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Falcon 9 Rocket With Dragon Spacecraft Vertical at Launch Complex 39A

NASA provider SpaceX's Falcon 9 rocket and Dragon spacecraft are vertical at Launch Complex 39A at NASA’s Kennedy Space Center in Florida. Liftoff of SpaceX's tenth Commercial Resupply Services cargo mission to the International Space Station is scheduled for 10:01 a.m. EST on Saturday, Feb. 18, 2017. Lift off was delayed by one day due to technical difficulties

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In this issue we are featuring the Rolex 24 Hr race - Plus much more . . .

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The A330neo – which rolled out for the first time from Airbus' Toulouse, France paint shop on 23 December 2016 – builds on the A330's proven economics, versatility and reliability while reducing fuel consumption by a further 14 per cent per seat

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Boeing Debuts 787-10 Dreamliner

NORTH CHARLESTON, S.C., Feb. 17, 2017 – The Boeing (NYSE: BA) 787-10 Dreamliner, the third member of the 787 Dreamliner family, made its debut today at Boeing South Carolina.

Thousands of employees at the North Charleston, S.C. site celebrated the event, along with U.S. President Donald Trump and South Carolina Governor Henry McMaster.

"What's happening here at Boeing South Carolina is a true American success story," said Dennis Muilenburg, Boeing chairman, president and CEO. "In just a few short years, our team has transformed a greenfield site into a modern aerospace production facility that is delivering 787s to airlines all over the world and supporting thousands of U.S. jobs in the process."

The 787-10, built exclusively at Boeing South Carolina, will now be prepared for its first flight in the coming weeks.



"This airplane, the most efficient in its class, is the result of years of hard work and dedication from our Boeing teammates, suppliers and community partners in South Carolina and across the globe," said Kevin McAllister, Boeing Commercial Airplanes president and CEO. "We know our customers, including launch customer Singapore Airlines, are going to love what the 787-10 will do for their fleets, and we can't wait to see them fly it."

Boeing will deliver the 787-10 to airlines in 2018. The airplane has won 149 orders from nine customers across the globe.

The 787-10, the longest model of the Dreamliner family, will grow the nonstop routes opened by the 787-8 and 787-9 with unprecedented efficiency. As an 18-foot (5.5-m) stretch of the 787-9, the 787-10 will deliver the 787 family's preferred passenger experience and long range with up to 10 percent better fuel use and emissions than the competition. The 787 Dreamliner family is a key part of Boeing's twin-aisle strategy, which offers a modern, optimized and efficient airplane family in every market segment. Since entering service in 2011, the 787 family has flown more than 140 million people on 530 routes around the world, saving an estimated 13 billion pounds of fuel.

The A380 double-decker helps relieve congestion at London Heathrow airport

25 January 2017

At one of the world's key hub airports, the A380 is enabling airlines to effectively attract passengers while managing their precious takeoff/landing slots in an increasingly congested operational environment.

According to 2016 figures released by London's Heathrow Airport, 10 per cent of all passengers who travelled through the facility last year arrived or departed on an A380. This equates to more than seven million passengers, and represents an increase from eight per cent in 2015 and six per cent in 2014.

The A380 is omnipresent at Heathrow, with the jetliner utilised in service to and from the airport by British Airways, Emirates, Etihad Airways, Malaysia Airlines, Qantas, Qatar Airlines, Singapore Airlines and Thai Airways. These aircraft fly to 14 destinations from the London-area facility, including Los Angeles, Singapore and Dubai.

"As air traffic doubles every 15 years, and 90 per cent of long-haul passengers are travelling through 55 hub cities around the world, the A380 is the best aircraft to capture peak demand, while also relieving airport congestion and boosting hub operations," explained John Leahy, the Chief Operating Officer – Customers, at Airbus Commercial Aircraft.

Leahy added that the A380 passenger volume at Heathrow is expected to reach 12 per cent in 2017, and growth in traveller numbers flying on A380s is anticipated at other hub airports such as Los Angeles International, New York/JFK, Hong Kong and Singapore.

He noted that with more than 200 aircraft delivered to date, an A380 takes off or lands somewhere in the world every two and a half minutes.

To see where the A380 is being used, and book travel on operating airlines, visit the I Fly A380 website





We want to learn the story so that we can tell the story."

Jeff said with the help of his son, who has commercial and CFI ratings and is an A&P, he plans to keep the airplane true to its restoration and maintain it as meticulously as possible.

What's even more special for this family is that Trenton will be giving his dad tailwheel instruction.

"I've been coming here since second or third grade, and it's cool to finally be flying a plane away from here," Trenton said. "I went to college for four years and I got a lot of tailwheel time there and became an instructor, so now I get to share that back."

Together, Jeff and Trenton flew the L-4 from Oshkosh to its new home at Timmerman Field in Milwaukee.

L-4 Sweepstakes Winner Flies Home

February 22, 2017 - Oshkosh, WI

An excited Jeff Troxel, EAA Lifetime 9024246, the winner of EAA's 2016 Aircraft Sweepstakes, visited Oshkosh February 17 to take delivery of his new 1945 Piper L-4 and fly it home.

"This is humbling to get a prize of this magnitude, and it's a very special airplane as well," said Jeff, who was joined by his wife, Dawn, and son, Trenton.

The World War II warbird will be the family's first airplane. Tentative plans have already been made to bring the L-4 to local fly-ins and share its historical significance with others.

"In the days since we got the news I've downloaded some history books, including Ken Wakefield's book about the role that L-4s played in the war," Jeff said. "The more you read the more humbling it is. …



A HISTORIC MOMENT FOR QATAR AIRWAYS AS IT LAUNCHES THE WORLD'S LONGEST FLIGHT ON NEW AUCKLAND SERVICE

Award-winning airline will fly daily to Auckland, its first gateway to New Zealand

Airline kicks off 20th anniversary celebrations with record-breaking flight

06 Feb 2017

DOHA, Qatar – It was a historic moment for Qatar Airways today, as it launched its new record-breaking Auckland service on one of the country's most significant days of the year – Waitangi Day. As the first Qatar Airways flight touched down on the North Island of New Zealand, just after sunrise – a new chapter in the airline's history began.

Celebrations to commemorate the launch of the world's longest commercial flight, which takes 17 hours and 30 minutes and covers a distance of 14,535 kilometres, began at the airport with a traditional water salute as the Qatar Airways Boeing 777 taxied down the runway.

Qatar Airways Group Chief Executive, His Excellency Mr. Akbar Al Baker travelled on board the inaugural flight from Doha to Auckland and was welcomed by The Hon Todd McClay, New Zealand's Minister of Trade and State Owned Enterprises; and Auckland Airport Chief Executive, Mr. Adrian Littlewood.

H.E. Mr. Al Baker said: "The launch of our new service to Auckland is an important milestone for Qatar Airways as we expand both in the region and globally across our network providing more options and better connections to exciting business and leisure destinations in Europe and the Middle East.



"Arriving in Auckland on Waitangi Day, and achieving the title of world's longest flight for the return record-breaking service, which covers a distance of 14,535 kilometres and lasts 17 hours and 30 minutes, makes this an even more momentous occasion for Qatar Airways and provides another accomplishment to celebrate in this our 20th year flying the flag internationally for Qatar."

His Excellency Jeremy Clarke-Watson, New Zealand Ambassador to the State of Qatar, added: "Welcoming Qatar Airways to New Zealand, through this direct service, is a significant event in the New Zealand Qatar relationship – opening up greater people to people and business to business connections between our two countries.

"We look forward to welcoming more Qatari and GCC nationals to New Zealand, taking advantage of New Zealand's 90-day tourist visitor visa on arrival for GCC citizens. We also look forward to working with Qatar Airways and New Zealand exporters to maximise the potential of the direct service's freight capacity, which opens up a whole new market for our exporters particularly in fresh food and beverage."

Mr. Adrian Littlewood, Auckland Airport Chief Executive Officer, said: "We welcome Qatar Airways to Auckland Airport and New Zealand. We expect this route to be very popular with visitors to New Zealand and with New Zealanders travelling, particularly between this country and Europe. Qatar Airways offers high quality inflight service and a wide network of destinations."

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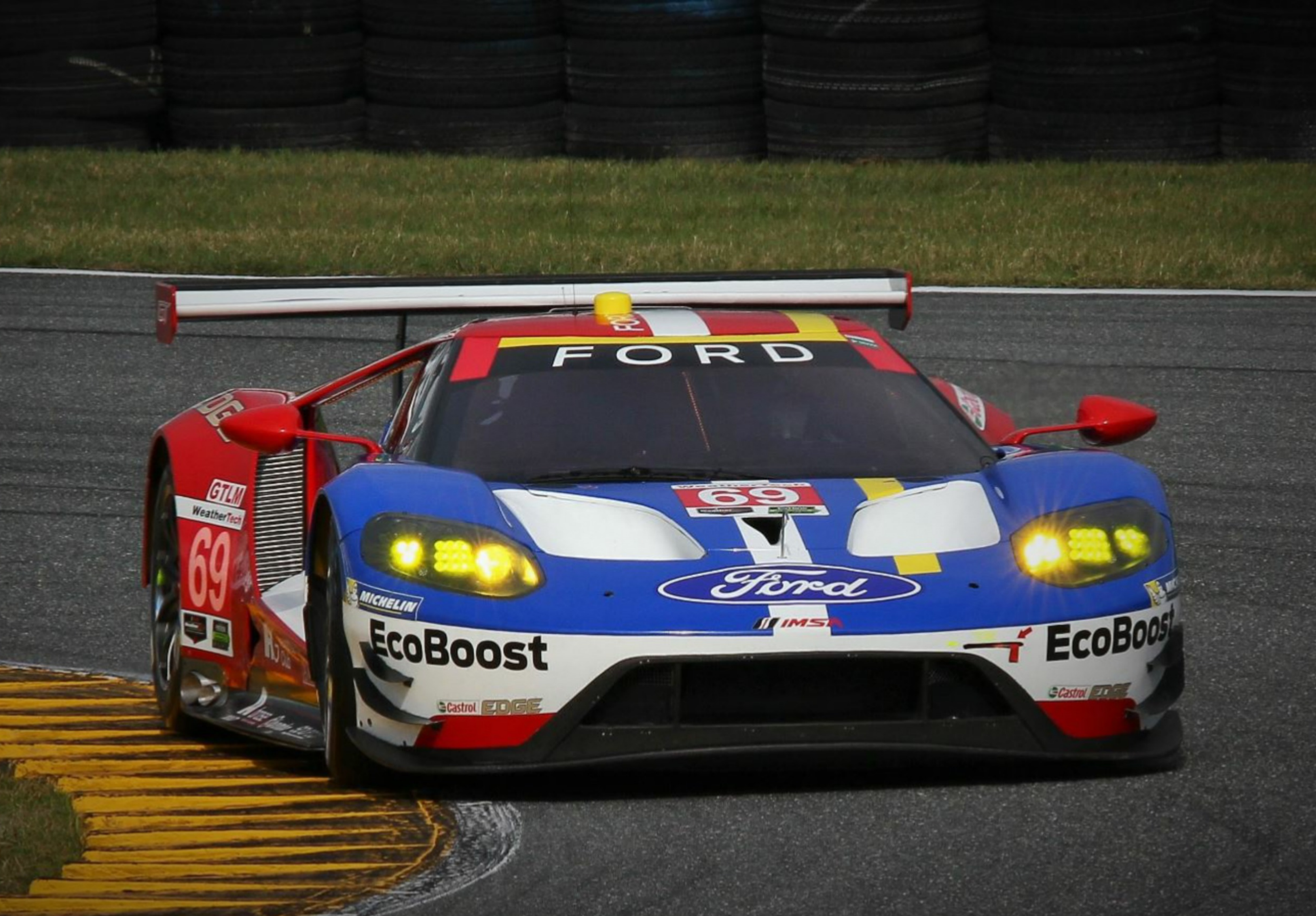

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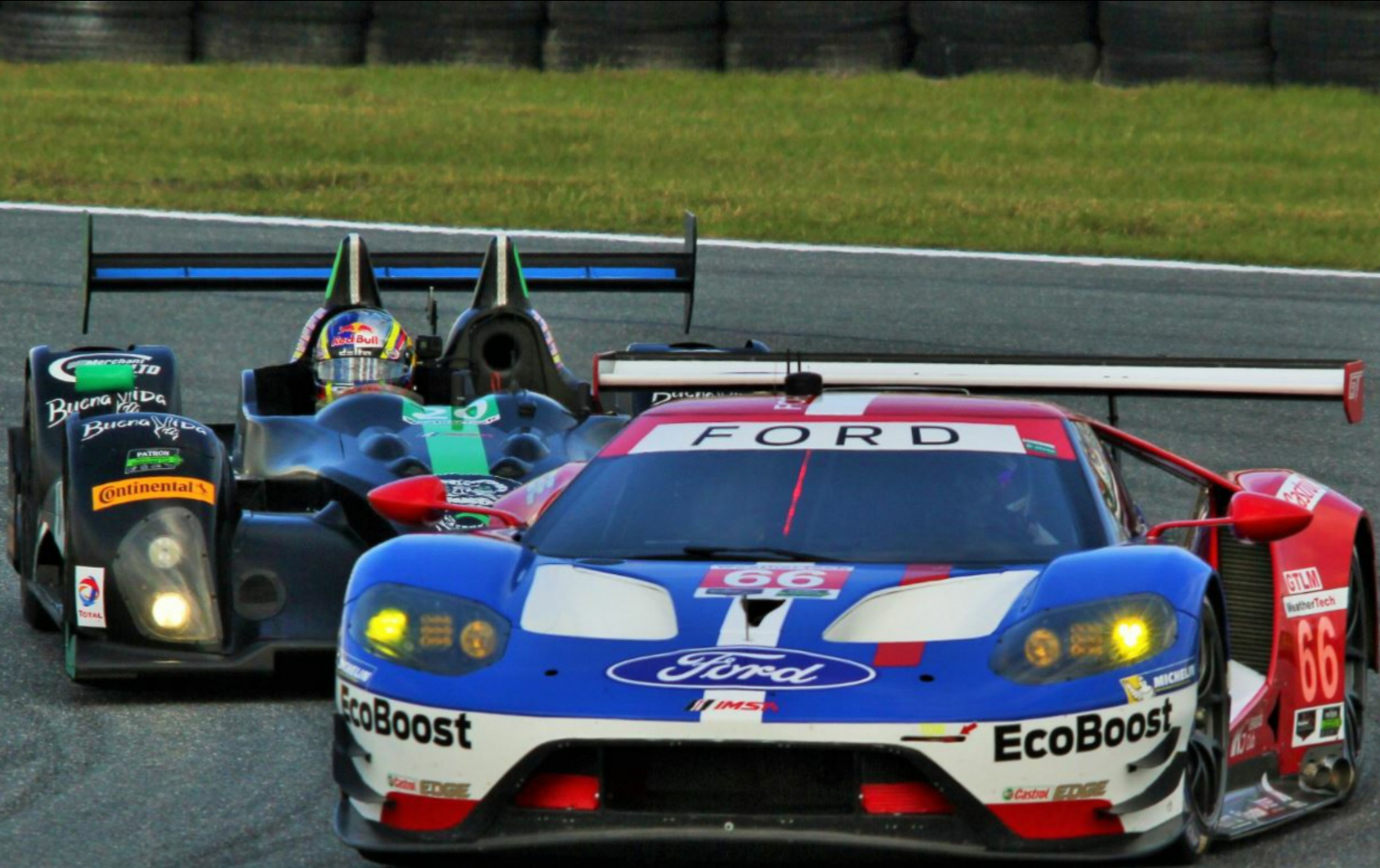

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1950 Cadillac Series 61 Race Car Replica
For 1950 two Cadillac vehicles were readied for the 24 Hour Road Race at LeMans, France. One remained a virtually factory stock Cadillac with modifications only to the intake system, brakes and shocks. The other was rebodied by Bill Frick of Fordillac Fame at his Long Island, New York shop ... along with some assistance of Grumman Aircraft Corporation engineers. This car-which is the rebodied model-was dubbed LeMonstre by the French motoring press. Cadillac was the first post-war American produced automobile to race in the 24 Hours at LeMans, France.
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2002 Cadillac LMP 02 Race Car
When Cadillac celebrated its 100th birthday in 2002, one of the first presents to be unwrapped was the all-new Cadillac Northstar Le Mans Prototype (LMP). With an aerodynamic new body design, an updated engine package and a performance-driven team, the second-generation Cadillac LMP 02 represented a bold break from the past for young Team Cadillac. Designed under the direction of GM Racing by Nigel Stroud, the Cadillac LMP's carbon fiber monocoque chassis and suspension components were fabricated in Brackley, England, and assembled at the team's headquarters near Atlanta.
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SPEEDI'S BLOG

Welcome to Speedi's Blog.

It's Speed Week time once again in Daytona Beach. Each year a different blimp visits to act as an airborne camera platform and much more. This year it's the turn of the Goodyear blimp.



Back in February 2014, after 14 years of filling the skies, the "Spirit of Goodyear" airship retired after the Daytona 500. This was the blimp which I was fortunate to fly - and I do mean FLY taking the only set of controls in the blimp on a flight with the Goodyear pilot back in 2010. Here's a link to a video I shot during the landing - click here

The replacement, which is covering the Daytona Speed Week races this year, is an LZ N07-101. Not technically a Blimp but a semi-rigid airship. Over 50 ft longer and over 15 wider than the earlier model it seats 14 passengers rather than 7 and can fly almost 50% faster with a maximum speed of 73 mph. It has a 2 pilot configuration with dual controls, unlike the earlier model I flew.



During its visit to Daytona it is based at nearby New Smyrna Beach airport. It visited Spruce Creek Fly-in on Friday February 24, to link in with our regular Friday Night at the Tree gathering. There's some photos of the blimp's visit starting on page 54 of this issue.

The airship attracted huge attention at Spruce Creek. The regular Friday night flying was stood down so the Blimp could fully display its unique qualities. We also had a visiting VIP - Air Marshall Sir Ian Macfadyen - who flew with me the next day.

One of my favorite >> places to fly out to from Spruce Creek, not for the $100 breakfast but to go walking, is Jekyll Island on the Georgia coast. The island was developed in the late 19th and early 20th centuries for private vacation homes of wealthy American businessmen. In 1947 the state of Georgia acquired all the property, for security and preservation.

The Jekyll Island Club was a private club on Jekyll Island, on Georgia's Atlantic coast. It was founded in 1886 when members of an incorporated hunting and recreational club purchased the island for $125,000 from John Eugene du Bignon. The original design of the Jekyll Island Clubhouse, with its signature turret, was completed in January 1888. The club thrived through the early 20th century; its members came from many of the world's wealthiest families. It was restored and reopened as a luxury resort hotel in 1985 in the center of the Island's historic district.

My wife and I usually walk from the airport to the Atlantic coast beach and then to The Club for lunch. We can walk 10 miles before we are ready for lunch.

It's a very simple airport, but the welcome is always fantastic from the people at Red Bug Motors who rent out electric cars, as well as having their own pub on the beach side of the island.

This time we were welcomed as always, and then greeted by a photographer holding one of the longest lenses I have seen. He was David Fisher of JandD Images. Could he photograph 'Goofy', he asked.

What he wanted to do was to stand by the middle of the runway as I took off. It was quite safe as his huge lens meant he was almost ½ mile away from me as I lifted off.

He'd seen photos of my plane in aviation magazines and wanted some of the action himself. I'm not sure if he knew about my 'puffing' smoke where I use a mini computer to generate spacing of my lights and smoke to spell 'Goofy' in morse code. However, I decided to use solid smoke for his photo shoot immediately on take-off.

The result was some great pics of 'Goofy' during its take-off roll and as I aimed towards him and passed directly overhead. The result are shown on the following 4 pages >>











NEWS FROM THE Barn is a regular feature about the happenings at the largest (and greatest) fly-in community in the world - Spruce Creek Fly-in. Situated on the Space Coast of Florida, just 7 miles south of the famous Speed City of Daytona Beach, Spruce Creek is a very special place. Our North America editor, Steve Wood, has lived there for since 2001, so he should know. We hope you enjoy this regular feature about a very special aviation community.

Spruce Creek Airport Information - Courtesy of the Spruce Creek POA Website - www.scpoa.com

The Spruce Creek Airport is the heart of the Spruce Creek Fly-In Community. The Airport is a private airport owned and operated by the Spruce Creek Property Owners Association (SCPOA). The Spruce Creek Airport Authority Committee through the SCPOA Board of Directors has the authority and the responsibility to oversee the operation of the Spruce Creek Airport. The SCPOA employs a full time, 24-7 security staff. The Airport runways, taxiways and aircraft parking areas are regularly patrolled and are under continuous video surveillance by the Security staff 24 hour a day.

All flying activities at the Spruce Creek Airport are regulated by the FAA and by the recommended procedures published in the Aeronautical Information Manual (AIM). In addition, a limited number of local rules and procedures have been established to promote a safe and enjoyable airport. All resident, tenants and invitees are encouraged to cooperate and abide by these procedures.

SPRUCE CREEK AIRCRAFT ARRIVAL & DEPARTURE PACKAGE - The airport management provides information to assist all pilots operating in and out of the Spruce Creek Air, viewed or printed with Adobe Reader. Download PDF

AIRPORT SAFETY VIDEO – The airport management recommends that all Spruce Creek Fly-In residents and airport users view this very good airport safety video. Click Here Airport Info Quick List:

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Airport Manager - Joe Friend: 386 872-1430

Photos for this feature by Steve Wood, unless otherwise notated

In our '*News from the Barn'* section we will be featuring news and photos from Spruce Creek Fly-in, the world's greatest aviation community. With over 1600 homes, and not all of them are hangar homes, and home to over 3000 people, there are over 650 airplanes based at Spruce Creek. But it's not all about aviation at Spruce Creek - there's golf, tennis, motorcycling and much more, as well as a Country Club and the Downwind restaurant right alongside Beech Boulevard - a major taxiway in the center of the airport. EAA Chapter 288 (Daytona Beech) meets at Keith Phillip's hanger on the other major taxiway - Cessna Boulevard. Then there's the Gaggle Flight, which is quite something in its own right. Every Saturday morning (and sometimes on Wednesday too) members of the Gaggle Flight meet at The Big Tree which sits right in the middle of the airport. Upwards of 30 aircraft depart in flights of 3 or 4 (and sometimes more) flying out to breakfast. The arrivals back are usually spectacular, with overhead breaks the norm. Our North America editor, Steve Wood, is part of Goofy Flight - named after his GlaStar which has the special registration N-600FY. Steve even has 'goofy' smoke on his airplane which can 'puff' or be continuous at whim. Everyone has great fun at Spruce Creek Fly-in which perhaps explains why there's a sign inside the main entrance which reads *"Caution - Children And Adults At Play"*.



SPECIAL FEATURE
GOODYEAR BLIMP AT 7FL6
FRIDAY FEB 24, 2017

FOR A VIDEO OF THIS FLIGHT **CLICK HERE**



Photos for this feature:

Gary Rosier & Steve Wood


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The arrival of the Goodyear Blimp was also a special event for Spruce Creek Fly-in as there was a visit by Air Marshall Sir Ian Macfadyen KCVO CB OBE FRAeS RAF (Retired) and his wife Lady Sally.

Sir Ian (pictured center above) was the guest of Dick Russell (pictured left above). He also reconnected with Keith Phillips (pictured above, to the right of Sir Ian) as they had met when working in Saudi Arabia back in the the mid 1990's

Following a long and distinguished career in the British Royal Air Force, between 2000 & 2005 Sir Ian became the Lieutenant Governor of the Isle of Man, and then between 2009 & 2014 he was the Constable & Governor of Windsor Castle. Before his retirement from this last post in July 2014, Macfadyen was knighted by the Queen as a Knight Commander of the Royal Victorian Order in a private ceremony in Windsor Castle.

After service in RAF fighter squadrons, in 1970 Macfadyen was selected as a flying instructor and along with other QFI's became a member of the Poachers formation aerobatic team at the Royal Air Force College Cranwell.

In 1980, as a wing commander, he was appointed Officer Commanding No. 29 Squadron, and with the Squadron he saw operational service in the Falkland Islands. Following this, in 1983, he became Officer Commanding No. 23 Squadron.

During his service in fighter squadrons, Sir Ian flew the BAC Lightning fighter interceptor - which was the only all-British Mach 2 fighter aircraft. He also flew the #3 slot in the Poachers aerobatic display team flying the Jet Provost T.4 & T.5 aircraft. Click here for info.

As OC No. 29 Squadron, Wing Commander Macfadyen as he was then, flew the first F-4 Phantom into the Falkland Islands following the war of 1982. The F-4's then became the Falkland Islands air defence fighters.

A keen general aviation pilot, Sir Ian expressed a wish to fly with Lakes / Goofy Flight during his visit to Spruce Creek Fly-in. The day after the Blimp visit, Sir Ian flew with Goofy Flight lead Steve Wood in the #17 aircraft (see photo on the following page) in a single flight of 17 planes. Lady Sally flew with Stu Morse in the #16 spot. Lakes / Goofy Flight turned out in force fielding 17 planes. It turned out that Sir Ian had never flown is such a large single tight formation of dissimilar planes. He was impressed with the skill's of Lakes / Goofy pilots. Earlier Sir Ian flew with Dave Baldwin, and Lady Sally was with Keith Phillips, in Red Flight of SX-300's. Later, Sir Ian flew Dick Russell's T-34 demonstrating that he had not lost his aerobatic skills.

Photo below shows Lady Sally Macfadyen (center) talking to Ted Chang, with Belinda Wood on the right and Jim & Janet Dyer on the left.



Photo by Steve Wood



Air Marshall Sir Ian Macfadyen in the right seat of Steve Wood's #17 aircraft in Lakes / Goofy Flight of 17, during the 'break' at 7FL6

Sir Ian is a keen photographer and in this photo he can be seen at work with camera in hand . . .

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Lakes / Goofy Flight line up on runway 23 at 7FL6 for the Sir Ian Macfadyen Flight - more photos on the following 4 pages

For a video of this tribute flight, shot from the ground by Li-Fen Chang, click here

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Lakes / Goofy Flight of 17 - taken from the #17 aircraft

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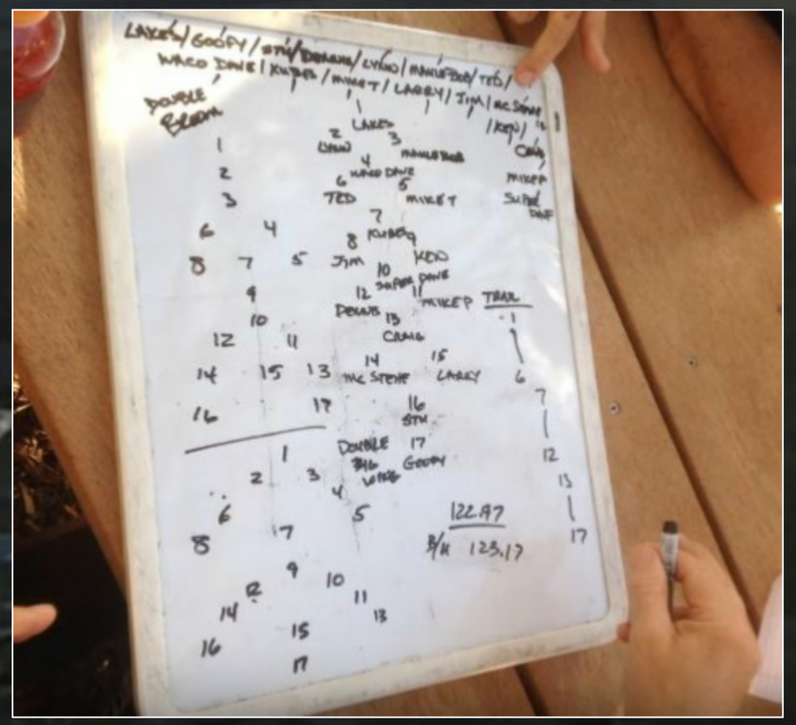


Lakes / Goofy Flight of 17 overhead The Tree during a pass down runway 23 at 7FL6

The last element of Lakes / Goofy Flight of 17 in the break on runway 23 at 7FL6

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Briefing board for the 17 ship flight



EAA FORD TRIMOTOR AT DELAND, FL



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NOSE ART & NUMBERS



In this regular Nose Art & Number feature we showcase our readers Nose Art and Special Registration Numbers. Just send in your pics, along with a bio (around 150 words) about your nose art or special registration to noseart@speedi.tv - and don't forget, spread the word.

Special Edition models from Mercedes-AMG

More Driving Performance for individualists

Feb 22, 2017 – Affalterbach.

The 50 Years of Driving Performance anniversary is being used by Mercedes-AMG as the ideal occasion on which to add the new AMG GT C Roadster Edition 50 as a further exclusive offering from the AMG GT family. Furthermore, Mercedes-AMG is offering the C63 S Cabriolet Ocean Blue Edition plus C43 Coupe and C43 Cabriolet AMG Performance Studio Packages provide even more variety for customers. All Special Edition models combine extended ranges of equipment with unique design features.

AMG is using three special models to further enhance the 50th anniversary of the exclusive company, reinforcing the standard it has set itself to offer customers maximum individuality and exclusivity. "2016 was the most successful year so far in our company's history. We shall be using this momentum to fill even more customers with enthusiasm for Mercedes-AMG in our anniversary year, 2017. We shall be supported in this by our new Special Edition models, which we are presenting at the Geneva Motor Show. These models offer our customers an even wider choice of individual performance models," explained Tobias Moers, CEO of Mercedes-AMG GmbH.



Exclusive equipment package: AMG GT C Roadster Edition 50

The new AMG GT C Roadster is, like the new AMG GT C Coupe, available as an exclusively equipped "Edition 50" special edition in a limited quantity of just 500 cars worldwide – with 50 coming to the U.S. This special edition model marks a landmark year for AMG, which was founded in 1967 and is celebrating its 50th anniversary in 2017.

At first glance the GT C Roadster "Edition 50" can be recognized by its special paint finish in designo Graphite Grey Magno. Black chrome accents deliver a unique look and are applied to the side skirt trim, front splitter, trim strips in the air intakes of the Panamericana grille, fins on the side air outlets in the front fenders, on the rear diffuser and tailpipe trim elements. The surface of the cross-spoke AMG forged wheels compliments the black chrome elements found on the exterior.

The interior is marked by a contrast between black and silver. This color scheme is followed not only by upholstery in Silver Pearl/Black Exclusive Nappa Leather with Grey diamond-patterned contrasting topstitching, but also by the black AMG Performance steering wheel in DINAMICA microfiber with Grey contrasting topstitching, 12 o'clock mark in Silver Pearl, and "Edition 50" badging.

To emphasize sporty character, the Edition comes as standard with the AMG Interior Night Package, which includes steering wheel spokes, shift paddles and door sill panels finished in black. The interplay between light and dark is further accentuated by silver seat belts and black chrome trim throughout. The head restraint of the AMG Performance seat is embossed with "GT Edition 50."

Faster and more capable than ever before - the new Porsche 911 GTS models

January 9, 2017 - Atlanta, Georgia.

Highest performing 911 Carrera and Targa variants announced

Porsche is expanding the 911 model line with five new GTS models: the 911 Carrera GTS with rear-wheel drive, the 911 Carrera 4 GTS with all-wheel drive - both available as a Coupé and Cabriolet - and the 911 Targa 4 GTS with all-wheel drive. The 3.0-liter flat-six cylinder with larger turbochargers delivers 450 horsepower, which is 30 horsepower more than the current 911 Carrera S and 20 horsepower above the previous, naturally-aspirated GTS model. All GTS variants are equipped as standard with a seven-speed manual transmission. The seven-speed Porsche Doppelkupplung (PDK) dual-clutch transmission is available as an option.

More power, even greater performance

405 lb.-ft. of torque (37 lb-ft. more than the Carrera S) further improves acceleration and responsiveness. Maximum torque is available between 2150 and 5000 rpm. Porsche Active Suspension Management (PASM) is included as standard on all GTS models. The GTS Coupés feature the PASM Sport Suspension, which drops the ride height by 0.39 inches (10 millimeters) compared to the PASM



suspension, which is standard on all 911 models including the Cabriolet and Targa variants of the GTS. The 911 GTS Coupé models accelerate from 0 to 60 miles per hour 0.2 seconds faster than the respective Carrera S and 4S Coupés. When equipped with the optional PDK (Porsche Doppelkupplung) transmission, the Carrera 4 GTS Coupé takes just 3.4 seconds to reach 60 miles per hour. The GTS Cabriolet and Targa models reach 60 mph 0.3 seconds faster than the comparable Carrera S/4S Cabriolet or Targa 4S models. Top track speed of the GTS models is up to 3 mph higher, depending on the variant. The 911 GTS Coupé with manual transmission and rear-wheel drive is capable of 193 mph.

Typically GTS: Black elements accentuate the high-performance character

The GTS models distinguish themselves within the 911 model line not only in terms of technology, but also in their design: All GTS variants are based on the Carrera 4/4S body, which measures 72.9 inches (1852 mm), even on the rear-wheel-drive models. The new Sport Design front end with a spoiler lip painted in black emphasizes the high-performance character. Combined with an increased rear spoiler extension height, it reduces lift on the front and rear axle compared to the Carrera S models. Tinted tail lights, rear lid grill strips with a satin black finish and tailpipes in high-gloss black, which are part of the standard Sport Exhaust system, give the GTS a particularly striking appearance. A new black trim strip between the tail lights is featured on the rear-wheel-drive variants. A light strip between the tail lights is reserved for the all-wheel-drive models. Sport Design exterior mirrors, 20-inch center lock wheels painted in satin black, and black GTS logos on the doors represent further visual enhancements. The characteristic Targa bar, which is black with a satin finish for the first time, also gives the 911 Targa 4 GTS a very distinctive look.



INTRODUCING RANGE ROVER VELAR

- A new addition to the Range Rover family, filling the white space between the Range Rover Evoque and the Range Rover Sport
- Land Rover reaffirms its position as the world's leading SUV brand
- From a bloodline like no other, Velar name is derived from the original Range Rover prototypes of 1969
- World premiere on 1 March 2017

Whitley, UK, 22 February 2017 – The luxury SUV was created in 1970 when Land Rover launched the original Range Rover. Almost half a century later that spirit of innovation continues with the introduction of the fourth member of the Range Rover family, to be unveiled on 1 March 2017.

Elegant simplicity, a visually reductive approach and pioneering consumer technology are the hallmarks of the new Range Rover Velar.

Land Rover Chief Design Officer, Gerry McGovern, said: "We call the Velar the avant garde Range Rover. It brings a new dimension of glamour, modernity and elegance to the brand. The Range Rover Velar changes everything."

Refined for every occasion, for every terrain, Velar uses unique sustainable materials and advanced engineering to continue Land Rover's drive to go Above and Beyond.

The origin of the Velar name (pronounced vel-ar) dates back to the first Range Rover prototypes of the Sixties: the pioneers of the luxury SUV landscape.

When development engineers needed to hide the true identity of the 26 pre-production Range Rovers, they chose the name Velar, derived from the Latin *velare* meaning to veil or cover.



NEW JAGUAR F-TYPE DEBUTS WITH WORLD-FIRST GOPRO TECHNOLOGY

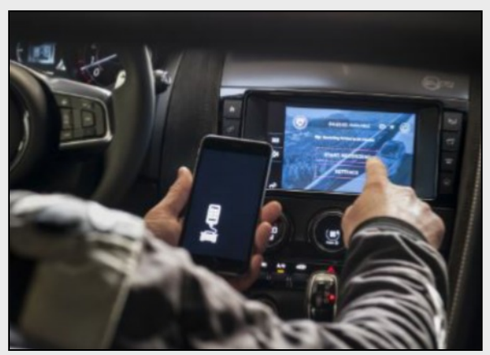
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The Jaguar F-TYPE offers even more driver-focused technology and a broader model range than ever comprising 28 derivatives

NEW JAGUAR F-TYPE DEBUTS WITH WORLD-FIRST GOPRO TECHNOLOGY AT-A-GLANCE

* New Jaguar F-TYPE range announced
* State-of-the-art technology, new look exterior and exclusive 400 SPORT launch edition
* New R-Dynamic model with 340PS and 380PS engines gives customers more choice
* World-first ReRun app developed with GoPro creates high quality video with real-time performance data
* World-class, super-fast Touch Pro infotainment system now available on every F-TYPE
* New full-LED headlights and front bumpers give the F-TYPE a distinctive new look
* Lightweight slimline seats offer improved ergonomics and comfort and deliver a weight saving of more than 8kg
* The new F-TYPE range goes on sale from the first quarter 2017

Already recognised as the most dynamically capable, performance-focused Jaguar, the F-TYPE sports car continues to evolve, with a fresh look, state-of-the-art infotainment system and world-first ReRun app that combines vehicle data with GoPro video to enhance the driving experience.



ROLLS-ROYCE BLACK BADGE ARRIVES IN HONG KONG

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Rolls-Royce Black Badge speaks to the darker, more assertive, confident and demanding aesthetic of a new breed of Rolls-Royce customer – today's generation of young, self-empowered, self-confident rule-breakers who are uncompromising and unapologetic in their choice of living and lifestyle. Their predecessors include Howard Hughes and our own Charles Rolls and they follow the road less travelled and live the unconventional life, darkly obsessed by their own pursuits and accomplishments from which they derive a pure adrenaline rush.

At a luncheon celebrating the start of the Lunar New Year, Paul Harris, Regional Director for Rolls-Royce Motor Cars in Asia Pacific, said, "Rolls-Royce Black Badge is a creature of the night that fits in seamlessly alongside the spectacular night-time cityscape of Hong Kong. In Hong Kong, as worldwide, an increasing number of our clientele are choosing to get behind the wheel of their Rolls-Royce and we are seeing increasing demand for driver-orientated models. Black Badge adds a new edge to not only the aesthetic but the unique and sublime Rolls-Royce driving experience."



The transformation of Rolls-Royce Ghost and Wraith into their Black Badge alter egos begins with the 'Flying Lady' who changes neither in design, posture nor material, but in colour to represent the owner's dark obsession. She mutates into a high-gloss black vamp, proudly scything through the night-time cityscape. Equally, the Double R badge on the prow, flanks and aft of every Black Badge motor car invert to become silver on black, whilst chrome surfaces such as the front grille surround, boot lid finisher, lower air inlet finisher and exhaust pipes, turn dark.

The power of Black Badge communicates itself into the ground through new composite carbon fibre and lightweight 21-inch alloy wheels unique to Black Badge.

Inside, the centrepiece of the Black Badge cabin is the aerospace-grade aluminium-threaded carbon fibre composite surfacing – material often seen on the surfaces of stealth aircraft. To create this beautiful and innovative material, threads of aluminium just 0.014mm in diameter are painstakingly woven together before being bonded with carbon fibre. This surface material then has six coats of lacquer applied, is left to cure for 72 hours, after which it is hand-polished to a mirror finish. In addition to the creation of this luxury material, the air vents on the dash and in the rear of Black Badge motor cars have been darkened through the use of Physical Vapour Deposition.

Set into the cars' fascia is a newly created Black Badge clock whose hands are tipped in orange and whose face is adorned by the 'Unlimited' rating infinity logo, which is also embroidered on the Black Badge's upholstery.

The final touch is the moody light cast from the black starlight headliner, and reflected around the cabin from the polished fascia, to create a darkly atmospheric ambiance.

Black Badge also brings the colour black to new levels of intensity. The multiple layers of paint and lacquer that go into creating Black Badge Black are repeatedly hand polished – the most exacting painting and polishing process ever used for a solid paint colour. The result is the deepest, darkest and most intense black ever seen on a production car surface.

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Wraith Black Badge
Already the most powerful Rolls-Royce in the world at 624hp (465kW), Wraith has always been the most driver-focused car in Rolls-Royce's model range. Wraith Black Badge benefits from 70Nm more torque, bringing it to 870Nm, in addition to tweaked air suspension and an upgraded gearbox leading to more spirited driving. With this, Rolls-Royce has produced an even more driver-focused, agile Wraith, while at the same time preserving the intrinsic elements of the effortless Rolls-Royce magic carpet ride. The interior of the first Wraith Black Badge to arrive in Hong Kong is swathed in a combination of Black and Mugello Red leather for a bold and striking look.

Ghost Black Badge
Ghost Black Badge benefits from a power increase of 40hp (30kW) to 603hp (450kW) and a torque boost of 60Nm to 840Nm, whilst upgrades to the 8-speed automatic transmission give Ghost Black Badge an added sense of urgency in how it delivers its power. In the first Ghost Black Badge for Hong Kong, black interior leather combines with the vibrant yet sophisticated colour of Tailored Purple, giving the cabin a more edgy feel.

ROLLS-ROYCE DAWN TAKES LUXURY CROWN IN UK CAR OF THE YEAR AWARDS

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"A delight to drive and to be in – as only a Rolls-Royce can be." Ollie Marriage, *Top Gear Magazine*

"The car is exceptionally elegant, marrying traditional expressions of luxury, with a modern take whilst remaining technological and hugely connected. It's a movie star car!" Nargess Banks, *Forbes Life, Wallpaper**

"If luxury is at least on nodding terms with class, the Dawn manages to embody both. Silent running, a gorgeously complex roof mechanism and general air of butlerish brilliance make this peon to UK craftsmanship a winner." Tom Ford, *Top Gear Magazine*

Since its introduction to market in March 2016, Dawn has won plaudits globally, including awards from some of the most highly regarded names in luxury and automotive media. Titles such asRobb Report, The Telegraph, Top Gear and luxury bodies including Walpole and the German Design Council have all been seduced by Dawn, the ultimate expression of true luxury open-top touring.

This critical acclaim is echoed in the extraordinary demand from the world's most discerning patrons of luxury that has driven the marque to the second highest sales result in the company's 113 year history and 6% global growth in 2016. The UK, Rolls-Royce's home market, grew by 30% over the same period affirming the marque's status as the consummate expression of success for a bold new generation of entrepreneurs.

"Since its introduction in 2016, Dawn has introduced a highly dynamic new generation of men and women to Rolls-Royce. These patrons of true luxury have been drawn to the most glamorous expression of Rolls-Royce luxury in history," said Torsten Müller-Ötvös, Chief Executive Officer, Rolls-Royce Motor Cars. "Every Rolls-Royce motor car is exquisitely hand-crafted at our centre of excellence in Goodwood, West Sussex. Plaudits like this are a glowing affirmation of the extraordinary skill of the 1,700 men and women engaged in the creation of the 'Best Cars in the World'.



GONE CRUISIN'

Gary's Hot Rods & Cruisers







Living Legends of Auto Racing

Welcome to Gone Cruisin', our regular feature on the cruisin' scene brought to you by Gary Rosier. Primarily from in and around Central Florida, but we'll be including interesting events around the USA. More pics from Gary at http://www.carsplaneslandscapes.com/





All photos for this feature: Gary Rosier & Marty Stephens



13th Annual Ponce Inlet Beach Racing Day

Sunday, February 19th, 2017
10:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Travel back in time and discover the wild and woolly roots of Stock Car Racing during the 13th Annual Beach Racing Day at the **Ponce de Leon Inlet Lighthouse and Museum!** See historic beach racing cars from the **Living Legends of Racing** and talk with drivers, owners, and mechanics who risked life & limb in pursuit of the checkered flag on the Worlds Most Famous Beach.

Meet and listen to Sirius XM's 24-7 NASCAR Satellite Radio Channel 90's "Chocolate" Myers speak live at 11:30 AM! Myers, a color commentator for ESPN, was Featured in the "Smokey and the Bandit" film series. Myers, the "gas-man" for the late Dale Earnhart's #3 GM Goodwrench, worked for Richard Childress Racing for twenty years. At 1:00 PM, the Lighthouse will present William Lazarus, author of Sands of Time, the definitive History of beach racing, who will talk with fans and sign his book.

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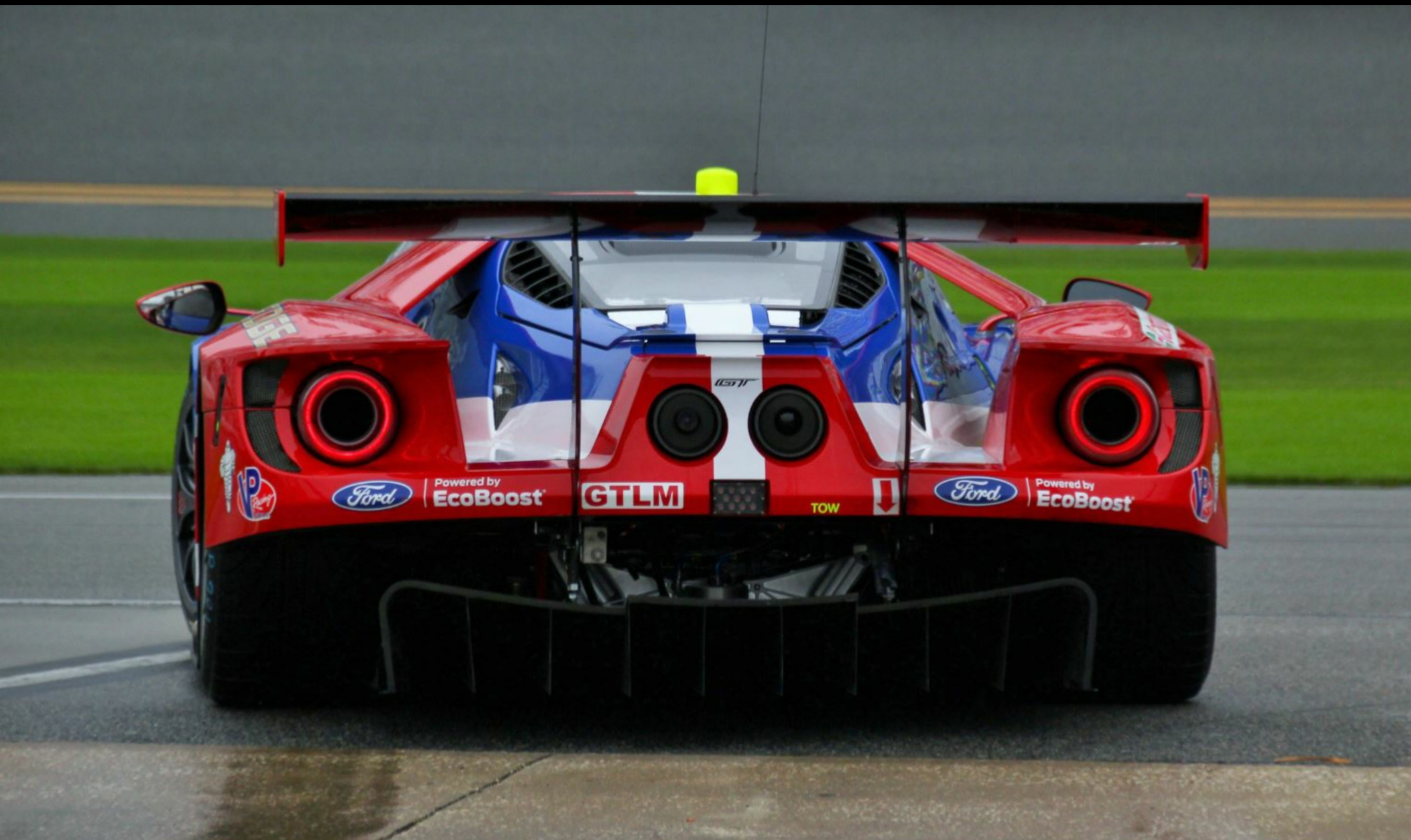



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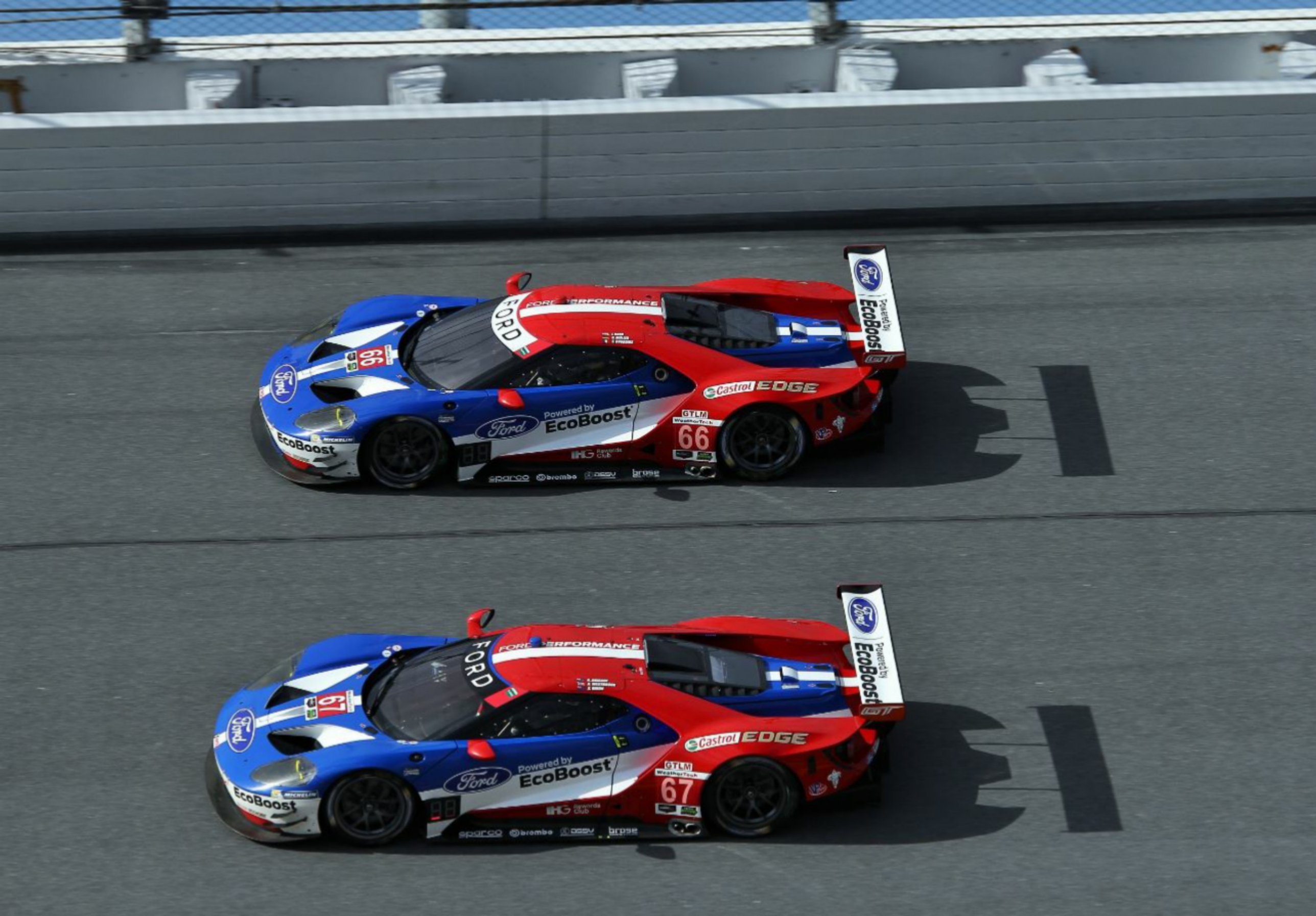

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