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Annual Orchard Beach Car Show

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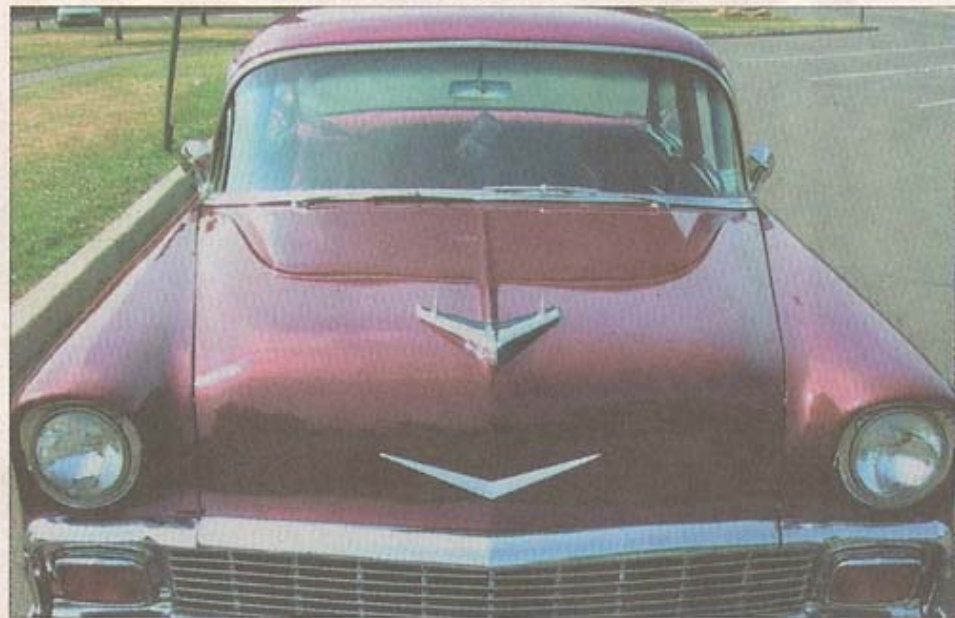
If you like romantic, moonlit walks on the shore, stay away from Orchard Beach on Sunday, September 23, when it will be all about the cars as the Eastcoast Classic Car Association presents the 7th Annual Orchard Beach Car Show.

Considered to be the largest one-day classic car show on the East Coast, the anticipated event features something for every car and motorcycle enthusiast, all with a good cause in mind.

The Orchard Beach Car Show will benefit the New York City Patrolmen's Benevolent Association, with proceeds going to both the Widows and Orphans Fund and to the National Law Enforcement Memorial Fund being built in Washington, D.C., thus guaranteeing that slain officers will be honored while their loved ones continue to get the support they need.

"So far, we have raised over \$200,000 for the PBA," said John Monsolino, vice president, who runs the show with Joe Caldwell, the event founder.

Caldwell of Highway Patrol Unit 1 rushed to put together the first car show only three weeks after 9/11. "Joe has been into cars all his life, ever since he was a



Classic cars, like the one above from show founder Joe Caldwell, will be on display at the Orchard Beach Car Show on September 23.

kid," noted Monsolino. "When it came to honoring our officers, he went with what he knows best and in only our first year, we raised \$35,000 in their memory."

In honor of 9/11, when the event kicks off at 8 a.m., the Blue Knights Law Enforcement Motorcycle Club will host

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a motorcycle run to the World Trade Center and back, paying homage to the victims and heroes of that day before displaying their bikes for the public to see. Joining them will be the Red Knights, representing the FDNY.

Over 1,000 bikes and close to 1,500 classic cars are expected.

In addition to the cars, vendors and celebrities will be in attendance, in-

cluding four unannounced Yankees, *Sopranos* cast members Vincent Pastore and Frank Vincent, Chuck Zito of *OZ* and Gianni Russo of *The Godfather*. Personalities from WCBS 101.1 FM will also be on hand, broadcasting live from the site.

The car show run through 5 p.m. in the parking lot of Orchard Beach. The registration fee for each vehicle is \$20 and covers admission for two passengers. Motorcyclists

pay \$20 to take part in the show and an additional \$10 to take part in the Memorial Run. Spectators pay only \$10. Children under 12 get in for free.

"This is all for a good cause and it is a great day out for the family," Monsolino said. "Everyone loves cars. There is nothing like a car show to bring people together."

For more information visit www.orchardbeach-carshow.com.