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PRESS RELEASE

CORONADO SPEED FESTIVAL RACE CATEGORIES ANNOUNCED

SAN DIEGO, July 28, 2009 – The San Diego Fleet Week Foundation and the Historic Motor Sports Association ('HMSA') are excited to announce the race categories for the 2009 Coronado Speed Festival. The 12th 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:

1. Formula Ford (1969-1972)
2. Sports Racing Cars (1950's)
3. FIA World Manufacture Cars (Thru 1984)
4. Historic Trans-Am (1966-1972)
5. Historic Formula Atlantic (Thru 1980)
6. Stock Cars (1988-Present)
7. IMSA GTO (Thru 1991)
8. Production Cars (Thru 1966)

Formula Ford (1969-1972): Formula Ford is a single-seater, open wheel class in motorsports. Formula Ford is an entry-level series to motor racing. This is a starter (low cost) open wheel class. A very competitive series, with a production based 1600cc Ford engine, race car suspension and DOT approved treaded street tires, these cars are fast and fun to drive.

Sports Racing Cars (1950's): Sports racing cars are small, two-passenger automobiles with enclosed wheels. The cars are designed for quick response, easy maneuverability, and high-speed driving. Manufactures entered races to prove the speed and reliability of their cars. They competed in various classes based on engine displacement, under 1500cc, under 2000cc, over 2000cc.

FIA World Manufacture Cars (Thru 1984): Purpose built race cars competed in this FIA International race series. These cars raced in various classes based on engine displacement. They raced at many tracks including Le Mans, Nürburgring, Silverstone, with races at Daytona and Sebring and Watkins Glen.

Historic Trans-Am (1966-1972): Win on Sunday Sell on Monday was a factor in this fiercely contested North American race series, with all of the major manufactures represented, Ford Mustangs, Chevrolet Camaros, Plymouth Cudas, Dodge Challengers, AMC Javelins. This is an iconic series with all of top drivers of the era competing in cars with powerful and loud V8 engines.

Historic Formula Atlantic (Thru 1980): This is a North American race series. The bullet proof 1600cc Ford Cosworth twin cam engine power these cars. The series was considered a feeder series for drivers wanting to step up to Formula 1 and CART.

Stock Cars (1988-Present): A *stock car* is an automobile that has not been modified from its original factory configuration. As it turns out, the only parts of modern NASCAR that are factory stock are the hood, trunk lid, the roof, front grille and the bumper panels. So, stock cars are originally designed in the factory to adhere to the NASCAR guidelines, yet produce the most speed and power.

IMSA GTO (Thru 1991): Major manufactures including Porsche, BMW, Ford, Chevrolet, etc. These cars were silhouettes of their production counterparts, they featured highly tuned engines, many had turbochargers and featured serious aerodynamic aids, (wings, flares, etc). This is an extremely competitive race series that featured many epic battles on major circuits over the course of each season of racing.

Production Cars (Thru 1966): This group features cars that could be purchased at your local car dealership and with some modifications were ready to race. Safety equipment was installed and performance modifications were made. There is a wide variety of cars in this group, from Mini Coopers to Shelby Mustangs.

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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