



## ELVA Newsletter July 2015 #1

### ELVA 60th Anniversary Celebration, September 2015

**AN IMPORTANT REMINDER .. We have a ELVA 60th Anniversary Celebration thanks to the VRG at the New Jersey Motorsports Park, Millville. NJ. USA.  
Fri 18th - Sun 20th September 2015.**

Things are moving along fast so look forward to see you there, meanwhile Michael Oritt reports:

*"I have been in discussion with Butch O'Connor, the VRG Event Coordinator and the people who are most familiar with online event registration, regarding the creation of a path for non-racing Elva people who wish to attend one or more of the days and to be able to register online in advance. We wanted to see if we could create a category of registration so that when people show up to watch (not race) their names would be on a "Gate List" that will entitle them to a reduced fee admission. This would also give us a better feel for how many to expect on Friday night and also how large an area needs to be set aside for an "All-ELVA" paddock."*

*"The Event Coordinator indicated that he wanted to open the event for registration by posting it on the VRG website (see below) hopefully with the result that non-racers would register in advance and attend at a minimal cost. Unfortunately, and unlike all of the other tracks I am familiar with, NJMP does not welcome gate lists for crew and guests and unless you are a registered racer you pay the entry fee to get through the gate. Be aware that unless racers are in the gate by 10:00 AM they must pay as well! Therefore people will have to be prepared to pay to watch and mingle with the racers--the NJMP website says it is \$20.00 for a two-day ticket or \$12.00 for either Friday or Saturday. Kids under 12 are free if with a paying adult."*

While it would have been nice to have been offered some form of discount on entry tickets, the cost is small and these places have to pay their way. Lots of sporting activities charge way more!

For those staying over, here is a list of motels around Millville with thanks to Gary Cossaboon for this info .... [Check also with track website for offers, discount coupons.](#)

To get Google directions from your location, enter 'Dividing Creek Road Millville NJ 08332' into the destination. ( RAD .. I tried this from Arundel UK and it is still thinking about it!! Ha Ha )

#### Area Lodging

NJMP VIP Suites at track 856 327-8000 x8144  
Fairfield Inn and Suites \* Millville 856 776-2400  
Quality Inn & Suites \* Millville 856 327-3300  
Country Inn Millville-Vineland 856 825-3100  
Holiday Inn Express Millville-Vineland 856 293-8888  
Days Inn Vineland 856 696-5000  
Wingate Inn Vineland 856 690-9900  
Ramada Inn Vineland 856 696-3800  
Econo Lodge Vineland 856 696-3030  
Comfort Inn \* Vineland 856 692-8070  
Hampton Inn and Suites Vineland 856 405-0600  
Days Inn Bridgeton 856 455 1500 NOT RECOMMENDED gdc  
\* - SCCA discount available on all SCCA Club Racing

The Vineland motels are ten minutes from the track. Most fairly new construction. Rt.47 has several exits from Rt.55, the main N/S artery in South Jersey. Beware the many motels that come up with google search, "minutes away on Rt.55" Deptford, Gloucester, Cherry Hill, etc are 40 - 50 minutes from track.

For those camping, there are sites toward the shore, 30 minutes or more away.  
Bellplain St. Park  
Parvins St. Park  
Do check that they are open late Sept.  
Camping at the track is expensive and geared toward big RVs. See website.  
NO CAMPFIRES

#### Schedule of Events

The Schedule of Events for the weekend of racing at New Jersey Motorsports Park is up and [can be viewed here.](#)

The 15 lap/20 minute session that is termed as "The Mark Donohue Cup for Elvas" will run between 3:50 and 4:10. This award will apparently be awarded to "The Best Prepared and Raced Elva Courier" but it will in any case be an 'All-ELVA' event which will included FJ's, SR's (maybe even an early McLaren) and of course all of the Courier variants.

There will be a limit on the number of cars that are permitted in one grid on The Lightning Circuit but with the usual rule of thumb of 25 cars per mile of track length the 1.9 mile should allow almost 50. Wouldn't it be sensational to see that many Elvas gridded up?

The time for the Friday evening social activity at the on-campus Finish Line Pub is 7:00 PM where there will be a cash bar and light dishes are available with prices around \$10.00 each. Bob Engberg will be bringing his copy of the historical film strip featuring Rip Ripley and his Elva and we were hopeful that Rip himself would be in attendance but unfortunately he is unwell. We wish him a speedy recovery. It would be helpful if everyone could indicate that they hope to attend the Friday evening gathering so that the meeting room can be set up accordingly. Even if you have previously expressed interest, do please contact Michael Oritt so that likely numbers can be established. The event will, of course, be open to all racers and people attending the race weekend but naturally we hope for a large presence of Elva drivers and fans. We also anticipate some special Elva guests .. further details soon."

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#### 60th Anniversary regalia

We have produced some 60th Anniversary regalia for the NJ event including some nice 100mm round self-adhesive decals and a further batch of the hugely popular 60th key-fobs. I have now received these items and have fulfilled the waiting list for the fobs so let me know if of interest and of course if you want one of the special NJ decals. The cost to send Airmail one fob plus a decal is US\$29.00 inclusive but they may all go before September. The Donington decals soon 'sold out' so be sure to make contact if the NJ version is required. Easy to pay via PayPal. There will be some 60th Anniversary shirts too but details later. PLUS another very special item. However, I am awaiting a sample and will provide full details once seen and approved.

Contact me by email [roger@elva.com](mailto:roger@elva.com)

#### A Superb Trophy

The cherry on the cake is a SUPERB TROPHY which will be presented to the owner of "THE BEST ELVA" ... which means that ALL ELVA cars at the event will be eligible. It does not necessarily mean the car with the shiniest paintwork, or a race winning car, but an ELVA with a genuine honest feel which reflects the historic/vintage spirit of the ELVA era. We will talk to the owners too.

This wonderful trophy is due to the generosity of Mike Flewitt, CEO of McLaren Automotive Limited here in the UK. The trophy will surely be treasured by the recipient and if you needed a final nudge to make you head to the Lightening Circuit in September, this is it!!! EVERYONE bringing an ELVA to the event will be considered ... so don't miss this ... just be there!

Further updates will follow ... see you in September! RAD.  
"ELVA ... She Goes! Again!"

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