

### CEO's Message



"Smile and say cheese" is a phrase floating around the Fair these days, and for good reason. Our Youth Expo theme art says "Smile" with an image of young teens grinning for the camera.

I love this theme for several reasons - it's universal and spirited, but mainly it reminds me of all the memories I have of this wonderful place and the smiles I've seen on so many faces as they enjoy everything our facility has to offer. It's fitting, too, because it's these smiles and memories I'll cherish when I celebrate my last Fair as CEO this summer.

I've been with the OC Fair & Event Center full time for 21 years and have witnessed firsthand the strides we've made in becoming a remarkable force in the community. As CEO for the last 15 years, I had the joy of being part of the first Youth Expo, the groundbreaking for Centennial

Farm and Millennium Barn, and the launch of the Ranch After School Program. I've also seen the Fair transform from a week long celebration to a 21 day festival that is one of Orange County's most eagerly awaited annual events.

I have been so fortunate to be a part of the many changes our facility has undertaken as part of our Master Plan, which has included the reopening of the Pacific Amphitheatre, the removal of old buildings and the creation of new facilities.

I'm so proud of this organization, its positive influence and ongoing stewardship in the Orange County community and beyond. I want to say thank you to the surrounding community for supporting us and our goals to provide educational, entertainment and recreational opportunities for the general public and to preserve the heritage of California agriculture through Centennial Farm and its programs.

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OC Fair & Event Center

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### Scottish Festival Returns To OC FEC

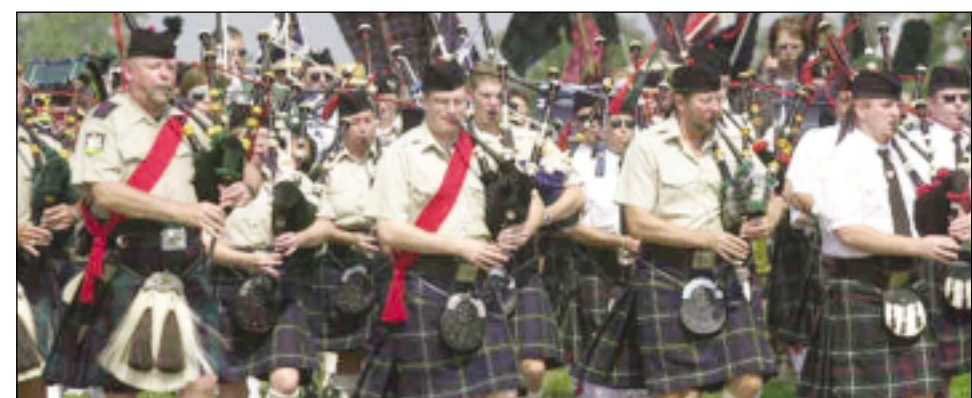
The bagpipes will be blaring and the heels will be kicking with the return of the 76th annual Highland Games on May 24-25.

Hosted by the United Scottish Society (USS) of Southern California, the annual event returns to the OC Fair & Event Center with two days of dancing, music, entertainment, food and other highlights of the Scottish and Celtic cultures.

"The upgrades that have been made and those that are planned make the facility a great fit for our event," Tom Reoch of the USS said about the event's return to OC FEC.

Improvements on the layout of the grounds, updating of landscaping and upgrading of facilities were a few of the specific reasons USS listed on their choice to return.

For their return to Orange County, the Highland Games will have the only Grade I (Professional) Pipe Band contest in Southern California, which will have a premier pipe band from Canada vying for



the top award. There will also be a children's pipe band from Canada, the Robert Malcolm Memorial.

Ultimately, there will be over 20 pipe bands coming together for the Memorial Day weekend event to make up the largest pipe band contest and mass band performance in Southern California.

As a tribute to the Memorial Day holiday and the men and women in the armed forces, the USS is offering free admission

to any military personnel dressed in uniform and with a valid military ID.

Event hours are 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

Pre-sale admission varies from \$3-\$22 and admission at the gates varies from \$3-\$25. One- or two-day passes are available. Children 4 and under are free both days. Pre-sale admission is only available through Ticketmaster.

**Say Cheese, continued from page 1** and engaging play designed to teach children and their families about global warming.

On the Main Mall Stage, a variety of bands will offer tributes to some of the most adored bands in music history. The 21-day lineup includes Good Deal, Natusol, Atomic Punks, Springsteen, Barela, Hotel

California, and Parrot Head Band.

Another exciting year in the Pacific Amphitheatre is also shaping up. The full lineup should be announced by June.

Visit ocfair.com for the latest updates on 2008 Fair programming.

The 2008 OC Fair is July 11-August 3. Fair hours are Tuesday-Friday, noon to

midnight; Saturday and Sunday, 10 a.m. to midnight. The Fair is closed on Mondays, July 14, 20, and 27. 2008 Fair admission is \$9 for adults, \$7 for seniors (60+), \$5 for children (6-12), and children 5 and under are free. A variety of special admission days are listed on-line at ocfair.com.

**2008 Youth Expo**  
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**Downey Savings**  
 The Friendlier, Easier Place to Bank  
 downeysavings.com  
 ocfair.com/ye08

**The 2008 OC Fair Competition and Livestock Guides are available online.**  
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**Click the 2008 OC Fair logo.**

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### Did You Know?

**2008 OC Fair tickets are now onsale.**

## SAY CHEESE! - OC FAIR BACK IN A FLASH

In a flash, the 2008 OC Fair will be here asking fairgoers to "Say Cheese!" as it salutes the cheese industry and the art of photography, July 11-August 3.

For the "cheesy" side of this year, coordinators have commissioned the wildly popular Sandscapes to design and build a large sand sculpture saluting cheese. Although visitors have enjoyed awe-inspiring sand creations before, this year's spectacular will have a Fair-first with kinetic elements - moving parts.

And of course there will be a number of ways guests can enjoy the many tasty sides of cheese with deep-fried cheese balls, cheese quesadillas, mozzarella sticks, and more ooey-goey creations.

Fair attendees can also "Say Cheese" at a number of exhibits dedicated to the diverse world of photography. The Orange County Animation Project, an Orange County Department of Education program, will showcase some of the best young animators in Southern California. Camera Obscura will offer fairgoers a live panoramic bird's eye-view of the local area and information about the basic principles of light and mirrors. And as always, photographers can put up their best to be judged in the various Visual Arts competitions.

For entertainment, patrons can enjoy the expected variety of shows in the Grandstand



Arena along with some new exciting offerings for 2008. Opening weekend will be dedicated to skatergirls and boys with the first-ever Maloof Money Cup, a three-day competition featuring the largest purse in skateboarding history. Other new events booked in the Arena include the H2X watercross exposition and the Freestyle BMX Triple Jump. Arena favorites returning this year include Lucha Libre (July 15-17), motocross (July 19), "Orange Crush" Demolition Derby (July 20), and bullriding events (Aug. 1-3).

A new feel for the free-with-

admission entertainment will also be felt outside the Arena gates. Hypnotist Mark Yuzuik, the All-Alaskan Racing Pigs, the Peking Acrobats and the lovable All Creatures Great and Small Petting Zoo return with a growing list of new and interesting entertainment.

The Plaza Arts Stage will be booming with the sounds of TAIKOPROJECT, a contemporary twist to the tradition and rich history of taiko drumming. On the Fun Zone Stage, the OC Fair teams up with the South Coast Repertory to house "You're Getting Warmer," an educational

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# April, May & June 2008

## Weekly Events



**GIANT PAINTBALL PARK**  
 Thursday & Friday, 4 p.m.-10 p.m.  
 Saturday, 8 a.m.-10 p.m.  
 Sunday, 8 a.m.-7 p.m.  
 Admission: \$25.  
 Grandstand Arena  
 giantpaintball.com  
 (949) 489-9000



**ORANGE COUNTY MARKET PLACE**  
 Saturday & Sunday, 7 a.m.-4 p.m.  
 Main Parking Lot.  
 Admission: adults \$2,  
 children under 12 free.  
 Tel Phil Enterprises  
 (949) 723-6660  
 ocmarketplace.com



**FARMERS MARKET**  
 Thursday, 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m.  
 Main Parking Lot.  
 Orange County Farm Bureau  
 (714) 573-0374  
 orange.cfbf.com



**CENTENNIAL FARM**  
 Monday - Friday, 1 p.m.-4 p.m.; Saturday &  
 Sunday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.  
 Admission: free.  
 (714) 708-1916  
 During all-ground events, admission  
 may be required. Visit ocfair.com  
 for more information.



**COSTA MESA SPEEDWAY**  
 Saturdays, May 10, 17, 31, June 7, 21 & 28.  
 Gates open 6 p.m., first race 6:30 p.m.  
 Grandstand Arena.  
 Admission: adults \$15, juniors (13-17) & seniors (60 +)  
 \$10, children (3-12) \$5, children 2 & under admitted free.  
 Parking & Programs free.  
 Preferred Parking \$5.  
 Costa Mesa Speedway  
 (949) 492-9933  
 costamesaspeedway.net



## APRIL 2008

**5-6 ORANGE COUNTY REGISTER TRAVEL SHOW**  
 Saturday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.  
 Sunday, 11 a.m.-4:30 p.m.  
 Building 10.  
 Admission: adults \$10,  
 seniors (55+) \$8,  
 children under 12 free.  
 Orange County Register  
 ocregister.com



**5-6 MARINE AQUARIUM EXPO**  
 A premier indoor consumer tradeshow for the  
 marine aquarium industry.  
 Saturday, noon-8 p.m.  
 Sunday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.  
 Building 12 & The Courtyard.  
 Admission: adults \$10, seniors \$5,  
 children 12 & under admitted free.  
 marineaquariumexpo.com

**6 OC NATIONAL COLLEGE NIGHT**  
 Sunday, 1:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m.  
 Admission: free  
 Buildings 14, 16 & 17.  
 (703) 836-2222  
 nacacnet.org



**11-13 AMERICA'S FAMILY PET EXPO**  
 The world's largest pet and  
 pet product expo.  
 Friday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.  
 Saturday, 10 a.m.-7 p.m.  
 Sunday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.  
 All Grounds.  
 Admission: adults \$12, seniors  
 (60+) \$10, children (6-12) \$6,  
 5 & under admitted free.  
 World Wide Pet Industry Association, Inc.  
 (626) 447-2222  
 petexpooc.com



**25-27 2008 YOUTH EXPO**  
 Smile! and celebrate the talents of today's youth.  
 Friday, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.  
 Saturday & Sunday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.  
 Admission: free.  
 All Grounds.  
 OC Fair & Event Center  
 (714) 708-1500  
 ocfair.com/ye08



## MAY 2008

**2-4 32nd ANNUAL HOME REMODELING & DECORATING SHOW**  
 Friday, noon-8 p.m.  
 Saturday, 10 a.m.-8 p.m.  
 Sunday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.  
 Buildings 10 & 12.  
 Admission: adults \$6.75, seniors (55+) \$4,  
 children 12 and under admitted free.  
 N.E.C. Group, Inc.  
 (818) 557-2950  
 thehomeshow.com

**3 WEST COAST CUSTOM FISHING ROD SHOW**  
 Everything fishermen need or  
 need to know about  
 their most important tool.  
 Saturday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.  
 Building 17.  
 Admission: \$8 or \$6 when  
 purchased in advance.  
 westcoastcustomrodshow.com



**3-4 WAREHOUSE SALE**  
 Saturday & Sunday,  
 10 a.m.-4 p.m.  
 Building 14.  
 Admission: Saturday \$15 presale  
 or \$25 at the door; Sunday,  
 free with RSVP or \$5  
 at the door.  
 thewarehousesale.com



**16-18 EXTREME MOTORSPORTS EXPO**  
 Where the black top ends, the fun begins!  
 Friday, 5 p.m.-10 p.m.  
 Saturday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.  
 Sunday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.  
 All Grounds.  
 Admission: adults (13+) \$12,  
 juniors (7-12) \$5,  
 children 6 & under admitted free.  
 Extreme Motorsports Expo  
 (714) 336-4800  
 extrememotorsportsexpo.com



**24-25 SCOTTISH FESTIVAL 2008 Highland Games**  
 Saturday-Sunday, 9 a.m.-6 p.m.  
 All Grounds.  
 Presale Admission: adult \$15  
 (two-day pass \$22);  
 seniors, military & students \$13  
 (two-day pass \$19);  
 and children (5-12) \$3  
 (two-day pass \$4). Admission  
 (at the gate): adults  
 \$18 (two-day pass \$25); senior, military & students  
 \$16 (two-day pass \$22); and children (5-12) \$3  
 (two-day pass \$4). Children 4 and under admitted free.  
 unitedscottishsociety.com



## JUNE 2008

**1 BRIDAL WORLD EXPO**  
 Sunday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.  
 Building 12 & Parade  
 of Products.  
 Admission: adults \$10  
 and children under 12  
 admitted free.  
 Adcom Publishing  
 (714) 670-7800  
 brideworld.com



**1 CUSTOM CLASSIC CAR SHOW**  
 Sunday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.  
 Campground & Festival Fields.  
 Admission: \$20, children 8  
 and under admitted free.  
 Lay Low Entertainment  
 (408) 920-0997



**4 CALIFORNIA GROWN SHOW**  
 An exposition for plant and  
 flower growers in the  
 business of "Growing  
 California."  
 Wednesday, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.  
 Building 10  
 Admission: open to trade only.  
 (800) 748-6214 ext. 16  
 cangc.org



**7-8 CROSSROADS OF THE WEST GUN SHOW**  
 Saturday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.  
 Sunday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.  
 Buildings 10, 12, 14, 16,  
 Parade of Products & Main Mall.  
 Admission: adults \$12,  
 seniors \$11, children under 12  
 admitted free with adult.  
 B&L Productions  
 (801) 544-9125



**12-14 SUGAR PLUM FESTIVAL'S "ARTS & CRAFTS SHOW"**  
 Gifts to Warm the Heart...Accessories that  
 Make a Home! Come and enjoy a unique  
 shopping adventure.  
 Thursday & Friday, 9 a.m.-9 p.m.  
 Saturday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.  
 Building 10.  
 Admission: free.  
 Sugar Plum Festivals  
 (562) 598-0857  
 sugarplumfestivals.com  
 NO STROLLERS, BAGS,  
 CARTS OR WAGONS PLEASE.

