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TCHS team to compete in Tour de Sol

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GREENFIELD, Mass. -- Trenton Central High School is one of dozens of entrants of hybrid, biofuel or experimental vehicles from across the country entered in this year's Tour de Sol, a car show and competition "driving toward zero carbon emissions."

The 18th annual Tour de Sol, organized by the Northeast Sustainable Energy Association (NESEA), will take place at New York's Saratoga Spa State Park Wednesday through Sunday. It will include a show for the public at the Saratoga Automobile Museum's Spring Auto Show on the park grounds May 13. The Tour de Sol will showcase vehicles that can save consumers money at the gas pump while reducing the country's dependence on foreign oil, reducing carbon emissions, and improving air quality.

The Tour de Sol offers four types of competitions with more than \$10,000 in prize money. Drivers of hybrids, modified hybrids and vehicles powered by biofuel are invited to participate in the Tour's Monte Carlo-style Drive-in Rally that will begin at various locations around the country. The Monte Carlo-style Drive-in Rally offers hybrid drivers an opportunity to earn trophies and showcase their vehicles and their fuel-efficient driving style.

To qualify for cash prizes, entrants must participate in the High Efficiency Competition Friday and drive the 200-mile course that runs from the Saratoga Spa State Park to Cooperstown, N.Y., and back.

Teams with one-of-a-kind or production vehicles that aim to reduce oil use and carbon emissions to zero are invited to enter the Tour de Sol Championship competition for highway-worthy vehicles or the Around-Town Vehicle Competition for electric bikes, scooters and neighborhood electric vehicles designed to revolutionize how people get around neighborhoods, cities and towns.

Trenton Central is entered to compete in the Tour's Tour de Sol Championship.

Middle and high school students can also enter the Junior Solar Sprint or H2Help competitions for model cars powered by sunlight or hydrogen fuel cells.

Information on the Tour de Sol is available online at (www.nesea.org) or (www.TourdeSol.org) or by calling (413) 774-6051.

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