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Featured Race of 44 Over 2-Liter Trans-Am Race Cars to Roar

MONTEREY, Calif., June 4, 2010 – Sublime green and red, white and blue American V8s will be joining the Ferrari GTOs, Bugatti Type 35s and Lotus 77s in the paddock for the Rolex Monterey Motorsports Reunion. There will be 44 Trans-Am race cars from 1966-1972, including two of the three 1970 Plymouth Barracudas that All American Racers built for the 1970 Trans-Am season.

“The Trans-Am paddock and race is one that the fans gravitate to,” explained Gill Campbell, CEO/general manager for Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca. “The small-block Chevys and Dodges that Mark Donohue and Dan Gurney drove here are a treat to see powering though The Corkscrew once again.”

The Trans-Am Series is an automobile racing series which was created in 1966 by the Sports Car Club of America (SCCA). The series was derived from the SCCA’s A & B Sedan amateur club racing classes, based upon commercially produced cars which have been modified for racing competition. The series was best known for competition among American V8 sedans such as the Ford Mustang, Chevrolet Camaro, Plymouth Barracuda, Mercury Cougar, AMC Javelin, Pontiac Firebird and Dodge Challenger.

The Trans-Am golden era was 1966-1972 and the 1970 Trans-Am series is regarded by most racing historians as the high water mark of American road racing. Every 'pony car' manufacturer was represented with a factory team and top driving talent. Chevrolet had the Chaparral Chevy Z28 team with Jim Hall, Ed Leslie and Vic Elford. Ford's Bud Moore Boss 302 Mustangs were driven by Parnelli Jones and George Follmer. For Plymouth, the All American Racing Cudas were raced by Dan Gurney and Swede Savage. Sam Posey and Tony Adamowicz drove Autodynamics Dodge Challenger TA. Jerry Titus had the Pontiac TransAm, and Rodger Penske's Sunoco AMC Javelin had Mark Donohue and Peter Revson as drivers.

Mark Donohue was considered the leading Trans-Am driver of the late 1960s and early 1970s. Joining the featured race is the 1968 Penske Chevrolet Camaro that he won the 1968 championship and 10 of 13 Trans-Am races in. This was a Trans-Am series record which would stand until 1997.

Race car #48 is the first of three Plymouth Barracudas constructed by Dan Gurney's All American Racers (AAR) for competition in the 1970 Championship. It was driven by Dan Gurney and Swede Savage during pre-season testing and used in all of AAR's and Chrysler's pre-season promotional photographs. The car was then driven for the first two races by Dan Gurney, including the first at Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca. The #42 AAR Barracuda from 1970 will also be on the grid.

The #15 1970 Ford Boss 302 that Parnelli Jones drove to three wins, including one at Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca will be joining the Trans-Am featured race.

The 1972 championship car, the #1 AMC Javelin driven by George Follmer to four wins and the 1970 Sublime Green Dodge Challenger driven by Sam Posey will round out the Trans-Am grid.

The Rolex Monterey Motorsports Reunion is honoring one of the true legends of motorsports— Dan Gurney, the Cars he raced and the Cars he built, such as the famous Eagle race cars. Among the 19 race groups will be a dedicated grid of 40 Bugatti race cars in the Bugatti Grand Prix, and featured races for Stock Cars with drum brakes, and Formula 1 race cars that competed between 1966 and 1983.


For Rolex Monterey Motorsports Reunion tickets and information, and to learn about the Pre-Reunion held August 7 and 8, please visit www.MazdaRaceway.com or call 800-327-7322.


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 2010 racing schedule includes the American Le Mans Series Monterey presented by Patrón May 21-23, the Red Bull U.S. Grand Prix featuring MotoGP World Championship July 23-25, the Pre-Reunion August 7-8, the Rolex Monterey Motorsports Reunion August 12-15 and the Global Tuner Grand Prix October 22-24.

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