

DEL MONTE TROPHY RACE GROUP 2021 BULLETIN 1

Gentlemen, As we optimistically plan our racing calendars for the upcoming season, we are greeting you with the first Del Monte Trophy Race Group 2021 Bulletin. This new season will be the 70th Celebration stemming from the first European-style Road Races in California and on the Monterey Peninsula. For those of you doing mental calculations, this anniversary was to have happened in 2020 but... The upside is that everyone has had a bonus year to plan for a truly extraordinary celebration.

The 70th Celebration

The Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance and the Rolex Monterey Motorsports Reunion, the two anchors of the Monterey Car Week, are developing activities in celebration of the first Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance and the first Pebble Beach Road Races. We are the Race Group connection between today's Concours and the Laguna Seca Raceway.

The Concours organizers have assembled all 5 of the Del Monte Trophy race winners as a Special Exhibition Class. These are the ex-Phil Hill Jaguar XK-120, the ex-Carstens/ Bill Pollack Allard J2, the ex-Sterling Edwards Ferrari Mondial and the ex-Phil Hill and Carrol Shelby Ferrari 750 Monza. There will also be a large group of former Concours Best of Show winners. We will be working with Concours staff and Pat Phinney to create an Exhibit of significant photos of the Road Races from the Julian P Graham Archives which will be on display, during the week, at the "Turn 12 Restaurant" in Monterey.

We are meeting with the Reunion organizers and will be working to support any projects that they decide to launch for this Celebration program.

As has been the tradition since the first Monterey Historics Road Races at Laguna Seca, we will have our own Race Group and dedicated lane in the Paddock.

We have requested that our Reunion Final race be scheduled for Saturday.

Racing Calendar

The racing is what we're really here for! Our Del Monte Trophy Race Group is focused on the two major Northern California events of the 2021 Season, the Reunion and Pre Reunion (7,8 August and 12-15 August) (register.weathertechraceway.com) and the Sonoma Speed Festival (23-26 September) (sonomaspeedfestival.com). After 2020 and in light of the current pandemic circumstances we understand that there is some concern that these spectator-dependent events will take place. The organizers of both race events (and the organizers of the Concours) are working hard to make them happen in 2021. Let's support them and get our Entry Requests in by the deadlines established. Ahead of this special Celebration, we are working with both to recruit entries of cars that we wouldn't normally see on the West Coast.

Social Projects

We are also working on two projects that are just for our Group.

1) **The California Road Racers Multi-Media Art Project**

Here is some exciting news for interested parties in our racing group... drivers, owners, supporters and anyone who loves automotive art, the history of road racing in California and the culture surrounding Pebble Beach, the Rolex Monterey Historic Reunion. And we would like your help in bringing together images and stories about your car and others you know about. It is with pleasure that we are announcing simultaneously with **David Gentry**, designer of our DMTRG logo, his automotive art project called **California Road Racers** that celebrates the era of sports car competition in the 1950's on the West Coast. The **California Road Racers** Project will feature artwork that David produces. There will be a coffee table book, onsite event displays, gallery exhibits, and museum installations.

David writes...



“I have been attending vintage motorsports events for several years, sketching live and producing commissions for the owners. At the Monterey Motorsports Reunion I fell in love with the cars of the 1947-1955 Sports Racing class, especially the Del Monte Race Group. I met Rob and Marcus and received an instant education that stirred my curiosity to investigate this world further. From the beginning I felt there was a project here. I want to describe it for you and enlist your help.

“The goal is to tell the story of Sports Car racing in California post WWII. It was a dynamic and innovative time. The new cars from Europe were showing up and being raced by an enthusiastic group of amateurs. European style racing was becoming the rage. Of special interest to me was how the California hot rod culture made a big impact. The stars were the traditional Ferraris, Jaguars, and Porsches, but the local boys thought they could take on the aristocrats with machines they built in their home garages.

“The bones of the effort will be the narration and personalities associated with this colorful age. I have gathered enough anecdotal material to fill a book already, but I know there is much more to discover. I welcome feedback, and I call for anyone who has a photo for

reference or a story of their own. I will be happy to consider integrating it into the project. Since this is a work in progress I will be providing updates via email and online posts to everyone who is interested.

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You can see a one page proposal from David at <http://machinemadness.biz/MadnessCategoriesGraphics/RoadRacerStory/ProposalSingle3.pdf>

And links to further details at

<http://machinemadness.biz/MadnessCategoryPages/RoadRacerStory.html>

2) Drivers Photo Gallery

Each year our Del Monte Trophy Race Group is represented in the Reunion Program and on the Pre-Grid by 30-35 Over and Under 2 litre cars. In 2019 we were able assemble the entire grid, on our lane, in the Paddock. It was a pleasure to be able to meet and put faces to names of drivers who we'd only seen with their helmets on. Let's put together a photo gallery. We'll be sending out a request with details for each of you to send in digital photos to form an online Rogues Gallery on the DMTRG.com web site.

Speaking of the DMTRG.com web site, there are a number of cars that regularly participate but we have yet to receive descriptions and photos. Now's a good time to put that information up for those of you who haven't yet done so. eMail to Rob.

Finally for those of you who don't follow our MontereySportsCarRoadRacers on Facebook, have a look at www.facebook.com/MontereySportsCarRoadRacers . You are there in track photos, for sure. There are many great period photos and comments that you will likely enjoy.

As always, we welcome your suggestions and offers of help. We will be sending out further 2021 Bulletins as developments occur.

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