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**HISTORIC DOWNTOWN SUFFOLK SET TO “SHAKE RATTLE & ROLL”
with a spring car show in tribute to the ol’ Suffolk Raceway**

SUFFOLK, VA (May 3, 2011): For the third year, historic downtown Suffolk will showcase classic autos of yesteryear when a Main Street car show honors the racers, records and fans of the ol’ quarter-mile concrete tract that formerly operated at Suffolk Airport. Produced by the Suffolk Tourism, the Saturday, May 21, event is free and open to the public and will highlight pre-1975 vehicles, exhibits from the former raceway in a “Bill Gwyn Tribute Tent,” special guest Brian Hankins and live music by *FAB*. Main Street eateries will be open for sidewalk service and additional food and other vendors will be on site. Children (age 6 and under) can try pedal-car racing down Main Street, and children of all ages can shake, rattle and roll in hula-hoop contests at the event stage.

The Shake, Rattle & Roll car show has been “Jack Approved” by Jack Redd, a renowned drag racing news columnist. It is a very appropriate endorsement, as the very first “JA” drag meet took place at Suffolk Raceway in 1967 under the ownership of Hank Hankins.

The car show begins at 8 a.m. with awards presented at 2 p.m. on the event stage at Main and Market Streets. Main Street between Washington Street and Finney Avenue will be closed to through traffic from 6 a.m. through late afternoon. One block of Market Street and one block of Bank Street, both adjacent to Main Street, also will be closed to traffic. The event will conclude at 3 p.m. The host hotel is the riverfront Hilton Garden Inn at Constant’s Wharf.

For sponsor and vendor opportunities, contact Kevin Sary at 757.514.4133. For general information, contact the Suffolk Visitor Center at 757.514.4130. The Suffolk Visitor Center is located at 524 N. Main Street in the historic Nansemond County Courthouse. Open daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Suffolk-Fun.com

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