

Special Presentation Jochen Rindt 40 Years World Champion

“Jochen Rindt in Motion”

40 years ago: First Grand Prix at Hockenheim Ring –
Jochen Rindt wins with Lotus and becomes World Champion posthumously

The first “Grand Prix of Germany” took place on the second of August 1970. Although Jacky Ickx was on pole with his Ferrari, he was defeated by Jochen Rindt in his Lotus 72, thereby extending the Austrian’s overall standing in the World Championship to 45 points and earning him the title posthumously.

Consequently, Jochen Rindt was the first german-speaking Formula 1 Champion without ever experiencing this glory. On the afternoon of September 5, 1970, during the **last Training** for the GP of Italy in Monza, Rindt crashed and died in the 5th lap while braking for the parabolica. Approximately 30,000 fans attended the funeral in Graz, proving the incredible popularity of the 28 year old.

The Grand Prix of Germany for Automobiles first took place in 1926 at **Berlin Avus**. The following year, it was moved to the newly constructed Nürburgring, but returned to Berlin just once more in 1959. In 1960, the GP was **designated** to Formula 2 and did not count towards the F1 World Championship, whereby racing occurred on the **Nürburgring-Südschleife**.

From 1961 to 1969, Formula 1 races took place on the Nürburgring-Nordschleife. In 1970 the GP and all great drivers of the era, came to Hockenheim. Starting behind Ickx and Rindt were Denis Hulme, Emerson Fittipaldi, Rolf Stommeln, Jo Siffert, John Surtees, Graham Hill, Chris Amon, Clay Regazzoni, Jackie Stewart, Mario Andretti, Jack Brabham and Ronni Peterson.

From the 16th to the 18th of April 2010, the organization “Race History on Track” will commemorate the impressive victory of Jochen Rindt in the first GP of Germany on the Hockenheimring against the world elite by presenting 30 Monoposti in a **Sonderlauf** as part of the Hockenheimring Historic – in Memory of Jim Clark.

Contributing to the event is www.vintage-garage.at with 4 original Jochen Rindt Cars marking the career of the Austro - German:

- Brabham BT18/22 (1966, English-built F2 with which he won the **ADAC Eifelrennen**)
- Formula 1 Lotus 49C R6, Rindt winning car US GP Watkins Glen 1969 & Monaco GP 1970, World Champion. (Hill winning car Mexico GP 1968 & World Champion).
- Formula 2 Lotus **59/69/4** – winner in 1969 at Thruxton, Pau, Zolder and Tulln-Lanenlebern as well as a legendary 9 victories in 1970
- Lotus 72 R1 (1970)- first development car for Rindt, John Miles and Graham Hill GP starts, later owned by Jo Siffert and Emerson Fittipaldi.

All 4 Rindt originals will be on display and driving demonstration laps throughout the 3-day event.