

There’s a lot to do here the next month

Labor Day Weekend at the Lake of the Ozarks typically signals the end of the summer season. Schools open, kids go back to school and we’re back in the routine.

Not so, this year.

COVID-19 delayed the start of the event season by about two months after the lake area virtually shut down from mid-March until early May. Now that it’s September, the lake-area will enjoy several consecutive weekends of events, with another first-time event slated for October.

There are many, many events impacting Lake Ozark and the rest of the lake. Just Google Events Lake of the Ozarks.

Here’s a glimpse of the lineup:

•Sept. 5-7 -- Labor Day weekend kicks off the month. The Strip in Lake Ozark will be buzzing with a variety of musical entertainment and things for the kids to do.

•Sept. 11-13 – It’s a double-header weekend featuring the Magic Dragon Street Meet Nationals (www.magicdragoncarshow.com) all three days, and the fourth Hot Summer Nights of the season (www.hotsummernightscruise.com) will help fill The Strip Friday, Sept. 11, with a special law enforcement and emergency response salute.

•Sept. 16-20 – Bikefest (www.lakebikefest.com). Motorcycle enthusiasts from all over the United States will be rumbling their way to Lake of the Ozarks for the 14th annual Lake of the Ozarks Bike-Fest! Even though the event is lake-wide, hundreds – if not thousands – of motorcycles will hang out on The Strip. Again, businesses will be open to accommodate bikers, visitors and residents.

•Sept. 25-27 – Lake of the Ozarks Marine Dealers Association Fall In-Water Boat Show at Captain Ron’s in Sunrise Beach. There will be more than 100

boats from lake-area marinas (including some from Lake Ozark) including new cruisers, performance boats, runabouts, personal watercraft and a good selection of quality pre-owned boats. www.lakeozark-boatdealers.com/

•Oct. 10 – The annual Harbor Hop, usually the second Saturday of October, has been cancelled this year because of concerns over COVID-19. However, the west side of the lake is picking up the slack with its Lucky 7 Poker Run at seven waterfront bars and restaurants. The promotion says seven stops over seven miles with seven bands from 11 a.m.-7 p.m. For details, go to <https://bit.ly/3lB330B>.

