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### RING-FREE IS BACK AT SEBRING

The Macmillan Ring-Free Oil Co., Inc. is back at Sebring fresh from triumphs at Nassau and Daytona. From the early 1930's, when International midgets and Indianapolis cars raced and won as "Ring-Free Oil Specials", Macmillan Ring-Free has participated in racing. Now, Ring-Free is in a new period of intensive participation in all phases of racing competition.

#### IN THE 12 HOURS OF SEBRING:

The Ring-Free Oil Racing Team will field the famous Ring-Free Motor-Maids, the all-girl racing team that made headlines recently during the Daytona 24-hour Continental. The girls, driving a factory ASA and Shelby Mustang, finished the race and earned international competition class points for the ASA factory car.

A new addition to the girls' team this year is fast-rising European driver Liane Engeman of Holland.

Rounding out the girls' team are three of the top female drivers in the U. S. A., Ring-Free regulars Donna Mae Mims, Suzy Dietrich and Janet Guthrie.

Often overlooked with so much femininity around are veteran Ring-Free Oil Racing Team male drivers, Paul Richards and Ray Cuomo. They copped the coveted International Police Chiefs Award at Daytona for the most dependable and reliable vehicle in the 24-hour grind. This is the second year in a row that a Ring-Free vehicle has taken this trophy. Add to this the fact that the boys had an eleventh overall finish with their award-winning Ford Mustang GT350, one of the only Fords to win an award at Daytona. Cuomo and Richards will pilot a new factory Matra at Sebring. It is a product of the famed French missile firm.

#### IN THE FOUR-HOUR TRANS-AMERICAN SEDAN RACE:

Dr. Peter Marinelli of Fernandina Beach, Florida, will lead a Ring-Free Oil Racing Team of 3 Mini-Coopers in the Sedan Race. SCCA Southeast champ Johnny Tremblay and Suzy Dietrich will join forces with Jim Gammons of Florida and Argentinian racing veteran Mastendrea to try and repeat last year's Ring-Free triumph when the Ring-Free team was awarded the team prize for the 4-hour Sedan Race.

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RING-FREE OIL RACING TEAM - BIOGRAPHY BRIEFS

RING-FREE MOTOR MAIDS:

Liane Engeman is a 21-year old blonde actress/model who most recently appeared in the motion picture, "Grand Prix". She also was a stand-in for Ursula Andress in the new James Bond film, "Casino Royale".

Determined to become an established racing star, she left her native Holland, where she had been racing, to move to England where the racing scene is hotter.

Liane comes to Sebring after closing a month of intensive competition, including Brands Hatch, on March 4/5 and Monza, Italy, on March 11/12. Miss Engeman has successfully driven in Formula III races, mostly in a Brabham. She usually pilots an Elva BMW or Mini-Cooper at various European circuits.

Sebring offers Liane her debut in an international championship event. It will be her first time. She will be "wheeling" as co-pilot with Janet Guthrie in a Ring-Free Oil Racing Team Shelby Mustang.

Liane's trademarks are her white turtleneck sweaters and a purple racing outfit that emphasizes the fact that this racing driver is all girl.

Janet Guthrie, of Great Neck, Long Island, a physicist with a Bachelor's Degree in Physics, spends her weekdays on space projects for NASA. Janet is an excellent flyer, and also holds a pilot-instructor's license. This young lady, with all her femininity, spends Saturdays and Sundays, when she is not racing, tearing down and rebuilding the engine of her Jaguar. Janet co-drove at the Watkins Glen 500 last year. Miss Guthrie graduated from Michigan State in 1960, and turned down a teaching fellowship at the University of Lebanon.



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RING-FREE MOTOR MAIDS: (Continued)

Janet co-piloted a Shelby Mustang with Ring-Free Motor Maids Anita Taylor and Smokey Drolet in their outstanding performance at Daytona this year.

Miss Guthrie was also a member of the 1966 Ring-Free all-girl racing team that set a world's record by completing the Daytona 24-hour Endurance Race.

Suzy Dietrich, of Sandusky, Ohio, is a well schooled driver; and well she should be with husband, Chuck Dietrich, one of the leading sports car drivers in the U. S. , as her tutor. She learned from the master - master of the house, that is. Chuck taught Suzy to drive on ice at slow speeds, to simulate track conditions at greater speeds. The Dietrich method worked, because in no time at all, Suzy was cornering, and learning to "heel and toe" with the best. An MGTC was her first love, but she has had experience with a wide range of vehicles.

Before piloting her record performance Ring-Free Special at Daytona in 1966, Suzy raced in Puerto Rico, Nassau and England, as well as the U. S.

Suzy, now an officer in the Mid-Ohio region SCCA, will co-drive an ASA with Donna Mae Mims. This is the same car that took 3rd in Class and earned international competition points at Daytona.

Donna Mae Mims, of Bethel Park, Pennsylvania, is the only gal winner of a National SCCA Championship. She is a bubbling, bouncing, blonde bombshell of energy. Her famous "Think Pink" wardrobe on and off the track has become her trademark. Donna Mae is a competent freelance writer with a natural inclination for promotion. She lectures and does public relations work for Armstrong shock absorbers.

She started racing eight years ago after a short term of timing races and keeping lap charts during sports car races. Donna Mae became the "Pink Lady" of racing and drove a Sprite, an MGB for BMC, then a Tr-3, and finally, her performance as a Ring-Free Motor Maid, driving a "Ring-Free Special" (Alpine) at Daytona in 1966, and teaming with Suzy Dietrich in their record stint in a factory ASA at Daytona in 1967.

When it comes to driving in a race, there are few drivers with more enthusiasm than Donna Mae Mims.

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RING-FREE VETERAN DRIVERS:

Paul Richards of Wappingers Falls, New York (Poughkeepsie) has been a member of the Ring-Free Oil Racing Team for two years. He is a fuel oil distributor when not racing. That is, when he isn't skin diving, skiing or flying. His quick wit and ready smile and dry sense of humor help make him one of the coolest drivers around. His fanatic interest and collection of World War I planes have earned him the recent nickname, the Red Baron.

Paul co-drives with Ray Cuomo, as he has many times in the past. Most recently at Daytona, where he and Ray received one of the few awards earned by a Ford at Daytona, their Ring-Free Shelby Mustang finished 11th overall and won the International Chiefs of Police Performance Award.

Paul is married and has two children - a 20-year-old boy and a 13-year-old girl.

Ray Cuomo, a veteran Ring-Free driver of exceptional reputation, who has driven for Ford, Fiat, and the British Motor Corporation, makes his home in New York - and a large home it is! Ray has ten children, the newest addition being a boy, who was born the night of the 1966 Daytona Race.

When not racing, Ray manages a Goodyear Racing tire distributorship.

Dr. J. Peter Marinelli, a resident of Madeira Beach, Florida since 1950, was born and educated in Boston, Massachusetts. He earned his Doctorate of Osteopathy with a Specialty in Ophthalmology in 1942.

Dr. Marinelli is very active in Florida politics, having held the office of mayor in his area and serving the public on a number of public spirited and municipal committees. His love for racing, both as a racing car driver and owner, stems from his active participation in racing for the past 10 years, and his service as track physician at various events over the years.

At Sebring last year, as part of the Ring-Free Oil Racing Team, Dr. Marinelli drove and directed the 3-car entry to the coveted team prize in the 4-hour Sedan Race.

John Tremblay, a shy, slender 23-year-old youngster started racing at 16 years old, the day he got his drivers license. He quickly went on to win over 150 awards for sportscar gymkhanas and autocrosses. At 21 he got his SCCA driver's license and has been burning up the track ever since. He is reputed to be one of the best Mini-Cooper drivers around today. His 1st in Class performance at Sebring has proved that point. John was one of the Ring-Free drivers that took the team award at Sebring in 1966.