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## **Overview of racing series – Part 4**

The Junior-Series as such was installed in Germany in 1965 by Porsche and was called **Formel Vau Europa**

Based on a VW Beetle Monoposto, the dream of an affordable racing car for anyone came true in the mid 1960s.

The “Formula Vee” had its origins in the USA, where ambitious amateur craftsmen built the first Monoposti in 1963 supported by Volkswagen of America. Their recipe was not only successful but also cheap: One takes an engine, a gearbox, a differential, a front axle and a steering of a Beetle – fix this all together in a grid-tube-frame and finally pull this package over a synthetic car-body.

At the end of 1964 the former Porsche race organizer Huschke von Hanstein imported a “Beach” as well as a “Formcar” partial mounted to Germany. After Haunstein, Richard von Frankenberg and Herbert Linge tested those cars at large, Porsche ordered five construction kits from each producer. Shortly after that the Formel Vau Europa – Mania arrived Europe completely. Besides Heinz Fuchs stationed in Rutesheim near Stuttgart, the Bavarian VW-wholesaler Mahag built the “Olympic” in Munich. In Austria Porsche Salzburg constructed the “Austro Vau” and Vienna based Opel-Seller Kurt Bergmann built the “Kaimann”, whereas the “Apa” and the “Autodynamics” were mounted with an American license in Belgium.

The memories of the legendary race series of the 1960s and 1970s are kept alive by the association “Historische Formel Vau Europa e.V.” as well as by many contemporary witnesses and their stories. This is why the “Hockenheim Historic – In Memory of Jim Clark” is not only about racing, but also a celebration and reunion of the veterans.

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Expected to come among others are Kurt Bergmann, Heinz Fuchs, Werner Müller, Helmut Bross, Manfred Schurti and Rainer Braun.

Further information about the “Hockenheim Historic – In Memory of Jim Clark“ you can find on [www.hockenheim-historic.de](http://www.hockenheim-historic.de)