

"Festival of Speed Roars Into Town With 250 Ferrari, Rolls Royce and Other Exotic Motorcars

A display of exotic cars, motorcycles and boats. Including, Ferrari, Maserati, Porsche, Lamborghini, Donzi, and American Le Mans Race series teams and cars also to attend. Children $\hat{A} \Box$ s Dream Fund selected as charity

ST. PETERSBURG, FL (<u>PRWEB</u>) November 26, 2004 -- The Second annual St. Petersburg $\hat{A} \square$ FESTIVAL OF SPEED $\hat{A} \square$ will take place in St. Petersburg, Florida in Vinoy Park on Sunday February 27, 2005.

Festivities begin on Friday, February 25th with a $\hat{A} \square$ Jet Hop $\hat{A} \square$. Participants, sponsors and VIP guests will gather in an actual aircraft hanger for a festive evening as they indulge in cocktails from a premium brands open bar, enjoy Martini $\hat{A} \square$ s from a sculptured ice bar and sip Champagne served from $\hat{A} \square$ Champagne Ambassadors $\hat{A} \square$. As for culinary options, guests will delight their palette with sumptuous hors $d\hat{A} \square$ oeuvres and sinfully sweet confections. On display will be a fabulous display of exotic cars and luxurious aircraft.

On Saturday the 26th a $\hat{A} \square$ Yacht Hop $\hat{A} \square$ will take place at the Renaissance Vinoy Resort & Golf Club (marina) from 12pm-3pm. As guests arrive at the Four Diamond Renaissance Vinoy, valets will park cars and escort attendees across the street to a display of yachts in the marina. Ferretti, Riva, Pershing, Hatteras will all be on display among others. Once on board, guests will enjoy cocktails and hors d $\hat{A} \square$ oeuvres while having the opportunity to fully experience the grandeur of these magnificent vessels.

Saturday evening will see a reception at the prestigious Renaissance Vinoy Resort & Golf Club. Guests will gather for a very special evening as they enjoy cocktails from a premium brands open bar and indulge in a wide array of culinary delights. A special display of exotic automobiles will be on display inside the ballroom. Live music, silent auctions benefiting the ChildrenÂ \Box s Dream Fund Charity and festive Martini bars will add to the excitement. Later that evening sponsors will be acknowledged with a handsome plaque at the podium as the media and official staff photographers capture all the action.

In honor of the 50-year anniversary of Ferrari motorcars in America, a special display of Ferrari & other exotics will be placed inside the ballroom. Tickets to the reception are available, but are limited. For information on attending, contact event organizers at 352-385-9450.

For enthusiasts, the Sunday display will offer over 250+ exotic cars, boats and motorcycles. The display will be located in Vinoy Park in downtown St. Petersburg. When asked why Vinoy Park was chosen for the location, event organizers Joe Sabatini & David Raber had this to say, $\hat{A} \square$ With it $\hat{A} \square$ s beautifully manicured lawns, full service marina and stunning views of the bay, we felt Vinoy Park reflected perfectly the elegance of these exotic machines. $\hat{A} \square$ Located just steps away from the display in Vinoy Park, is the host hotel, the Renaissance Vinoy Resort & Golf Club. Considered to be the showplace of St. Petersburg $\hat{A} \square$ s waterfront, the Vinoy overlooks Tampa Bay, is surrounded by lush grounds and offers a private marina, golf course, tennis complex,



day spa and salon.

Featured for display will be an impressive selection of automotive marques including Ferrari, Lamborghini, Maserati, Mercedes-Benz, Aston Martin, Jaguar, Porsche, Ducati, Donzi, Ferretti, Pershing, Sonic and many others. Also on display will be racecars and teams from the American Le Mans Race Series. Organizers are inviting those who own an exotic car, boat or motorcycle suitable for display to contact them for an application. As for entertainment, attendees can expect to stroll through the Park while enjoying smooth Jazz and a $\hat{A} \square$ ringside $\hat{A} \square$ view of the display. In addition, an onsite caf \tilde{A} will be setup to serve fine foods and wines.

For more information on attending or exhibiting your vehicle at the St. Petersburg Festival of Speed contact Joe Sabatini at 352-385-9450 or e mail: joe@rpmregistry.com.

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