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MOTORTREND STARS & COLLECTOR CARS COMING TO THE BIG E

If your car could talk, what stories would it tell? Collector Car Live, hosted by MotorTrend stars Mike Brewer, of *Wheeler Dealers*, and Wayne Carini, of *Chasing Classic Cars*, comes to The Big E's Court of Honor Stage, sponsored by MattressFirm, Sunday, Sept. 22 at 12pm. The event, free with Fair admission, celebrates automotive history by sharing the unique recounts of car collectors and the untold stories behind the rare vehicles.

Collector Car Live features an elite, hand-selected lineup of rare vehicles dating from the Brass Era to today's exotics. Show hosts and automotive experts, Brewer and Carini, will uncover the lesser known histories behind the vehicles, and give the car owner a chance to step into the spotlight.

The day kicks off at 9am with the Parade of Cars. The featured show vehicles will travel from The Big E Arena, sponsored by MGM, Springfield, down the Avenue of States to Hampden Avenue and will park at the new show site at the Court of Honor – the heart of the fairgrounds.

Following the show, audience members have an opportunity to get the 2019 Collector Car Live commemorative poster and meet the hosts for photos and autographs.

"The most significant change in the show program this year is moving the host venue from The Big E Arena to the Court of Honor," John Juliano, co-founder of Mellowship Entertainment, said. "We were at the mercy of the weather, being outdoors at the Arena. We battled rain and unseasonable heat three of the past four years of this event.

"The tented Court of Honor provides protection from the weather, is a more visible location, and creates an intimate environment for spectator viewing. This move also allowed us to add another concert to The Big E Arena lineup," Juliano added.

Collector Car Live, a nationally recognized show, was filmed and featured on season 14, episode 2 of *Chasing Classic Cars*, "Wheels & Deals." The episode debuted on MotorTrend March 27, 2019. This year's show will be livestreamed on Mike Brewer's Facebook page, "The Wheeler Dealer."

The Big E's specialty automotive attractions also include expanded programming on the Avenue of States with the Avenue Car Show Series, select dates, 9am-4pm. Following the conclusion of each show, fairgoers will have the opportunity to catch some of the vehicles in motion in The Big E Daily Parade at 5pm. DJ Bruce Marshall, of The Valley's Classic Hits 97.7FM and 1250AM, will be onsite at each event spinning hits of the 50s, 60s and 70s.

The Avenue Car Show Series features the following clubs and organizations – Connecticut Valley Region of the Antique Automobile Club of America, Sept. 14; Mustangs of Massachusetts Car Club, Sept. 15; Model A Ford Club of Connecticut, Sept. 18; Pioneer Valley GTO Association Club, Sept. 19; 4 Seasons Rambler Club, Sept. 20; Mark's Classic Cruise Day,



presented by Mark's Auto Parts, Sept. 22, The Car Club of New England, Sept. 27; Corvette Club of Western Mass, Sept. 28; Mopar Day hosted by the Car Club of New England, Sept. 29; and more to be announced.

The Avenue Car Show Series and Collector Car Live are weather permitting.

ESE is also the site of "Wheels and Waffles," July 20 from 8am to 10am. All collector, classic and custom vehicles of any year, make and model are welcome. Complimentary coffee and homemade waffles will be served by Storrowton Tavern to all who arrive in a show vehicle. Bruce Marshall, of The Valley's Classic Hits 97.7FM and 1250AM, will be spinning oldies for the duration of the event.

The 2019 Big E takes place Sept. 13-29 in West Springfield, Mass. Stay up to date with all Fair happenings by finding us on Facebook, following us on Twitter and Instagram or joining our mailing list at TheBigE.com.

