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2005 SECRETARY OF STATE ANTIQUE VEHICLE SHOW COMING SOON

SPRINGFIELD – Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White wants to remind antique vehicle owners and enthusiasts that the 2005 Secretary of State Antique Vehicle Show will be held September 10.

This year's show has a new venue at the Old State Capitol area in downtown Springfield, near the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library & Museum. Along with the Midwest Cruise for Charity, more than 1,500 combined vehicle entries and thousands of spectators are expected.

"As always, we expect to have some of the finest antique vehicles from Illinois and neighboring states on display," White said. "I encourage antique vehicle owners and enthusiasts to come enjoy the auto show at our new location in downtown Springfield."

First organized in 1949 as an Antique Auto Meet, the show today features not only some of the finest antique and classic vehicles in Illinois, but sports cars and motorcycles as well. In addition to the antique vehicles, the show also features a vintage agricultural exhibit.

The Illinois State Champion award will be given to the vehicle judged best at the show by the Antique Vehicle Show Advisory Committee. This year's show honors Chrysler Motors with the special Marquee Award. The award represents a different automobile manufacturer each year. First, second and third place winners will receive awards in at least 46 classes of vehicles, including antique motor scooters, motor-powered bikes and antique motorcycles.

Special Event license plates promoting the Auto Show are available for \$20 per set. The Antique Vehicle Show Advisory Committee will sponsor a reception for participants at the Quality Inn & Suites located at 101 E. Adams in Springfield on September 9. The hotel also will provide special rates for out-of-town participants.

For a brochure including an Auto Show/Swap Meet registration form and plate request form, write to the Secretary of State's office, 450A Howlett Building, Springfield, IL 62756, or call 217/557-7629. The brochure also is available online at <http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com>.

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