

## A ROYAL GUEST FOR THE BRITISH DRAG RACING HALL OF FAME GALA AWARDS DINNER

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The British Drag Racing Hall of Fame (BDRHoF) is proud to announce that Her Royal Highness Princess Katarina of Yugoslavia and Serbia will be an Honoured Guest at the BDRHoF Celebration Gala Awards Dinner being held at the Savill Court Hotel, Windsor Great Park on November 22nd 2014.

Princess Katarina will present one of the major awards of the evening and is the first relative of the British Royal family to attend a drag racing event in an official capacity. As a great-niece of Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, she is in line of succession to the British throne and as well as her extensive humanitarian work she is also President of the Guild of Travel and Tourism.

Chairman of the BDRHoF, Stu Bradbury said,

*"It is a great Honour to have Her Royal Highness Princess Katarina attending our event and present the major award of the evening. Her presence reflects the stature that the Gala Dinner has attained and is a fitting tribute to the pioneers who built the sport of drag racing in the United Kingdom. To have drag racing royalty in the shape of Don Garlits and a relative of the British Royal Family at the same event is something I would not have thought possible just a few years ago – even just a few months ago. I still can't quite believe it".*

As you would expect, while Don Garlits is in the UK he has been invited to quite a few special functions. These include dinner with Lord Montagu's son Ralph at Beaulieu Palace on November 24th (he will be at the museum in the afternoon so as the museum is open as normal you might glimpse the party viewing the exhibits. A visit to the museum in 1976 gave him the idea for his own drag racing museum in Florida), the International Historic Motoring Awards dinner at the Renaissance Hotel, St Pancras, lunch at the RAC Club in Pall Mall, and an exclusive trip around the Lloyd's of London Building including a special presentation by Rupert Atkin, Deputy Chairman of Lloyd's, plus a visit to Nick Mason's private collection of cars if it can all be fitted in to the busy calendar.

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