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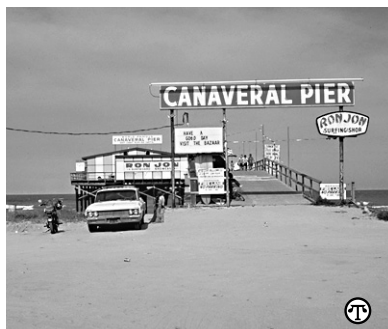
Florida's Space Coast Offers Families Memorable Vacations

(NAPSA)—Just as Frankie and Annette returned to the waves for their reunion flick *Back to the Beach*, Florida's Space Coast—the closest beaches to Orlando—is enticing families to take a nostalgic trip down Memory Lane.

As the trend of returning to America's favorite beaches continues, one of *Money* magazine's "Best Places to Vacation" encourages beach bunnies to wiggle their toes in the 72 miles of sun-bronzed Atlantic shores. Back to the Beach lures baby boomers to return to their favorite childhood beach—places like those found in 1960s family vacation photo albums.

Families shag to the "Good Vibrations" of the Beach Boys including their first hit "Surfin," at the home of East Coast surfing. With the azure blue surf crashing in the background, the cool sands create the perfect dance floor for twisting to golden oldies. Hippie wannabes cruise along in authentic '60s Volkswagen Beetles, carefully avoiding surfers from 16 to 60 years old tying up the traffic as they cross A1A with long boards in tow. Pink Floyd Laser Light Shows at the Brevard Community College Planetarium provide a psychedelic buzz, while those seeking a truly thrilling experience visit the "secret" former nude beaches of the area.

From meeting the real Gidget—Kathy Kohner—the American pop-culture icon of the '60s, to



Visiting Florida's Space Coast beaches is a trip back in time.

cruising down A1A in a Special Edition Chrysler PT Cruiser, families take a step back in time on Cocoa Beach. Vacationers remembering the eye-blinking antics of Barbara Eden visit "I Dream of Jeannie Lane," a city block erected after the popular 1960s television series put Cocoa Beach on the map. Dedicated by the Jeannie herself in 1996, the monument is located at Lori Wilson Park, one of the area's top beach hangouts.

For a totally tubular time, surfers from beginners to professional paddle over gnarly waves and rip through totally awesome tubes at favorite surfing spots Cocoa and Playalinda beaches and Sebastian Inlet.

Oceanfront accommodations start as low as \$69 a night. To go Back to the Beach this year on Florida's Space Coast, contact the Space Coast Office of Tourism at 1-800-93-OCEAN or visit www.space-coast.com.