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Celebrating 85 years

El Pomar Foundation's Penrose Heritage Museum to Host "Experience Race Car Engineering with the Experts" as part of Cool Science Festival

Colorado Springs, Colo. – September 28, 2023 – As part of the [Colorado Springs Cool Science Festival](#), El Pomar's Penrose Heritage Museum is inviting the public to come investigate the science behind the museum's Pikes Peak International Hill Climb exhibits and race cars. The event, "Experience Race Car Engineering with the Experts," will be held Thursday, **October 12, from 10:00-11:30 a.m.** at Penrose Heritage Museum in collaboration with the Pikes Peak International Hill Climb.

Participants of "Experience Race Car Engineering with the Experts" will explore the science behind America's second-oldest motorsport race, the Pikes Peak International Hill Climb. From the high-tech collection of speed and timing data to the scientific advantages of an electric vehicle at high altitude, attendees will be able to hear from three Pikes Peak International Hill Climb experts and engage with demonstrations, interactive activities, and various race cars which have participated in the race.

The event allows visitors to interact with three engineering experts. These include Dan Novembre, who has competed for 15 years in the Open Wheel and Unlimited divisions of the Hill Climb. In addition, Hill Climb Competitor and top race consultant Tim Eckert will be sharing his Electric Vehicle (EV) knowledge. Tim is an expert in electric and internal combustion engines who has designed, built, and driven race cars on Pikes Peak. Attendees will also be able to engage with Don Sanborn, the President of Pikes Peak Hill Climb Historical Association, whose experiences include many roles for the Pikes Peak International Hill Climb such as timing official, board member, competitor, and race day radio broadcaster.

As the official exhibitor of the Hill Climb race car and memorabilia collection, Penrose Heritage Museum offers attendees the opportunity to get up close to 15 race vehicles that have competed in the race during its 108-year history. Amongst the one-of-a-kind vehicles, attendees will be able to see a 1922 Ford Model T Special; a 1993 Twin-Engine Suzuki Cultus raced by Nobuhiro Tajima, the first competitor to race up Pikes Peak in under ten minutes; a replica of the electric ER2, the fastest electric vehicle in 2002; and the 1918 Pierce-Arrow Broadmoor Special, AKA the "Yellow Devil," a 100-year-old race car which belonged to the founder of the Pikes Peak International Hill Climb himself, Spencer Penrose.

Admission is always free to Penrose Heritage Museum. Free parking is available in The Broadmoor hotel parking garage immediately adjacent to the museum with museum validation for 1.5 hours. No reservations or tickets are required. More information about the museum and El Pomar's other historic properties can be found at: <https://www.elpomar.org/About-Us/museum-and-legacy-properties/> More information about Pikes Peak International Hill climb can be found at: www.ppihc.org

About Penrose Heritage Museum

Penrose Heritage Museum showcases the history and heritage of the Pikes Peak region through the personal artifact collection of Colorado Springs' philanthropists Spencer and Julie Penrose. Together, the couple were responsible for creating, or helping to create, some of the most iconic institutions and programs in Colorado Springs history, such as Pikes Peak Highway, Pikes Peak International Hill Climb, The Broadmoor, Colorado Springs Fine Arts Center at Colorado

College, Cheyenne Mountain Zoo, and Pikes Peak or Bust Rodeo, to name a few. The Museum is also home to the official collection of Pikes Peak International Hill Climb race cars and memorabilia.

About El Pomar Foundation

El Pomar Foundation is one of the largest and oldest private foundations in Colorado. El Pomar contributes approximately \$25 million annually through grants in the areas of arts and culture, civic and community initiatives, education, health, and human services, as well as community stewardship and leadership development programs to support Colorado nonprofit organizations. Spencer and Julie Penrose founded El Pomar in 1937 with the mission to enhance, encourage, and promote the current and future well-being of the people of Colorado.

About Pikes Peak International Hill Climb

*First staged in 1916, the Pikes Peak International Hill Climb is the second oldest race in America. The invitation-only event, often referred to as *The Race to the Clouds* is held annually on the last Sunday of June on Pikes Peak – America’s Mountain, near Colorado Springs, Colorado, USA. The famous 12.42-mile (20 km) course consists of 156 turns, boasts an elevation gain of 4,725 feet (1,440 m), and reaches a finish line at 14,115 feet (4,302 m) above sea level. The PPIHC’s six race divisions feature a wide variety of vehicles - from production-based Time Attack challengers to purpose-built Open Wheel racers and state-of-the-art Unlimited vehicles. The current race record was set in 2018 by Romain Dumas and Volkswagen in the all-electric I.D. R Pikes Peak – 07:57.148.*

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