### ПРЕЗЕНТАЦИЯ НА TEMY:HOBBY.SPORT.RACING

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## SPORT CAR RACING

Chicago, 1895. Then there was still no traffic police, but cars were allowed to drive around the city only by horse-drawn traction. Before the start did not reach all, especially to the finish. And yet the race took place!

Let's start the story as all interesting stories begin ... "Once upon a time, in one galaxy ...". By the way - in our Galaxy, in our solar system and even on our planet Earth. So, in one of the cold and windy days of 1895 - back in the XIX century, the first automobile race for gasoline cars took place. Only everything happened in those days is not so simple, as you can see today during the broadcast of "Formula 1": went to the start and drove off. To begin with, the start of the race scheduled for November 2 did not take place, because many participants could not reach the launch site. Collect all the participants at the start was only by the end of November ...







Sports car racing is a form of circuit auto racing with automobiles that have two seats and enclosed wheels. They may be purpose-built or related to road-going sports cars.

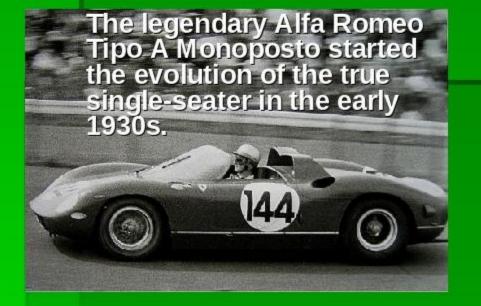
A kind of hybrid between the purism of open-wheelers and the familiarity of touring car racing, this racing is often associated with the annual Le Mans 24 Hours endurance race. First run in 1923, it is one of the oldest motor races still in existence.



Races usually involve complex pit strategy and regular driver changes sports car racing is seen more as a team sport than a gladiatorial individual sport and team managers like John Wyer, Tom Walkinshaw, driverturned-constructor Henri Pescarolo, Peter Sauber and Reinhold Joest have become almost as famous as many of their drivers.

The prestige of Ferrari, BMW, Porsche, Lotus, Maserati, Alfa Romeo, Mercedes-Benz, Jaguar, and Aston Martin derives in part from success in sports car racing and the World Sportscar Championship. The history of the gain

In the 1920s, the cars used in endurance racing and Grand Prix were still basically identical, with fenders and two seats, to carry a mechanic if necessary or permitted.





During the later 1930s, French constructors, unable to keep up with the progress of the Mercedes-Benz and Auto-Union cars in GP racing, withdrew into primarily domestic competition with large-capacity sports cars - marques such as Delahaye, Talbot and the later Bugattis were locally prominent.

In open-road endurance races across Europe such as the Mille Miglia, Tour de France and Targa Florio, which were often run on dusty roads, the need for fenders and a mechanic or navigator was still there.

As mainly Italian cars and races defined the genre, the category was called Gran Turismo, as long distances had to be travelled, rather than running around on short circuits only. Reliability and some basic comfort were necessary in order to endure the task.

## Post-war revival

#### and the coming of the World Sports Car Champ

After the Second World War, sports car racing emerged as a distinct form of racing with its own classic races, and eventually its own World Championship. In the 1950s, sports car racing was regarded as almost as important as Grand Prix competition, with major marques like Ferrari, Maserati, Jaguar and Aston Martin investing much effort in their works programmes and supplying cars to customers; sports racers lost their close relationship to road-going sports cars in the 1950s and the major races were contested by dedicated competition cars such as the Jaguar C and D types, the Mercedes 300SLR, Maserati 300S, Aston Martin DBR1 and assorted Ferraris including the first Testa Rossas. Top Grand Prix drivers also competed regularly in sports car racing.

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• In national rather than international racing, sports car competition in the 1950s and early 1960s tended to reflect what was locally popular, with the cars that were successful locally often influencing each nation's approach to competing on the international stage. The US scene tended to feature small MG and Porsche cars in the smaller classes, and imported Jaguar, Maserati, Mercedes-Benz, Allard and Ferrari cars in the larger classes.

Italy found itself with both grassroots racing with Fiat, small Alfa Romeos, and exotica such as Maserati and Ferrari.

• Matra and Renault were the most popular sports car between Frenchmen.

In Germany, domestic production based racing was largely dominated by BMW, Porsche and Mercedes-Benz.









There are many kinds of sports cars that race but they can be broadly broken down into two main categories: Sports prototype and Grand Touring (GT). These two categories are often mixed together in a single race, such as the 24 Hours of Le Mans.

## Motable sports car racing series

#### International

\*World Sportscar Championship - The former World Championship, which dissolved in 1993.

#### North America

- \*American Le Mans Series Run in the United States and Canada.
- \*SPEED World Challenge
- \*Can-Am Canadian-American Challenge Cup (ran from 1966 to 1974 and in revised form from 1977-86)

#### **Europe**

\*FIA GT Championship - A GT racing series, predominantly in Europe but some rounds elsewhere

\*Interserie - German based series, originally similar to Can-Am

\*Belcar (Belgian National GT Championship)

#### Asia-Pacific'

- \*All Japan Sports Prototype Championship
- \*Japan Le Mans Challenge Established in 2006, run in Japan.
- \*Super GT
- \*Fuji Grand Champion Series a Japanese series originally for Gr.6 cars, was originally held only in Fuji



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- \*Thundersports a British series of the 1980s in which pretty much any kind of sports racer or GT was eligible.

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