

# STROLL *THROUGH* HISTORY

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Enhancing awareness and appreciation of Woodland's history and architecture by celebrating our unique heritage

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## **Stroll To Add Classic Autos & Truck Program to the 2009 Season** *New Excitement & Energy Pushes Event Forward*

**Woodland, CA** – The 2009 Stroll committee continues to seek out novel ways to recreate the Stroll event. And on that note, new volunteer Joe Maestas, will spearhead a new classic car / truck exhibition program. This program will showcase vintage cars and trucks predating 1960. In addition, returning volunteer Richard Bellows is bringing back last year's popular bicycle tours. He is already mapping out new routes and researching local historical sites.

"I am just so impressed with the continual flow of ideas and innovation from our volunteers," said 2009 Stroll board president, Reva Barzo. "Their positive attitude and willingness to work is what makes the Stroll a proven success year after year. Already, I can see a very impressive program shaping up for the 2009 Stroll."

### **Classic Automobiles and Pick-ups for the 2009 Stroll:**

Maestas is a longtime classic automobile aficionado who brings years of experience in owning and exhibiting classic vehicles. He foresees having several levels of cash prizes to be awarded to participants. This will be a "peoples choice" award selection. Maestas is also looking for volunteers to help coordinate the vintage vehicle exhibition and contest.

"I have always loved classic cars and want to share my passion with the Woodland community," said Maestas. "I'm looking forward to seeing local owners to bring out their cars and trucks. I believe that the Stroll audience will be impressed with what they will see. They might see anything from a street rod, an exotic car, or vintage muscle car to an old Model A roadster."

Last year's Stroll had a contingent of vintage trucks, tractors, automobiles and even a replica stagecoach on display through the Hays Antique Truck Museum. They included: 1916 Model Ford T car, a 1925 Ford TT Truck, a 1939 Chevrolet flatbed truck, a 1937 Allis Chalmers tractor, 1950 Minneapolis Molin tractor and Woodland's first fire truck. For more information on the Stroll Classic Auto / Truck program, call Stroll committee member Joe Maestas at (530) 661-7480, or e-mail [weecare@afes.com](mailto:weecare@afes.com).

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**Popular Bike Tour Returns for the 2009 Stroll:**

Stroll 2008 saw the debut of the popular bicycle tours which was coordinated by volunteer Richard Bellows. Dave Wilkinson who leads the Stroll walking tours assisted Bellows in planning out the program. Bellows put together several family friendly bike rides through Woodland's historic district. Tour highlights include local homes ranging from Victorian gingerbreads, comfortable bungalows, whimsical period revivals, eclectics and even a smattering of Modernist styles.

"We had so much fun last year," said Bellows. "There were so many great people that came out with their bikes last year. It was just an incredible turn-out. And so we're updating and planning different routes. We are also researching local history that we think would be of interest to the participants. We want to keep it fresh and exciting for both new and returning bicycle tour participants."

Woodland's Main Street retains a small town charm with many buildings dating back to the 1890s. After completing the Stroll bike tour, participants can relax and doing some casual shopping. They will find a quilt shop, antique shops, a cookie shop, a bakery and other boutiques. Many fine restaurants are located near the center of town along Main Street and First Street. Notables include The Savory Cafe, Tazzina Bistro, Morrison's Upstairs and Downstairs, and the Maritime Seafood and Grille. Some outdoor dining is available. Foy's Bike Shop, at the 352 West Main, can make last minute bike repairs. For more information on the 2009 Stroll bicycle tours, contact Bellows at [bellows\\_richard\\_j@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bellows_richard_j@sbcglobal.net).

**2009 Performance Opportunities:**

The Stroll Entertainment subcommittee is seeking interested performers for entertainment slots at the 2009 festival. The performer material should be appropriate for a historical event circa late 1800s. To obtain more information on entertainment opportunities, e-mail Bobbie Ochoa at [bobikns@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bobikns@sbcglobal.net).

The 2009 Stroll Through History is scheduled for Saturday, September 12<sup>th</sup>. For updates on the 2009 Stroll Through History's continuing and new programs and activities go to [www.strollthroughhistory.com](http://www.strollthroughhistory.com), or call (530) 666-4729.

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