

# CORONADO VINTAGE RACES

## Fleet Week Welcomes AROSC

### September 20-21



*Massive USN folding-wing turboprop transport on display. Photo by Jay Mackro.*

Remember how sportscar races used to be? Back in the 1950s, when they were held on military runways, when venues were uncrowded, easily accessible and reasonably priced? Well, you can discover, rediscover and enjoy that experience at the Coronado Speed Festival, September 20th-21st.

Drive an Alfa Romeo (or other collector car) and you can park right behind the grandstands; you'll need to obtain a corral pass in advance. The pits are open to spectators at Coronado, and the low-key nature of the competition allows the racers time to chat with spectators. Last fall, Alfa Romeo was well represented with about 20 racers among several paddocks full of comp cars. In addition to the races, there will be fixed wing aircraft, helicopters and amphibious vehicles on display, with military personnel who explain how they use this equipment.

Plan to stay in Old Town, San Diego, on Saturday night. You can leave the races when you are ready, check in, enjoy the pool or just relax, and then get ready for dinner.

At 7:00 we will walk into Old Town for a Mexican feast.

On Sunday you can return to the races (your corral pass is good for both days), explore Old Town on foot, or begin your drive home. To attend this terrific event, you need to do four things:

- 1) Get your event tickets online at: <http://www.fleetweeksandiego.org/events/speed-fest.html>
- 2) Book your hotel room by calling the Best Western Plus, located at 4041 Harney St. in Old Town at: 619.298.4707.
- 3) Request your corral pass from Hillary Griffith of AROC-SD at [hillarygriffith@cox.net](mailto:hillarygriffith@cox.net)
- 4) Tell the AROSC who will be coming so we can give the restaurant a count by emailing: [info@arosc.org](mailto:info@arosc.org) More details will be available after you RSVP.

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