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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### ***FINAL RACE CATEGORIES ANNOUNCED***

**SAN DIEGO, September 4, 2009 – The San Diego Fleet Week Foundation and the Historic Motor Sports Association ('HMSA') are excited to announce the FINAL race categories for the 2009 Coronado Speed Festival. The 12<sup>th</sup> annual event is scheduled for September 26 and 27.**

The event will be held on Naval Air Station North Island, in Coronado, a small, picturesque community of San Diego. This Fleet Week San Diego event is one-of-a-kind, and the only race car and military tribute event in the United States. The Speed Festival will feature some of the greatest vintage race categories.

***The 2009 Race Categories Will Be:***

- Race 1 – 1952 – 1959 Sports and Production cars – Drum Brake
- Race 2 – 1953 – 1966 Production cars under 2000cc
- Race 3 – 1962 – 1972 Sports Racing and Formula Cars under 2000cc
- Race 4 – 1969 – 1980 Sports Racing and Formula Cars under 2000cc
- Race 5 – 1959 – 1966 Production cars – Disc Brake
- Race 6 – 1965 – 1988 FIA Manufacturer Championship Cars
- Race 7 – 1962 – 1966 Productions cars over 2500cc
- Race 8 – 1966-1972 Historic Trans-AM
- Race 9 – Historic NASCAR

**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](http://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](http://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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