

VETS WILL RACE IN ANTIQUE CARS

De Palma and Mulford Arc Among Those in Odd Event Tomorrow.

The storied names of automobile road racing in the days when the old Vanderbilt cup was in active competition—the great silver mug which now reposes in the dignified surroundings of the Smithsonian Institution in Washington—will come to life today and tomorrow at Roosevelt Raceway, Westbury, L. I.

These heroes of America's boyhood of a century ago—DePalma, Oldfield, Mulford, Robertson and half a dozen others hardly less famous—will gather at the track today for a reunion and tomorrow they will take to the Raceway in the same cars they drove in their younger days in a real race as a preliminary to Monday's 300-mile grind for the new George Vanderbilt cup and some \$70,000 in prize money.

The old timers may take a spin on the course this afternoon to get the feel of race driving again before going into competition tomorrow. The race tomorrow will start at 2:30 P. M., but how far it will go will depend solely on the condition of the old timers, both drivers and cars, at the end of the first lap.

But it will be a race, and the same DePalma, Mulford and Robertson, et al., will be at the wheels. A little grayer or thinner as to hair, a bit heftier as to weight and, perhaps, a bit more cautious as to skids and spins, they will be in there blazing down the stretch and fighting their way around the turns.

The story of how each of them traced the old cars to their dust-laden lairs today comprises a dozer stories, each one a yarn in itself, as would be the histories of these brave old automobiles of motor-dom's early days, those "get-out-and-get-under" days when a ride around the block was often an adventure. But turned up they were, and it took little persuasion to round up the old-timers.

Louis Chevrolet, Joe Dawson, Joe Tracey, Louis Disbrow, Neil Whalen, Ray Gilhooley and Prince Rodolfo Del Drago, former president of the Contest Committee of the Royal Italian Automobile Club, will be others in the celebrated field of old-timers.

Prince Del Drago will drive a 1909 Buick creation, with Jack Kreindler as riding mechanic. Major Robertson will drive the old Locomobile with which he won the 1908 Vanderbilt cup race at the terrifying speed average of 64 miles an hour. The oldest three cars in the running will be a Cadillac, a Simplex and a Hayes of 1903.