

# ► **CARS:** *Event expected to draw out-of-state residents*

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vintage vehicles, while participating in raffle drawings.

“So many people attending this show know each other from past shows, and it’s almost like one big family get together,” she said. “We know of folks coming from Arizona and California. It’s going to be a lot of fun.”

Anyone interested in displaying a car can call 873-6576. All exhibitors receive goodie bags worth \$100, along with two lunch tickets. The show is free and open to the public.

## **WHAT IS PARKINSON'S DISEASE?**

Parkinson's disease is a brain disorder. It occurs when certain nerve cells (neurons) in a part of the brain become impaired. Normally, these cells produce a vital chemical known as dopamine. Dopamine allows smooth, coordinated function of the body's muscles and movement. When approximately 80 percent of the dopamine-producing cells are damaged, the symptoms of

Parkinson's disease appear.

The key signs of the disease are tremors or shaking, slowness of movement, rigidity and stiffness, and difficulty with balance. It affects both men and women in almost equal numbers and shows no social, ethnic, economic or geographic boundaries. In the United States, it is estimated that 60,000 new cases are diagnosed each year, joining the one million who currently have the disease. While the condition usually develops after the age of 65, 15

percent of those diagnosed are under 50.

There are a number of effective medicines that help ease the symptoms by replacing or mimicking dopamine, which improves the tremor, rigidity and slowness. People suspected of having Parkinson's should seek the care of a neurologist who specializes in the disease.

For more information, contact the American Parkinson Disease Association in Las Vegas at 464-3132 or visit [www.apdaparkinson.org](http://www.apdaparkinson.org)