



## Albuquerque Road Race Schedule for 2005 Announced

*Albuquerque amateur sports car and road race club announces 6 events scheduled during 2005 in Albuquerque at Sandia Motor Speedway.*

Albuquerque, NM ([PRWEB](#)) December 15, 2004 -- The Albuquerque based sports car road race club, SouthWest MotorSports (SWMS) announced it's 2005 race schedule. The first activity is a Marshall and Instructor training day March 12, 2005 for those who need to hone their race work and driver training skills. Race events will be Deutsch Marque Rallee held April 23-24, 2005, Muscle Car Mania held May 14-15, 2005, a yet to be named event July 17, 2005, Miata Mania August 27-28, 2005, and Hot Air Historics and Red Coats on the Rio Grande October 1-2, 2005.

That last weekend is also the first weekend of the annual Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta. Drivers from as far away as Southern California attended the club's 2004 event during the balloon festival. Jeff Garvin, the club's President for 2005, said "The schedule is a better balanced list for 2005. Starting three weeks later, we may avoid the harsh late spring weather we experienced in 2004 (the wettest weekend in Albuquerque, April 3-4, 2004) We hope that attracts more drivers and students in 2005."

All SouthWest MotorSports road races include a classroom and on track drivers school for new high performance and race drivers. All cars entered in events are usually divided into 5 on track groups. High performance and lapping street cars, drivers school student cars, and races for smaller displacement, larger displacement, and open wheel race prepared cars. Car competition classes are numerous and include both vintage type and contemporary race prepared cars. Speeds vary greatly between the different car groups and range from slow 180 degree "hairpin" corners as low as 35 MPH up to 120 MPH for the fastest well prepared cars.

SouthWest MotorSports home track is Sandia Motor Speedway in Albuquerque's SW mesa on the top of nine mile hill. The Speedway is a multi purpose race facility. Sandia offers five different race tracks: a small paved midget oval, a paved  $\frac{1}{4}$  mile oval, a paved  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile oval, a paved 1.65 mile 14 turn road race course, and a dirt motocross track.

SouthWest MotorSports events are mostly operated by it's volunteer members. Club operations include car inspections, timing and scoring, pit and grid, corner flagging and communications, and a myriad of other tasks. Professional support for the race events is in the form of a fully trained and crewed ambulance from Superior Ambulance or another local supplier. Best place to get more information on the club is it's web site:

<http://www.swms.org> or call John Slenes at 505-298-7007.

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