

Scene: Mega Mixer offers thrill rides on Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca

Race cars zoomed through Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca on June 24, thrilling guests who took rides around the world-famous track during the sixth annual Mega Mixer.

The event put on by Monterey County Young Professionals Group, Central Coast Young Farmers & Ranchers and Salinas Jaycees featured food, drinks and music alongside the raceway's premiere pit row suites in the racing paddock. Many waited in line to take a "racing tour" through the course.

"It's a real thrill," said driver Jonathan Frost, who drove guests through dramatic doughnuts and turns in the parking lot.

The event is meant to introduce people in their 20s and 30s to local organizations that support social, professional and community service-oriented events and activities.

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Ernesto Altamirano Jr. and his father Ernesto Altamirano Sr. go speeding through a course set up for drifting during the sixth annual Mega Mixer event June 24 at the Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca. (Conner Jay)



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Tamara Berg, Shannon Hogan and Ashley Smallman laugh at the bulky helmets they have to wear to take a "racing tour" of Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca during the Mega Mixer. (Conner Jay)



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Driver Jonathan Frost with Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca thrills guests at the Mega Mixer event June 24 with joy rides around the course. Frost slammed his brakes to throw his car squealing around corners, much to the delight of the passengers. This is the sixth annual Mega Mixer event put on by the Monterey County Young Professionals Group, Central Coast Young Farmers & Ranchers and Salinas Jaycees. (Photos by Conner Jay)



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The Wild Turkeys band gets the crowd moving with some classic rock 'n' roll music during the sixth annual Mega Mixer. (Photos by Conner Jay)