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TRAINS, 'PLANES & AUTOMOBILES

Kansas + Oklahoma folks just love to get together!

Known far and wide for their friendly and welcoming character, Kansas and Oklahoma folks like nothing better than getting together - and from Spring through Fall the heartland states abound with town and county fairs and festivals, family rodeos, shows and pow wows -almost always with an open invitation to visitors to join in the fun and get to know the locals.

The American love affair with the automobile - known and recognised worldwide - is no more evident than in Oklahoma, home to the longest driveable section of the legendary Route 66 and several intriguing exhibits. As well as visiting the Route 66 Museums in Elk City and Clinton, and the wonderful Interpretive Center in Chandler - perhaps fortified by lunch at the one-and-only Lucille's Diner - visitors who seek out the Seaba Station motorcycle museum in Warwick, OK have a treat in store. Lovingly restored by its owners, this old gas station is now home to some superb classic motorcycles and artefacts.

And Kansans, too, adore their cars - as the annual get together of the Lake Garnett Cruisers in Garnett, KS exemplifies. In the first week of August, car lovers and their families are encouraged to bring their favourite vehicle - classic automobile or motorcycle - to the Town Square for a Saturday night display, music and food - and as its name suggests, the 'Rolling Can-U-Cruise' includes a drive-around parade - 'circling the square', so to speak.

Visitors will find car-lovers' events like this one throughout the heartland states, and of course, hotels in Kansas and Oklahoma extend a warm welcome to their drive-in clients.

One property, though, takes its hospitality to travellers a stage further. The Beaumont Hotel, KS actually has a grass landing strip, where airplanes taxi down a side street and park in their own parking lot outside the property. On every second Saturday during the summer months, the hotel offers a 'pilots' fly-in', with music and food to welcome the intrepid aviators and their friends and families.

Back to earth in Oklahoma City, the state's railways and their rich history are celebrated at the Oklahoma Railway Museum, which has restored locomotives, passenger cars, cabooses and an authentic 19th century depot to show off. From Spring through August, regular locomotive rides are available and in September - especially for kids (of all ages) -rides on Thomas the Tank Engine are a feature of the Museum's activities.

No matter the favourite pastime, hobby or interest of the visitor to Kansas and Oklahoma it's likely that - at some time during the year - there will be a festival or show to look out for, a warm welcome to be enjoyed and new friendships to be forged.

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for more on Garnett, visit www.lakegarnettcruisers.com -
and on Beaumont, visit www.hotelbeaumontks.com
for more on Oklahoma City, visit www.visitokc.com
and on Oklahoma Railway Museum, visit www.oklahomarailwaymuseum.org

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