

Classic cars on display Saturday to raise cash for Crime Stoppers

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Tires will squeal in downtown Beloit during the eighth annual Crime Stoppers Cruise Night which will be held from noon - 11 p.m. Saturday.

Held as a fundraiser for the Greater Beloit Area Crime Stoppers, a non-profit that works to combine the efforts of police and citizens to fight crime, Cruise Night offers free fun for the entire family.

"The money that is raised at the Cruise Night can be given to different organizations and help the police department," said Duane Drevdahl, Crime Stoppers chair for Cruise Night.

Event organizers brought in \$4,500 the first year of the cruise and it has grown ever since. Last year more than \$12,000 was raised.

"This year we're hoping to raise \$14,000 to \$15,000," Drevdahl said.

The event will open at noon along Third Street at West Grand Avenue. There will be a show car area in the parking lot where individuals can park and exhibit their classic rides for \$10.

There also will be a DJ spinning tunes, food, drinks and, of course, the "burnout pit" where locals can spin their wheels until they smoke for \$5.

"It's really gotten to be the crowd pleaser of the event," Drevdahl said. "Anyone can participate as long as they have a safe, street-legal vehicle."

Drevdahl says it is important for members of the community to attend the event because the Stateline Area greatly benefits from the work Crime Stoppers does.

"The Crime Stoppers program helps us fight crime in the community," he said. "It also helps us to run Project Alley Cat, which helps clean up graffiti."

The Greater Beloit Area Crime Stoppers is a non-profit organization that offers cash rewards of up to \$1,000 for individuals who give anonymous information leading to the arrest of criminals and fugitives.

Through January, the organization received 7,987 calls and made 3,085 arrests. More than \$905,000 worth of drugs were seized, records indicate.

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