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PRESS RELEASE

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*More Than 30 Of The Most Famous Vintage Stock Cars Will Compete At This Year's
Coronado Speed Festival – Group 9*

SAN DIEGO, September 16, 2009 – The Coronado Speed Festival and Historic Motor Sports Association are proud to announce that over 30 of the most famous Vintage stock cars will compete at the Coronado Speed Festival in Group 9.

The cars racing over the course of the two day weekend, September 26-27, are genuine retired stock cars from the NASCAR Winston Cup Series racing circuit, which were raced by famous drivers. At this year's event, we have over 30 of these vintage cars competing on an active runway at Naval Base Coronado, some of more notable cars racing are:

- **DALE EARNHART'S #3, GM GOODWRENCH 1995 CHEVROLET MONTE CARLO:** To be raced by Gary Sousa
- **JEFF GORDON'S #24, 1993 DUPONT CHEVROLET LUMINA:** To be raced by Steve Schoellhorn
- **BILL ELLIOTT'S #9, 2002 DODGE INTREPID:** To be raced by Jim Phillion
- **Bill Elliott's #94, McDonald's 1994 Ford Thunderbird:** To be raced by Steve Barber
- **Jimmy Spencer's #12, Meineke 1993 Ford Thunderbird:** To be raced by David Goodell
- **Bobby Labonte's #18, 1999 Interstate Battery Pontiac Grand Prix:** To be raced by Russ Romer

These drivers will suit up to bring fans a high-powered show, demonstrating skillful mastery of both speed and movement. Practice for race 9 will take place on Saturday at 11:25 a.m. – 11:45 a.m., qualifying is scheduled for 4:40 p.m., practice again at 11:10 a.m. on Sunday and the big event, the final race, will take place at 4:25 p.m. on Sunday!

To keep up with the most up-to-date news, find The Coronado Speed Festival on Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Coronado-Speed-Festival/232162230182>. Also, find HMSA on Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/home.php#/HMSAUSA>.

Read on to learn more about stock cars...

Each of these race cars has competed at some point in its history in a variety of NASCAR events. With over 700 horsepower, sophisticated suspension and chassis, not much other than the roof, hood, and trunk is actually a factory part. This is an opportunity to be up close and personal with many famous cars that were actually on track and to see them compete in the Coronado Speed Festival.

About Historic Motor Sports Association ('HMSA')

The Coronado Speed Festival is sanctioned by HMSA. Established in 1977, HMSA specializes in race events with historic cars, emphasizing the preservation and proper use of historic race cars. For more information about HMSA, call 818-249-3515 or visit www.hmsausa.com.

About The Coronado Speed Festival & Fleet Week San Diego

The Coronado Speed Festival is Fleet Week San Diego's marquee event. The event features fast-paced, thrilling auto racing and exhibitions for car enthusiasts of all ages at one of the most distinctive race track locations - Naval Air Station North Island, the birthplace of Naval Aviation. Nowhere else can you see a variety of cars racing on a live runway used by the U.S. Navy.

This is the only Navy Open House on the West Coast. Naval Base Coronado is home to over 20,000 active duty military and over 4,000 civilian employees. The general public only gets a glimpse of the daily activities happening at the base. This is San Diego's opportunity to interact with the young men and women who defend our freedom. Climb aboard and tour an active Navy ship berthed at NASNI, visit command displays, watch F-18 flyovers and see military vehicles in action.

Don't miss out on this annual celebration of speed. The Coronado Speed Festival offers something for everyone to enjoy so race on down to Naval Air Station, North Island on **September 26-27** for the premiere racing event of the season. This event is free for active duty military and their dependants. For more information please go to www.fleetweeksandiego.org/coronadospeedfestival.

The Coronado Speed Festival is produced by San Diego Fleet Week Foundation and hosted by the Naval Base Coronado and the Morale, Welfare and Recreation Program (MWR) which benefits military personnel and their families. 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.

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