



**COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE  
COUNTY OF MONTEREY**

**MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** May 27, 2008  
**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Lew C. Bauman  
County Administrative Officer  
**SUBJECT:** County Administrative Officer's Weekly Report for May 27, 2008

This is the weekly report by the County Administrative Officer to the Board of Supervisors. This report provides information on issues affecting the County and the progress of County activities.

**Parks**

*Festival of Speed*

The Festival of Speed was held at the Laguna Seca Recreation Area on May 16-18, 2008. This event was slated to include the return of Champ Cars to Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca until they merged with IRL and pulled out of this venue. The races did include historic IMSA cars from 1974-1982, the Grand Am Rolex Sports Car Series, the Atlantic Championship and Formula BMW USA.

Monterey resident Jonathan Bomarito was strongly favored to win the Atlantic Championship, but ended up in 19<sup>th</sup> place due to mechanical failures. Several of the races featured drivers from Monterey County. However, it was the Canadians who ruled with wins in two of the major races. For celebrity watchers, Team Hypersport's #40 in the Rolex Sports Car Series is co-owned by Patrick Dempsey. Yes, that was his photo on the side of the car, an advertisement for his new movie *Made of Honor*.

Attendance for the weekend was anticipated to be approximately 15,000. Final numbers have not yet been received. The next race event at Laguna Seca Recreation Area and Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca is the Red Bull U.S. Grand Prix on July 18-20, 2008.

This concludes the CAO report.