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Sebring to Host Live Watch Party for the 24 Hours of Le Mans in Partnership with the ACO

Sebring, Fla.— The 12 Hours of Sebring, founded in 1950 by Alec Ulmann in as a tribute to the 24 Hours of Le Mans, has long been recognized as North America’s most important endurance race and second only to Le Mans worldwide. This year, that historic connection will be celebrated in a new and exciting way.

Following the 2025 running of the 12 Hours of Sebring, representatives from the Automobile Club de l’Ouest (ACO)—organizers of the 24 Hours of Le Mans—approached Ford Heacock III, Chairman of the Automobile Racing Club of Florida (ARCF), to collaborate on a live Watch Party event honoring the longstanding bond between the two iconic venues.

On Saturday, June 14, the ACO and ARCF will present a Live Watch Party for the 24 Hours of Le Mans at the Gallery of Legends building, located in the paddock of Sebring International Raceway. From 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM, fans will experience the opening hours of the legendary French endurance race as it unfolds in real time—broadcast directly from Le Mans.

“There will be only two official ACO USA Club Watch Party events in the United States this year,” said Heacock. “One will be here at Sebring, and the other at the prestigious Simeone Foundation Automotive Museum in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.”

But the experience won’t stop at just watching the race. The event will feature appearances by past Le Mans drivers and racing personalities, along with a display of rare and historic Le Mans cars, including the iconic 1970 Porsche 917K and a 1929 Tracta A, class winner at Le Mans in 1930.

Enthusiasts from across the country are expected to travel to Sebring for the event, many arriving in collector cars and participating in an informal car show on the grounds.

Guests will enjoy a continental breakfast, catered lunch, and complimentary bar, and may also purchase a “Vitesse” hot lap on the famous Sebring circuit with a professional instructor from Chin Track Days.

Originally the sanctioning body for the 12 Hours of Sebring until Alec Ulmann’s retirement in 1972, the Automobile Racing Club of Florida (ARCF) was revived in 2023 by Heacock and fellow enthusiasts to celebrate and preserve the legacy of American endurance racing.

Tickets are limited. For additional information, please visit **www.ARCF.net/LeMans**
