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PRESS RELEASE

***SAN DIEGO FLEET WEEK FOUNDATION AWARDS RACE PRODUCTION
CONTRACT TO HMSA FOR PRESTIGIOUS CORONADO SPEED FESTIVAL***

SAN DIEGO, June 22, 2009 – The San Diego Fleet Week Foundation has awarded race production for the prestigious Coronado Speed Festival to Historic Motor Sports Association ('HMSA'). The 12th annual event is scheduled for September 26 and 27, 2009.

The event will be held on Naval Air Station North Island, in Coronado, a small, picturesque community of San Diego. This Fleet Week San Diego event is one-of-a-kind, and the only race car and military tribute event in the United States. The Speed Festival will feature some of the greatest vintage race categories. More details on these categories to be released soon.

“We have a vision. The vision is to move the Coronado Speed Festival to a higher and elevated state, to increase awareness of the event, but more significantly, to pay tribute to our nation and our community’s military, and their families,” Jim Philion, Founder of the Coronado Speed Festival, emphatically stated. “The San Diego Fleet Week Foundation will rely on this world-class partnership to provide strategy and execution excellence to help us achieve our mission.”

Philion joins with the other founders, Larry Blumberg and Gina Cunningham Daley, to state, “We are very grateful to all the fans, racers, organizers, sponsors and organizations that have helped grow the Speed Festival to this point. We are proud of what it has become over the last decade. This new alliance is very exciting, and we are confident our event will gain even more prominence, which will in turn secure its future for years to come. We look forward to the growth of the event and the organizations involved.”

Cris Vandagriff, President of HMSA, will organize and stage race production of the Speed Festival, and he comments on HMSA’s involvement, “The purpose of HMSA is to encourage the restoration, preservation and use of historic sports and racing cars. I see tremendous potential in both vintage racing and the event. I cannot imagine a more prestigious event and location than the Coronado Speed Festival.”

His group promises to work diligently to support the Fleet Week San Diego’s mission - to honor and celebrate the men and women of the military. “I intend to work collaboratively with the Foundation and the U.S. Navy in helping them achieve their objective including benefiting and saluting a great cause, the men and women of the military and their families.”

“The Coronado Speed Festival has a tremendous following of participants, sponsors, vendors and fans. We are delighted to have HMSA as our partner moving forward. Vandagriff and his team share our mission of honoring and celebrating the military and providing unparalleled excitement to everyone who attends the event,” says Alexandra Squires, Executive Director of the San Diego Fleet Week Foundation.

About Historic Motor Sports Association ('HMSA')

The Coronado Speed Festival is sanctioned by HMSA. Established in 1977, HMSA specializes in race events with historic cars, emphasizing the preservation and proper use of historic race cars. For more information about HMSA, call 818-249-3515 or visit www.hmsausa.com.

About The Coronado Speed Festival & Fleet Week San Diego

The Coronado Speed Festival is Fleet Week San Diego's marquee event. The event features fast-paced, thrilling auto racing and exhibitions for car enthusiasts of all ages at one of the most distinctive race track locations - Naval Air Station North Island, the birthplace of Naval Aviation. Nowhere else can you see a variety of cars racing on a live runway used by the U.S. Navy.

This is the only Navy Open House on the West Coast. Naval Base Coronado is home to over 20,000 active duty military and over 4,000 civilian employees. The general public only gets a glimpse of the daily activities happening at the base. This is San Diego's opportunity to interact with the young men and women who defend our freedom. Climb aboard and tour an active Navy ship berthed at NASNI, visit command displays, watch F-18 flyovers and see military vehicles in action.

At the Coronado Speed Festival you will see top race cars from today & tomorrow including historic stock cars, as well as the restored classics from years past. Also planned are military flyovers, drifting exhibitions, car club corral, car show, Navy ship tours and more.

Don't miss out on this annual celebration of speed. The Coronado Speed Festival offers something for everyone to enjoy so race on down to Naval Air Station, North Island on **September 26-27** for the premiere racing event of the season. Ticket information is coming soon. This event is free for active duty military and their dependants. For more information please go to www.fleetweeksandiego.org/coronadospeedfestival.

The Coronado Speed Festival is produced by San Diego Fleet Week Foundation and hosted by the Naval Base Coronado and the Morale, Welfare and Recreation Program (MWR) which benefits military personnel and their families. They in turn provide positive support for the active duty military community and their families through Quality of Life Programs including single Sailor Recreation Centers, Fitness and Aquatic Facilities and the Base Theatre Free Movies.

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