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## **FERRARIS TAKE CENTER STAGE DURING DAY TWO AT 34<sup>TH</sup> ROLEX MONTEREY HISTORIC AUTOMOBILE RACES PRESENTED BY TOYOTA**

*Classic Italian Roadsters Featured Attraction at Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca;  
Set the Stage for Action-Filled Race Weekend*

MONTEREY, Calif. – The 34<sup>th</sup> Rolex Monterey Historic Automobile Races presented by Toyota continued Friday with a celebration of the Ferrari, including two historic challenge races in the late afternoon.

After a commemoration lap with modern body styles, the two competing groups were divided by vehicles with drum brakes, followed by those with disc brakes. The winner of the drum brake group was Tom Price of Larkspur, Calif., driving a Maserati 200 SI, followed by the disc brake group winner, Todd Morici of Clifton, NJ, driving a Ferrari 512 BB-LM.

Friday's track events also included qualifying practice laps by a number of vehicle groups throughout the afternoon in preparation for the weekend's exciting competition.

### **Saturday Preview: Race of Legends Square Off, Races Continue**

In one of the most anticipated events of the weekend, race legends will thrill fans by getting behind the wheel for Toyota's inaugural "Race of Legends," in which drivers holding championships from nearly every level of racing, including Formula One, the Indy 500 and the 24 Hours of LeMans, will compete in an eight-lap charity race driving 215 hp Scion tC sport coupes. The field holds an impressive lineup of motorsports history, including Bobby Unser, Al Unser Sr., Johnny Rutherford, Bobby Rahal, Parnelli Jones, Vic Elford, Emerson Fittipaldi, Ove Andersson and Derek Bell.

"It will be a great thrill to see these drivers out on the track at Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca and compete with each other as they did years ago," said Monterey Historic founder and president of race organizer General Racing, Steven Earle. "When they enter each curve of this track, and of course the corkscrew, you realize these guys are reliving and still making motorsports history at every turn."

The legends will be available for autographs in the paddock from 10:00-11:00 a.m. near the roadster display and from 4:00-5:00 p.m. in the expo area.

While his name might not be as familiar to most race fans, Lawrence Bowman of Redwood City, Calif. will be cheered enthusiastically for his love of motorsports and philanthropic efforts. Bowman bid \$16,100 in a charity auction to compete with these legendary drivers. The funds benefit the Salinas Valley Memorial Foundation, which helps support children's health care and wellness needs throughout California's Central coast.

In addition to the Race of Legends, Indy Roadster celebration laps will occur throughout the day, along with group competitions in sports and touring cars, racing cars and Indy roadsters, production sports cars and sports racing cars. The groups will range from pre-1940 models and proceed in timeline order, ending with 1965-1972 era cars.

## **Laguna Seca Legend To Be Honored**

In November 1957, Pete Lovely won the first main event at Laguna Seca driving a Ferrari 500TR, and 50 years later, he continues his legendary racing style on the track. On Saturday, Pete will race his Lotus 11, and then be honored as a "Legend of Laguna Seca" during a 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration dinner at Quail Lodge Resort & Golf Club. On Thursday evening, Pete was officially inducted into the Legends of Laguna Seca by Monterey Mayor Chuck Della Sala and Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca CEO/General Manager Gill Campbell.

## **Race Overview**

The 400 cars participating in the Rolex Monterey Historic races are divided into 14 groups based on age and engine size, selected for their history, interest and current state of presentation. The oldest car dates from 1914 (Mercer) and the newest from 1981 (Porsche 935K4). Porsche, Ferrari, Lotus, Corvette, McLaren and Shelby lead with the number of entries. A team of nine pre-World War II Bentleys also will be arriving from England to try and master the track.

Well-known drivers who will be competing include John Morton, Andy Porterfield, Chuck Daigh, Pete Lovely, Bobby Rahal and Brian Redman. The 14 races are split with seven groups racing Saturday and seven on Sunday.

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## **Rolex Monterey Historic Automobile Races**

Organized by General Racing, Ltd., the Rolex Monterey Historic Automobile Races is an "automotive museum brought to life," and the largest event, with over 40,000 visitors, of the renowned classic car weekend in Monterey, Calif. With a broad appeal, it attracts a diverse group of visitors and participants – including children, families, collectors, sports enthusiasts and automotive history buffs. The 34<sup>th</sup> *Rolex Monterey Historic Presented by Toyota* will be held August 17-19, 2007 at the historic Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca.

## **General Racing**

General Racing stages events across the United States to celebrate classic, historic, and vintage racing cars, where they can be shown and driven as intended. General Racing encourages the restoration of the cars as they once were and helps to preserve and promote the history of motorsports through these events.

General Racing's premier event, the Rolex Monterey Historic Automobile Races, is located at Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca in California. This event, now in its 34th year, has become one of the worlds greatest vintage race weekends. Other General Racing events are located at Lime Rock Park CT, Infineon Raceway, Sonoma CA, and NAS North Island, Coronado CA. **Additional information is available at [www.generalracing.com](http://www.generalracing.com).**