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## Hot Rods, Choppers and Vintage Cars Converge on Pancho Villa State Park for 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Custom Car Show

**Columbus, N.M.** – The Friends of Pancho Villa State Park will host the 10th Annual Pancho's Car Show at Pancho Villa State Park from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 24, 2015 with vintage to late model show cars, motorcycles and choppers. Enjoy music, food and drink, the park's Exhibit Hall and some of the best show cars and motorcycles in the southwest.

"This is an opportunity to see some of the finest show cars and motorcycles in the southwest while enjoying the unique history and heritage at Pancho Villa State Park," said Park Manager John Read.

Trophies will be awarded in 17 categories including hot rod cars, hot rod trucks, antique cars, original cars, custom cars, best 4X4, best Jeep, best VW, under construction, best motorcycle and best chopper. A \$100 cash prize and a trophy will be awarded to the "Best of Show" vehicle.

Those interested in registering a show vehicle should call the park at 575-531-2711 or to download a registration form, visit: [www.PanchoVillaStateParkFriendsGroup.org](http://www.PanchoVillaStateParkFriendsGroup.org).

The pre-registration fee is \$20 per show vehicle and includes one free lunch and soft drink per registered show vehicle, a dash plaque and free door prizes. Show vehicles may register on the day of the show for \$25 between 8:00 a.m. and 9:45 a.m. Please, no late entries so we can stay on schedule!

A variety of door prizes for those who register a show vehicle include automotive goodies, tools, gift cards, oil changes, gasoline coupons, restaurant coupons and many more freebies!

Pancho Villa State Park is located in the village of Columbus, New Mexico, 30 miles south of Deming at the intersection of Highways 9 and 11. From El Paso, take Artcraft Rd. to NM Hwy 9 west for about 65 miles to the Highways 9 & 11 intersection.

The park is located on the grounds of the former 13<sup>th</sup> Cavalry Camp at Columbus and commemorates the attack by the forces of Pancho Villa on March 9, 1916. General John J. “Black Jack” Pershing and 10,000 U.S. troops assembled in Columbus to pursue Villa and his men into Mexico in what was called the “Punitive Expedition.” The park’s Exhibit Hall features military vehicles, a Curtiss bi-plane and other artifacts from the era.

The park offers a magnificent 360° view of the Chihuahuan desert from the top of Cootes Hill and a walking trail through the desert botanical garden as well as camping facilities. Public admission to the car show is \$5.00 per vehicle. Regular camping fees apply.



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