their badging rights used on modern cars (Bugatti for example).

Featured Theme: "Vintage Race Cars II"

Following last year's success, this favorite unjudged class is back with a new group of invited "Vintage Race Cars."

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Monte Carlo Night

Highlands Falls Country Club | Thursday, June 6 | 6:00 P.M.

The Highlands Motoring Festival kicks off with Monte Carlo Casino Night on Thursday, June 6, from 6:00 until 10:00 P.M. at the Highlands Falls Country Club.

Included are heavy hors d'oeuvres, along with a complimentary cocktail, and an initial supply of tokens for the games. Tickets will also be available for individual drinks.

Monte Carlo Night is an excellent opener for the festival and brings a decidedly European flair to the mountains. Attendees arriving at the clubhouse will have the opportunity

to preview exotic new sports cars provided by event sponsors.

After an evening of games at the tables, including blackjack, roulette, and craps, gamers get down to the serious business of using their newfound "play money" winnings to supplement their bid during a fast-paced live auction. There will also be several silent auctions which people may bid on. Items for the auction are provided by local individuals, businesses and other supporters of the Festival. Monte Carlo Night is a rollicking way to end an evening of fun and raise money.



Photo by Susan Renfro



Welcome Parade and Party

Kelsey-Hutchinson Founders Park & The High Dive | Friday, June 7 | 5:30 P.M.

This year's Welcome Party will include a Parade on Main Street. All vehicles and drivers are invited to participate, at no cost, by gathering at the Kelsey-Hutchinson Founders Park around 5:30 P.M. There will be a driver's meeting at 6:00 P.M. with the procession departing shortly after. Exiting onto Fifth Street, the group will then proceed west on Main Street on a

predetermined route.

At the termination of the Parade of Main Street, the group returns to the park, where they can join others at the Welcome Party, which will be at the High Dive watering hole, located at 476 Carolina Way (one block north of Kelsey-Hutchinson Founders Park). Cash bar and complimentary snacks will give you a start for the evening.



One Lap of the Mountains

Beginning at Kelsey-Hutchinson Founders Park | Friday, June 7 | 7:30 A.M.

The annual One Lap of The Mountains will be held on Friday, June 7. This exhilarating driving adventure is a technical rally as opposed to a timed rally, designed to give drivers a chance to enjoy the scenery while staying together as a group. Event organizers plan a different course every year on roads chosen to provide the ultimate mountain driving experience.

One Lap of the Mountains VII is scheduled to roll on Friday morning. You're invited to join the fun as 50 lucky drivers, and their passengers, will drive beautiful mountain "less traveled" roads and experience the comradery the One Lappers from past years have enjoyed.

One Lap of the Mountains will begin on Pine Street in Kelsey-Hutchinson Founders Park, also the site of the Saturday event, Cars in the Park.

A complimentary continental breakfast will be available to all participants beginning at 7:30 A.M. Because of the logistics involving restroom visits, sightseeing stops, and restaurant seating, we'll depart in two groups of 25 cars each. The first cars will leave K-H Park at 8:30 A.M. sharp and the second group at 9:00 A.M. sharp. Pre-regis-

ter if you plan to participate as One Lap has become so popular it fills up quickly. Please designate your preference as to the 8:30 or 9:00 A.M. departure. We'll do our best to accommodate your wishes, but spots will be assigned on a first come, first serve basis. One Lap of the Mountains 2019 will be capped at 50 cars.

The first driver's meeting will begin at 8:00 A.M. sharp for Group 1, and at 8:30 A.M. sharp for Group 2. Each driver and one passenger will receive a Highlands Motoring Festival hat. Drivers will also receive a 2019 HMF poster. Instructions for the day and detailed drivers log will be handed out and covered in the driver's meetings.

One Lap of the Mountains 2019 registration is \$150 per car and includes the driver and one passenger. The charge for each additional passenger is \$25, which includes an HMF hat. The continental breakfast is included in the registration price, but participants pay for their own lunch.

Awarding of points to those One Lap participants who also show their driven car on Saturday was a big success last year and will be continued in 2019. All "interesting" cars are invited to participate in the One

Lap, but please be advised that we will be navigating very mountainous and curvy roads. Make sure your choice of wheels is up to the task!

This year's route will encompass an approximate total of 150 miles of the back roads of Western North Carolina. There will

be an organized lunch along the route where you can order from a menu. If all stays on schedule, we should return to Highlands no later than 4:00 P.M., and in plenty of time to rest up and prepare for the Friday night Welcome Party and Parade at The High Dive Tavern.

Route Tour Guide

Over the years of Highlands Motoring Festival, the most popular driving event has been the One Lap of the Mountains driving tour.

Each year, a new route is designed for a perfect combination of road condition, scenery, and terrain. Every effort is made to avoid high traffic areas. Breaks and lunch stops are selected to accommodate the enjoyment of a group activity. Points of interest and local history add color to the detailed instructions. Each route is repeatedly test-driven and verified.

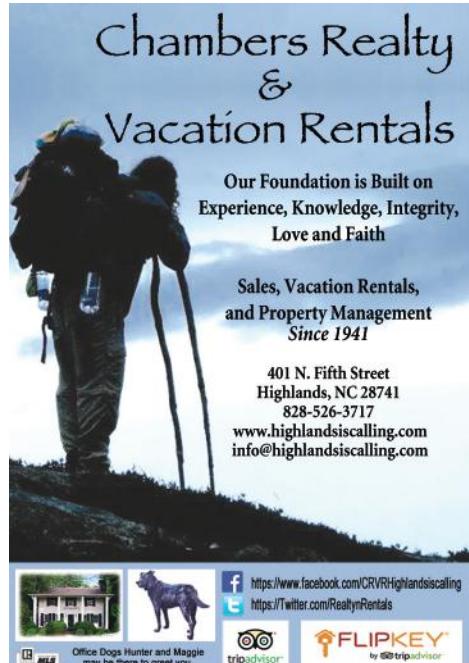
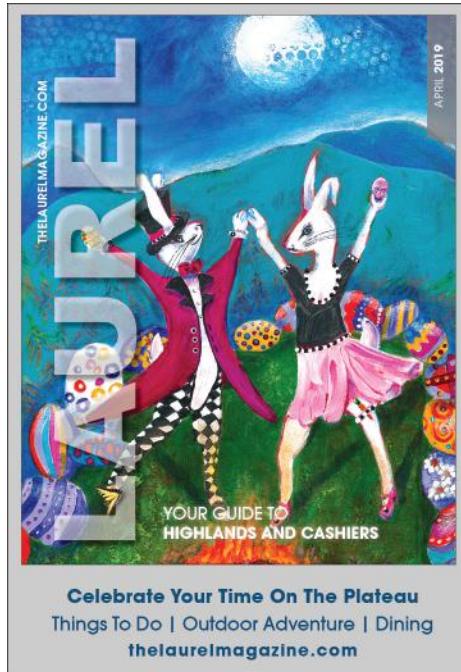
Now, detailed directions, just like on the original One Lap tours, are available in the

form of a route guide book. The book includes the six most recent One Lap routes; each updated and verified. There are also two new routes with sections of unpaved surfaces. And there are additional bonus routes and photos.

The book is authored by the originators of the event, Jan and Gus Lard.

The publication, "One Lap of the Mountains' Route Guide," will be available for sale to the public on June 6-9 at the merchandise tables of the Highlands Motoring Festival.

It's also on sale anytime at the Highlands Chamber of Commerce.





“Cars in the Park” Classic Car Show

Kelsey-Hutchinson Founders Park | Saturday, June 8 | 10:00 A.M.

Highlands Motoring Festival's main event, the Classic Car Show, is set for Saturday, June 8, from 10:00 A.M. until 4:00 P.M. at Kelsey-Hutchinson Founders Park. Organizers expect 125 entrants and more than 2,500 visitors on show day.

The early online registration fee to enter a car is \$35. Last year the show was sold out by mid-May. Early registration is urged. There is no charge for spectators, but donations to the charity partners are appre-

ciated. Judging begins at 11:00 A.M. and awards are presented at 3:00 P.M.

Spectators will see classic (prior to 1990) and unique, sometimes very limited edition, cars in eight judged classes. Each class will have a Best in Class winner and an Outstanding in Class winner, and there will be an overall Best of Show award. At the judge's discretion, additional awards can be given for unique cars or circumstances.



1954 Jaguar XK120 OTS



1953 Siata 300BC Spider "Tweety Bird"



1922 Moon 6-40 Touring

Volunteers will be cooking and selling hot food on-site. Merchandise tables will have festival posters, hats, polo shirts, "One Lap of the Mountains" tour books, and other festival items for sale.

Previous year's shows have featured a collection of cars that included a chauffeur-driven vintage Rolls Royce limousine, 1939 pre-war BMW race car, and a BMW M1. In 2016, a trio of Mercedes 300SL Gullwings was on display.

One year there was a "flower child" of the '60s. It was a rare yellow 1969 Plymouth Barracuda with the "Mod Top" option. Another car in the HMF collection of past entries is an early 50's Jaguar XK-120, with

its long flowing front fenders, bringing British elegance to the gathering. Italian-car lovers have brought cars from Ferrari, Alfa Romeo, Fiat, Maserati, and Lamborghini. Race cars have included Lotus, Lola, and McLaren. Antique Model As, muscle cars, and many other classic cars round out the collection. Sometimes a word can spark an image – icons such as Countach, Miura, Testarossa, Stingray, and Gullwing have graced the HMF show field.

Trophies for the winners are one-of-a-kind, much like the cars they're awarded to, and are pottery designed and produced by Master Potters Frank Vickery and Pat Taylor (who is also the Mayor of Highlands).



Colby Deitz Band

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Music in the Mountains

Kelsey-Hutchinson Founders Park | Saturday, June 8 | 6:00 P.M.

Following the Cars in the Park is Music in the Mountains. This concert starts at 6:00 P.M. at the Kelsey-Hutchinson Founders Park, the same location as the Classic Car Show, held earlier in the day.

Brought to you by the Highlands Area Chamber of Commerce & Visitor Center, the concert features the crowd-pleasing Colby Deitz Band.

This high energy band performs a wide range of music from rock, outlaw country, bluegrass, and folk, to their own singer-songwriter compositions.

They have become crowd favorites wherever they play, garnering a faithful following who come out to dance the night away and enjoy the lively stage performance of this highly seasoned band. This band thrives on stage, leaving nothing

on the table, and giving every ounce of energy into every performance.

The outstanding musicianship of this band supports the soulful voice of Colby Deitz with each member having their moment to shine in the spotlight. Their website proudly proclaims that, "this Tasmanian Devil and his band will give you the show you've been trying to catch your entire life."

It's a chance to unwind from the day's activities and relax with new and old friends. Food and drink may be brought to the event, so pack your cooler, blankets, and lawn chairs and head to the park. Additionally, there are options to purchase food from nearby businesses.

Wrap up your day by enjoying the concert and a picnic under the twilight sky.



“High Octane on Main” - Sunday Car Show and Social Gathering

Main Street, Highlands | Sunday, June 9 | 8:00 A.M.

Winding up a perfect Highlands Motoring Festival weekend is the annual High Octane on Main Car Show at 8:00 A.M. on Sunday, June 9, at Wright Square on west Main Street.

All vehicles are welcome at this more casual car show. Cars of any age are invited – there is no entry fee or judging, and a modest “For Sale” sign is allowed (no “For Sale” signs are permitted on Saturday’s show field). Refreshments will be available.

This informal gathering is a great way to assemble one more time with fellow car enthusiasts, share a few war stories, make plans to meet again next year, and say goodbye. It’s a uniquely home-grown event, an extension of a weekly gathering of local car lovers known as Butts on the Bench with its own FaceBook page. Every Saturday during the summer

months (except the weekend of the Motoring Festival) from 9:00 until 11:00 A.M, you’ll find sports and classic cars parked in front of the bench, and car lovers drinking coffee and talking cars.

Over the years these mornings have evolved to include passing motorists who notice the cars and stop to join the gathering. Car clubs often travel to Highlands, and more and more often their members make it a point to stop to talk shop and show off their cars. One year, a Model A club joined the fun on their weekend in Highlands. All are welcome here, and on the weekend of the Motoring Festival, it’s a great place to be.

Old and new friends will find this the opportunity to exchange contact information, tell one more story, make plans for HMF2020, and bid each other a fond farewell.

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Highlands Motoring Festival History

The vision for Highlands Motoring Festival was conceived in 2007, at a lunch table after a meeting of The Rotary Club of Highlands. The mission was to contribute to local charities and the Highlands business community by attracting Gear Heads to our beautiful area. The Highlands Motoring Foundation, a 501(c)(3) was incorporated.

The inaugural event took place in September 2008 with 114 cars in attendance. The show venue was created by blocking off Pine Street and utilizing the park and the parking lots of Bank of America and Entegra Bank. The cooperation of the Town of Highlands and both banks made the event possible. Good weather brought a large turnout of spectators. Support of the Highlands business community was solidified. Local car enthusiasts stepped up and volunteered to help. The vision of an annual event became reality.

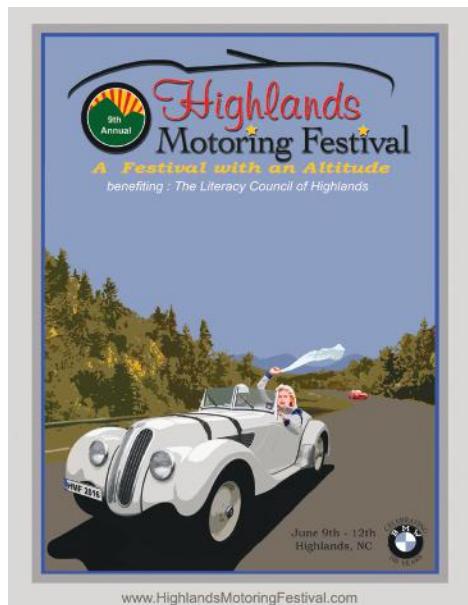
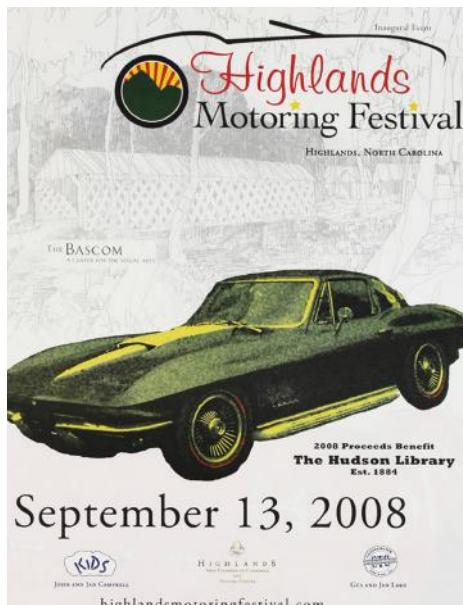
Since then, the festival has continued uninterrupted with net proceeds going to many local charities including The Hudson Library, The Rotary Club of Highlands, The Emergency Council, REACH, Cashiers-

Highlands Humane Society, Community Care Clinic, and the Literacy Council of Highlands. Over the past three years, over \$100,000 has been raised from the festival and donated by Highlands Motoring Foundation. The festival operates as an all-volunteer organization, with no paid staff.

For the first four years, the Motoring Festival was held during the month of September. To eliminate conflicts with some of the major car shows, the event was moved to July for two years. Finally, the second Saturday in June was determined to be optimal, a tradition that started in 2012 and continues. And the event has expanded in scope, now including driving and social gatherings spread over four days.

When major infrastructure work was required for Pine Street Park in 2013, the Motoring Festival venue moved to Highlands Rec Park for two years. For 2015 the event moved back to Pine Street and the renamed Kelsey-Hutchinson Founders Park.

In 2012, the Organizing Committee was approached by the Alfa Club about special recognition. That group promised and



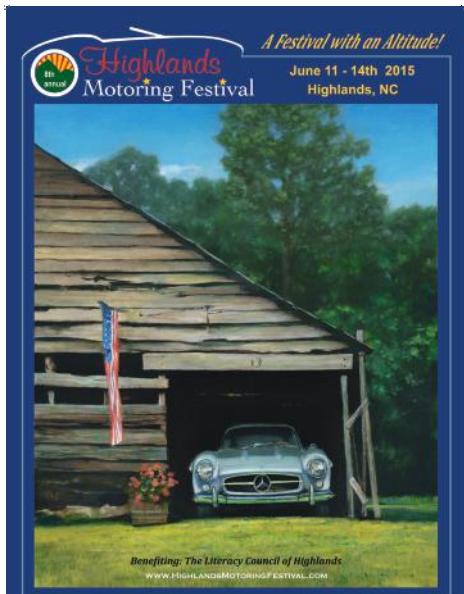
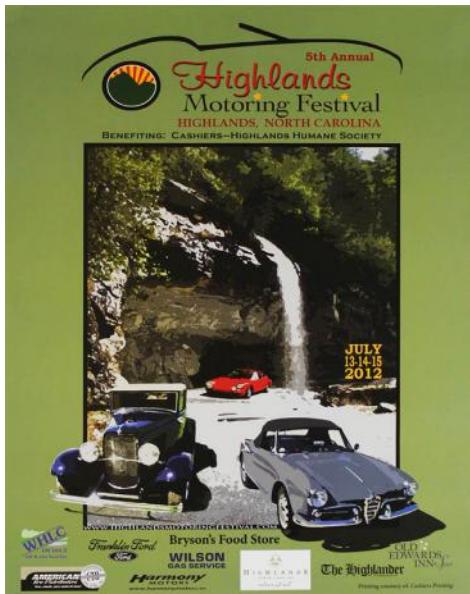
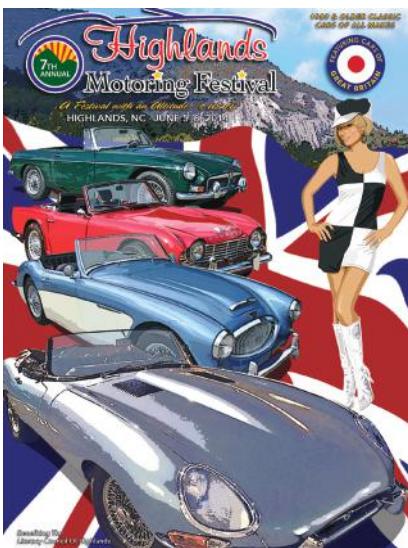
delivered a strong field of Alfas, competing in the event's first Featured Marque class. In succeeding years, featured marques have been Porsche, British Cars, Mercedes, BMW, the Cars of Italy, and Vintage Race Cars. For 2019, the featured marque is the cars of Carroll Shelby and "Pre-War Orphans" is the featured theme. Both of these classes will be invitational. An application for entry can be obtained from the festival's website, HighlandsMotoringFestival.com.

Many very interesting cars have graced the show field of the Highlands Motoring Festival. There have been past LeMans entrants, one-of-a-kind customs, pre-war classics, muscle cars, antiques, sports cars, utilities, mid-century classics, and sedans of every ilk from Amer-

ica, Europe, and beyond.

One of the most memorable was a collection of three Mercedes 300SL Gull-wings, some of the most coveted cars existing. The most unusual was probably the Tupolev Cosmonaut Retrieval Vehicle. One year, a full-blown funny car was given permission to startup and demonstrate with some revving but was derailed by a dead battery. The Highlands Fire Department came to the rescue with a jump from one of their fire trucks to the cheers of bystanders.

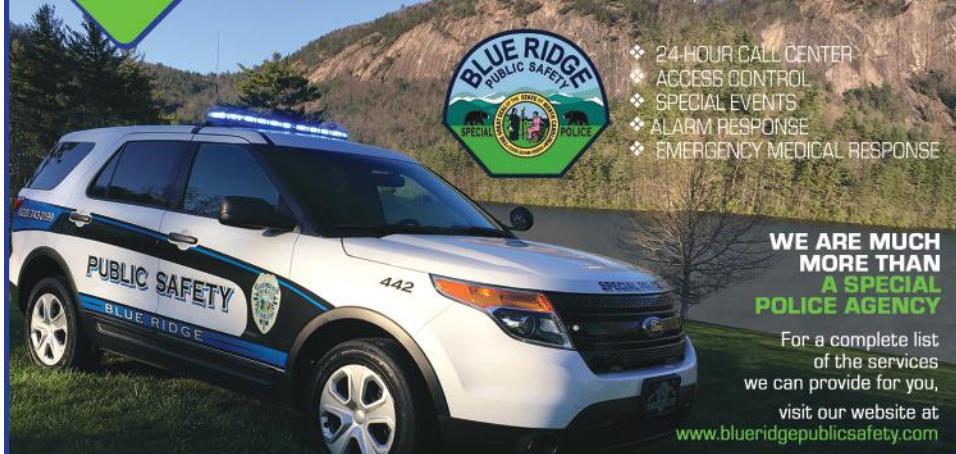
Every car on the show field is special to someone. And that's the point of the event. These Gear Heads turned out to be very social and generous people. The Highlands Motoring Festival is delighted to host them, every year, on the second Saturday of June.



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Festival Volunteers

Highlands Motoring Festival is blessed with a wealth of volunteers of all ages.

Many are automobile devotees. Some are there serving a beneficiary charity group. Some volunteers love spending an afternoon in June with enthusiasts having a great time. There are many reasons our volunteers step forward. A list of over 80 volunteers made the HMF2018 events possible. The work of every individual is appreciated.

There are varying levels of volunteer participation. The Festival Committee consists of a dozen or so individuals, each with particular expertise, working all year to make the four-day motoring festival possible. The committee members are often accompanied by working spouses who jump in as needed.

In 2019, the festival has five events, each requiring volunteers in its planning and execution. The bulk of the workforce requirement is on the day of the show. This is when the volunteer army we call "The Friends of the Motoring Festival" goes to work. These are the workers from past festivals and new recruits who are organized and trained to

make the show run smoothly.

In 2017, when the festival was launching the inaugural Monte Carlo event, the festival committee reached out to the Rotary Club of Highlands. The Rotarians had hosted similar events more than a decade earlier. This was when a group of "vintage" Rotarians jumped into action. The original gambling tables and gear were found in storage. The original dealers were put back in service on the night of the event. The evening was a huge success, raising over \$6,000 for R.E.A.C.H. of Macon County.

The 2019 partner charities are REACH, Literacy Council of Highlands, and the Community Care Clinic. All these groups share a common theme of assisting the less-fortunate who are in need of help.

It's not surprising then that many of the festival's volunteers are also active in these other groups. HMF is a community-based event. It's a conduit for volunteers and contributors to channel resources to those in greatest need.

The Highlands Motoring Festival is proud to be an all-volunteer organization with all net proceeds going to charity. We welcome all new volunteers to our group.



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Driving the Highlands Plateau

A Guide of Favorites

Magic awaits those who love driving! Highlands is surrounded by National Forests with mountains, rivers, forest canopies, wildlife, and unique driving experiences.

When you arrive in town, you'll find the main intersection. From this stop light in the center of town, each of the four directions is rewarding to the driver and passenger. And each road presents a different personality. Highlands is at the top of the Plateau, so it'll be a downhill experience when driving away from Highlands and uphill for your return.

Here are four options to explore:

Your first adventure should be the Waterfall Highway (US 64 west, or The Franklin Road to locals), which will take you along the Cullasaja River. Being a river road, it snakes along with the river and is nicely banked and freshly paved with moderately tight turns and many short straightaways but no passing zones. High-speed motor-

ing is not recommended on this segment. Curves and inclines keep the driver engaged even at reduced speed. Passengers will be dazzled by the scenery of the river and mountain peaks.

The first waterfall encountered will be Bridal Veil Falls. There is a parking area on the side of the road, where visitors can park and view the falls.

About a mile further down the road is Dry Falls and its large parking area with facilities. On foot, you can walk down to the falls where the path continues behind this large waterfall. While the name implies otherwise, you might want an umbrella or raincoat if you genuinely want to stay dry.

Continuing toward Franklin will take you past Cliffside Lake, a great picnic site. Traveling along the Cullasaja River for a few more miles brings you to Bust Your Butt Falls, a favorite swimming spot with plenty of parking.

The final attraction will be Cullasaja Gorge and Falls. Here, the mere existence of a road is a marvel with its sheer cliff face on one side and massive gorge on the other; the driver must stay focused on the road. Passengers can view the impressive waterfall at the bottom of the gorge.

About a mile past the gorge is Buck Creek Road where you can turn around and drive back to Highlands; this road should be driven in both directions. Alternatively take Buck Creek Road, which will intersect with US 64 east of Highlands.

Going north from the main intersection, US 64 East is The Cashiers Road, and it offers excellent mountain views and varying terrain. Nicely banked switchbacks, varying elevation, and medium straightaways make this the "driver's road" in the area.

Driving across ridges and through valleys, you will pass five golf courses as you approach Whiteside Mountain, Highlands' most popular hiking trail.

Continuing toward Cashiers, the road changes personality, going through a forest canopy with tighter turns and more decline. From the Cashiers Crossroads, an alternative return to Highlands can be taken on NC 107 north to Norton Road, which snakes back to US 64 east of Highlands. For additional exploration and beautiful scenery, continue to travel Hwy 64 East towards Lake Toxaway and the historic Greystone Inn.

The Walhalla Road, NC 28, runs out of town to the south as you depart the Highlands Plateau. There are long-distance mountain views as the road drops through



Horse Cove Road

Photo by Colleen Kerrigan



Bob Padgett Poplar

Photo by Peter Ray



Sunset Rock

Photo by Susan Renfro

valleys and crosses rivers and ridges. This route has fantastic sweeping turns and inclined straightaways, making it the fastest road in the area. In a few miles, the road passes the Georgia state line and the community of Satolah. Continuing on Highway 28 toward Walhalla and into South Carolina, the road levels out and follows the Chattooga River with impressive river views. An alternative return route to Highlands is Warwoman Road, which intersects Highway 28 south of Satolah and runs to Clayton, Georgia.

Our final adventure is Highlands best-kept driving secret: Horse Cove Road. From our main intersection in the middle of Highlands, proceed east on Main Street and just keep going. You'll pass Highlands Nature Center and Sunset Rock Trail, popular destinations for visitors. Passing Bowery Road on

the left, the real fun begins as you cross the Eastern Continental Divide.

Over the next 1.8 miles of travel, the elevation drops 990 feet, making an average 10 percent grade. Forty hairpin turns and switchbacks make an unrivaled driving experience. The turns are perfectly banked and separated by steep short straight sections allowing the driver to set up a driving rhythm. Near the bottom of the valley is Rich Gap Road, a good turn-around spot and the location of Highlands' largest tree, the Bob Padgett Poplar. The uphill return to Highlands is even more rewarding. The driver can use power on uphill straights and gravity to supplement braking into the corners.

We hope you enjoy the roads of Highlands. Enthusiasts will be stimulated into spirited driving, but we ask that you be safe and courteous as you explore the many wonders of the Highlands Plateau.

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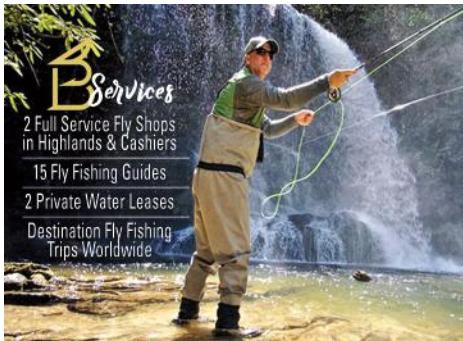


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The Highlands Motoring Festival is known as the "Festival with an Altitude," but it is also a festival with a heart for giving back to local nonprofits in our area that provide much-needed services to the community. Over the past three years, HMF has given over \$100,000 to area nonprofits.

The Motoring Festival is the operational element of Highlands Motoring Foundation, a 501(c)(3) founded in 2007. Over the years, beneficiaries have included the Hudson Library, The Literacy Council of Highlands, Cashiers-Highlands Humane Society, Rotary Club of Highlands, R.E.A.C.H of Macon County, and many smaller local non-profits.

As the festival has grown, so too has its ability to give back to the community. In 2019 HMF has selected three non-profits as beneficiaries of this year's proceeds: R.E.A.C.H of Macon County, Literacy Council of Highlands and the Community Care Clinic.

R.E.A.C.H, as their name suggests, serves an essential need in Macon and Jackson Counties, providing resources, education, assistance, counseling, and housing to victims of abuse. They work closely with law en-

forcement and other local agencies to provide emergency relief for abuse victims and their families, offering them safety, guidance, legal help, counseling, and support. In 2017 HMF proceeds enabled R.E.A.C.H to make capital improvements, which reduced its operating costs and improved services provided.

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The Art of Pat Taylor and Frank Vickery

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This amounts to over 24 trophies, which would typically be a lot of brass. But at Highlands Motoring Festival, we would have to say, "That's a lot of mud."

Really!

Each is a piece of hand-made pottery reflecting HMF logo and theme.

With a town full of artists, Highlands Motoring Festival has benefited from the creativity of local artisans. A good example is Patrick Taylor, the creator and craftsman of the HMF trophies for the past several years. His approach to pottery is to utilize elements of nature in the design and building of art pieces. Flowing forms with

high detail are crafted by hand – making each piece unique.

Patrick Taylor was the first Potter-in-Residence at The Bascom from 2009 and 2010 and has been a mentor for Frank Vickery.

Operating today as Taylor Pottery, his studio is equipped with work tables, a potter's wheel and an inventory of materials, forms, and templates. Outside the studio are the specialized kilns, each designed for the type of glaze being fired.

Highlands is home of The Bascom, a renowned center for visual arts. Its most popular programs are in the pottery barn, a ceramics workshop. The program is directed by Frank Vickery, a gifted artist in his own right. But his greatest talent is the way he energizes the whole community's interest in pottery as functional art. He is The Bascom's current pottery guru. For 2019, Frank Vickery has produced, exclusively for HMF, a series of trophies for owners of all the cars in the invitational classes.





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