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PRESS RELEASE

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Drifting & Stock Car Exhibitions Are Back For The Coronado Speed Festival

SAN DIEGO, August 26, 2009 – The 12th Annual Coronado Speed Festival is rapidly approaching. Last year the Drift Circuit and Stock Car Race Series (SCRS) exhibitions had an overwhelmingly positive response by fans so they will be rallying the runway once again. These drivers will suit up to bring fans a high-powered show, demonstrating skillful mastery of both speed and movement.

SCRS Stock Cars

Hardly a "stock car"! 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.

Drift Circuit

Drifting is an un-timed freestyle motor sport that is judged by achieving the maximum sideways angle, and speed in the corner. Drifters gain maximum points by striking the proper clipping point, and taking a favorable line that connects one drift smoothly into the next.

In other words, drifters deliberately control their cars to slide sideways at high-speeds, aiming for the maximum points through stylized movements and skilled maneuvering techniques. Major consideration is given to style and crowd appeal. Originating on twisty, narrow, mountain roads in Japan, teams and individuals would compete for respect and the glory of being number one on the mountain.

Don't miss out on the drifters and these former NASCARs as they display their power and speed. You can see the drifting exhibition during the lunchtime hour on both Saturday and Sunday. The drifters will also be racing after the last race on Saturday.

And new this year – the stock cars have their own race category rather than an exhibition. It is sure to once again add excitement and speed to 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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