Mt. Washington Auto Road Celebrates 40th of “Alt Energy Summit” on July 25th, 2015

Entropy Racing’s EVSR electric race team returns to Mt. Washington after Pikes Peak podium, Hormel’s bacon-grease biodiesel “Bacon Bike” to be featured, World Record holders to speak.

Pinkham Notch, NH— The Mt. Washington Auto Road will be celebrating the 40th year of the ALT Energy Summit, on Saturday, July 25th, 2015. Free to the public, the ALT Energy Summit is one of the largest gatherings of renewable energy transportation in New England, featuring major manufacturers, electric vehicle enthusiasts, industry suppliers and individual “makers” and inventors as the Auto Road continues as a proving ground and playground for new and evolving technologies.

The list of builders, manufacturers and organizations attending this year’s event may be the most impressive to date with vehicles such as the first-ever, bacon-fueled bio-diesel motorcycle. The Hormel "Driven By Bacon" motorcycle, built to tour the US and promote the launch of it's new "Black Line" bacon in the Driven by Bacon US tour, is sure to attract a crowd. The bacon bio-diesel bike is reportedly nearly carbon-neutral, meaning it contributes almost zero emissions to the environment. Bike and driver are reportedly planning to summit Mount Washington during their New England tour.

Entropy Racing, a veteran of the Mt Washington Climb to the Clouds race with Tim O'Neil at the wheel, will return for a fascinating account of their experience at Pikes Peak – including their crash and loss of one of three cars in practice. Entropy builds and races the revolutionary
Electric Vehicle Sports Racer (EVSR), which has set new standards for affordable, safe and environmentally-friendly racing.

To help celebrate the Summit’s 40 year history, the team has offered a special treat: Entropy will allow people to drive a fully race-prepped electric race car to the summit of Mount Washington (for a fee, and speed-limited to comply with Auto Road regulations) or around the grounds at the base of the Auto Road. See the Entropy Racing team at day of the event for further details.

Jeff Disinger, Electrafunk Racing’s Electracutioner – Land Speed Record holder and veteran of the electric drag racing scene, will also be present with the bike that set the record, and make a bid for the summit. Don’t miss this chance to see a world-class electric performance machine in person.

Visitors can watch the parade of vehicles in the Auto Road’s main field, follow them to the summit as they make their bid, or stroll the field and chat with owners and builders once they return. Presentations at 1:00PM and 2:30PM are free and open to all.

“We’re delighted to celebrate forty years of innovation and experimentation in renewable transportation”, remarked Howie Wemyss, GM of the Mt Washington Auto Road. “The event started in the years of the Energy Crisis of the mid ‘70s, and what was then considered “alternative” and slightly off-beat, is now mainstream, as can be seen by the Plug-In Electric, Hybrid, and Biodiesel vehicles that come to our event every year. The Mt. Washington Auto Road has seen the evolution of transportation play out on its eight-mile path to the summit. Today, that evolution leads to a future that is 100% renewable.”

Saturday’s schedule begins at 8:00AM with breakfast at the Great Glen base lodge leading up to the Regatta parade preparation, exhibitor and participant setup at 9:00AM. At 10:00AM the pedal-powered vehicles will begin the parade to the summit followed all other vehicles by 11:00AM. By 1:00PM all participants will return back down to the base area from the summit attempt for exhibition, demonstrations and reports from their summit trip.

Saturday at 1:00PM, the “Three Amigos of Electric Motorcycles”, Terry Hershner, Ben Rich and Stéphane Melançon, world record holders and legends in the electric motorcycle community, will give a talk on their tech innovations, work with streamlining, charging and legendary feats of endurance and distance. Also, Troy Rank, Guinness World Record holding e-bike distance rider will be showing off his latest creation, the Maxwell Motorbikes EV0, and regaling the crowd with stories of his world record-setting exploits.

Saturday afternoon at 2:30PM, EVSR’s Charlie Greenhaus and the Entropy Racing team return to the scene of their first world-class hillclimb victory to talk about their recent conquest of Pikes Peak – crashes, hail, sleet and cheers as they placed 3rd and 4th in their class.

Presenting Sponsor, NH Electric Co-op, represented by Gary LeMay, will be on hand to answer NH renewable and sustainable energy questions and show off their plug-in electric Line Truck.

For more information, or to register your own vehicle or exhibit for the “Mt. Washington Auto Road ALT Energy Summit” event at the Mt. Washington Auto Road, visit www.altenergysummit.org, email Event Director Ted Dillard at ted@altenergysummit.com, or call at (978) 621-5178.
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Mt Washington Alt Energy Summit: www.altenergysummit.org
New Hampshire Electric Co-op: www.nhec.com
Mt Washington Auto Road (main site): www.mtwashingtonautoroad.com

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The Hormel Driven by Bacon biodiesel motorcycle

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(EVSR’s Charlie Greenhaus briefs Mt Washington Auto Road’s GM Howie Wemyss on the fine points of driving an electric race car)
(Jeff Disinger and the Electrafunk Racing “Electracutioner” setting the Land Speed Record at the Ohio Mile this summer)