

Sandhills Motoring Festival Invitation – Pagodas in the Pines

The Pagoda SL Group has been invited to join the Sandhills Motoring Festival May 26-28th 2023 in Pinehurst, North Carolina. The festival is a weekend-long event featuring a Block Party, Cars & Coffee, Road Rally, Backroads Pottery Tour, Hangar Party, Gala Dinner, and culminates with the Sunday Concours in the Village. Events take place in and around the charming golf course community of Pinehurst, NC.

While **not** an officially sponsored Pagoda SL Group event, we have been asked to attract 30 Pagodas to the event to participate in activities along with MBCA, Porsche, BMW, Ferrari, and other car clubs. The Sandhills Motoring Festival has its own organizing committee and online registration process. We will be closely aligned with the Mercedes-Benz Car Club of America's local Triangle Section, and have joint activities planned with them. They have participated at Sandhills in the past and are well organized. We are looking to have 20 Pagodas on display with 8-10 for judging. We will have our own designated display area in the shady pines off the Village Square – “**Pagodas in Pines**”

Registration: All participants must register online in advance of registration deadline. Registration will be through the Sandhills Motoring Festival website: <https://www.sandhillsmotoringfestival.com/>

Events and activities are a la carte, so you may pick and choose what you would like to participate in. If you would like to participate in all events, please feel free to do so.

If you would like to participate in the Sunday Concours in the Village, you must fill out the Concours application on the SMF Website. There is a dedicated Pagoda class if you would like your car to be judged in the main event.
<https://www.sandhillsmotoringfestival.com/smf-concours/>

*When registering on the Sandhills Motoring Festival website, please make sure to indicate in the comments section that you are with the **Pagoda Group**.*

The SMF events fill up very quickly, please be sure to register as soon as possible!

Lodging:

For all Pagoda SL Group Members, we have special discounted room rate at the Hampton Inn in Aberdeen, NC. You will have to make your own hotel reservations by calling the Aberdeen Hampton Inn and let them know you are with the Pagoda Group; rooms are \$159 per night.

[Pagoda Club - Hampton Inn & Suites Southern Pines-Pinehurst \(hilton.com\)](https://www.hilton.com/en/hotels/abernhampton-hampton-inn-berlin-va/)

All attendees may call 910-693-4330 if preferred to book via phone, let them know you are with the Pagoda Group.

Suggested Agenda for the Pagoda SL Group:

Friday, May 26th

Casual Pagoda welcome at our host hotel in the afternoon, followed by welcoming of all participants with an outdoor barbeque from 5-8 pm featuring food, live band, drinks and viewing of a multimillion-dollar private car collection in downtown Pinehurst. <https://www.sandhillsmotoringfestival.com/product/friday-block-party/>

Saturday May 27th

Morning - Three optional activities: Cars & Coffee at the local Moore County Airport, second is a studio tour of master potter Ben Owen's pottery facility, along with lunch. Ben Owen is a distinguished ceramic artist. This area of North Carolina features the "Pottery Highway" and is known as an artistic center for pottery. Third option is the SMF road rally; you must have a driver and navigator to participate in the road rally. Here are the links:

<https://www.sandhillsmotoringfestival.com/product/saturday-cars-and-coffee/>

<https://www.sandhillsmotoringfestival.com/product/saturday-road-rally/>

<https://www.sandhillsmotoringfestival.com/product/saturday-backroads-pottery-tour/>

Evening – Two dinner options:

- 1) Dinner at the Ironwood Café – This is the preferred dinner option for Pagoda SL Group.

<https://www.motorsportreg.com/events/mbca-triangle-ironwood-cafe-dinner-smf-297733>

- 2) Dinner at Sandhills Hangar party.

<https://www.sandhillsmotoringfestival.com/product/saturday-hangar-party/>

Sunday May 28th

Concours in the Village car show and concours judging. We would like to have 20 Pagodas on display and 8-10 for judging. We'll be in our own designated area very close to the center of town, just off the village square. We're calling the display area the "Pagodas in the Pines".

<https://www.sandhillsmotoringfestival.com/smf-concours/>

There is also a Gala Dinner to wrap up the SMF weekend of events:

<https://www.sandhillsmotoringfestival.com/product/sunday-smf-gala-dinner/>

We'll both be there along with others! We'd love to see you too--if you have any questions, contact either:

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As we receive it, any more information will follow