

WHAT IS VINTAGE RACING?

We will all have a number of opportunities to watch Vintage Car racing this summer. I thought a little vintage racing background information might stimulate your interest and/or add to your enjoyment of the races.

Many types, classes and categories of cars are raced. Most are owned and maintained by individuals and raced for fun. The cars include sports cars, grand prix cars, formula cars, grand touring cars, and sport sedans. Some of the cars have actual race history and some are performance cars that could have been raced but are seeing competition for the first time. Only period racing modifications are allowed on the cars. Most organizations limit the age of the cars to 1973 and older. Minimum safety modifications are a roll-over bar, competition seat belts/shoulder harness and an in-car fire extinguisher. Drivers must wear Snell approved helmets and fire resistant clothing and shoes. In many races several classes and/or groups are combined to form a racing grid. Here are some of the classes.

- ◆ **PRE WAR CARS**
Pre World War 2.
- ◆ **SMALL PRODUCTION SPORT CARS**
MGA, Sprite, Midget, TR2 & 3, etc.
- ◆ **MEDIUM PRODUCTION SPORT CARS**
A/H, Sunbeam, 6 cyl Triumph, Porsche, etc.
- ◆ **LARGE PRODUCTION SPORT CARS**
Jaguar, Corvette, V8 Mustang, etc.
- ◆ **HISTORIC SPORT CARS AND SEDANS**
An important part of racing history.
- ◆ **FIA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP CARS**
Big prototype cars that ran at Le Mans, Monza, etc.
- ◆ **SMALL SPORT RACING CARS**
Two seat race cars. Lotus 11 & 23, Elva 7, Porsche 550, etc.
- ◆ **LARGE SPORT RACING CARS**
Expensive two seat race cars. 450 Maserati to Can-Am cars.
- ◆ **FORMULA CARS**
Open wheel cars built to a strict formula. F-Vee, FC, FB, F2, F Atlantic, and F Jr.
- ◆ **GRAND PRIX, FORMULA ONE, AND INDY CARS.**

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