



The annual Barrett-Jackson Collector Car Event in Scottsdale has inspired a number of Valley restaurants to feature auto-related specials. DAVID KADLUBOWSKI/THE REPUBLIC

As car-auction season begins, Valley eateries shift into gear

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So you've always wanted to see Scottsdale's Barrett-Jackson Collector Car Event. But between scoring tickets and battling the crowds, it's just never come to be.

This year, it's Sapporo Scottsdale to the rescue. During a "Dine and Drive In" promotion from 6 to 9 p.m. Monday, the Japanese restaurant will host an official kickoff to the Jan. 13-20 auction, where attendees can get a preview of classic cars. While the autos won't be the same as at the auction, organizers assure that the collector cars will be much like those being auctioned at Barrett-Jackson, on display from car clubs across Arizona.

To sweeten the evening, staffers from Barrett-Jackson will be on hand offering free tickets to the event, gift cards and other goodies.

As guests admire the autos, they can fill up on Sapporo's happy-hour favorites, with offerings influenced by a specialty-themed Barrett-Jackson signature menu. In celebration of the cars, the kitchen has created a Supercharged Sushi Roll with lobster, lemon, asparagus and tempura crab topped with big-eye tuna and spicy mayo (\$12); the Cruising Cougar Roll with seared yellowtail, crab mix, avocado, jalapeño, and garlic butter sauce (\$10); and Turbo-Charged Pad Thai Tacos with choice of seared sea bass or hoisin barbecue pork finished with Asian slaw, avocado and remoulade aioli (\$10).

The bar will be serving themed drinks, like the Clementine Coupe de

Ville of Hendricks gin, triple sec, simple syrup, sour, clementines and mint (\$9); and the NOS punch of orange, cranberry, Woodford bourbon, sour and spiced syrup (\$8).

Other Valley restaurants are getting into the fun, too, offering Barrett-Jackson-inspired menu specials. For example, the new Proof restaurant at the Four Seasons Resort Scottsdale at Troon North will offer happy-hour pricing on food and drink from 6 to 9 p.m. next Friday.

Diners heading over to the Living Room and the Sushi Room, two restaurants that share a strip mall in Chandler, can score food and drink specials from 6 to 9 p.m. Tuesday. Among them: Chevelle SS prime rib sliders and a GTO cocktail of vodka or gin, fresh cucumber, lime and soda.

In Peoria, Humble Pie is getting in gear from 6 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, serving bites like a GTO BLT and such drinks as the Mustang Sally jalapeño-infused vodka Bloody Mary.

Details: Sapporo Scottsdale, 14344 N. Scottsdale Road. 480-607-1114, sapporoscottsdale.com.

» Proof, 10600 E. Crescent Moon Drive (in Four Seasons Resort Scottsdale at Troon North). 480-513-5085, proofcanteen.com.

» The Living Room, 2475 W. Queen Creek Road, Chandler. 480-855-2848, livingroomwinebar.com.

» The Sushi Room, 2475 W. Queen Creek Road, Chandler. 480-821-9000, sushiroomaz.com.

» Humble Pie, 15703 N. 83rd Ave., Peoria. 623-334-2700, humblepieusa.com.