

Monte Shelton Jaguar Regional Races to Impact Northwest Road Racing Championship Battles

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Portland, OR (PRWEB) Sept 5, 2008 – The Monte Shelton Jaguar Regional Races this weekend at Portland International Raceway are the penultimate round in the eight-event Fluge Global Adventures Road Racing Championship.

Race drivers from Oregon, Washington and Canada are attempting to solidify points leads, or trying to improve class standings, before the season-ending event next month in sports racing, formula, production, touring and vintage road racing classes sanctioned by the Oregon Region Sports Car Club of America.

In fact, the competition has been so close this season that over 20 class titles are still up for grabs.

"It is exciting to be part of this championship battle, and to bring first class road racing to sports fans in the Northwest," said Neil Shelton, general manager at Monte Shelton Jaguar in Portland, OR. "Motorsports has a real tie-in to selling Jaguars, and because of that we like to support local sports car racing in the Northwest," Shelton added.

One of the championships yet to be decided is in Club Ford, where Michael Shiumate of Kennewick, WA is tied for first with John Michial of Pasco, WA and Portland's Neil Shelton is just 10 points behind.

With 20 points available for a win, 16 for second and 14 for third, any of these three drivers can win the class title.

In A Sedan, Tigard's Marshall Atherton is tied with Beaverton's Dave Dickoff at 92 points. Eugene's Joseph Potter leads Patrick Twomey of Tacoma 40-39 in E Production. Lance Spiering of Aloha, OR has 118 to Port Angeles, WA's Sean McDonald's 101 in Formula 500. The Formula B class has Rob Rice of Battle Ground, WA leading Surrey, BC's Kyle Oberndorf 41-31, and Formula Vee shows Alan Harrington of Mulino, OR with 20 points to Halsey, OR's Rob Bonham's 16 and Sammamish, WA's Stephen Saslow's 15 points.

Portland's Andrew Foley leads Milwaukie's Matt Crandall in GT2 119 to 112 in their Panoz GTS race cars. Portland's David Marden is eight points ahead of West Linn's Skip Yocum in H Production, 68-60. The ITA class has Thomas Ferrara leading Jim Boemier 90-59, while Nick Fluge of Portland leads Daniel Jesse of Gearhart, OR and Seattle's Val Korry, with 112 points to their 81 and 75, respectively. Lyall Edey of Des Moines, WA with 98 points holds the top spot over Kirkland's Scott Powell's 84 and Maple Valley's Mark LaCombe and Jon Wilson, tied with 56 in ITS.

The all-Porsche race groups have their battles waging as well. British Columbia's David Cormier leads Portland's Jay Culbertson in PCA1 by just four points, 66-62. Gearhart's Daniel Jesse leads Julie Jessie 132-105 in PCA3, while Kirkland's Scott Powell has 92 points to Lyall Edey's 88 in PCA4.

In the sports racing category, Battle Ground, WA's John Bachofner has 112 points to Portland's John Brewer's 74 in S2. Portland's Monte Shelton leads the SPO class with 98 points over Woodinville, WA's Ken Olson's 62. Portland's Charlie Burrows has 106 to Ron Cramer's 97 in SPU.

Among spec racing classes, both Spec Miata and Spec Racer Ford have championship battles that will go down to the last race. Spec Miata features Will Schrader of Happy Valley, OR with 148 points to Portland's Gary Bockman's 136 and West Linn's Bruce Wilson's 103.

There are a total of 34 drivers competing in the Pro Drive Spec Racer Ford championship, with Chris Jackson of Vancouver, WA leading the current point standings over top ten drivers Dan Halloran of Portland; Johnny Humphreys of Verdale, WA; John Tipton of Lake Oswego; Steve Fogg of West Linn; Portland's Bryan Ward, Mark Goodman, Jim Flynn, and Gary Manchester; David Rice of Battle Ground and John Draneas of West Linn. Only Halloran and Humphreys have a mathematical chance of taking the season title away from Jackson. Their qualifying session is set for 4:00 p.m. Saturday, with a Sprint Race at 11:00 a.m. Sunday, and the Main Race scheduled at 5:00 p.m. Sunday.

In the vintage race classes, Robert Dustan of Allyn, WA leads Steve Rux of Salem OR by two points and Jim Sterling of Kelso WA by seven in the VP1 class. In VP2 Tim Scott of Longview, WA leads Salem's Paul Sundermier, 90-72. The VP3 class has the top five drivers covered by a total of five points. Norm Daniels of Vancouver, WA leads Portland's Mark Sorsdahl, Dave Isselhard and Ken Garchow, followed by Richard Albrecht of Crooked River, OR. The VFSR class has Lake Oswego's Greg Baldwin leading Dan Mullin from Eugene, OR, 69-66.

Race weekend practice and qualifying begin Saturday at 9 a.m., with racing beginning Sunday at 9 a.m. Admission and parking are free, courtesy of Monte Shelton Jaguar.

About Monte Shelton Jaguar

Monte Shelton Jaguar was established by Monte Shelton Motors with over 40 years of experience in the automotive business. They are the exclusive Jaguar dealer in Oregon and also feature a stable of pre-owned luxury cars, including some real classics.

The showroom is located at 1638 West Burnside in Portland, OR. Their Web site can be found at www.monteshelton.com, and can also be reached at 503-244-3232.

About Oregon Region SCCA

The Oregon Region of the Sports Car Club of America was established in the 1960's and has grown to its present membership of over 1,200 members. The Region obtained its charter from SCCA in 1962. It is a member oriented and operated club with the primary purpose of "promoting, maintaining and improving automobile sports and interest in the ownership, operation of, and safety of sports cars."

From its beginning, Oregon Region SCCA has been organizing and administering sports car/club racing events at Newport, Goshen (South of Eugene) and Portland's West Delta Park (now Portland International Raceway - PIR). The Region's first race was held at the Newport municipal airport (an ex-WWII air base) in 1962.

Currently, Oregon Region has active programs in Club Racing, Vintage Racing, Road Rally, Rallycross, and in Solo II - SCCA's autocross program where competitors compete against the clock in a controlled atmosphere. The Oregon region also provides workers and officials to major professional international racing competitions here in Oregon and across North America.

Individual event sponsors all hail from the Portland metropolitan area, including Monte Shelton Jaguar, Temp-Control Mechanical Corp., Parr Cabinet Outlet, Brewer Bros. Construction, and Pro Drive. The region's Web site is at www.oregonscca.com. Phone: 503.224.9469.

About Fluge Global Adventures

Last year, Fluge Global Adventures (FGA) won the prestigious Rose Cup at Portland International Raceway, captured the Improved Touring E (ITE) class championship with the Oregon Region Sports Car Club of America, competed in a 3,000-mile cross country race rally, climbed Mt. Kilimanjaro and to the Base Camp at Everest, competed in professional Las Vegas poker tournaments, and went "Nessie" watching in Scotland.

In 2008, (FGA) tackles some exciting new challenges. Besides entrance in selected Sports Car Club of America races, the FGA team will participate in the World Series of Poker, take on world class bikers in a 200 mile Cycling Classic, attempt an Exorcism at Amityville in New York, take part in the Duel in Death Valley in the fall, and compete in The Million Dollar Race in Las Vegas this November. For more on these events go to www.flugeglobaladventures.com.

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