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Inaugural Sonoma Speed Festival Brings World-Class Motorsports Experience to Sonoma Raceway

The first-ever running of the premier historic motorsports and culture event will showcase a selection of the world's greatest race cars competing on track along with gourmet food, world-class wine that California is known for and unfettered access to motorsports icons from the last century. Entries for participating vehicles are open through February 28th.

Sonoma, Calif. (February 19, 2019) – The Sonoma Speed Festival has announced its first-ever event from May 30th to June 2nd, 2019 at Sonoma Raceway in Sonoma, California. The event will feature ten invited race groups spanning the history of motorsports from the Brass Era to the modern age competing on track, along with world-class food and wine options and interactive displays for both casual and hardcore enthusiasts.

For drivers interested in participating in this year's event, the deadline to apply for entry is February 28th. To request an application, visit <https://www.sonomaspeedfestival.com/entryrequest/>. Vehicle highlights include the Porsche 917K, Ferrari 250 GTO and even the Lotus 77 Formula 1 car (John Player Special Mk.II). Over 220 vehicles will be in attendance and more significant attendees will be announced in the coming months.

The event will take place among the scenic rolling hills and dramatic corners of the Sonoma Raceway. Outside of racing action on the track, guests can enjoy a variety of activities and displays along with a craft beer garden and a Wine Pavilion featuring wine tastings and gourmet food pairings.

“The team organizing this event have attended the best motoring events in the world and want to bring that world-class level of execution and experience to one of the best race tracks in North America,” said Ryan R. Turri, General Manager of the Sonoma Speed Festival. “We’ve brought in teams that have worked on the most highly regarded automotive events and museums across the globe. This is an opportunity to see the most significant motorsports icons in action while enjoying the luxuries and comfort of a European-style motoring event.”



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2019 marks the 50th anniversary of Sonoma Raceway and to celebrate this milestone the Historic Trans-Am class will highlight the legendary Trans-American Championship race hosted at the track in 1969 with on-track competition between Trans-Am racing vehicles including Ford Mustangs, Chevrolet Camaros and AMC Javelins. Nine other premier race groups will be competing as well during the event, for a full list of participating race groups please visit <https://www.sonomaspeedfestival.com/invited-groups/>.

Ticketing information will be available soon online at www.sonomaspeedfestival.com, along with additional information on special attractions. Learn more on the [event website](#) and follow the action on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#).

Why Sonoma Speed Festival?

This event is different. We want owners to know we're going to host their cars, guests and participants like no other event has. It's important that people can see cars with significant history being driven, raced and displayed. **Race groups will be curated** - similar cars/eras will be represented appropriately, so rest assured, you'll be with appropriately-grouped cars and like-minded owners. We do not want cars that are modified. Only original, period-correct racing cars with pedigree and history will do. **Participants will have a heightened experience** with added amenities such as VIP lounges for them and guests, including fantastic food and wine - not the usual concession stand fare. This is a daunting task, but we are committed to taking care of the people that have invested in these historic and iconic cars. **Spectators will walk away from the Sonoma Speed Festival knowing they experienced history** in a way they've never done before at an event that we hope will become a staple on their calendars for years to come.

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