

# International Highlights

## International Opportunities Abound in 2014

– story by Dan Davis

The opportunities to participate in European and International vintage racing are vast. The need to press ahead is equally great for FIA Historic Drivers License, transport, carnet for the car, at-race support and budgeting.

It is highly recommended that first time adventurers talk with individuals or vintage prep shops that have been there. Also, regular information on the scene is available in a monthly vintage racing magazine targeted to racers, *Historic Motor Racing News*. Although advance planning is necessary, many of the club event schedule have not yet been released. However, the major event info for 2014 is available. Here are some of interest:

### **Salon Retro Mobile, February 5-9**

The largest auto themed exhibition sales and convention in Europe. There are over 500 vintage cars on exhibit, an Auto Art Gallery, auctions, and 500 industry exhibitors for vintage parts and services. Held at Expo Porte De Versailles Pavillon in Paris, France. For info, visit [www.retmobile.com](http://www.retmobile.com)

### **Donnington Historic Festival, May 3-5**

Donnington is one of the most historic, scenic and challenging purpose-built road circuits in the UK. Most famously, Donnington was the scene of Grand Prix races just before WWII, with battles between Alfa Romeo, Auto Union and Mercedes.

### **Grand Prix de Monaco Historique, May 9-11**

Held every other year, usually 2 weeks prior to the contemporary Formula 1 race.



photo by Michael Oliver

### **A pair of 1930s ERAs on the circuit at the 2012 Grand Prix de Monaco Historique.**

The Grand Prix d'Historique runs on the same circuit with over-the-top racing, parties and a Sunday evening awards banquet that is fantastic. Entry is expensive, approaching \$10,000, but it's worth it. Eight grids of period correct authentic F1, FJr, F2 or F3 cars, plus one for 1950s sports racers. Apply early with a proper car. If there is one international to-do on the bucket list, this is it.

### **Goodwood Festival of Speed, June 26-29**

The mega "hillclimb" up the 1-mile drive of the Lord March's estate in Southern England near the Goodwood Circuit. Its hundreds of important cars are driven one at a time, with suitable announcing, in front of 200,000 spectators and more. Cars are invited and requests for entry are considered.

### **Silverstone Classic, July 25-27**

The Silverstone Classic is held on the UK's most historic F1 road circuits. It is an airfield circuit some 2 hours' drive north of London.

Silverstone hosted the first FIA F1 world championship race in 1950. The Classic has over 1000 vintage race cars entered each year and the grids tend to be very period-correct. The circuit has been modified considerably from the original configuration, due to contemporary F1 requirements, but still has fast sweeping curves and esses on a 4-mile circuit. Mustang is featured for 2014.

### **Goodwood Revival, September 12-14**

This huge event is held on the Goodwood circuit in the South of England. It is fast and historic. Over 150,000 spectators – many in period 1950-60 dress for paddock and special village access – enjoy some of the best most hotly contested vintage racing anywhere. There are period-correct grids for cars from the 1920 onward, plus one or more vintage motorcycle races.

These are just a sample of great international racing adventures. More details are to be released shortly.

A photograph of a black Shadow MK1 Formula 1 car on a racetrack. The car is shown from a side-rear perspective, highlighting its aerodynamic design and open cockpit. The driver is wearing a helmet. The background shows a blurred crowd of spectators behind a yellow safety barrier.

SHADOW MK1 [Chassis #70-4]

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