

# **TSDAC's "Music Is The Best Medicine" Event Planned For May 18**

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MATAMORAS, PA - For the third consecutive year, the Tri State Disabilities Awareness Council will host its popular "Music Is The Best Medicine" festival, car show and health fair at the Matamoras, Pa. based Airport Park. This year's event is set for Sunday afternoon, May 18 from noon through 5 p.m. rain or shine.

The day long affair is organized each year to benefit the TSDAC Scholarship/Awareness Fund and to enjoy and appreciate life through music while generating funds for individuals with disabilities. Admission is by donation, and all proceeds go directly to help those in need - graduating seniors with disabilities from Port Jervis, Delaware Valley (Milford) and Eldred School Districts looking to continue their education.

With two years under her belt, event organizer Sherri Barnes again has a fun-filled day in the works, and a great amount of participation is expected.. "Our event provides families the opportunity to experience a fun-filled get-together where everyone's difficulties can be set aside for the day, maybe even forgotten for a few minutes."

Popular auto racing announcer John McGill will work the microphone for the day's events, with music being provided by Vagabond Circus, the Carl Richards Band and several others. Those in attendance can expect to see a mammoth display of street rods, stock cars, speedway displays, legend cars, vintage Modifieds, the classics of the Country Cruisers Car Club, antique farm equipment and custom painted Harley Davidson motorcycles.

The New York State Police Department will bring along "The Convincer" while Smokey Bear and the American Red Cross will also be on hand promoting their causes. Buster Jackson's Super Comp dragster will also be an eye-catcher for children and adults.

"I am lucky to have a brother (Frank) that is part of a terrific band, and they are very supportive as is my husband, Joe," Barnes added. "Many other talented, generous friends have agreed to participate as well."

The Matamoras (Pa.) Fire Department will be on hand with a concession serving food and beverages at minimal prices all day long.

For Barnes, the day represents and opportunity for those who are able to give back to the less fortunate. "I believe that people are more than willing to help if they know how. Our purpose is to bridge the gap between people with disabilities and those that can help. At this point we need financial help to help those looking to continue their education."

She concluded, "We encourage everyone to take a few minutes that day to join us and enjoy life."

The Airport Park is located off I-84 exit 53 on 7th Street in Matamoras, Pennsylvania, just across the New York State line. For more information, contact Sherri Barnes by phone at (845) 557-6274 or via e-mail at [smash55@frontiernet.net](mailto:smash55@frontiernet.net). Her mailing address is P.O. Box 15 Yulan, NY 12972.