## Centennial Celebration

## The Vanderbilt Races

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## We are pleased to invite you to the Sixth Annual Centennial Celebrations of the Vanderbilt Races at both Roosevelt Field and the Nassau County Museum of Art

Let's "return to those thrilling days of yesteryear," as they used to say on the old Lone Ranger radio shows and get together for another festival of vintage speed and glamour, just 20 miles from New York City. You can enter the twilight zone of the remains of Vanderbilt Motor Parkway that border the Mall at Roosevelt Field on July 26 and relive the excitement of racing cars in action among formal gardens and massive sculptures in the rolling woodlands of the Nassau County Museum of Art on August 30.

In 1904, William "Willie K" Vanderbilt, Jr. challenged Europeans to the first international motor race in America, right here on Long Island. We're celebrating 100 years of automotive evolution with timed demonstration runs for cars with a racing heritage and a Concours de Provenance based on live interviews with owners of vehicles with special historic significance.

2009 marks the centennial of the Vanderbilt Cup victory of American Harry Grant in the ALCO Racer, the famous "Black Beast" that would win the cup again the following year and then compete in the very first Indianapolis 500. The ALCO has been recently returned to Long Island thanks to historian and author Howard Kroplick and he will be on hand to fire up its huge engine and waft us back to those thrilling days of 1909!

Families, sponsors, vendors and car clubs as well as competitors and car collectors are once again invited to experience automotive history at both of these events. An exhibition of photos and memorabilia of the Motor Parkway and Vanderbilt Cup era and recent publications will be available.

Entry to the public is free at the southwest parking field of Roosevelt Mall off Stewart Avenue and the entry fee at the museum is only \$10 per car. The entrance to the museum grounds is on the north side of Northern Blvd, ½ mile west of Glen Cove Road in Roslyn Harbor.

The Vanderbilt events will begin at 9AM with Awards Ceremonies at 3:30 PM.

Food service is available at the food court within the Mall and at the café in the Childs Frick Mansion at the museum.

