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**LEGENDARY DRIVERS BRING MOTORSPORTS HISTORY TO LIFE AT  
ROLEX MONTEREY HISTORIC AUTOMOBILE RACES**

*Five-time Le Mans Champion Derek Bell wins inaugural  
"Race of Legends" presented by Toyota*

MONTEREY, Calif. – As the Scion tC Sport Coupes lined up for the "Race of Legends" at Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca on Saturday, a group with a combined 14 Indianapolis 500 championships joined together for a once-in-a-lifetime gathering of motorsports legends.

In one of the most anticipated events of the weekend, race legends entertained fans with skillful driving and risky maneuvering throughout the race, in which drivers holding championships from nearly every level of racing, including Formula One, the Indy 500 and the 24 Hours of LeMans, competed in an eight-lap charity race driving 215 hp Scion tC sport coupes. The field held an impressive lineup of drivers, including Bobby Unser, Al Unser Sr., Johnny Rutherford, Bobby Rahal, Parnelli Jones, Vic Elford, Emerson Fittipaldi, Ove Andersson and Derek Bell.

"It's not every day where you get to see drivers of this caliber gather on one track to compete," said Steven Earle, Monterey Historic founder and president of General Racing, the official race organizer. "It's a great pleasure for fans and enthusiasts to witness their heroes still racing at the highest levels. As we witnessed out here today, they remain as competitive as ever."

The 10 drivers, which also included amateur driver Lawrence Bowman who won the opportunity through a charity auction, vied tightly for positions throughout the race, including several instances where vehicles were knocked off course. During the final lap, Vic Elford's number-20 car was sideswiped in turn 11, sending his vehicle into the corner and a cloud of dirt in the air. Earlier in the race, bumping in the famous corkscrew resulted in vehicles veering off-course and scraping the course wall.

The fastest lap time belonged to 1986 Indianapolis 500 champ Bobby Rahal, who clocked in at 1 minute, 51 seconds and a speed of 72 MPH. In the end, Derek Bell's number-25 car held off Rahal and Emerson Fittipaldi to take the checkered flag.

"The whole weekend is really an experience," said Bell, the five-time Le Mans winner and Formula One driver from Great Britain. "Being with these fantastic heroes, really these people are my heroes, is so amusing and it's such a privilege to be here. I have to quote Emerson because he said it best: 'We are so privileged to be here because we are alive. We are all together, and there is a unique bond between us that no other sport has.'"

With his victory in the Race of Legends, Bell was awarded \$25,000, which will be donated to two organizations: Hope for Tomorrow, a UK-based national cancer charity, which helps those with cancer, their families and dependants to cope with the reality of the situation ([www.hopefortomorrow.org.uk](http://www.hopefortomorrow.org.uk)) and the Florence Fuller Foundation, a Boca, Raton, Florida philanthropic organization designed to provide long-term financial security and endowments to the Florence Fuller Child Development Centers to assist with providing inclusive quality child care and family support services in preparation for a lifetime of positive learning ([www.florencefullerfoundation.org](http://www.florencefullerfoundation.org)).

Amateur driver Larry Bowman of Redwood City, Calif., who joined the legends by winning an auction to compete in the race, was knocked off track and out of the race early. Bowman bid \$16,100 in a charity auction, which benefits the Salinas Valley Memorial Foundation, helping to support children's health care and wellness needs throughout California's Central coast.

The race results are as follows:

1. 1. Derek Bell (GBR)
2. 2. Bobby Rahal (USA)
3. 3. Emerson Fittipaldi (BRA)
4. 4. Al Unser, Sr. (USA)
5. 5. Parnelli Jones (USA)
6. 6. Bobby Unser (USA)
7. 7. Ove Andersson (SWE)
8. 8. Larry Bowman\* (USA)
9. 9. Vic Elford\* (GBR)
10. 10. Johnny Rutherford\* (USA)

\*DNF

Throughout the day, the drivers signed autographs for fans in the paddock near the roadster display and in the expo area.

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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**

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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).**