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CFR Annual Meeting



Hosted by
District 8

Party on the Peace River

Best Western Waterfront
Punta Gorda, FL

December 9th-11th, 2011

The 2011 Annual Meeting will be hosted by District 8.

More information is available by visiting the
2011 Annual Membership Meeting Website.

The site was prepared by Kim Williams' Web Design Class at High
Tech North in Cape Coral. Enjoy!!

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The facility hosting the 2011 Annual Meeting is the

Best Western Waterfront
in Punta Gorda
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Friday Evening Registration/Social
Saturday Morning . . . General Membership Meeting
Saturday Noon Worker Appreciation Lunch
Saturday Evening Annual Banquet
Sunday Morning Board of Governors Meeting

*Join your friends
in all the fun times,
good company and,
of course, great
"bench racin'."*

All are welcome!

*I look forward to seeing
everyone in Punta Gorda*



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When & Where

District Meeting Times and Places

(See inside front cover for contact information.)

District 1 -- 2nd Tuesday 7:30 p.m., **Perkins Restaurant**, 2626 Gulf to Bay Blvd.-N.E. Corner of US 19.

District 2 -- 4th Wednesday 7:00 p.m., **RJ Wings and Things**, 5025 East Fowler Ave, Tampa FL.

District 3 -- 2nd Tuesday Dinner 6:30 p.m., Meeting 8:00 p.m. **Rossi's Pizza & Pasta** 5919 South Orange Blossom Trail, Orlando.

District 4 -- Contact Governor for details.

District 5 -- District 5 Meeting 2nd Monday of the month Dinner 6:30 Meeting 7:30. For Meeting Location contact Jerry Larson District 5 Governor - sunnyday@infionline.net

District 6 -- 3rd Wednesday, Dinner at 7:00 PM, Meeting at 7:45 **Beef O'Brady's**, 2940 US Hwy 27 N., Sebring.

District 7 -- 2nd Tuesday, Dinner at 6:00 PM, Meeting at 7:00 PM. **Wong's 8th Wonder Kitchen**, 54 S. Hwy. 17-92 (at Hibiscus), DeBary, FL.

District 8 -- 2nd Wednesday 6:00 PM **MacDaddy's**, 8951 Daniels Parkway, Fort Myers.

District 9 -- Call Governor for details.

New to the club?

For general information on the membership or meetings please call your district governor. Or, if you want to know about a specific "specialty" call the "chief" listed on the inside cover. Use this list and map to find your District:

District 1: Pinellas and Pasco County to Port Richey.

District 2: Hillsborough and Pasco County except Port Richey.

District 3: Lake, Orange, Osceola, and Seminole Counties.

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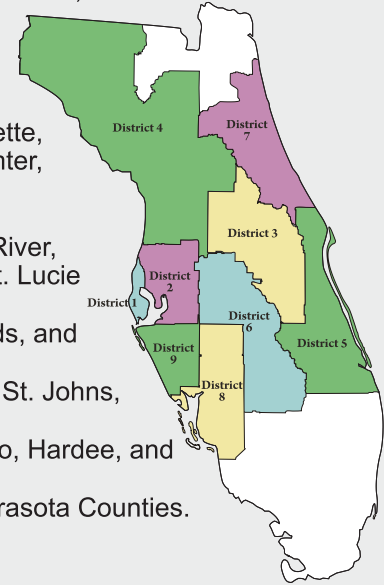
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District 6: Glades, Highlands, and Polk Counties.

District 7: Flagler, Putnam, St. Johns, and Volusia Counties.

District 8: Charlotte, DeSoto, Hardee, and Lee Counties.

District 9: Manatee and Sarasota Counties.



PCA Event Thank you!

Dear Doug,

It was great seeing and glad to hear that your are recovering from your knee replacement.

I didn't see you at the awards and wanted to thank you again for the hard work and putting up with horrible weather conditions for our safety and enjoyment.

You and the other corner workers remind me of that inscription in a post office: *"Neither snow nor rain nor heat nor gloom of night stays these couriers from the swift completion of their appointed rounds"*.

Please accept my sincere gratitude and please share this message with the other corner workers.

I truly appreciate what you guys do for us and then you guys put the icing on the cake by awarding me the **"Workers Choice"** once again. I'm humbled.....

Kind regards and hope to see you soon.

Juan E. López-Santini

Owner/Driver

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Jennifer,

I cannot tell you just how much fun everyone had this weekend, yeah it rained a bit but it was all about the racing and the camaraderie.

Please pass along to everyone how much we appreciated their hard work and great attitude.

Sincerely,

Allen Shirley





Club News

2011 Event Schedule

for CFR and Surrounding Regions

November 2011

10-13	Historic Sportscar Racing <i>Daytona Full Course</i>	DIS
20	SOLO II - Deland	CFR
25	Test Day - <i>Sebring Long Course</i>	SIR
26-27	Regional Races <i>Sebring Long Course - 12 Hour Paddock</i>	CFR

December 2011

2-3	Audi Club <i>Daytona Full Course</i>	DIS
11	ANNUAL MEETING	

January 2012

6-8	Double National Races <i>Sebring Long Course</i>	CFR
6-8	Grand Am Testing - <i>Daytona</i>	DIS
13-15	Florida Regaion Double National <i>Homestead-Miami Speedway</i>	CFR
26-29	Rolex 24 Hours At Daytona <i>Daytona International Speedway</i>	DIS

February 2012

11-12	SARRC/Regional Races/Vintage <i>Sebring Long Course - Green Park Paddock</i>	CFR
10	Test Day - <i>Sebring Long Course</i>	SIR

KUDOS...

By: Bob Johnston

... to the photographers for "The Checker".

I want to thank Whitey McLeland, Dave Green and Grant B. for their artwork as presented in *"The Checker"*.

All the cars are gorgeous but it is rare to see the Shelby CAN-AM at the track and even more rare to see photos of the cars in action.

Thanks to all the workers!

Bob Johnston

(One of Cannon's guys)

Welcome New Members

September - October 2011

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District News...

District Three held their September meeting at Rossi's Pizza on S. Orange Blossom Trail in Orlando attended by 'the usual suspects'.

The September Daytona event had something for everyone whether you were a regional/vintage driver or interested in solo. The racing side of the world had around 115 entries but Chuck Lutz reported that solo had a great turnout with a total of 186 entries for both days. **Way to Go Guys and Gals!!** We were short some of our usual racing officials as the Runoffs were being held on the same weekend. A big **THANK YOU** to Paul McLester (RBC), Charlene Gunn (Registrar), Paula Hildock (Tech.), Marc Dana (Pace Car -he's still smiling), and everyone else who took on some additional race responsibility that weekend.

The October Sebring race will be the last CFR regional points race for 2011 and the first (2012) SARRC race. We will paddock in Green Park and race on the short course. Solo will hold their event at the Orange County Convention Center in Orlando.

Rick Henschel reported on the SIC Runoffs at Roebing - they had an average turnout, good weather and overall, racing for the weekend was clean.

Governor Bill Martin reported that the PCA event at Daytona went well despite the rain and wind during the weekend. CFR provided support for F & C, Pits, Grid and Start. The PCA was very generous with their compliments to the Speedway about our personnel and the great job they did. Thanks to all of you who help maintain our great professional reputation.

ATTENTION - EVERYONE! Your help is still needed for upcoming special events at Daytona. CFR staffs these events as part of our contract with Daytona. Please contact the appropriate chief for F & C, Grid, Pits, Starter.

Here are the dates:

November 4-5-6 - Italian Cars

November 10-11-12-13 - HSR - A Biggie!

November 16-17 - Grand Am Tests

December 3-4 - Audi Club

December 6-7 - Grand Am Tests

January 6-7-8 - Grand Am Tests

You'll get a chance to see some neat machinery up close and - oh by the way - Grand Am will have a new car - thus all the testing.

Don't forget to nominate one of your deserving fellow volunteers for CFR Year End awards. There is information in the Checker and on our web site about the who, what and how.

....**AND....** make your reservations now for our Annual Meeting

December 9-10-11 hosted by District 8. The location is the Best Western on the Peace River in Punta Gorda. We have it on good report that there is a **great bar** within walking distance at Benedetto's.

After concluding our business reports and giving out some door prizes, the bench racing continued.

The fun never stops!

Fran



12 members strong made it to Macdaddy's for our monthly get together. Looks like **District 8** drivers Brian Beasley and Kenny Taylor are going to finish 1st and 2nd respectively in F Production in their modified Miatas. Great job guys; looking forward to seeing you at the awards Banquet. Speaking of that, we here in District 8 still are on the lookout for anything our CFR family can donate to help make this year's annual gathering worthy of previous events. Door prizes, monetary contributions, auction items, volunteer your services, whatever! We have a guest speaker lined up and the venue is awesome! The Checker has all the info and soon you can register on the DLB site as well.

Every month another District 8 driver is featured with a photograph of his or her race car in glass case as you enter MacDaddy's. This month **Denise Kirk** is featured driving the Bugeye. Denise has come a long way in a short period of time. Doesn't hurt that she's good looking as well! With Denise and Lou Ann Kapcin calling District 8 their home we might well be the District with the best looking drivers! Our next Meeting is November 9th. There will be no December meeting as we will be involved with the year end meeting...did I mention that?

C'mon, help us out, register early!

Ronald Camacho

Sun Stroke Grand Prix

Photos by: Dave Green



Carson Weeder



Chuck Hines



Don Loftis



Duece & Mike McCormick



Duece



Frank Severino leads Bud Severino & Bill Ladoniczki



Gary Jensen off the west horseshoe



Group 5 GT's



Jeffery Cripe leading them towards the west horseshoe



Sun Stroke Grand Prix

Photos by: Dave Green



John Carter



John Limbaugh leading into the west horseshoe



Keith Field



Pamela Martindale is ok after contact with the armco



Robert Borders



Robin Hawley



Ronnie Bledsoe gets loose



Sherry Dowling



Steven Mullen

Tribute to Dan Wheldon

By: Brendan Kaczmarek



Much will be written about this day in the coming hours, days, and weeks. I've been thinking about writing a piece something like this and I don't think there's a better time than now. If you're not a racing fan, please read on... In the end, it's not about racing.

Dan Wheldon, an amazingly talented driver, an incredible gentleman, a loving husband,

and a proud father, was taken from the World today. In the hour or two following the accident, one could easily get a sense that the news was likely not good. Yet even when the inevitable came, the news that Dan had lost his life in a violent accident that seemed so preventable, the loss is immense.

I took the attitude for the two-hour wait between the accident and the news of preparation. How will this news affect my mood? Will I cry? What will people think when I explain a racing driver died and that's the reason for something I display very little, in the end?

Yet the end result was still the same. I made it through the announcement, the drivers climbing into their cars, and even the first two of the parade laps to honor a fallen hero, a talent gone by the wayside. I started to lose it at the bagpipes. I then attempted a mass text to my marshaling friends, my track family, that this day was a tragedy for the entire racing fraternity and a reminder that everything that goes on is still dangerous.

I didn't make it through the text. I simply could not do it.

I broke down and began to cry at the thought of the five or six people who would receive the text. Why? They're not

necessarily Dan's best friend, few of them likely even knew him personally.

Ultimately, my three years marshaling and the thirteen years of boyhood enthusiasm that evolved into productive passion taught me one thing: racing is a fraternity. When one enters racing at one of the many levels racing offers involvement - as a fan, as an analyst, as a writer, as a volunteer, as an official, as an amateur driver, as a professional ... No matter where, you inject yourself into a realm of reality reserved for people that have a level of passion unparalleled by the casual fan. Your level of passion as someone who cannot get enough is matched only by the drivers who insist on risking their lives week in and week out.

That level of passion, unmatched anywhere in sport, is the bond that holds the racing fraternity together. US Sports like football and baseball and sports more popular overseas such as soccer have been "reduced" to PR and money machines. While they still include elements of sport and athleticism, the will to win and the desire to succeed is becoming increasingly evident as being driven by money and fame.

Racing, at popularity levels below NASCAR, has little fame. It has very little money being circulated and the rewards for drivers outside of the major events in the public are slim. What, then, drives the desire for success? What drives someone past the obvious life-threatening dangers of such a sport and pushes him to the top of his game?

It's the same thing that pushes marshals to the corner posts despite their insistence that they have lives outside the track, placing themselves in harm's way for no pay. It's the same thing that pushes journalists to their keyboards and microphones. It's the same thing that pushes analysts to a spreadsheet or fans to their wallets and to uncomfortable bleachers. It is a level of passion that only one's self can understand. It doesn't make sense to anyone that isn't you, and can't be articulated.

It is a level of passion that in and of itself can bond people who have never met into a fraternity, a fraternity that can be so jarred by the loss of a brother yet is strong enough to stand in its own reality, a microcosm of the reality "everyone else" knows.

Because frankly, being a real racing fan isn't about seeing "your driver" win or making sure that your fantasy picks are



Tribute to Dan Wheldon cont.

By: Brendan Kaczmarek

fulfilled. Being a real racing fan is about the love of sport, the desire to see a fair fight and a safe race. It's about wanting to see everyone that goes out make it home safe so that at the end of the day the fraternity remains strong and complete and is ready to accept new brothers who have "seen the light" and to welcome them with open arms.

It is strange, isn't it? New racing fans, new marshals, new reporters, and even new drivers often go unnoticed. Those that enter the fraternity rarely are given a second look. Yet somehow, when someone is lost from any realm of racing, from a passionate fan up to a world champion, it jars the fraternity into shock. Anyone may enter and anyone may leave ... But when the harshness of the real world sets in and breaks the bond of a level of passion that cannot be articulated or broken by will, it hurts.

I was so bold as to ask a friend for a hug in all of this mess. Sadly the person was unable to oblige, but was nice enough to ask what was wrong. In trying to explain I hit a massive mental and emotional block. How do you explain that you spent an hour in tears over the loss of someone you have no actual friendship with? How can you justify that kind of reaction?

I stated a couple of times today that some days I feel incredibly blessed to be a racing fan, and other days I feel amazingly cursed. From the highest of highs during Bathurst last weekend to the loss of a driver whose love for his sport was beaten only by his love for his family, there are few things like this swing of emotions. Ultimately, though, one can only feel blessed and only be thankful for the ability to enjoy such a sport. For in the end, you get an appreciation for so much more in the real world - safety, security, freedom, passion - than most people ever could.

But Dan's passing isn't just about reminding us that racing is still dangerous.

It is a reminder that something that brings so much joy can still bring so much pain.

It is a reminder that people in your life can never, ever be taken for granted.

It is a reminder that you don't ever have to do things alone. Someone will always be there with a hand on your shoulder.

It is a reminder that the more you love something, the more you give it, and that the more you give it, the more it gives you.

It is a reminder that life doesn't last forever, and opportunity doesn't sleep at your doorstep night in and night out.

It is a reminder that your world does not only exist around you, but exists with you.

It is a reminder that your life means something to more people than you will ever know, and to make that count.

But more than anything, it is a reminder that you cannot go through life without understanding just what it means to be passionate about something, or indeed about everything. You cannot move idly day-by-day, for though you remove yourself from the pains life mistreats you with, you never understand the joys you are blessed with. The more you love something, the more it will make you cry but the harder it will make you laugh and the broader it will make you smile.

Just a temporary bump in the road is all it is.

We'll remember Dan Wheldon for the mother he shed tears for, his family and his children for whom he beamed with pride, his team, his coworkers, his friends, and his entire racing fraternity. But *to Dan's memory, I raise a glass.* Thank you for sharing everything you had with us - your talent, your passion, your smile, your joys, and your tears. *The world lost a hell of a guy today.*

http://espn.go.com/racing/indycar/story/_/id/7111712/dan-wheldon-dies-following-indycar-crash-vegas



HSR Fall Classic at Sebring

Photos by: Louis Galanos



1966 GT40 MKII



1969 GT40



Cobra Daytona Coupe Mustang



Louis Galanos



Rich Robbins



Paul Dorsey



Morriss Holliday



SAARC at Sebring

Photos by: J.R. "whitey" McLeland



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SPECIAL AWARDS... SPECIAL AWARDS

Here's your chance to recognize outstanding volunteers who give so much to our Region all year long. There are several categories of Year End Awards for our workers.

WORKER OF THE YEAR

WHAT: Awarded at the Annual Meeting. One person may be selected in each category of Administration, Club Racing and SOLO.

WHO: This person should be someone who has been especially effective in handling their individual responsibilities and supporting CFR during the year.

HOW:

For Administration - Submit names to the Regional Executive or Chairman of the BOG

For Club Racing - Submit names to the Race Board Chairman Robin Langlotz or Robin Ragaglia

For SOLO - submit names to the SOLO Chief

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

WHAT: Awarded at the Annual Meeting. One person is selected.

WHO: This person should be someone who has gone over and above the usual activities to support our Region. They may hold multiple positions or simply do their voluntary job with expertise, extra care and enthusiasm.

HOW: Submit your nominee to a District Governor or Chairman of the BOG.

HALL OF FAME

WHAT: Awarded at the Annual Meeting. Up to 4 may be selected each year.

WHO: Recognizes members who have provided dedicated service to CFR for a long duration.

HOW: Submit your nominee's name and a short write-up of their CFR service to a District Governor, Sammi Ronshausen, Bob Sieck or Chairman of the BOG.

HOW TO:

Send your candidates' name(s) by email, phone or talk with your Chief, Governor or an Officer. Give a brief statement as to why you think your nominee deserves the award. Include your member number and PLEASE - only one name per category per member.

DEADLINE: October 29, 2011.

Letters to the Checker

Hi Checker Staff,

On a lark, I sent a copy of a picture of my **Datsun 210 Race Car** to the *Brock Racing Enterprises* website. As some of you may know, **Peter Brock** was the head of an earlier Datsun race team in the 60's and 70's, that really put Datsun and i.e.; Nissan on the map. Paul Newman drove for them as well as many famous drivers.

I had painted my car in the livery of that period as kind of a tribute to a great period in racing.

Peter Brock had another association with a racing name you may have heard of: Carroll Shelby! Pete designed the Daytona Cobra Coupe. Cars that now trade in the millions!

Well, to my surprise, I received this email. I can't believe it!! I've enclosed the picture I sent him.

Don Robinson

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Datsun 210 Race Car photo sent to Peter Brock and the email response from him below...



"Now THAT is a VERY trick car! Really looks like a well thought out racer. Love the rear fenders!"

Thanks for sharing Donald. Best to you for next season.

Peter Brock



NEW CREW CHIEF

This is Bridget Dunn, the granddaughter of Sharon Beams and new **Crew Chief** for TOM TOM **Manalio** driver of the #81 Formula 500.

Thought you might enjoy these and feature a few in the Checker. It was Bridget's first SCCA race. As you can see she was right at home.

I want to thank the Central Florida region for making our weekend an unforgettable one.



See you at the next race.

Tom Manalio, (tom tom) to Bridget

Sharon Beams her Nana and my partner in life.



Letters to the Checker

Folks:

1. **Time is running out** for this years **CFR Hall of Fame** nominations. If you have any, send their name(s) and a short biography to Sammi and/or me.

2. I have ordered a electronic record (scanned and searchable) of the back issues of Sports Car prior to 1970 to add to our records library.

CFR was very active in the 60's but we don't have much from that era so there should be some interesting material in these issues. Check the website at www.sportscarscan.com.

3. If the Board still wants to retain me as a governor at large next year I'll be fine with serving, but it would be a good opportunity for someone else to learn more about how CFR operates and move on to a future leadership position.

See ya at the races...

Bob Sieck



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Remember When...

1967 24 Hours of Daytona

Submitted by Louis Galanos

Here are 6 Vintage Racing Photos from the 1967 24-Hours of Daytona. This is the legendary race where Ferrari comes back from a disastrous previous year in which they lost to Ford at Daytona, Sebring and Le Mans. At Daytona they surprised everyone by finishing 1-2-3 with their 4-liter cars beating the 7-liter Ford Mk IIs soundly.



Daytona 1967 Start



Lorenzo Bandini



Chaparra 2F



Ford MKII



Daytona 1967 Finish



Winning Ferrari



Flag Ravings

by Sally Larson

DAYTONA IN SEPTEMBER: Slightly lower number of cars and workers registered - the rest of the fold were attending, working and competing in the 2011 SCCA Runoffs. However, the Daytona event was enjoyed by all and though we had a fog delay (could hardly see the Pits from the Tower) on Saturday, we had no rain and the hot racing matched the weather.

AN OLD SAYING: Group 1, the Spec Racer Ford class, featured a classic Father-Son duel. All eyes were on #51 vs #15 in true head to head racing. We've heard the saying '*Old Age and Treachery beats Youth and Enthusiasm*' and it played out right in front of us. It was great racing and provided the excitement of the day. It also provided a Furlled Black Flag at Start that was given, acknowledged, and heeded. Great racing folks, you did the Workers proud!

DO AS WE SAY-NOT AS WE DO: No one is immune to a case of Brain Drain. Vets know what to do but sometimes get distracted. Multi tasking takes its toll (Ever Blue Flagged the leader, Corner Workers?!) In the hot areas, long pants and closed toe shoes are required. One of the members of the Pit crew was doing OK until she reported she was back on station with shoes changed. Bless her for her honesty and a needed reminder for the rest of us.

A REMINDER FOR ALL: Drivers, Crews, and Spectators... no Red or Yellow wearing apparel or umbrellas should be worn or used track side. You become a "*flag*" and a distraction for the Drivers. Follow the rule and you'll be much appreciated by the Corner Workers who will not have to chase you down and move you.

Another reminder to anyone having small children in tow. Track side or in the hot areas is potentially a danger zone for all. Stay back from the concrete Jersey Barriers or Armco fencing. An errant, out of control car can damage the barriers, and you.

GOOD WORK AND THANKS: For this event, Mark Dana served as the Pace and Safety Car Driver. He did a great job and led the pack with style and grace when needed.

And for the after race fare, thanks go to Pamela and the Hospitality crew. In addition to the snacks, the pasta salad and brownies were certainly big hits and much enjoyed. You are our BFFs Forever!

NEED INPUT: With new Workers coming in, I've gotten requests for a source for white worker jeans for both men and

women. Does anyone have a source for either? Any white pants (preferably sturdy) that are not made of synthetic fibers are fine. Baring rips and tears, they last forever be economical. I refuse to put anything on my body that's worth more than my body!

WE'RE ALL A RESOURCE: It's the sign of the times. The economy is having an effect on everything. The cold hard fact is that nationally SCCA is not increasing its membership as much as usual. And the retention of members and new members is falling. Don't underestimate your ability to help. We all know recruitment is key and that involves bringing in new members. **Talk up the Club** to all your friends and in all your civic organizations. Ask teens and college students to spread the word. **YOU are the organization** to everyone you meet and they will consider you an authority on the subject. Talk up your specialty where we '*share the action*' and also let folks know that they have many specialties from which to choose. Stress that it's OJT ... if you provide the time, we'll provide the training.

Our sport encompasses many programs from Driving to PDX (Run What you Brung) which is an excellent way to see what racing on a real track is all about ... to SOLO, a big first step in racing. In fact, SOLO experience is a great help if you're considering participating in Club Racing. If your newspaper or Radio Station has an upcoming community events section, contact them to see if you can get event listings included. And, of course, bring friends and family to an event, sign them in as guests or crew. Organizations only stay in existence if they keep growing and this is essential for CFR and SCCA.

For my part, I'd love to have insiders' reports about things you're doing locally and at the track. It could be great advertising in my column and in The Checker. My email address is sunnyday@infionline.net. The more we know about the workings of our Club, the better we can pass it along to others who might be interested. We can't afford paid advertising but never underestimate the power of passing the word along. I welcome any contributions to the column, and would be happy to assist anyone wanting to get the word out ... let me know and I'll help in any way I can. As our sons tell me, 'what else do you have to do ... you're retired!'





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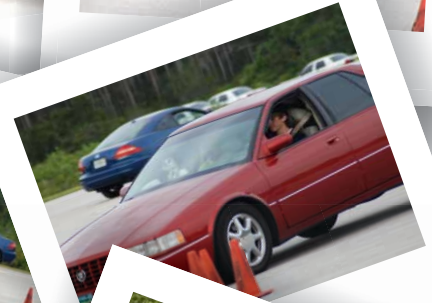
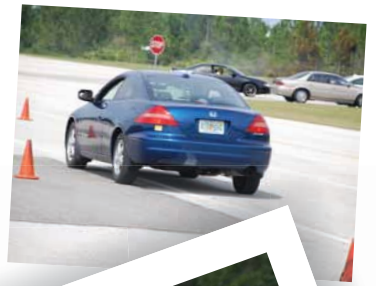
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