

## SHORTCUTS EVENT



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## Drag Racers Take On the Turns at Laguna Seca

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**WeatherTech Raceway Laguna Seca, previously known as Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca, welcomes vintage drag racers in May for a Spring Classic and Nitro Revival.**

**T**hough it's more often associated with historic roadsters than hot rods, WeatherTech Raceway Laguna Seca (formerly Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca) is gearing up for a May event that spotlights vintage dragsters.

The second annual Spring Classic (May 18-20) and associated Nitro Revival gathering (May 19) promise revved-up action not often seen locally.

"Because our track is not a drag strip, spectators rarely get a chance to watch these cars," says Gill Campbell, senior vice president of events at the track. "The classes also skew a little later than events like the Rolex Monterey Motorsports Reunion, so it will be a very different and fun weekend."

Sports cars, stock cars, Daytona Prototypes

and other race vehicles from the 1970s, 1980s and 1990s will compete on the track and participate in paddock display throughout the weekend. Saturday's Nitro Revival boasts a lineup of fully-restored Top Fuel Dragsters and classic street rods. Accomplished drag racer "Big Daddy" Don Garlits is one of several personalities participating in audience meet-and-greet sessions, and a historic motorcycle and memorabilia exhibition will also take place on the paddock.

"Families, drag racing enthusiasts and motorsports fans won't want to miss this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to meet these drivers and see these vehicles," says Campbell.

*Spring Classic tickets are available at [www.weathertechraceway.com](http://www.weathertechraceway.com) or 831/242-8200.*