

The logo for the Sonoma Historic Motorsports Festival features the words "SONOMA HISTORIC" on the top line and "MOTORSPORTS FESTIVAL" on the bottom line, both in a blue, sans-serif font. Two red vertical rectangles are positioned between the lines of text, one behind the 'O' in "SONOMA" and one behind the 'O' in "MOTORSPORTS".

SONOMA HISTORIC MOTORSPORTS FESTIVAL

(EDITORS: Attached is a digital image of the Sonoma Historic Motorsports Festival event poster, created by artist David Grandin, for editorial use. More info below.)

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SECOND ANNUAL SONOMA HISTORIC MOTORSPORTS FESTIVAL TO FEATURE MCLAREN

SONOMA, Calif. (Feb. 10, 2011) - The second annual Sonoma Historic Motorsports Festival, to be held at Infineon Raceway on June 4-5, 2011, will feature the iconic McLaren marque, announced Steve Earle, president of General Racing, Ltd.

"McLaren, like Ferrari and Porsche and other great names in motorsports, created the bloodlines that we worship today in historic automobile racing," said Earle, who for four decades has devoted his life to organizing historic car racing events and is the originator of the Wine Country Classic that preceded the Sonoma Historic Motorsports Festival for 24 years, as well as the Monterey Historic Automobile Races.

"Choosing McLaren as our marque means we will pay special tribute to the name, the teams, and the cars that McLaren has produced in the past and will produce in the future, adding another dimension of enjoyment for both competitors and spectators."

The first edition of the epic Sonoma Historic Motorsports Festival, held at the scenic 2.52-mile Infineon Raceway in 2010, hosted 375 historic race cars, some dating as far back as 1915, in a series of 13 race groups. This year's highly-anticipated event has already reached the maximum 400 entries, 26 of which are authentic McLarens that were raced since the famed Bruce McLaren of New Zealand founded the McLaren racing team in 1963.

"These beautiful machines on the track combined with the Sonoma wine country experience makes our historic car weekend unlike anything else on our schedule," said Infineon Raceway President and General Manager Steve Page. "Adding the allure of McLaren and the racing heritage that name represents will make the 2011 Sonoma Historics a weekend we'll look forward to all year."

The weekend's events will include a series of "time capsule" historic races each day, the Historic Race Car Festival in the Sonoma Plaza benefiting Speedway Children's Charities, wine country tours, seminars and other special programs to be announced.

A popular event away from the track is the Wine Country Pavilion, where the best food and wine from the Sonoma and Napa Valleys may be sampled. Admission to the Pavilion is FREE with an event ticket.

David Grandin, a local Northern California artist from Pleasant Hill in the East Bay, created this year's event poster, depicting the No. 4 McLaren driven by Bruce McLaren in the 1968 SCCA Can-Am Series. It is attached to this press release for editorial use.

Additional information may be found at www.sonomahistoric.com. Companies interested in supporting special events during the Sonoma Historic Motorsports Festival, should contact General Racing Ltd., at 805-686-9292.

About McLaren:

Having dominated the Can-Am series from 1967 through 1971, McLaren was considered unbeatable. There were also McLaren victories at the Indianapolis 500 for American drivers Mark Donohue (1972) and Johnny Rutherford (1974, 1976). In Formula 1 racing, the McLaren name is equally famous. Only Ferrari has competed in more F1 races in the modern era, and McLaren's driver lineup has included the very best the sport has produced including Bruce McLaren, Peter Revson, Denny Hulme, James Hunt, Emerson Fittipaldi, Niki Lauda, Alain Prost, Ayrton Senna, Fernando Alonso and current world champion drivers Lewis Hamilton and Jenson Button.

Today, the McLaren Group, headquartered in Woking, Surrey, England, is comprised of the Vodafone McLaren Mercedes F1 Racing Team and McLaren Automotive. In 2011, the company will introduce its new road car, the McLaren MP4-12C. The carbon fiber composite chassis with a 3.8 liter twin turbo V8 engine develops 600 horsepower and has a top speed of 200 mph. The seven-speed gear box with paddle shifter will accelerate from 0 to 124 mph in under ten seconds. The MP4-12C's shapely form and extraordinary performance pays tribute to McLaren's racing heritage.

About General Racing, Ltd.:

General Racing Ltd. was formed in 1970 to encourage the restoration, preservation and the use of historic sports and racing cars. Founder Steven J. Earle envisioned an event that would unite former racing greats with enthusiastic amateurs who owned some of the rare motorcars that once graced road courses worldwide. Mr. Earle's vision forever changed the vintage racing landscape.

The success of the Monterey Historics spawned additional General Racing events. The Wine Country Classic, now re-named the Sonoma Historic Motorsports Festival, held at Infineon raceway (formerly Sears Point), has grown each year, and in 1997, a third venue was needed to accommodate the interest. Thus, Speed Festival, at NAS Coronado was created.

General Racing's expectations are high and have proven to set the gold standard in historic automobile racing. Only cars with documented racing pedigrees are accepted, and must bear the same livery details as they did in their racing years.

Sonoma Historic Motorsports Festival

WHAT: Sonoma Historic Motorsports Festival

WHEN: June 4-5, 2011

CIRCUIT: 12-turn, 2.52-mile road course

TICKETS: \$40 day/\$60 weekend; Youth (Ages 13-20): \$20 day/\$30 weekend; Children 12-and-under FREE and parking is FREE. Each ticket includes entry to the Wine Country Pavilion.

INFORMATION: 800-870-RACE, infineonraceway.com <<http://infineonraceway.com>> /historics, [ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com) <<http://www.ticketmaster.com>>