



'50s Era Put-in-Bay Sports Car Races Set for Second Annual Reunion, June 28-30, 2010 on Historic Ohio Island



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Planning is well underway for the 2010 Put-in-Bay Road Races Reunion, an event commemorating the races held on the public roads of Put-in-Bay from 1952 to 1959 and in 1963. For Details see:

<http://put-in-baysportscarreunion.blogspot.com>.

WHEN: The 2010 Put-in-Bay Sports Car Races Reunion will be held Monday-Wednesday, June 28-30 on South Bass Island (Put-in-Bay), Ohio.

WHO IS INVOLVED? This event is the brainchild of staff and volunteers associated with SVRA and other vintage racing associations, the Lake Erie Islands Historical Society (www.leihs.com) and the village of Put-in-Bay, OH.

WHO IS INVITED? A special effort is being made to gather the actual race cars and the people who participated in the Put-in-Bay races, but all with an interest in preserving the history of '50s sports car racing are invited to attend this casual, low-key gathering.

WHERE? Put-in-Bay (South Bass Island) is off the Lake Erie shore, a 30-minute ferry ride north of Catawba Island, and less than an hour east of Toledo.

WHY? To re-live and capture the memories. Proceeds of this event (and those planned for the future) are to support the Put-in-Bay Road Races archives and exhibit at the Lake Erie Historical Society Museum at Put-in-Bay.

EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES BEING PLANNED

- Commemoration of permanent markers at historic locations around the original course (Sponsorships with naming rights available!!!)
- "Open mic" program featuring interviews with former Put-in-Bay drivers, organizers and other participants.
- Movies, slide presentations, photo displays (donations of such memorabilia encouraged) to take place at the town hall and the LEIHS museum showing what it was REALLY like to race on the public roads of Put-in-Bay and stories of who raced there. The list of notables is extensive and includes Carl Haas, Tom Payne, Chuck Stoddard, Chuck and Susie Dietrich, Dr. Sam Sheppard and many others.
- Re-dedication of start-finish line.
- Escorted tours of the original course.
- Organized (and on-your own) wine tasting, meals, etc. at famous P-I-B landmarks!
- Fun rally, at your own pace taking you and your vintage car to points of interest on the island.
- Car show and awards
- Other events aimed at re-capturing the atmosphere and spirit of the original Put-in-Bay races will be announced as details are finalized.

To attend

Download PDF of Registration Form from SVRA site or send email to Jack Woehrle at jwoesvra@aol.com or Manley Ford at manley776@yahoo.com

For more information --

See **official blog** at:

<http://put-in-baysportscarreunion.blogspot.com/>

Want to get involved?

- Join our email list for further information
- Donate Put-in-Bay races memorabilia (movies, photos etc.)

Send an email to manley776@yahoo.com

- Volunteer to help or provide sponsorship support
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