

60th Anniversary Mini Race Features 25 Entries and Still Counting

Four Classes and the Event Schedule Announced for North America's Premiere Mini Event

September 3, 2019 (FPRC) -- Excitement is building among North American Mini drivers and vintage racing fans as details become clear as to classifications for the 60th Anniversary Mini Race at Portland International Speedway September 6-8, 2019.

The highlight of the race weekend will be the feature Minis-only race sessions, which will celebrate 60 years of Mini's in competition with a huge variety of different levels of car preparation from all across North America.

The event is held in conjunction with the Columbia River Classic and is sanctioned by the Society of Vintage Racing Enthusiasts (SOVREN), a non-profit racing organization dedicated to the restoration, preservation, and competition of pre-war, vintage and historic racing automobiles since 1985.

"This race weekend promises to offer great excitement on track, as a horde of Minis vies for podium positions in one of the four exclusive classes," said Rachel Nelson, Mini Race Communications. "The class structure is designed to pay tribute to the many years that Minis have raced in classes such as D-Sedan, C-Sedan, GT5, and GTLite, all of which had different rules."

Class M1 is for the nearly showroom stock Minis that have limited performance modifications and small displacement engines. Class M2 is for Minis that have had some performance enhancements, but maintain a mostly original engine, suspension, and appearance.

Class M3 is for the larger engine displacement cars with extensive performance development, but that still maintain relatively unchanged bodywork. Class M4 is for the all-out modified Minis that can include complete tube frame chassis, altered bodywork, and non-original Mini components.

The 25 entered drivers hail from Canada, Washington, Oregon, California, Colorado, Arizona, and Minnesota, and includes many former champions and race winners. Car models range from 1960 to 1973.

The racing excitement begins on Saturday morning when the Minis will take to the track for the first time for a fifteen minute qualifying session at 9:45 am. Then at 3:35 pm, the first race of the weekend gets underway with a twenty minute session.

Sunday is the big day, starting with a twenty minute race at 10:35 am. "The paddock area will be buzzing with action as everyone gets ready for the Feature Race. Then at 2:05 pm, the moment everyone has been waiting for arrives, as the Minis take to the track for the final feature race of the weekend in a thirty minute all-out dash for the podium," Nelson explained.

"One of the best viewing spots will no doubt be at the grandstands near the Shelton Chicane at turn #1, with Minis charging into the first turn at high speed after taking the green flag, Nelson explained. "Immediately following the race, trophies will be awarded by the Mini legend himself, Paddy Hopkirk.

Be sure to hurry down to the podium area to watch the trophy presentations after the checkered flag!”

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