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State Fairgrounds Plays Host to New Events this Spring and Summer

State Fairgrounds -- More than 50 events will take place at the Minnesota State Fairgrounds during the spring and summer months, drawing close to 450,000 guests.

New this year, the State Fairgrounds hosts the Family Motor Coach Association's 80th International Convention, which runs July 14-17. Nearly 3,000 motorhomes will blanket the fairgrounds with families convening for concerts, seminars, meetings and activities. The event is open to the public, and is expected to draw up to 14,000 visitors daily, creating \$15-30 million in economic impact throughout the Twin Cities and greater Minnesota.

Other new events this spring and summer include: Minnesota's first-ever ElderCare Expo (May 9-10), which will bring together government agencies, nonprofits and private organizations to help find support and solutions for elder care challenges. The Vintage Clothing, Jewelry and Textile Show & Sale (June 27-28) will feature clothing, jewelry and textiles from 1880-1980. Finally, the Star of the North Antique Show runs June 27-29.

State Fairgrounds traditions including Minnesota Horse Expo, Living Green Expo, Minnesota Street Rod Association's Back to the '50s Weekend and Car Craft Summer Nationals will return.

For a complete list of spring and summer events, visit www.mnstatefair.org (click on "Events" and choose "Calendar" from the drop-down menu) or call (651) 288-4400.

The Minnesota State Fair is always 12 Days of Fun Ending Labor Day, leaving 353 days of opportunity to host other events. The fairgrounds' 320 acres of versatile space and 25 buildings make it the ideal location to host: corporate parties and meetings; sales and trade shows; sporting events; community functions; automobile, motorcycle and motorcoach assemblies; weddings; equestrian and livestock events; concerts; and festivals. The fairgrounds feature great rates, free parking, full-service catering and concessions, and labor and equipment. Visit www.mnstatefair.org (click on "Events" and choose "Facility Rental" from the drop-down menu) for more information.

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