

Monday 6/21/10

P R E S S R E L E A S E

**PANA TO HOST
ILLINOIS STATE CLASSIC BICYCLE**

CHAMPIONSHIP

The Illinois State Classic Champion Bicycle will be awarded at the 10 Tenth Annual Antique-Classic Bicycle Show and Swap Meet. This year's event will be held in Pana's Historic Kitchell Park in the Chautauqua Pavilion on Saturday, June 26, 2010. Registration will begin at 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 am with awards at approximately 3:00 p.m. With early entries already in, the show is expected to fill the 11,000 sq. ft. pavilion.

The Illinois State Classic Champion Bike will receive the "2010 State Champion Trophy" and \$150.00 as well as entry fee into the 2011 Ann Arbor, Michigan National Swap Meet. The Runner-up State Champion will receive \$100.00. The National status of the Pana Show is expected to draw some of the finest classic bicycles in the Country.

The balance of the 12 Bicycle classes include Best Original Classic, Best Classic Restoration, Best Early Classic, Best 30's, 40's, 50's, 60's and 70's Classics, Best Muscle Bike, Best Classic Pair, Best Juvenile Classic, and Best Lady's Classic. Awards will be given in all classes. Entries in all classes can be made in all classes until 11:30 a.m. the day of the event. The Event is an Illinois Chautauqua Series Event.

Bicyclists are reminded that they can ride the paved Taylorville to Pana, 15 mile, Lincoln Prairie Bike Trail and take in the Bike Show. Concessions will be available at the show. Many of those who display at the show will also have collector bikes, as well as, good new and used every day bikes for sale. Also the same day in Kitchell Park is the Pana Open Car Show.

The event is coordinated by the Pana Chamber of Commerce and is promoted as a "Free – Family Event" as admission is free. Large crowds are expected as Bicycle entries from last year came from 7 States and are expected to return. Bicycle enthusiasts of all ages are invited to "bring their lawn chairs" and enjoy the shade and the events of the day. For more information call the event Chairman Eldon Hammond at 217 562-4444 or the Pana Chamber of Commerce at 217-562-4240.