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13th Annual Big Truck Day goes green and adds ‘Cars’

Sarasota County’s Phillippi Estate Park, 5500 South Tamiami Trail, Sarasota will host “Big Truck Movie Night” and the “13th Annual Big Truck Day”, Friday, May 15 and Saturday, May 16. Part of Sarasota County’s Meet Here! Play Here! initiative, both events are free and open to the public.

Co-sponsored by the Sarasota Film Festival, the festivities kick off with the Pixar animated film “Cars” Friday, May 15 with gates opening at 7 p.m. and the movie starting at dusk. Participants are encouraged to bring lawn chairs and blankets, no coolers please. Popcorn and beverages will be available for purchase.

“Big Truck Day – Green Machines” opens at 10 a.m., Saturday, May 16 when the Sheriff’s Department helicopter lands on the grounds to welcome the fans of the big trucks. Big trucks at the event include dump trucks, fire trucks, pay-loaders, busses, bucket trucks and the Sheriff’s Department “Bat Mobile.” Several Hybrid powered vehicles will be featured during the event including many from the county’s fleet and from local auto dealerships.

In addition to checking out all the big trucks kids can have fun in a craft area, race solar mini-cars and watch remote controlled truck demonstrations.

For more information contact the Sarasota County Call Center at 941-861-5000 or visit www.scgov.net.

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