

Old cars and great music at Blue

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PICKENS — The past will come to life on May 11 as rock 'n' roll stars Bobby Rydell and Jimmy Clanton take the stage at the 15th annual Blue Ridge Fest. Jim Quick and Coastline will round out the entertainment that night. A festival favorite, this high-energy group always brings the crowd to its feet with its own brand of



Rydell

music. Blue Ridge Electric Cooperative President and CEO Charles Dalton is excited about this year's line-up.

"We have some of the best musicians from the early '60s performing for Blue Ridge Fest. With hits like Rydell's 'Wild One' and Clanton's 'Just a Dream,' we're bringing some great music to the event," Dalton said.



Clanton

Along with great music, the largest cruise-in in the

Upstate will begin earlier in the day and welcomes more than 600 cars to the cooperative's Pickens office, 734 West Main St. Shined and polished, these classic autos will be on display throughout the evening.

Blue Ridge Fest has raised \$150,000 annually for local charities throughout the Upstate. This year's recipients are Anderson Interfaith Ministries, Harvest Hope Food Bank, Helping Hands of Clemson, Meals on Wheels-Anderson, Meals on Wheels-Pickens, Mountain

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Lakes Access Health, Oconee A.I.D. Association, Oconee Presbyterian Service Fund, Sabrina House Children's Charity, Safe Harbor, Samaritan Health Clinic of Pickens County, Sunbelt Human Advancement Resources and United Christian Ministries. During its 14-year history, Blue Ridge Fest has distributed more than \$1.2 million across a four-county area.

Tickets can be purchased in advance at any Blue Ridge office or online at www.blueridgefest.com.