



Del Monte Trophy Race Group

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Gentlemen and supporters, I'm sure that you have your calendars in front of you and are considering race dates for the coming season. I'd like to suggest 3-4 dates for our Group. As in past years, the circuits are Sonoma and Laguna Seca. We've not ventured elsewhere but if anyone has a seductive offer for an alternate event, please make it known. Photo: DMTRG at Velocity Invitational



For 2024, **CSRG** <http://csrgracing.org> has scheduled it's **David Love Memorial** event at Sonoma for March 15-17 and it's **Laps For Laguna** at Laguna Seca for May 31-June 2. These are both club races. If we field 15-20 entries we will have a race group mostly to ourselves although not necessarily in exclusivity. I'll make some calls in the next couple of weeks to determine how much interest you have in a Group turnout for one (or both) of these dates.

Monterey Car Week, <https://whatsupmonterey.com/article/activities/monterey-car-week-overview>, the second and third weeks in August, includes the **Rolex Monterey Motorsports Reunion** August 14-17 and the **Pre-Reunion** August 10 and 11 Race Groups have not been announced but this year's theme is the **50th Anniversary of Vintage Racing at Laguna Seca Raceway**. Our cars have been an integral part of that history since Steve Earle organized the first event. In 2023 we saw a mix of eras and cars in the race group we participated in. Hopefully the organizers have reflected on that experience and the grid this year will be more coherent. If you are coming early, we can most likely include you in the and your car in the Kick Off run from Laguna Seca into Alvarado street in Monterey on August 9th.

Let's have a strong turn out for the Reunion in 2024!

Velocity Invitational is scheduled for October 4-6 at Sonoma. We have participated in each of the previous events and should once again have a dedicated race group for 2024. The group is limited to 25 cars and for 2024 we are being asked to submit entries between now and March 15. This will allow the organizers to confirm the race groups. I would urge those of you who would like to participate this year to go to the Velocity Invitational website, click on racers and submit the entry form <http://velocityinvitational.com>, click on OnTrack. Let's have another strong turnout for this great event in October.

Please let me know your plans to attend any or all of these events so that we can build up a picture with numbers.

Email me at r3teknon@sbcglobal.net

In other news, **Dan Davis and Victory Lane Magazine** sponsored a short video of the Barlow Simca Special and our Group at Velocity Invitational. It has been produced and edited by Geoff Zimmerman of Checkered Flag Films and can be seen in the December edition of the online Victory Lane magazine <http://victorylane.com> and at <http://dmtrg.com/2023/12/04/the-barlow-simca-video-portrait/>. This first attempt at video portraits of our Group will hopefully result in the coverage of others of our cars in the future.



As we have done for the past 5 years, two of our Group participants were recognized for their commitment to the sports cars of the early 1950s, the period correct presentation of their entry and their contribution to good fun and camaraderie on and off the track. **Dave Nelson and his 1955 Triumph TR2** were awarded the Del Monte Trophy in the Under 2000cc Class and **John Mote and his 1953 Sorrell Kurtis GMC** were awarded in the Over 2000cc Class. They will be added to winners plaques on the perpetual Del Monte Trophy.

Marcus Bicknell, in addition to his written analysis of the major 2023 races has completed an extensive overhaul of our <http://dmtrg.com> web site. If you haven't visited it lately, please have a look. Our cars are all there along with the latest racing photos and news. If you and your car(s) should be in the listing at http://dmtrg.com/cars_list/ please send photos, details and history to marcus@bicknell.com.

With Best Regards for the New Year,
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