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## **Ponies, cats, goats, rats, elephants – at the Portland Swap Meet!**

*Menagerie of classic cars, parts and accessories make April 4 – 6 auto event a must*

Portland, OR – A veritable menagerie of classic cars is being groomed for an historic gathering April 4 – 6, as the Portland Swap Meet celebrates its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

One of the West's largest and longest-running classic auto events, the swap features 3,500 booths and 1,500 vendors offering classic cars from 1980 and older for sale and trade, along with all sorts of auto parts, collectibles and accessories. Founded in 1964, the Portland Auto Swap Meet is presented by six Portland, OR-area antique car clubs.

[Portland Auto Swap Meet](#) event chairman Dave VanWinkle explained the animal connection. Noting that few cars today are named after animals, VanWinkle said automakers in the 1950s - 1970s commonly used model names like Impala and Cougar -- and a stampede of animal nicknames followed.

"Mustangs became 'ponies,' which now refers to a class of sporty classic cars with pep. A 'Goat' is a GTO, a 'Rat' is a modern take on the classic chopped hot rod, and an 'Elephant' is a 70's Chrysler with a big engine," said VanWinkle. "At the swap, you'll find animals in every condition -- some are alive and roaring, while others are in parts boxes, waiting for someone to bring them back to life. The same goes for A's, T's, Deuces and Moving Couches."

An advance look at the swap can be seen [www.facebook.com/PDXswapmeet](http://www.facebook.com/PDXswapmeet).

The Portland Swap Meet takes place Friday, April 4 from 7:00 am - 7:00 pm; Saturday 7:00 am - 5:00 pm; and half-day Sunday, 8:00 am - 1:00 pm. Admission is \$7.00 per day at the gate for adults Friday and Saturday, and \$4.00 on Sunday. Sunday is free admission Ladies Day when accompanied by a paying adult. Admission is free all days for children under 12 with a paying adult.

The Portland Swap Meet is held at the Portland Metropolitan Exposition Center. For information, visit [www.facebook.com/PDXswapmeet](http://www.facebook.com/PDXswapmeet), contact [pdxswap@aol.com](mailto:pdxswap@aol.com), or call 503-678-2100.

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