



Del Monte Trophy Race Group

Rolex Monterey Motorsport Reunion - Race Group 1B

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Hello All ... we're down to the last few days of fixing, cleaning leading up to loading things up and "haul in" for 2019 Rolex Monterey Motorsport Reunion.

The last few participants were settled since the last Bulletin, paddock plans continue to evolve and media initiative has shape.

As stated in the last Bulletin we load into the paddock with the philosophy.... "be flexible and adapt is the rule for this year". SCRAMP of the last 9 years had several people in place organized around various topics. With less "talent" this year ... today's work load and past expectations falls on fewer people.

We were all blind-sided by SCRAMP's approach and subsequent communications regarding our entries to this year's PreReunion. Enough said! So this Bulletin's focus is only on RMMR with one exception... The Drive into Monterey!

As usual contact Doug or Rob with any issues or inputs.

All the best, Rob / Doug

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DMTRG distribution list, registry and car "bios"

ASAP!!! Race Group 1B Car Bios: this is a request for a short bio on each car entered in this years RMMR. The bio should be 150 or so words and suitable to be “read” by an announcer as we grid for our races and during the race as time permits. Long narratives won’t get used and statements like “my car is blue and I’ve owned it a long time”... well all our cars have stories. Send these to Rob

Distribution list: maintenance of these things is always a chore. At the same time it is the way things are done. If there is anyone that you would like to be added to the list and receive “Bulletins” just drop Doug a note. This could be a prep shop, an owner, a driver, media type, etc Anyone that can be a friend of DMTRG. They should expect a short note telling them they’ve been added to the list shortly after RMMR.

Registry: If you have or know of any cars that fit the ’47-’55 race or period cars that want to be listed on the DMTRG Registry ... send information on the cars to Rob.

**SAFE THE DATES: A Gathering of Tea Baggers and Hot Rodders ...
and post Sunday main event gathering on Row J**

A GATHERING OF TEA BAGGERS AND HOT RODDERS

WHEN: Friday, August 16, 2 p.m. After our Qualifying Session

WHERE: Row J

All of the Participants in Group 1B are invited to attend and to bring their cars. The cars will be displayed by marque for maximum photo effect

All accredited journalists and photographers will be invited to this unique opportunity to have all of the Race Group cars and drivers available at the same time during the weekend

Refreshments will be served

POST-RACE WINE AND CHEESE GET TOGETHER

WHEN: Sunday, August 18, 2.30 p.m. After our Race

WHERE: Row J

The Del Monte Trophy Awards will be announced for the Over and Under 2000 c.c. Classes

Tires!!! Tires!!! Tires!!!

There has been some drama regarding HMSA approved tires for our 1B race group. Our group is made of both <2L and >2L cars and the RMMR tire rules default to HMSA regulations

- <2L: either Hoosier Vintage TD or the new Goodyear Blue Streaks. NO Hoosier Speedsters!
- Big Bore: Dunlop 204L or Blockleys.
- Per a recent email from Cris ... "Please do not present your car to tech with the wrong tires, you will NOT receive a tech sticker"

Showcasing our cars: The Paddock Concept

We're planning a unique "showcase" area on Row J. Basically this means that trailers are positioned in the back half of Row J. We've a meeting with SCRAMP Wednesday to present the final plan and finish / confirm paddock spaces for all cars in 1B. The front of Row J (J1, J3, J5, J2, J4, J6) will be "open" without the distraction of trailers and other vehicles.

Cars will be presented in this area by marque and class. An additional plan has been drafted ALL of Group 1B race cars by marque for the Tea Baggers and Hot Rodders Gathering on Friday.

Graphics and other presentation materials are "works in process" at this time. Expect hay bales and snow fencing, banners and posters of period photos from the Julian P Graham Logorio Pebble Beach Company Archives. Please remember to bring posters of your car in period.

"Downtown / Alvarado Street Drive" – Friday, 9 Aug @4:00

Ardelle Lind has sent out an invitation for drivers to apply for "the drive downtown" to Alvarado Street on Friday before the PreReunion! This is an opportunity for 30 or so cars to be driven in race trim from the track leaving @4:00 (queue up early!!) for presentation of cars from ~5:00 – 7:00.

If you are here for Car Week and haven't done this it's a fun activity with a large local turnout and a chance to clear out the Webers/ SUs / Strombergs / etc.

IF YOU'VE APPLIED AND BEEN ACCEPTED FOR THIS "DRIVE" PLEASE SEND A NOTE TO ROB OR DOUG SO WE CAN TALK UP ALL OUR CARS THAT PARTICIPATE.

Media Plans and Press Release

Rob has invested time and effort on the showcase paddock concept and working with SCRAMP media to coordinate time for journalists and photographers to meet our cars and drivers. The following press release will be used to highlight our “Tea Baggers and Hot Rodders Gathering”.

PRESS RELEASE FOR IMMEDIATE DISTRIBUTION

“TEA BAGGERS AND HOT RODDERS” GATHERING IN THE PADDOCK AT 2019 RMMR

The Del Monte Trophy Race Group 1B, 1947-1955 Sports Cars, will host a gathering of “Tea Baggers and Hot Rodders” on Friday, July 16, at 2 p.m. in Row J of the Reunion Paddock.

The Race Group represents the first European-style Road Races organized in the United States after WWII. Especially recognized are the efforts by the San Francisco Region of the SCCA and the Del Monte Company that created the Pebble Beach Road Races here on the Monterey Peninsula and popularized road racing throughout the West.

The Jaguar XK-120s, MGs and Allards that made up most of the starting grids were the first Sports Cars to be imported after the War. Soon amateur builders, often hot rodders, saw the attraction of this new form of competition built local Sports Rods, based on Production car and surplus components. The arrival of these “Specials” caused a certain amount of friction in the paddock. This played out in the nascent Sports Car press in California and in the UK with numerous editorials and reader comments on both sides of the controversy.

This year’s Del Monte Trophy Race Group presents an exceptionally representative grid early 1950s English and European Sports Cars and California Specials. We will have all of the Group’s cars on display for this gathering.

Of particular note are :

3- Kurtis 500S

5- Mercedes Benz-including 3 300SL Gull Wing Coupes and two 190SLs

2- MG TD Specials-including the newly restored John von Neumann Special

4- Allards- including a J2X, a J2 and two K2s

7- California Specials-including two Baldwin Specials and three Hagemann Specials

5- XK-120 Jaguars

Under 2000cc Sports Cars and Specials including early Porsche 365, Morgan+4, Triumph TR2, Siata, Lotus Mk 6, and three Crosley based Specials

The cars will be organized by marque and the owners will be present. Journalists and Photographers are encouraged to attend this unique opportunity to see all of these cars and drivers together at the same time during the weekend.

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