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California Mille's Salute to Italy's Mille Miglia to Head South for Four Days of Back Roads Adventure

67 Historic Cars Displayed on Nob Hill April 24 Prior to April 25 Departure

The 26th annual celebration of Italy's most-famous, open-road race, the Mille Miglia, will visit the small towns and see the big vistas of coastal California.

Cars that could have qualified for Italy's thousand mile event that ran from 1927-1957, will arrive at San Francisco's Nob Hill from a dozen states and two foreign countries on Sunday, April 24. The public is invited to see the cars and meet the drivers from 11 AM- 6 PM on Mason between California and Sacramento streets.

Co-directors David and Howard Swig will host a special presentation beginning at 1:30 PM on Sunday, recalling how their father Martin Swig introduced the Mille to America after noting that "Northern California looks more like Italy than...*Italy.*"

Italian Consul General Mauro Battocchi will greet the fans and highlight significant events in the Mille Miglia's history.

The Swigs will take a roving microphone to Mason Street to detail production, styling and racing milestones, illustrated by the California Mille cars, while Ron Borelli's Italian Band will entertain with appropriate music.

On Monday morning at 8:45, April 25, Italian Cultural Affairs director Paolo Barlera will wave the Italian flag at the Partenza (departure) arch spanning Mason Street at California, to officially start the four-day event.

A 2016 Ferrari will lead the historic vehicles down Nob Hill and into the Presidio where the Mille will cruise to the Pacific Coast, drive through Half Moon Bay and end Day 1 in Carmel Valley.

Tuesday, April 26, will see the Mille maneuvering rarely-used back roads toward San Simeon and the Heart Castle, over one-lane bridges, through Paso Robles, by Mission San Miguel Arcangel, by the the James Dean memorial (where the actor was killed in his Porsche 550 in 1955), ending the 247-mile drive in Morro Bay.

On Day 3, April 27, the California will head north toward the community of Adelaida (pronounced without the final "a"), Paicines (formerly named Tres Pinos) and Tres Pinos (population 456), stopping for lunch at Leal Vineyards in Hollister. That afternoon, the Mille will drive through historic San Juan Bautista and overnight again in Carmel Valley.

The final day of the thousand-mile drive (not a race!) will take the California Mille through Greenfield, King City, Oil City, and to Harris Ranch in Coalinga for lunch. The Mille will end the drive in Carmel Valley for an awards dinner and farewell ceremony.

Cars participating the 2016 California Mille include the following from these cities:

1957 AC Aceca	Portland, Oregon
1957 AC Aceca	Solano Beach, California
1957 AC Aceca	Torrance, California
1957 AC Bristol	Kingsburg, California
1957 AC Bristol	New York, New York
1956 Alfa Romeo 1900 CSS	Los Angeles, California
1953 Alfa Romeo 1900 C	Laguna Beach, California
1956 Alfa Romeo Giulietta Spider	Palm Springs, California
1957 Alfa Romeo Giulietta Spider	San Rafael, California
1957 Alfa Romeo Giulietta Spider	Beverly Hills, California
1958 Alfa Romeo Giulietta Sprint	Zephyr Cove, Nevada
1957 Alfa Romeo Spider Veloce	Bogota, Colombia
1957 Alfa Romeo Sprint	Hallande, Florida
1956 Alfa Romeo Sprint Veloce Lt. Wt.	San Francisco, California
1952 Allard J2X	Rolling Hills, California
1952 Allard J2X	New York, New York
1940 Aston Martin Type C	San Ramon, California
1953 Aston-Martin DB2	Honolulu, Hawaii
1957 Aston-Martin DB2/4	Alamo, California
1956 Austin-Healey 100M	Key Biscayne, Florida
1956 Austin-Healey 100M LeMans	Pound Ridge, New York
1928 Bentley 3/8 Racer	Malibu, California
1930 Bentley Speed Six	Tulsa, Oklahoma
1940 Buick Super	San Jose, California
1957 Citroen ID-19P	Old Bennington, Vermont
1956 Corvette	Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
1957 Ferrari 250GT	New York, New York
1956 Ferrari 250GT Boano Alloy	Hinsdale, Illinois
1957 Ferrari 250GT TdF	Stuart, Florida
1957 Ferrari 250GT TdF	Greenwich, Connecticut
1958 Ferrari California LWB Spider	Larkspur, California
1958 Ferrari LWB California Spider	Westlake Village, California
1953 Fiat 1100	San Mateo, California
1955 Ford Thunderbird	Saratoga, California
1938 Jaguar SS-100	Honolulu, Hawaii

1954 Jaguar XK-120	Thousand Oaks, California
1956 Jaguar XK-140	Los Angeles, California
1938 Laguna V12 LeMans R	Beverly Hills, California
1937 Lancia Aprilia	Muir Beach, California
1954 Lancia Aurelia B20S GT	Los Angeles, California
1955 Lancia Aurelia B20S GT	San Rafael, California
1956 Lancia Aurelia B24S	Santa Monica, California
1956 Lancia B20S	Laguna Beach, California
1953 Lincoln Capri	Sanibel, Florida
1957 Lotus Elite	Auburn, California
1957 Maserati 200Si	New Vernon, New Jersey
1955 Maserati A6GCS	Atherton, California
1957 Mercedes-Benz 300SL	Pacific Palisades, California
1957 Mercedes-Benz 300SL	Naples, Florida
1957 Mercedes-Benz 300SL	Englewood, New Jersey
1957 Mercedes-Benz 300SL	Palo Alto, California
1957 Mercedes-Benz 300SL	Berkeley, California
1956 Mercedes-Benz 300SL gullwing	Glen Ellen, California
1957 MG Magnette	Wenatchee, Washington
1953 Morgan +4	Mill Valley, California
1956 Morgan +4	Berkeley, California
1953 Nash Healey	Lebanon, Missouri
1953 Nash Healey	Alamo, California
1957 Porsche 356 coupe	Carmel Valley, California
1956 Porsche 356 1600S coupe	Stuttgart, Germany
1957 Porsche 356GT	Newport Beach, California
1955 Porsche Continental	Palm Springs, California
1955 Porsche Speedster	Stuttgart, Germany
1953 Siata 208CS	Larkspur, California
1953 Siata 208C	San Francisco, California
1956 Studebaker Golden Hawk	Sonoma, California