

Tom Joyce Automotive's Port Charlotte Car Show Returns on October 24th, Raising Funds for PCHS Pirates Football

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PORT CHARLOTTE, FL, UNITED STATES, August 11, 2026 /EINPresswire.com/ -- [Tom Joyce Automotive](#), a family-owned auto repair, sales, and rental business serving Charlotte County since 1993, today announced its annual Port Charlotte car show will return on Saturday, October 24, 2026, with proceeds benefiting the Pirates Football Legacy Club, the nonprofit supporting Port Charlotte High School's football program. The event, backed by several community sponsors, is expected to feature more than 200 vehicles spanning categories from pre-1950 classics to modern electric vehicles, lifted trucks, and Jeeps.

The [Tom Joyce Annual Car Show](#) has grown into one of Charlotte County's most anticipated automotive gatherings, combining a juried car show with live music, food trucks, and family-friendly activities. What started as a modest neighborhood gathering has expanded each year, drawing car owners and enthusiasts from across Southwest Florida, with this year's proceeds supporting the



Tom Joyce Automotive logo



Annual Car Show

Pirates Football Legacy Club.

What Do Car Show Entrants Receive for Their \$20 Entry Fee?

Entrants who register a vehicle for \$20 receive a free comprehensive digital inspection of their car, along with 10 percent off any service needed within 90 days of the show. Spectators attend at no cost. Registration proceeds, along with a spectator raffle held throughout the day, will support the Pirates Football Legacy Club.



Classic Car

"This show has always been about bringing the community together around something we love, cars," said a Tom Joyce Automotive representative. "This year, we're proud that the entry fees and raffle proceeds are going toward something bigger than the show itself, supporting the Pirates Football Legacy Club and the kids on the field at Port Charlotte High School."

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Adding a free inspection for every entrant felt like a natural way to give people something they can actually use, on top of a good cause.

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*Tom Joyce Automotive
spokesperson*

The digital inspection mirrors the process Tom Joyce Automotive uses in its shop daily: a full visual and diagnostic check covering brakes, fluids, belts, battery health, tires, and other key systems, with a detailed report delivered to the owner. For entrants, many of whom maintain older or specialty vehicles, the inspection offers a documented health check they can use long after the trophies are handed out.

A Day Built Around Community, Craftsmanship, and Giving Back

The car show will feature judged classes organized by decade, from pre-1950 vehicles through 2020s models, along with specialty categories including Classic Trucks, Lifted Trucks, Jeeps, Electric Vehicles, and a "Tom's Choice" award chosen by the shop's ownership. Trophies and awards will be presented following judging, and the day will include a DJ, food trucks, and activities for families.

Local sponsors are supporting this year's expanded event, and organizers say attendance has increased steadily each year, with hundreds of car enthusiasts and families expected at the 2026 show, from longtime classic car collectors to younger enthusiasts showing off modified daily drivers.

A Raffle That Rewards Both Spectators and the Community

Beyond vehicle registration, the car show also runs a spectator raffle throughout the day, giving attendees who aren't entering a car another way to take part. Half of all raffle ticket proceeds go directly to the Pirates Football Legacy Club, while the other half goes to the raffle winner. Last year's winner took home a \$700 prize and chose to donate the full amount back to the football program, a gesture organizers say reflects the spirit of the event.

Why a Free Inspection Matters for Car Owners

Regular inspections catch small mechanical issues before they become costly repairs, particularly in Florida's heat and humidity, which place added strain on batteries, belts, and air conditioning systems. By pairing a car show built around vehicle pride with a genuine diagnostic service and a charitable cause, Tom Joyce Automotive is aiming to give the Port Charlotte car show community lasting value well beyond a single afternoon.

Vehicle owners interested in following up on inspection results, or who need routine maintenance before or after the show, can [schedule a service appointment](#) directly with the shop's certified technicians.

Event Details

What: Tom Joyce Annual Car Show, benefiting the Pirates Football Legacy Club (Port Charlotte High School football)

When: Saturday, October 24, 2026 from 9am-1pm

Where: Port Charlotte, Florida (venue details available on the event page)

Cost: \$20 per vehicle entry (includes free digital inspection and 10% off future service within 90 days); free for spectators, with an optional raffle benefiting the Pirates Football Legacy Club

Categories: Nine decade-based classes plus Classic Trucks, Lifted Trucks, Jeeps, Electric Vehicles, and Tom's Choice

How to Participate

Car owners who want to register a vehicle can do so ahead of the event through Tom Joyce Automotive's website or by contacting the shop directly. Spectators do not need to register in advance and can simply attend on the day of the show.

About Tom Joyce Automotive

Founded in 1993, Tom Joyce Automotive is a family-owned auto repair, sales, and rental business based in Port Charlotte, Florida. Known locally for its transparent, no-pressure approach to service, the company has built a reputation for honest pricing and long-term customer relationships across Charlotte County. The Port Charlotte car show is one of the company's most visible community events, bringing together local car owners, enthusiasts, and families each year while supporting causes like the Pirates Football Legacy Club.

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