



## Pebble Beach Road Racers at Laguna Seca, August 2026

### Record capacity grid of 40 historic and priceless cars racing on track

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The Del Monte Trophy Race Group announces a record-breaking full grid of 40 Pebble Beach Road Racers for their races at the Rolex Monterey Motorsport Reunion at Laguna Seca, California, August 12-15 2026. In the year of the 75<sup>th</sup> celebration of the Pebble Beach Road races, an extraordinary line-up of historic and priceless race cars will do battle on track. As at the original Pebble Beach Road Races 1950-1956 round the pines of the Del Monte forest in Monterey, there are the European sports cars and the California specials; there are under 1500cc engines and unlimited straight-sixes and V-eights; and several cars racing for the first time in decades.

One of the highlights will be Bill Hart's 1954 **MG Special R2 Flying Shingle** created by Ken Miles. Among its accomplishments were a 1st place finish in the Pebble Beach Cup and 3rd in the Del Monte Trophy Races at the Pebble Beach Road Races in 1955.

Other winners of the Pebble Beach Road Races in the 1950s include the 1951 **Barlow Simca Special** and the 1950 **von Neumann MG TD Special**. Sports and sports racing cars like the Jaguar, Allard, MG, Aston Martin, Austin-Healey, Cooper, Devin, Kurtis, Porsche, Siata and Triumph are of a type which raced at Pebble Beach or similar.

The 1956 **HWM-Chevrolet Stovebolt Special** is being shipped in from England for the racing and for the Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance thanks to the American Hot Rod Foundation. Bill Pollack gave this car a spirited race in the 1956 Pebble Beach Road Races and British owner Simon Taylor will drive it in 2026.

Among the recently restored cars are the 1954 **Swartley OSCA Special**, 1953 **Comet Glasspar Special**, the 1954 gullwing **Cannon Mk IV**; the 1954 **Sutton Jaguar Special**; the 1954 **Porsche Pupulidy Special**; the 1952 **MG TD Schiaretta Special**; and the 1956 **AVIA Streamline**.

The celebrated California Specials from **Hagemann, Manning, Parkinson, Sorrell** and **Tatum** will be expected to be at the pointy end of the results.

The 40 cars and their drivers are

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| 1955 Mistral Special       | Weslev Abendroth |
| 1955 Elva Mk 1             | Dennis Adair     |
| 1954 Swartlev OSCA Special | Kevin Adair      |
| 1952 Jaguar XK120 OTS      | James Alder      |
| 1951 Jaguar XK120          | Timothy Barnes   |
| 1953 Porsche 356           | Uwe Biegner      |

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| 1953 Comet Glasspar Special          | Douglas Brower    |
| 1954 Cannon Mk IV                    | Rick Cannon       |
| 1955 Clearv Devin Croslev Special    | Jamie Clearv      |
| 1954 Sutton Jaguar Special           | Garv Cox          |
| 1953 Siata 208S                      | Robert Davis      |
| 1950 Allard J2                       | Bernard Dervieux  |
| 1954 Porsche Pupulidv Special        | Dave Hagan        |
| 1954 MG Special R2 "Flying Shingle"  | William Hart Sr.  |
| 1954 Aston Martin DB2/4 Mk 1         | Jonathan Kitchen  |
| 1958 Devin J Special                 | Jon LeCarner      |
| 1952 MG TD Schiarette Special        | Bill Lvon         |
| 1952 Jaguar XK120                    | Luca Maciucescu   |
| 1954 Porsche 356                     | Gregor Magnusson  |
| 1953 Tatum GMC Special               | Dave Zurlinden    |
| 1952 Streets Manning Special         | Marcus Bicknell   |
| 1951 Barlow Simca Special            | Rob Manson        |
| 1950 Jaguar Parkinson Special        | Derek Hill        |
| 1950 MG TD von Neumann Special       | Don Pennerdene    |
| 1953 Kurtis 500S Dodge               | John Buddenbaum   |
| 1952 Jaguar XK120                    | Lars Manstead     |
| 1951 MG TD Supercharged              | Kaiden Marouf     |
| 1956 Cooper Bobtail T39              | Charles McCabe    |
| 1955 Kurtis Sorrell GMC Special      | John Mote Sr.     |
| 1950 Allard K-2                      | Johnnv Mote Jr.   |
| 1955 Triumph TR2                     | David Nelson      |
| 1955 Jaguar XK140                    | David Olson       |
| 1954 Warrior Bristol                 | John Jack Perkins |
| 1956 AVIA Streamline                 | Mark Sange        |
| 1953 Denzel                          | Steve Schmidt     |
| 1955 Hagemann Chrysler Special       | Steve Schuler     |
| 1955 Austin Healev 100-4             | Walter Sikes      |
| 1956 HWM-Chevrolet Stovebolt Special | Simon Tavlör      |
| 1955 Austin Healev 100S              | Greg Whitten      |
| 1952 Porsche Glockler                | Ben Wvsard        |

The Del Monte Trophy Race group is the class of car which typically race together. They are defined as those, primarily front-engined, drum-brake Sports Cars which would, and could, have raced at Pebble Beach 1950-1956 (<https://dmtrg.com/the-definition/>). The silver Del Monte Trophy is awarded every year by the group's steward Rob Manson to the car and driver most successful and most in keeping with the spirit of the Pebble Beach Road Races. The online and PR persona of the Del Monte Trophy group has morphed since 2025 into the Pebble Beach Road Racers.

Images of all the cars (many of them in moderate resolution) and logos of our race group are available to download at <https://dmtrg.com/cars-at-the-reunion-2026/>

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