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PRESS RELEASE

CORONADO: SAN DIEGO'S GEM

"Beautiful Crown City" Offers Variety of Attractions and History

SAN DIEGO, April 25, 2007 – Nestled across the Coronado Bridge, across from the downtown skyline of beautiful San Diego, rests the beautiful small town hideaway of Coronado. Coronado, meaning "the crowned one", is an island jewel offering a unique and elegant side of San Diego. With its palm tree lined streets, Coronado is not only home to award-winning beaches but also is home to one of San Diego's most enticing and historic attractions: the Hotel del Coronado. Built in 1888, the hotel has long been considered one of the world's top resorts and has hosted a variety of influential and well-known guests such as Marilyn Monroe and more than ten U.S. Presidents.

But world-class resorts, great shopping and pristine beaches aren't the only thing Coronado has to offer – it has an elaborate and long military history with it being the home of Naval Base Coronado. Naval Air Station North Island is not only the home port for two aircraft carriers, but is the birthplace of naval aviation. Additionally, the community of Coronado and Fleet Week San Diego annually hosts a military and race car tribute event set in October – the Coronado Speed Festival.

If the descriptive words used above to describe Coronado and Naval Base North Island haven't lured you to San Diego yet, the following facts may entice you to Fleet Week San Diego's cornerstone and most exciting event. This year's 10th annual Coronado Speed Festival is set against the stunning backdrop of San Diego Bay. This Fleet Week event will feature 225 of the world's most unique and pedigreed machines at one of the most distinctive racecar locations - Naval Air Station North Island. The event will be held on October 6th and 7th, 2007. Vintage cars from around the country will be racing to Coronado, San Diego's treasured island.

Additionally, in the past years, over 20,000 fans have packed the grandstands to view a spectator-friendly 1.7-mile course that is constructed in a matter of days on the runways and taxiways of this military base. The fans not only watch eight different race groups zoom around the track, but are able to step back in time to enjoy auto racing's rich history with tours of the racecar pits and are able to speak with the drivers of these unique machines.

Car enthusiasts also can visit the car corral, which shows off a variety of automobiles that range in age, model and make. In addition, a stroll through vendor village will quell any shopaholics inner need to spend some money on numerous items including car equipment, food and beverage and racing accessories.

Last, but not least, a multitude of current Navy jets and helicopters, special boats and hovercraft, as well as vintage aircraft, will be on display at the entrance of the event, with pilots eager to answer questions, show you, and allow access into the aircraft. This is a perfect opportunity to take pictures and to ask any questions you might have.

The Coronado Speed Festival is co-produced by San Diego Fleet Week Foundation and General Racing Ltd. and is hosted by the Navy Region Southwest and the Morale, Welfare and Recreation Program (MWR). MWR retains revenue generated by tickets sold to the Military and a percentage of the overall revenue generated by the event. They in turn provide positive support for the active duty military community and their families through Quality of Life Programs including single Sailor Recreation Centers, Fitness and Aquatic Facilities and the Base Theatre Free Movies. The Southern California community is given this unbelievable opportunity to thank the men and women defending our freedom in person.

Advance purchase general admission tickets are available by on the Fleet Week Website (www.fleetweeksandiego.org) - \$25 one day and \$30 for both days. Tickets will also be available at the venue (\$30 for one day and \$40 for both days). Children 12 and under are free with paid adult admission.