

Rochelle gearing up for Transportation Festival

Rochelle has been known for many years as the "Hub City" for the major highways and railroads that run through it, which create a hub of transportation. Because of this long history, the Rochelle Area Chamber of Commerce and Rochelle Tourism and Visitor's Association have teamed up to create the first ever Rochelle Transportation Festival, which will be held in Rochelle June 28 and 29!

Several events are planned for the weekend which will showcase various forms of transportation. There will be several activities taking place at the Rochelle Railroad Park at 124 N. 9th Street, one of which will include motor rail car rides. The Rochelle Railroad Park is a great place to visit and view the more than 80 trains which pass over the "Diamond" in a 24 hour period. The Rochelle Railroad Park activities will take place both days from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Another event during the weekend

will be taking place at the Rochelle - Flagg Township Museum on the corner of 4th Avenue and 6th Street, just off Lincoln Highway. Fun activities are planned and it will be a great opportunity to tour the museum, which displays an array of local historical items, including a Partin-Palmer automobile built in Rochelle! The museum will be open from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. both days.

The Hub City Cruiser's Car Show and Shine will also be taking place just off Lincoln Highway on Cherry Avenue. This has been an annual event for a few years now, and draws car owners and enthusiasts from the entire area! The Car Show and Shine will take place on Sunday, June 29 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The Lincoln Highway is the first transcontinental highway in the United States and runs directly through the heart of Rochelle. The Lincoln Highway in Illinois is a designated National Scenic Byway, and has been a major

part of the history and development of Rochelle, and one reason why Rochelle is known as the "Hub City." Along the Lincoln Highway in Downtown Rochelle you should visit the 1918 Standard Oil Filling Station at 500 Lincoln Avenue, and the Firehouse Museum behind the Fire Department on 5th Avenue, which is the home of "Gertie," a 1924 fire engine. You can also view one of the Illinois Lincoln Highway murals, which depicts Emily Post's visit to Rochelle, on the corner of Lincoln Highway and 5th Avenue on the Hub City Furniture building.

Yet another event happening during the weekend is the 4th Annual Rochelle Regatta. This is an exciting event which showcases APBA Power Boat Racing on Lake Sule in Rochelle. From the stock outboard racing to the screaming engines of the modified class, the whole family will enjoy this event! The Rochelle Regatta will take place both days from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.