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Sonoma Speed Festival Appoints Steve Earle, Dan Radowitz and Tim Pendergast to Lead Race Operations Team

Earle, Radowitz and Pendergast have a proven record of safety and dedication to authenticity with decades of combined experience at the helm of the Monterey Historics, three Rennsport Reunions, the Wine Country Classic, the California Mille and the Amelia Island Concours d'Elegance.

Sonoma, Calif. (March 20, 2019) – The Sonoma Speed Festival announced today several additions to its race operations team in an effort to ensure maximum focus on safety, authenticity and vehicle provenance at its inaugural event. Steve Earle, considered the founding father of American vintage auto racing, has been appointed as Senior Consultant to the Race Committee, while Dan Radowitz and Tim Pendergast have been appointed Race Directors for the event.

Earle was the founder of both the Wine Country Classic and the Monterey Historics, helped create what is now known as “Monterey Car Week” and is considered by many a pinnacle of vintage racing the U.S. and around the globe. Radowitz is an expert in historic motorsports with credentials that include overseeing the California Mille, along with working in race operations for the Wine Country Classic and Monterey Historics. Pendergast serves as the Director of Operations for the Amelia Island Concours d'Elegance, has run race operations for the Porsche-centric Rennsport Reunion IV, V and VI events and has organized the Daytona Heritage Exhibition at the Rolex 24 at Daytona. Together, this team will scrutinize every competing entry to ensure the vehicles are as accurate to their original time period as possible and that race groups will be sorted for both vehicle competitiveness and class. They will also enforce rigid safety standards on both competitors and the event venue.

“Our primary goal is to bring the greatest authentic historic race cars to the track where they belong,” said Jeff O’Neill, Founder of the Sonoma Speed Festival. “We want to showcase the evolution of speed in real time and create an environment where people can enjoy these cars in their element without worrying about safety or authenticity issues. With these gentlemen at the helm we are confident that the Sonoma Speed Festival stands among the best racing events in the world.”

Set against the scenic backdrop of California wine country, the Sonoma Speed Festival will feature world-class food, wine and a variety of interactive displays, along with ten competing historic race groups ranging



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from the dawn of motorsports to the modern day. Specialty vehicle displays, including cacklefests and passes by vintage dragsters, will also be featured.

Tickets for the Sonoma Speed Festival are available now online at <https://www.sonomaraceway.com/events/sonoma-speed-festival/>. Learn more on the [event website](#) and follow the action on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#).

About Sonoma Speed Festival

The Sonoma Speed Festival is dedicated to highlighting the best racecars and collections from the international community and the U.S. One of the primary goals of the event is to connect the beauty and sophistication of the wine country to an event that is spectator and participant friendly while showcasing the best aspects of Northern California. For more information visit <https://sonomaspeedfestival.com/> or email info@sonomaspeedfestival.com.

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