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**Burt Reynolds, Sally Field and Jackie Gleason Hit the Highway
as 1977's Blockbuster Action-Comedy *Smokey and the Bandit*
Returns to U.S. Cinemas May 21 and 24**

**This Iconic Film Returns to Big Screens Nationwide for 40th Anniversary as Part
of TCM Big Screen Classics Series**

WHAT: The summer of 1977 might be best known for a certain intergalactic adventure, but across the country the other summertime smash combined three things America couldn't get enough of: **Burt Reynolds**, CB radio and Coors beer.

Forty years later, [*Smokey and the Bandit*](#) makes its way back to movie screens nationwide for two days only on Sunday, May 21 and Wednesday, May 24 as part of the year-long [TCM Big Screen Classics](#) series from Turner Classic Movies and Fathom Events. This screening will also include specially-produced commentary from TCM host **Ben Mankiewicz**, both before and after the feature.

"The Bandit" (Reynolds) has 28 hours to drive a truckload of Coors beer from Texarkana, Texas, to Atlanta – while doing everything he can to avoid the relentless pursuit of "Smokey," aka Sheriff Buford T. Justice (**Jackie Gleason**), while accompanied by runaway bride "Frog" (**Sally Field**). But the story takes a backseat to the stunt-driven action of director **Hal Needham**, the still-sizzling on-screen chemistry of Reynolds and Field, and the good-ol'-boy antics of the film's easy-going cast, including **Jerry Reed**, **Paul Williams**, **Pat McCormick** and **Mike Henry**.

WHO: Fathom Events, Turner Classic Movies and Universal Pictures

WHEN: **Sunday, May 21, 2017**; 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. (local time)
Wednesday, May 24, 2017; 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. (local time)

WHERE: Tickets for [*Smokey and the Bandit*](#) can be purchased online by visiting www.FathomEvents.com or at participating theater box offices. Fans throughout the U.S. will be able to enjoy the event in nearly 700 select movie theaters through Fathom's Digital Broadcast Network (DBN). For a complete list of theater locations visit the Fathom Events [website](#) (*theaters and participants are subject to change*).

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