

Join the Chincoteague Kiwanis Club for...

A CELEBRATION BRIDGED BY HALF A CENTURY

"BRIDGING THE PAST AND THE FUTURE"



THE ASSATEAGUE CHANNEL BRIDGE
Celebrating 50 Years • 1962 - 2012

Saturday, September 29, 2012

10am to 4pm

- 10am-Noon: Ceremonial parade over the Bridge - from Maddox Blvd traffic circle to Refuge Visitor Center
- Noon-4pm: A fun-filled, community celebration at the Chincoteague Refuge Visitor Center, to include:
 - Historic Cars
 - 60s Era Games and Family Activities
 - Live Animal Presentations
 - Nostalgic Photo Slide Show
 - Sock Hop! set to the classic songs of the 60s
 - Free food and ice cream
- Free Refuge entrance
- Free Assateague Lighthouse climbs

NOTE: Entry and exit from Refuge blocked from 10am-noon

For more information, contact Susie Besecker at 757-894-0939.

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CELEBRATING 50 YEARS: CHINCOTEAGUE-ASSATEAGUE BRIDGE CELEBRATION – SEPTEMBER 29

Chincoteague Island, VA -- For five decades, the bridge between Chincoteague and Assateague Islands has provided millions of visitors with easy access to the natural splendors of Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge and the Virginia beaches of Assateague Island National Seashore. For one day in September, you're invited to join the Kiwanis Club of Chincoteague and the Chincoteague Island community in celebrating the bridge and its connection of these two magnificent islands! On Saturday, September 29, 2012, from 10am to 4pm, the public is invited to participate in a celebration of the Chincoteague-Assateague Bridge's 50th anniversary.

The celebration will kick-off with a ceremonial and festive parade over the Bridge, to include music, antique vehicles, local and community groups, Armed Service members, the Posting of the Colors, the National Anthem, and more! The parade will end at the Herbert H. Bateman Educational Center, but the fun will have just begun!

The historic cars and many of the parade's personalities will be set up for public enjoyment in the Bateman Center's parking lot, along with free food and ice cream, a nostalgic slide show, and plenty of children and family games and activities, like face painting and hula hooping! Enjoy live animal presentations, including a pony show from the Pony Center's Drill Team, "touch tanks" and displays from the National Park Service and Marine Science Consortium. A 60s sock hop will close out the day, with everyone dancing and twisting the afternoon away!

The Bateman Center, managed by the US Fish and Wildlife Service, will be open from 9am to 5pm, offering a variety of displays about the history of Assateague Island, plants and animals found on the Refuge, and child-friendly interactive exhibits. Entry into the Refuge on September 29th will be free of charge, as well as climbs to the top of the historic Assateague Lighthouse.

Community members who were present at the dedication event in 1962 are asked to contact Susie Besecker at 757-894-0939. Additionally, the Kiwanis are seeking related documents and photos of the bridge, its construction/replacement, and the dedication event; to assist, please contact Kiwanis Member Tom Lust at 336-6579 or 757-894-1617.