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FAIR TICKETS ON SALE FOR DESTRUCTION DERBY AND BULL RIDING

TULARE – Tickets go on sale tomorrow at the Tulare County Fair Administration Office and online for two of the most anticipated events of the 2008 Tulare County Fair — the 12th Annual Leland Fried Memorial Car Destruction Derby and the Tulare Open Championship Bull Riding, presented by Tachi Palace.

Tickets for the Destruction Derby, which is scheduled to take place at 6 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 14, are \$25 for box seats and \$15 for general admission. During the event, the driver of the last car running is declared the winner and awarded \$5,000. Tickets sell out annually to a crowd of more than 4,000 people. Tickets are available online at tularefair.org or at the fair Administration Office, 215 Martin Luther King Jr. Ave., in Tulare.

Tickets for the first Tulare Open Championship Bull Riding, presented by Tachi Palace, set for 8 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 13 also go on sale. Gates for the event open at 6:30 p.m. and tickets are \$10 for general admission and \$15 for reserved box seats. Tickets are available online at tularefair.org or at the fair Administration Office, 215 Martin Luther King Jr. Ave., in Tulare.

The Tulare County fair is currently in search of contestants to enter both events.

Bull riders who believe they have what it takes to hang eight seconds on some of the fiercest bulls around, some of which are used regularly for Professional Bull Riders events, should call (760) 953-2152. The cost to enter is \$100 and \$4,000 in prize money is available. Twenty contestants will be allowed to ride in the professional and amateur event consisting of two rounds. All contestants will ride in the first round, but only the top five riders will compete for the top prize.

The Tulare County Fair is also in search of drivers who are fearless behind the wheel to enter the Destruction Derby. Those looking to enter the event can pick up applications at the Fair Administration Office or print out an entry form online at tularefair.org. Josh Babb of Fresno was the winner of the 2007 Tulare County Car Destruction Derby.

The destruction derby is open to any U.S. hard top model stock car that has never been entered in the derby before. Participants must submit a \$75 entry fee for the car and

driver, an entry form and make sure their cars are in compliance with a list of car rules. Pit passes for pit crewmembers are \$25 each. No children under 16 years old will be allowed in the pit area. Drivers must be at least 16 years old and drivers under the age of 18 must have a parent or legal guardian complete a release of liability.

Tulare County residents will begin “Dancing with the Steers” Sept. 10-14 at the 2008 Tulare County Fair. Fair hours are 11 a.m.-midnight on Wednesday, Sept. 10; 4 p.m.-midnight on Thursday, Sept. 11 and 12 p.m.-midnight on all other days. Admission is \$7 for adults, \$4 for children age 6-12 and ages 62 and older. Children ages 5 and younger are admitted for free. Tickets for general fair admission, unlimited ride fair wristband tickets, the Destruction Derby and the Tulare Open Championship Bull Riding, presented by Tachi Palace can be purchased online at tularefair.org. Entertainment with general admission will include free concerts, exhibits and on Friday, Sept. 12, performances by freestyle Motocross riders of the 2008 Boost Mobile FreestyleMx.com Tour. For more information on the 2008 Tulare County Fair, call 686-4707, visit tularefair.org or stop by the fair Administration Office at 215 Martin Luther King Jr. Ave. in Tulare.