



2016 PIB Road Races Reunion To Feature Vintage Formula Vee and FJr

Put-in-Bay, Ohio -- The Put-in-Bay Road Races Reunion for the eighth straight year will again wake up the residents of sleepy South Bass Island (off Ohio's North Coast near Sandusky, OH) with the sights, sounds and smells of vintage sports cars roaring through its quaint streets and around its airport, much the same as it was on the island for one weekend a year back in the 1950s and early '60s. **This year's event takes place from Monday, August 29 to Wednesday, August 31.**

Unlike most vintage racing events, the Put-in-Bay Road Races Reunion (PIBRRR) welcomes owner-drivers of qualified racing and non-racing vintage sports cars of all types to be part of the show and participate in various events and activities. Those activities revolve around vintage sports car racing, but racing is just part of what's going on.

Of course the racing is very cool since it's generally for the types of cars that raced at Put-in-Bay back in the 1950s: closed-wheel, small bore sports cars, sedans and sports racers – Triumph, MG, Alfa Romeo, Porsche, Morgan, Lotus, Elva and many others. This year the organizers are also expecting a significant turnout of specified open wheel cars. Drivers of vintage Formula Vees and Formula Jrs have been invited to come experience PIBRRR's surprisingly challenging airport circuit and are offered both a reduced pre-July 1 entry rate and a separate race group.

“While FVs and Jrs never raced at ‘The Bay’ back in the ‘50s, we think those cars are the perfect fit for our event,” says race director and event co-founder Jack Woehrle. “Plus they can drive their race cars to dinner, if they want to – something you can't do anywhere else!”

In 2015 Woehrle says he was pleased to be able to expand the previous one-day race schedule to two days and to conduct those races on a re-paved and expanded airport runway and taxiway surface. “Everyone said they like the new course layout and the improved surface, and we witnessed some really great races,” said Woehrle who adds he “...can't wait to see a tight gaggle of FVs going wheel to wheel out there.”

Put-in-Bay Road Races Reunion Background

Beginning with a small event in 2009, the Put-in-Bay Road Races Reunion celebrates sports car races that were held at Put-in-Bay on Ohio's South Bass Island from 1952 to 1959 and in 1963. The steadily growing, three-day reunion engages participants in an

event that reaches back in time to capture the history and re-create the atmosphere of North America post-war sports car racing in a uniquely beautiful setting. So wrapped around two days of small-bore sports car racing at the island's airport is a balanced mix of events honoring the island's racing history, social gatherings, a car show, original course and airport-track touring and even rocker cover races. Plus there is enough unstructured time to get away and explore the island, which has many historical and picturesque sites of interest.

Put-in-Bay is a nostalgic island enclave and a short ferry ride off the shore of Lake Erie near Sandusky, Ohio. A summer resort community little changed from the '50s, it is one of the very few places in North America where post-war sports cars raced through towns and countryside on public roads and where those roads exist today virtually unchanged.

For PIBRRR details see the racecar eligibility form, registration form, general race rules & regulations, and other information at www.pibroadrace.com. **Note: \$50 discount for entries received before August 1.**

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Provisional Overview of Events For PIBRRR 2016

Sunday, August 28 - Registration and tech inspection opens in the afternoon. Early evening welcome wine and cheese party at Put-in-Bay Winery.

Monday, August 29 – Morning focuses on PIB Road Races History featuring historic PIB racing presentations and guests. Racing orientation and practice sessions commence at the airport after lunch, followed by late afternoon laps of the original course. Rocker cover races follow tour of old course.

Tuesday, August 30 - Race Day 2 at the Put-in-Bay airport! Featuring qualifying races in the morning, track "Lunch Lapping" for Street Car participants, followed by feature races and the Put-In-Bay Cup race. Racing awards party following the on-track activities.

Wednesday, August 31 – Morning Car Show, followed by farewell luncheon and car show awards presentation including presentation of The Paul Henry Award.

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