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A WIDE VARIETY OF ENTERTAINMENT AND ACTIVITIES ATTRACTED RECORD-BREAKING CROWDS TO SEA ISLE CITY'S 2016 SKIMMER FESTIVAL WEEKEND

SEA ISLE CITY, NJ – Each Father's Day weekend, Sea Isle City's Division of Tourism hosts the resort's Skimmer Festival, a popular two-day event that offers enjoyment for every member of the family. This year's Skimmer Weekend on June 18 & 19 delighted tens of thousands of festival-goers and helped launch the City's summer entertainment season in grand style.

On Saturday of Skimmer Weekend, a fabulous food court, free amusement rides, a variety of family activities and live music were offered at Excursion Park. Meanwhile, nearly 400 merchandise vendors lined the resort's Promenade for Skimmer's annual Seaside Vendors Market.

On Father's Day, hundreds of people enjoyed free Guided Historical Trolley Tours, which were led by volunteers from Sea Isle City's Historical Society. Meanwhile, as The Snake Brothers Band filled the air with up-beat music, festival-goers took-in the annual Skimmer Antique Auto Show along the Promenade, which included 103 vintage cars and trucks.

At the end of the Antique Auto Show, Mayor Leonard Desiderio presented awards to the show's top two vehicles, including a Mayor's Choice Trophy, which went to Paul Slegelmilch, of Lancaster, PA, owner of an eye-catching 1964 Buick Riviera. The event's Best of Show Trophy was presented to Robin and Stuart Cohen, of Vineland, NJ, owners of a beautiful 1963 Lincoln Continental – complete with suicide doors and a pristine interior.

After the winners received their trophies, the antique vehicles that were on display in the auto show paraded through town and brought Skimmer Weekend to a spectacular close.

"This is the largest turn-out of classic vehicles we've seen in recent memory, and it's probably due to the incredible weather we had during the festival," said auto show organizer Jim Ambro. "There was a terrific variety of antiques on display, mainly from the 1950's, 60's and 70's; and the two winners both had exception examples of their particular vehicles."

"Skimmer Festival was a huge success – it was our biggest and best Skimmer Weekend ever," said festival organizer Diane Merson, of the City's Tourism Office. "The addition of free amusement rides added to the family atmosphere and really made people happy, and the vendors market was very well attended on Saturday. Plus, the Trolley Tours were filled to capacity and the Auto Show had an amazing turn-out on Sunday. It was a great weekend!"

To learn about other events taking place in Sea Isle City this summer, go to www.VISITSICNJ.com or phone 609-263-8687.

PHOTOS & CAPTIONS:

(Image: Motor Cycle) Gabriella Sanchez, 9, of Sea Isle City, was among the many children who enjoyed free amusement rides during Sea Isle City's 2016 Skimmer Festival on June 18.



(Image: Dizzy Dragons) Colin Norris, 2, and his dad Kevin (at left) and Mason Murphy, 3, and his dad Mike, all of Bucks County, PA, rode the Dizzy Dragons ride during Sea Isle City's Skimmer Festival.



(Image: Slide) Alicia Grasso, Ash Grasso, 3, Valerie Beel, and Gray Grasso, 5, all of North Cape May, enjoyed the Fun Slide at Excursion Park during Sea Isle City's Skimmer Weekend.



(Image: Photo Booth) Riley McGinley, 6, and her grandmother, Terri Hall, of Huntingdon Valley, PA, had their photos taken in the free Family Photo Booth on Saturday of Skimmer Festival Weekend.



(Image: Police Booth) Will Powers, 8, and his brother Michael Powers, 2, of Ambler, PA, had the chance to speak with Sea Isle City Police Officer Frank Primavera and other City representatives during Skimmer Festival.



(Image: Face Painter) Cade Faber, 5, of Warrington, PA, had his face painted by Princess Jasmine during Skimmer Weekend.



(Image: Wheel) In addition to hundreds of merchandise vendors, representatives from numerous non-profit organizations manned booths along Sea Isle City's Promenade during 2016 Skimmer Festival. Shown spinning a free gift wheel for Joanne Schork, of Broomall, PA (at right), is Albert Sica, of Bristol, PA, an intern at For Pete's Sake, a charity that provides respite vacations for adult cancer patients.



(Image: The Mad Potter) Mike Layton, of Sea Isle City, also known as "The Mad Potter," was one of many artisans who sold handmade items at Skimmer's Seaside Market.



(Image: Stilt Walker) Mackie the Stilt Walker spoke with shoppers as he strolled along Sea Isle City's Promenade on June 18.



(Image: Market) Sea Isle City's Promenade was filled with vendors and shoppers during Skimmer Festival.



(Image: Snake Brothers) The Snake Brothers Band provided upbeat music on Sunday of Skimmer Festival Weekend.



(Image: Trolley Riders) Hundreds of people enjoyed free Guided Trolley Tours on Father's Day in Sea Isle City.



(Image: Red Car) Brothers Landon Liddell, 9, and Tyler Liddell, 7, of Ridley Park, PA, enjoyed their grandfather's 1966 Chevy Malibu convertible during this year's Skimmer Antique Auto Show.



(Image: Rumble Seat) On Father's Day, siblings Chad Cummings, 10, and Julia Cummings, 12, of Worcester, PA, helped display their dad's 1929 Ford "Model A" during Skimmer Festival's Antique Auto Show.



(Image: Car Show) Over 100 vintage cars and trucks were featured in this year's Skimmer Antique Auto Show.



(Image: Best of Show) Stuart and Robin Cohen, of Vineland, NJ (at left) are shown with their 1963 Lincoln Continental after receiving the Best of Show trophy from Skimmer Antique Auto Show organizer Jim Ambro (center, back), Mayor Leonard Desiderio and Carmela Desiderio.



(Image: Mayor's Choice) On Father's Day, during the Skimmer Antique Auto Show in Sea Isle City, Mayor Leonard Desiderio (center) handed the show's Mayor's Choice trophy to Paul Slegelmilch, of Lancaster, PA, and his son, Robert, of Blue Bell, PA, for their 1964 Buick Riviera. Also shown are Auto Show organizer Jim Ambro (second from right), and Carmela Desiderio, the mayor's daughter.

