



State of South Carolina Office of the Governor

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Dear Friends,

As Governor of the State of South Carolina, I welcome you to the 14th annual Hilton Head Island Motoring Festival & Concours d'Elegance at the beautiful Port Royal Golf Club.

South Carolina has a long and impressive history with the automotive industry. According to our State Commerce Department, South Carolina's automobile industry has a \$27.1 billion annual economic impact with more than 57,000 people employed by the industry's manufacturers and suppliers. To add to those statistics, Volvo Cars announced recently that it will build its first U.S. plant in Berkeley County. We are pleased that after many years Volvo has returned to the Motoring Festival as a sponsor. On Saturday, October 31, the **Volvo Car Club of America (Volvo CCA)** will have their national meeting in Hilton Head and will have a special exhibit of selected cars from the Club on display at the 17th hole at the Port Royal golf course.

The Motoring Festival will also honor three milestones for their long-term sponsor, BMW. Represented through special displays will be the 100th anniversary of BMW worldwide in 2016, the 40th anniversary of BMW's presence in North America and the 20th anniversary of BMW manufacturing in South Carolina. As part of this celebration, a 1937 BMW 328 Roadster (a previous Hilton Head Island Concours Best of Show winner) will be part of the Anniversary exhibit featuring one significant vehicle from each decade.

This year the Motoring Festival has taken flight with a new partnership with the Hilton Head Island Airport. On Friday, October 30, the festivities will kick off with the Flights & Fancy Aeroport Gala hangar party to raise funds for the Festival's charitable fund, Driving Young America. On Saturday, October 31, visitors will be treated to a wide array of vintage and new corporate aircraft. Visitors will see such special vehicles as a 1943 Boeing PT-13D that was primarily used as a trainer for WWII Air Corps and Navy Pilots, a 1928 Ford Tri-Motor and a 1943 Super Stearman. This is an amazing new addition to the growing Festival.

Michael and I are excited to have you here and hope that your visit to the Hilton Head Island Motoring Festival & Concours d'Elegance will be a memorable one.

My very best,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Nikki', with a stylized flourish extending from the bottom right.

Nikki R. Haley