Laguna Seca Event Earns International Accolades

Monterey County’s iconic Laguna Seca Raceway had an international spotlight last month, as FIA (Federation Internationale de l’Automobile) recognized and honored one of its premiere events.

At its annual gala and awards event at the Palace of Versailles in France, FIA bestowed its Member’s Heritage Cup to the Sports Car Racing Association of
the Monterey Peninsula (SCRAMP) honoring its work on the Rolex Monterey Motorsports Reunion event. This is the first time the award has been given to an event in the United States.

American FIA officials nominated the Rolex event and SCRAMP, citing the authenticity and preservation in the cars that participate and SCRAMP’s organization of the event that has worldwide appeal.

This year, the Reunion celebrated the 60th anniversary of Laguna Seca. More than 500 race cars competed and the paddock display was capped by the ‘Racing Through the Decades’ display that featured 12 significant race cars and bikes with ties to Laguna Seca, including the Ferrari 500 Testa Rossa driven in the course’s inaugural race in 1957.

SCRAMP’s Gill Campbell accepted the award during a ceremony in front of hundreds of international motorsports elite.

“To have 28 international FIA representatives vote and recognize SCRAMP for such an honor is testament to the passion and professionalism of SCRAMP staff, volunteers, sponsors and the County of Monterey,” remarked Campbell about this unforgettable experience. “It is through the dedication and enthusiasm from each participant who shares his or her cars that makes the Rolex Monterey Motorsports Reunion so special internationally.”

Félicitations! This year’s Rolex Monterey Motorsports will be held August 23-26.

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**Health Department Eyes Active Transportation Activities with Grant**

Active transportation is defined as any form of human-powered transportation, such as walking and biking.
The Health Department will be working to promote more of what gets you moving thanks to a two-year, $964,000 Active Transportation Program grant from Caltrans.

The grant will support Safe Route to School programming, community engagement and active transportation policy work as well as support for Ciclovia (open streets) events in Salinas, Gonzales, Greenfield, Soledad and King City.

The Health Department is the lead agency on this grant and will be working with many partners including local school districts, Building Healthy Communities, Ecology Action, TAMC and the five cities listed above to implement these projects.

With funding from the first cycle of the grant, some work has already been done such as safety improvements around schools to encourage walking to school and safer pedestrian paths.

**NMC Launches “Stop the Bleed”**

Imagine a situation where you are the only one with a badly injured person. Would you know what to do?

Natividad Medical Center (NMC) wants us all to know there are things we can do. NMC has
launched “Stop the Bleed,” a public education campaign to better equip the public with medical tactics to help save lives in urgent situations.

“The public plays a vital role in the time between when an injury happens and when professional medical help arrives,” says Lorraine Artinger, a trauma prevention and outreach nurse at Natividad Medical Center. “By teaching our community basic techniques to stop bleeding, they can help save lives and prevent serious injury.”

As part of the campaign, NMC’s trauma team will train high school students, businesses and other organizations how to quickly assess an injury, properly compress and control bleeding, pack wounds and apply tourniquets.

The first training took place last week with 21 students from Salinas High School. Students completed a structured course led by trauma surgeon Dr. Andrew McCague.

The training will be especially useful for those who work in agriculture, where there are often heavy machine accidents or for those who may find themselves in a gun-related or other violent situation.

NMC is partnering with Monterey County’s Emergency Medical Services (EMS) and the California Highway Patrol (CHP) to bring the program to the community. If you know of an organization (of 15 or more) that would like a training, please contact Lorraine Artinger at artingerlg@natividad.com.