

Sea Cruise is approved for Columbus Day weekend Oct. 9-10

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Ray Bocock has only been president of the Northern Knights Car Club for five weeks. Yet, he's been thrust into helping plan the biggest outdoor event of the year not canceled by the COVID-19 pandemic.

The 29th Annual Sea Cruise will be held over Columbus Day weekend, Oct. 9-10.

"I think it is important to have Sea Cruise. It benefits the entire city," Bocock said. "The entire town has been suffering, worrying. All it does is eat, sleep COVID. Now they get a chance to come out and see cars."

The community went through disappointing cancellations of the July 4 celebration and annual county fair earlier this summer. But during the virtual chamber mixer held Aug. 20 via Zoom, Cindy Vosburg and Larry Timpe had good news — Sea Cruise 2020 is a go.

The event is sponsored by the Crescent City-Del Norte County Chamber of Commerce. Vosburg is executive director and Timpe is board president.

"We're so excited to be able to do this," Timpe said. "There will be little changes to it. Cars will be spread out a little more than they were in the past, but it's a great activity for the entire community."

Vosburg said Del Norte County Public Health Officer Dr. Warren Rehwaldt, who gave the event his blessing, categorized it a "a mobile outdoor museum event."

Rehwaldt approved the chamber's plan for Sea Cruise because there won't be any social gatherings in between the Show 'n' Shine Friday night and the main car show Saturday, Vosburg said. In addition, to

adhere to state and county social distancing guidelines, participants and spectators will be required to wear masks.

“The chamber and Northern Knights are more than happy to do what they ask,” Vosburg said of the health department’s requirements.

Both Vosburg and Bocock are expecting classic car owners to be excited to get involved in a car show that hasn’t been cancelled. Bocock pointed to the record turnout at the Lucky 7 Casino’s annual MDA Benefit Car Show Aug. 13 and more than 100 cars owners that participated in an unofficial cruise from Brookings to Crescent City the Curry County Cruisers hosted in May. Vosburg added she’d be happy if Sea Cruise attracted its own record turnout this year.

“We have a wonderful venue at Beachfront Park that we can expand it as far as we need to. And we can always add more city blocks to park cars for the Show ’n’ Shine.”

Bocock has added low riders to the judging categories this year. He said five local chapters of Impala clubs have been invited. He noted there will be two new events — a burnout competition and valve cover race, where competitors fashion small gravity-powered vehicles from an engine valve cover and race them.

Vosburg said fair food vendors and DJ Scott Graves spinning classic tunes will also be part of the event.

As in the past, she said the key to the success of the event is sponsors. The chamber is looking for locals or businesses to donate whatever they can afford, from \$100 all the way up to \$2,500. To order a sponsorship package, contact Vosburg at 707-464-3174, 541-251-0591 or director@delnorte.org.

She highly encouraging participants to preregister. Bocock said participants can register through the Northern Knights at www.northernknights.org.