

CHAMPAGNE AND GREEN FLAGS

Improvements to the Race Track and the Victory Celebration for the Fans

MONTEREY, Calif., (October 5, 2009) – Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca and the American Le Mans Series announced a “Track Invasion” for the Winners’ Circle at the podium ceremony for this year’s Monterey Sports Car Championships presented by Patron. All spectators will be invited to invade the track Winners’ Circle ceremonies and enjoy the traditional champagne shower.

And to improve the quality of the on-track racing, this past spring Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca increased the paved run-off areas in Turns 2 and 11 on drivers’ right and gave it a full workout in May during a sports car race. The result was a drastic reduction of full-course yellows.

The Track Invasion and race-track improvements will greatly enhance the fan experience at this year’s event.

The American Le Mans Series offers unprecedented access and opportunities to race fans attending the race as they can experience first hand the energy in the paddock, pre-grid action and experience the celebratory spraying of the champagne at the podium ceremony. Fans will be able to see what goes on inside the pits and garages up close and personal, and the drivers will be meeting fans and signing autographs throughout the weekend.

The Monterey Sports Car Championships presented by Patron, featuring the season finale of the American Le Mans Series, will be on October 9-11. For more information, including details on tickets, parking, directions and schedule of events is available at www.MazdaRaceway.com.

Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca was established in 1957. The world-renowned raceway has been operated since its inception by the Sports Car Racing Association of the Monterey Peninsula (SCRAMP), a not-for-profit 501C(4) corporation. Each race season, SCRAMP donates its net proceeds to the volunteer groups that help put on the races.

Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca’s world-class 2009 racing schedule includes the Monterey Sports Car Championships featuring the American Le Mans Series October 9-11.

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