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5TH ANNUAL MEADOW BROOK /
CRUISIN' PIRATES CAR SHOW

By Janet Scheiwe

Residents, families and staff of Meadow Brook Medical Care Facility in Bellaire enjoyed a sunny, fun-filled afternoon last Thursday (September 24, 2026) as the Cruisin' Pirates Car Club rolled in for its fifth annual car show.

Members of the Cruisin' Pirates brought 42 unique and beautifully maintained classic cars and trucks to showcase and share with their friends at Meadow Brook.

Residents gathered outside in a semicircle to enjoy a “pass-in-review” of shiny—and sometimes delightfully noisy—vehicles ranging from the 1930s through 2026. Meadow Brook staff added to the festive atmosphere by dressing in period-style poodle skirts and providing music, popcorn and checkered flags for residents to wave as the vehicles passed by.

One at a time, the cars and trucks paraded past the residents while a Cruisin' Pirates member introduced the local owners and shared highlights about their special vehicles.

Leading the parade was Bellaire resident Ron Damer in his 1961 custom Chevrolet truck. Damer is a familiar and much-loved member of the Meadow Brook community, having volunteered for many years as a barber and fundraiser.

Several current and former Meadow Brook staff members also joined the fun, showing off some pretty cool cars of their own!

Sports and muscle cars revved their engines to the delight of more than 50 residents gathered outside, while another group enjoyed the show from the upstairs windows.

Following the parade, residents had an opportunity to get a closer look at the colorful cars and trucks displayed in the parking lot. The vehicles sparked plenty of conversation and fond memories as residents recalled cars they had owned, driven or admired over the years.

The fifth annual show was made possible through the efforts of many volunteers, staff members, participants and supporters who helped make the day special for the Meadow Brook residents. More than a car show, it was an afternoon of sunshine, laughter and shared memories—and a wonderful example of community coming together.

