



## Goodwood's American state visit

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As news lands that a certain State visit will be taking place in the UK at the start of June, Goodwood is delighted to announce a series of its own high-profile American visitors to the Goodwood Revival on 13<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> September.

The high-profile American delegation will be led by none other than four-time NASCAR champion, Jeff Gordon. As the winner of 93 races in America's most popular motorsport series, including three victories in NASCAR's blue riband Daytona 500, the 2019 Goodwood Revival will mark the first time that the Californian has taken part in an event on British soil.

Alongside his popular cameos as a character in the Disney *Cars* movies, Jeff Gordon is also renowned for his impressive performance at the wheel of a Formula 1 car in 2003, when he traded places with then-Williams driver Juan Pablo Montoya. The Goodwood Revival will also bring about a reunion for these two racing greats with the news that the hugely popular Colombian racer, winner of seven Formula 1 grands prix, will return to West Sussex.

Juan Pablo Montoya can equally be regarded as an 'honorary American' after his two wins at the Indianapolis 500, three wins in the Daytona 24 Hours sports car race and taking the 2000 Champ Car title.

American drivers have long been a popular addition at the Goodwood Revival with the likes of Bobby Rahal, Danny Sullivan and Dan Gurney taking part in the three-day race card for Formula 1, sports car and touring car machinery. Previously, Juan Pablo Montoya has taken part in the Festival of Speed, but he has never before raced at the Revival Meeting. When he last attended the Goodwood Festival of Speed presented by Mastercard, thousands of Colombian fans descended on the park to cheer their national hero and almost brought proceedings to a halt, and this year's Revival will mark his competitive debut at Goodwood.

### More Americana at the Goodwood Festival of Speed

Fans of Americana can also look forward to plenty more action at the forthcoming Festival of Speed, which will be held on 4<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> July. 'King Richard' Petty, seven-time NASCAR champion and winner of 200 races at the premier level will be present together with one of his iconic number 43 racing cars from the golden era of 200+ mph stock car racing.

Two-time Indianapolis 500 winner Al Unser Jr. will also be in West Sussex for the Festival of Speed and will get behind the wheel of his father's 1978 'Triple Crown'-winning Lola Indycar. Bobby Labonte, the winner of NASCAR's Winston Cup in 2000, will also be at the Festival, filling the park with smoke and thunder when he replicated the race winner's burn-out.

Accompanying the Americans on the Goodwood state visit will be drivers that have won high honours in America including Britain's three-time Indy 500 winner and four-time Indycar champion Dario Franchitti, Brazil's double Formula 1 world champion and Indy 500 winner Emerson Fittipaldi and his countryman, 2003 Indy 500 winner Gil de Ferran.

Limited tickets for the Festival of Speed still remain and are can be purchased at [Goodwood.com](http://Goodwood.com) or by calling Customer Sales on 01243 755055.

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### **EDITORS' NOTES:**

#### **About the Goodwood Festival of Speed**

Staged every summer since 1993, the Goodwood Festival of Speed presented by MasterCard is the world's largest automotive garden party; set against the spectacular backdrop of Goodwood House in West Sussex, UK. Over 600 cars and motorcycles spanning the phenomenal history of motoring and motor sport take part with some of the most legendary figures from the sport as well as international celebrities regularly attending. Highlights include FoS Future Lab, Forest Rally Stage, Michelin Supercar Paddock, Michelin Supercar Run, F1 paddock, Drivers' Club, GAS arena, Cartier Style et Luxe Concours d'Elegance, Aviation Exhibition and Bonhams Auction.

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