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RARE, FAST, EXOTIC AND ECCENTRIC TWO-STROKES HEADLINE THE AMELIA'S 2021 MOTORCYCLE CLASS

Jacksonville, FL - The 26th annual Amelia Island Concours d'Elegance will present an eclectic and often ignored class of rare classic and special interest motorcycles on May 23, 2021.



How's this for rare, fast and eccentric? The Devlin 428 was built in 2013 to pre-1978 road racing class specifications. The engine is based on a 1976 Yamaha 42000 two stroke that has been modified to produce 67 horsepower. The frame is 4130 chromoly and the bodywork is valved and hammered aluminum fabricated entirely by the designer, Devlin Hunt. Photo courtesy of Ryan Hunt.

The two-stroke motorcycle engine has a foot in two worlds. For developing nations (and those emerging from defeat in World War II) the two-stroke motorcycle was the path of least resistance for individuals requiring personal transportation. The two-stroke is simpler, easier to build and ultimately easier to coax big power from than a four-stroke engine. For decades exotic two-stroke engines ruled Grand Prix and motocross racing until they were legislated out of existence. Two strokes were lightweights without the bulk of a valve train or separate lubrication system. Every stroke brought ignition. Simplicity was a core strength. So was power. And so was that hazy blue exhaust smoke.

Until technology caught up with the two-strokes in the sixties and seventies, owning a two-stroke usually meant mixing gas and oil and having four-stroke riders call your bike a "ring-ding", the sound many two-strokes make. A small compromise for very basic transportation.



1924 Scott Flying Squirrel. Photo courtesy of Mark Scott, Volente Texas Motorcycle Collection

Opposite that reality was the oddly named Scott Flying Squirrel, a British water-cooled two-stroke twin of the twenties. As its price tag was nearly double that of its British competitors, financial problems dogged the Shipley-based concern. A third place in the 1929 Isle of Man TT summoned an updated version of the Flying Squirrel. By 1931, as the Depression deepened, finances deteriorated further and Scott was unable to enter either the TT or the Earl's Court show where it debuted the Flying Squirrel in 1926. Yet the engine design had power and merit. The two-stroke Scott water-cooled twin lived into WWII with a version powering the infamous Flying Flea aircraft. In 1950 the rights to the Scott twin were bought by the Aero Company and in 1956 they produced the Birmingham Scott. In the late seventies, Silk Engineering produced the Silk 700S, with a modernized and upgraded Scott two-stroke engine fitted into a modern Egl-type frame. The venerable two-stroke twin's longevity underscores the concept's validity and evolving technology kept Alfred Angus Scott's two-stroke alive for over a half-century.

Not all small displacement two-strokes were purely utilitarian. The DK-powered 50cc Victoria Avanti earned the affectionate nickname "the Tin Banana" for its remarkable styling. Part moped (and seemingly part cartoon character) the "Avanti" brought an unexpected touch of retro-future style to the basic transport slice of the German post-war motorcycle market while looking at home in such stylish surroundings as Berlin's fashionable Ku'damm.



1974 Suzuki T500. Photo courtesy of Ron Raven.

By the end of the sixties the two-stroke's role began to change further. Suzuki brought the mainstream T500, an air-cooled 500cc two-stroke twin, to the American market. That was also the beginning of the emissions control era and the blue clouds issuing from two-strokes marked the impending doom of the species in the US. It was simply easier to make clean four-strokes. But the two-strokes left a wide fan base that remembers with pleasure the sudden and often violent rush of large displacement two-stroke power and torque.

"It's as though 2021's 'Weird & Wonderful' class somehow infiltrated our annual motorcycle class," said Bill Warner, founder and Chairman of the Amelia Island Concours. "Many of these bikes are the centerpiece of happy memories. For some Baby Boomers the ritual of mixing gas and oil for their first bike was a rite of passage. So that raises the question: Can a motorcycle finally win the Meguiar's People's Choice Award?"



CARS & COFFEE AT THE CONCOURS
Presented by *Hancock Classic and Bess Institute*
Saturday, May 22, 2021
9am-1pm, The Golf Club of Amelia Island
Free admission

Note: All spaces for Cars & Coffee at the Concoeurs 2021 are filled, however we have two spaces that will be raffled off. Tickets are available for a small donation to the concours. Tickets are available now; [Click here for details](#)

AMELIA ISLAND CONCOURS D'ELEGANCE TICKETS AVAILABLE NOW

REMINDER: Ticket prices increase from \$100 to \$125 on April 1, 2021 for The Amelia Island Concours d'Elegance held on Sunday, May 23, 2021.

[Order Amelia Island Concours d'Elegance Tickets Online](#)

Buy 2021 Event Tickets in Person - Ticket Sales Locations

- Claude Nolan Cadillac, 4700 Southside Blvd, Jacksonville, FL 32216
- Jaguar Land Rover Jacksonville, 11217 Atlantic Blvd #1, Jacksonville, FL 32225
- Mercedes-Benz of Orange Park, 7018 Blanding Blvd, Jacksonville, FL 32244
- Mercedes-Benz of Jacksonville, 10231 Atlantic Blvd, Jacksonville, FL 32225
- Lexus of Jacksonville, 10259 Atlantic Blvd, Jacksonville, FL 32225
- Lexus of Orange Park, 7040 Blanding Blvd, Jacksonville, FL 32244
- Porsche Jacksonville, 11211 Atlantic Blvd, Jacksonville, FL 32225
- Fields Cadillac Jacksonville, 7999 Blanding Blvd, Jacksonville, FL 32244
- Fields Cadillac St Augustine, 375 Outlet Mall Blvd, St Augustine, FL 32084
- Amelia Island Chamber of Commerce, 961687 Gateway Blvd, ste. 101G, Amelia Island, FL 32034
- Amelia Island Welcome Center, 102 Center St, Fernandina Beach, FL 32034
- Golf Club of Amelia Island, 4700 Amelia Island Pkwy, Amelia Island, FL 32034

Thursday, May 20, 2021

Guardians of Porsche Wine Maker's Dinner

6:30 - 10:30 PM



Begin your AMELIA weekend with an intimate four-course dining experience. A sommelier pairs each course with wines complementary to the menu.

Cocktail Attire

Advance Reservations, Limited Seating

[Porsche Wine Maker's Dinner Tickets](#)

Friday Seminar - Chevy Thunder

A seminar hosted by NASCAR Hall of Fame crew chief Ray Evernham to celebrate Chevy Thunder, which was the GM Racing tag line during the '80's. Panelists scheduled to appear include: Dale Earnhardt Jr - Two-Time Daytona 500 winner; Herb Fishel - Director of GM Racing for 40 years; George Follmer - UOP Shadow Racing; David Hobbs - 1972 SCCA F5000 and SCCA Trans-Am Champion and Brian Redman - 3 time SCCA F5000 Champion and IMSA GTP Champion, all in Chevy powered cars.

3:00 PM - 4:30 PM The Awards Area on the Showfield

[Friday Seminar Tickets](#)

McLaren Dinner of Champions

7:00 pm - 10:00 pm The Ritz-Carlton, Talbot Ballroom Talbot Ballroom

Cocktail Attire



[McLaren Dinner of Champions Tickets](#)

Saturday, May 22, 2021

Saturday Seminar - The All-Conquering Porsche 935

Presented by *Grand Insurance*

A seminar hosted by NASCAR Hall of Fame crew chief Ray Evernham to tell stories of racing, preparing and writing rules for the all conquering Porsche 935 when it raced in IMSA. Panelists scheduled to appear include: Hurley Haywood - Interscope, Bayside and Brumos Racing; David Hobbs - John Fitzpatrick Racing; Kevin Jannette - Swap Shop Racing crew chief; Mark Ralffauf - VP of Competition at IMSA; Brian Redman - Dick Barbour Racing and Alwin Springer - ANDIAL.

3:00 PM - 4:30 PM The Awards Area on the Showfield

[Saturday Seminar Tickets](#)

Sunday, May 23, 2021

NOTE: Ticket prices increase on April 1, 2021. See below for details.

The Amelia Island Concours d'Elegance

9:30 AM - 4:30 PM The Golf Club Amelia Island 10th & 18th Fairways



2020 showfield

2021 Honoree Lyn St. James

- General Admission Adult: \$100 - Purchased July 6, 2020 - March 31, 2021
- General Admission Adult: \$125 - Purchased April 1, - May 22, 2021
- General Admission Adult: \$150 - Purchased at the Gate/Day of Event
- General Admission Early Entry Adult \$185.00 - Purchased July 6-May 22, 2021 *Ltd. Qty
- General Admission Early Entry Youth \$100.00 - Purchased July 6-May 22, 2021 *Ltd. Qty
- General Admission Youth 13-17 years old: \$60 (12 and under free w/paying adult)
- Active Duty Military and Dependents with Active Duty ID: \$60 each available on-site only

[Amelia Island Concours d'Elegance Tickets](#)

Concoeurs and More

8:30 AM - 4:00 PM The Golf Club of Amelia Island



- Ticket includes early entry into the show field at 8:30 AM (One hour prior to gates opening to public)
- Collectible Program
- Collectible Poster
- Breakfast, Lunch and Afternoon Snack
- Hosted Bar
- Covered seating located in the Awards Presentation area
- Private restrooms for Club Amelia Patrons
- Parking decal provided.

[Concoeurs and More Tickets](#)

Club Amelia

Presented by *BeaucherTech*

8:30 AM - 4:00 PM Club Amelia Pavilion on the Showfield



Your Club Amelia Ticket includes:

1. Early Admission onto the show field at 8:30 AM (One hour prior to gates opening to public)
2. Collectible Program
3. Collectible Poster
4. Breakfast, Lunch and Afternoon Snack
5. Hosted Bar
6. Covered seating located in the Awards Presentation area
7. Private restrooms for Club Amelia Patrons
8. Parking decal provided.

It is not necessary to purchase General Admission tickets for entry onto the show field. Your Club Amelia ticket is your entry into the show field.

[Club Amelia Tickets](#)

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About The Amelia Island Concours d'Elegance

The AMELIA is held May 20-23, 2021 at The Ritz-Carlton, Amelia Island and The Golf Club of Amelia Island. The show's Foundation has donated over \$3.75 million to Community Hospice & Palliative Care, Spina Brite of Jacksonville and other local and national charities since 1996. To learn more about the Amelia Island Concours d'Elegance, visit www.ameliaconcoeurs.org.

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