



Goodwood Festival of Speed

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The 2019 Goodwood Festival of Speed was another memorable edition of this ever popular celebration of everything motor-ing-related. As always, the event featured a wide diversity of attractions to interest everyone from casual voyeurs to die-hard enthusiasts. Accessibility to the action playing out on the hill climb was excellent while the more adventurous spectators headed up to the full rally stage or down to the drift ring.

2019 saw Aston Martin take centre stage with special events organised to mark the brand's 70th anniversary with many examples, both old and new, featuring prominently in front of Goodwood House (*previous spread and opposite*). The company's racing heritage was clear for all to see and underlined by many iconic examples, such as this glorious 1959 DBR4 (*below*).

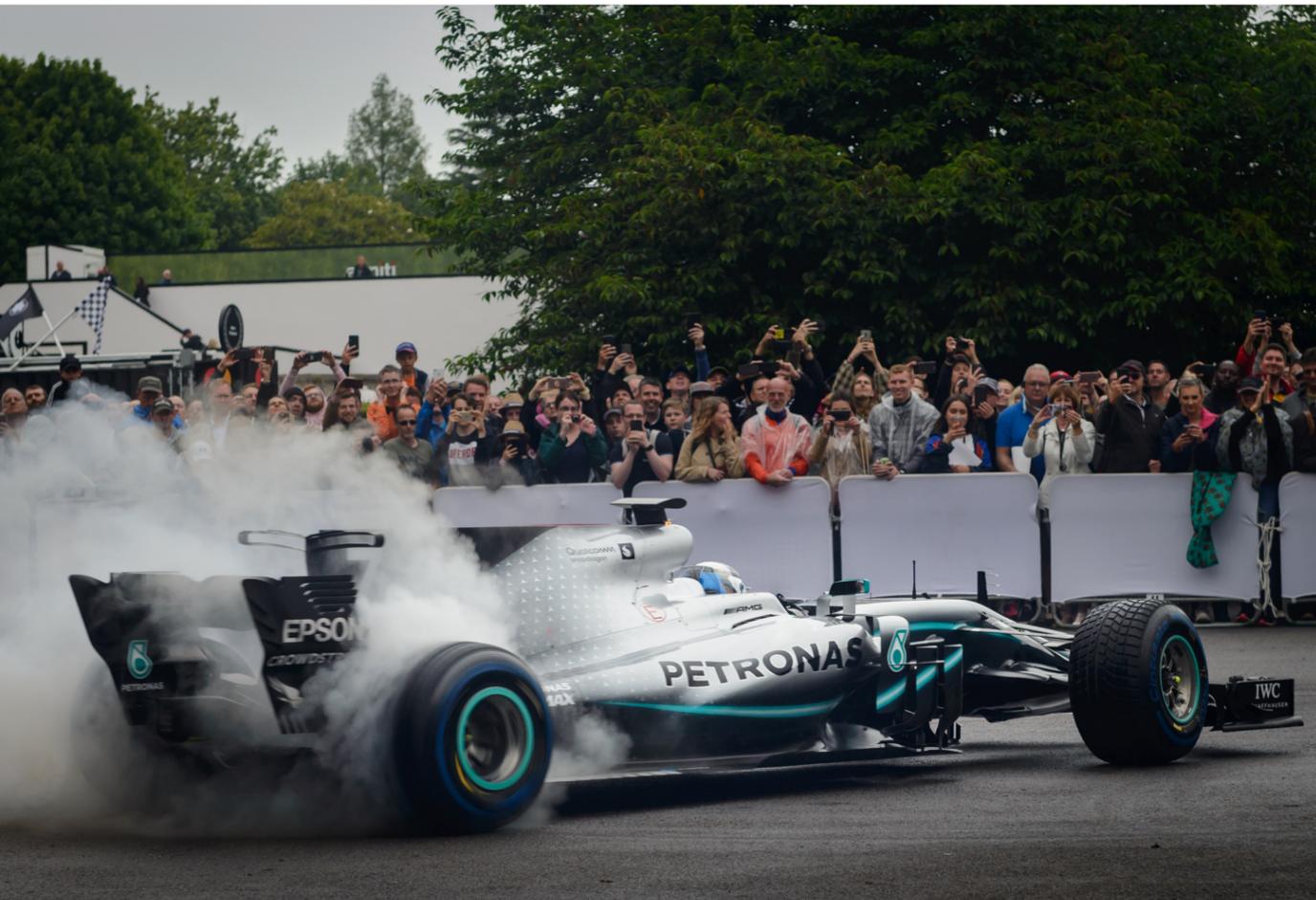




Eddie Berrisford and the 1919 Ballot Indianapolis.



Greg Manocherian, Bugatti Type 59.



Above, Valtteri Bottas keeps the crowds entertained by lighting up the rear tyres of his Mercedes.

Opposite, the memories came flooding back as two-time Formula One World Champion Emerson Fittipaldi took the John Player Special Lotus 72 for a spin.





Group B rally cars such as the Renault 5 (above, top) and the Lancia Integrale (above, bottom) looked the part on the rain-soddened track.

All the fun of the fair.



Above, the imposing 1929 Bentley 4.5 litre Supercharged GP racer with driver Katarina Kyvalova at the wheel.

Opposite, Lando Norris chats about his drive up the hill in the legendary McLaren M18.





For many, the highlight of the 2019 Festival of Speed was the Volkswagen ID. R electric racecar driven by Romain Dumas which spectacularly broke Nick Heidfeld's 20-year-old hillclimb record. The ID. R made the climb on Friday in just 41.18 seconds, half a second clear of Heidfeld's hairy 41.6 second run back in 1999.

This record-breaking performance came just one month after Dumas smashed the electric vehicle record at Germany's famous Nürburgring in the 680-horsepower ID. R. Dumas also holds the record for the fastest run up Pikes Peak, the event for which Volkswagen built the ID. R in the first place.



Above and opposite, Sir Jackie Stewart prepares a rose which he presented to his wife, Helen, in a very poignant moment in front of Goodwood House. He was also joined during the event by his sons to drive several of his iconic Formula One cars.



About Brian Smith

Based in Montréal, Brian is a long-time automotive photographer having covered a number of Canadian motorsport events. He shot the Goodwood Festival of Speed for Monopod with two Nikon DSLRs catering for both long and short lens options. His style is the conjunction of right place, right time combined with shooting cars in a dynamic way where possible to capture motion.