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Ag Commissioner Gipson to Be at Cruisin' the Coast Ahead of the Mississippi State Fair

Jackson, Miss. – Just two days ahead of the 167th Mississippi State Fair, Ag Commissioner Andy Gipson is taking his original 1968 Chevrolet C-10 pickup truck to the Mississippi Gulf Coast in support of Cruisin' the Coast 2026.

Gipson's antique pickup truck, a "three speed on the column," has been a part of the Mississippi State Fair ribbon cutting and parade since 2018.

Following a road trip along Highway 90 for Cruisin' the Coast set for Tuesday, October 6, the truck will make its way back to Jackson for the official State Fair Ribbon Cutting later this week.

The Mississippi State Fair opens Thursday, October 8, at 11:00 a.m. with an official ribbon cutting for the America250 theme, "Let Freedom Ring." As part of the 2026 State Fair, veterans and active-duty military members are being honored daily during the festivities. The ribbon cutting will feature a flyover by the Mississippi National Guard. A fireworks show will take place on the evening of the opening day.

The Mississippi State Fair runs October 8 through October 18 at the Mississippi State Fairgrounds in Jackson. Find the complete schedule of events for the Mississippi State Fair at www.msstatefair.com. For additional information and updates, follow the Mississippi State Fair on Facebook, Instagram, and X.

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