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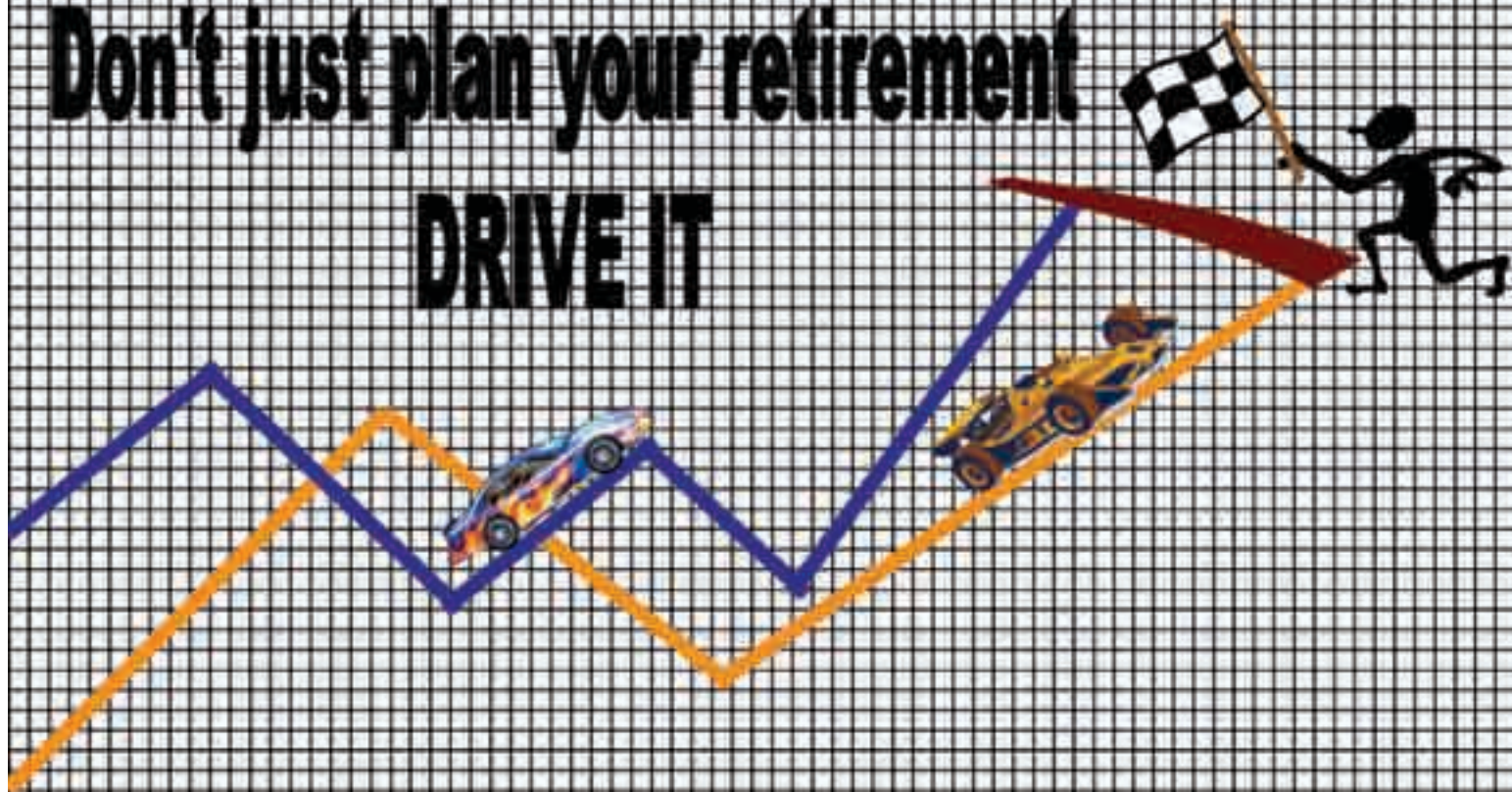
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When & Where

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 6:30 PM, Meeting at 7:30 PM. **The Ocean Buffet**, 1854 S. Ridgewood Ave., South Daytona, FL 32119 (social hour all you can eat buffet \$9.99)

NOTE: February meeting will be on Wed., the 15th

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.

District 4: Alachuha, Bradford, Citrus, Dixie, Gilchrist, Hamilton, Hernando, Jefferson, Lafayette, Levy, Madison, Marion, Sumter, Suwanee, Taylor and Union Counties.

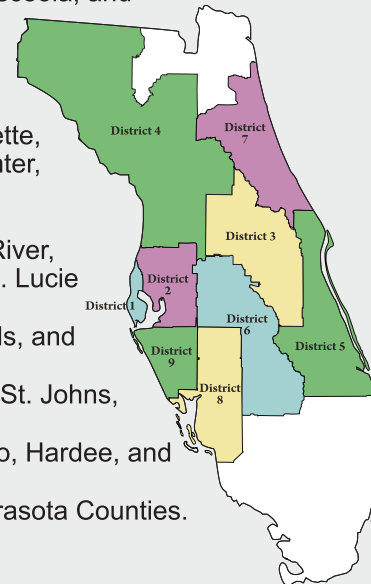
District 5: Brevard, Indian River, Martin, Okeechobee, and St. Lucie Counties.

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.



Welcome New Members

November & December 2011

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Matthew Brabham
Vance Braddock

DISTRICT 2

Lou Metter
Brianna Simmons
Mark K Leemon
Rusty Varnadoe
Cheryl Wilson
Darrin Wilson

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Isaac Garcia
Michaels Garcia
Vickie Garcia
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Cameron O'Day
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St. Petersburg

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Lutz
Tampa
Valrico
Riverview
Riverview

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Orlando

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Vero Beach
Port St. Lucie
Port St. Lucie
Vero Beach

Sebring
Avon Park

Osteen
Port Orange
Port Orange
Port Orange

Lehigh Acres
Ft Myers
Bonita Springs

Naples
Jacksonville
Jacksonville
Jacksonville
Jacksonville
Jacksonville
N. Miami



Club News

2012 Event Schedule

for CFR and Surrounding Regions

January

- 6-8 **Double National Races**
Sebring Long Course – 12 Hour Paddock
- 6-8 **Grand Am Testing**
Daytona
- 13-15 **Florida Region Double National**
Homestead-Miami Speedway
- 14 **Rally Cross**
Orlando Speed World
- 26-29 **24 Hours At Daytona**
Daytona International Speedway

February

- 10 **Test Day**
Sebring Long Course
- 11-12 **SARRC/Regional Races/Vintage**
Sebring Long Course – Green Park Paddock

March

- 13-17 **12 Hours At Sebring – Long Course** DIS
- 31-4/1 **Florida Region SARRC/ERC/TES/FES**
Palm Beach International Raceway

April

- 14-15 **Driver School & PDX**
Daytona School Course

May

- 5-6 **Regional Races/TES Enduro/Solo**
Daytona Full Course
- 12-13 **Florida Region SARRC/SARRC**
Palm Beach International Raceway

June

- 1 **Test Day** DIS
Sebring Short Course
- 2-3 **Regional Races/Vintage/Solo**
Sebring Short Course
(Solo on 12 Hour Side) – Green Park Paddock
- 9-10 **Florida Region Driver School/ERC/TES/FES**
Homestead Miami Speedway

July

- 21-22 **Driver School/Vintage/TES Enduro**
Sebring Short Course-Green Park Paddock

August

- 11-12 **Double SARRC Races**
Daytona Full Course
- 31 **Test Day** SIR
Sebring Long Course

September

- 1-2 **Regional Races/TES Enduro/Vintage**
Sebring Long Course - 12 Hour Paddock
- 15-16 **Florida Region SARRC/SARRC**
Homestead-Miami Speedway
- 29-30 **Regional Races**
Daytona Full Course

October

- Porsche Club DIS
Daytona Full Course
- 19 **Test Day - Sebring Short Course** SIR
- 20-21 **SARRC(2012)/Regional Races/Vintage**
Sebring Short Course-Green Park Paddock

November

- Historic Sportscar Racing** DIS
Daytona Full Course
- 10-11 **Florida Region SARRC(2012)/ECR(2012)/TES Finale**
Palm Beach Intl Raceway
- 23 **Test Day – Sebring – Long Course** SIR
- 24-25 **Regional Races**
Sebring Long Course – 12 Hour Paddock

December

- Audi Club DIS
Daytona Full Course



State of the Region

2011 - Fran Martin

Every year as Chairman, I've given a **State of the Region** summary so we have some perspective on where we've been and how much we've accomplished over the past year.

Well – we all know we've been busy – a full season of regional/national Racing –(we were back at Daytona for August and September events); Solo – busy on both coasts and a new venue at the Orange County Convention Center; a new Rallycross program, PDX's at our races, supporting the Tire Rack Street Survival School and holding a charity event for Autism Speaks.

From the Pro side - we continued to provide skilled staff for Daytona Rolex 24 Hr., Sebring 12 Hr., and the St. Pete Grand Prix. From October....thru Dec...we supported 6 events at Daytona – Italian Cars, Porsche Club, HSR, Audi Club and two Grand Am Test days.

Looking towards 2012 – Our January National will be a BF Goodrich Super Tour (only 1 per Division and we have the only one in SEDIV). There's a Rallycross planned for January 14 at Orlando Speed World. I know our Solo program will have events starting up in January.

In February – we have the Camaro Cup cars from Sweden participating with us at our Regional event at Sebring.

And in March – we'll work the **60th 12 Hours of Sebring** – some of you may have even been around for the 30th or 40th! Let's face it, whether you're a competitor, official, a volunteer or all three, our hobby is a very demanding mistress. But we continue to find time for her....

This year, for the first time in many years – we had three district governor elections with two candidates in each district. Those campaigns generated record voting turnouts. To those of you who are **'moving on'**, we thank you for everything you have done to support our Region and all its activities. To our new governors being seated tomorrow - welcome to our world.

Do we have differing opinions? You bet. **Do we have challenges?** You bet. But we are also caring and compassionate and quick to help each other. We continue to remember and celebrate the special people who are no longer with us.

I'd like to thank all of our governors, chiefs and officials for the outstanding jobs you do day in and day out. When events run smoothly – it's because you've spent the extra hours in the 3-4 or even 5 months before to dot the I's and cross the T's. **And – oh by the way – let's not forget the drivers and crews** who make it worth our while to come to the track...And the vendors who support our efforts.

At the September BOG, your Board felt it was important to develop a Mission Statement for our Region. I'd like to thank

Lee Hill and others who put the statement together and I'd like to share it with you now.

MISSION STATEMENT

Central Florida Region exists to provide the very highest quality motorsports events for our members and participants. To that end we are dedicated to the concepts of safety, fairness, and (above all) fun for everyone. We expect all members to treat each other with respect and consideration. Those of us charged with organizing and directing our events are committed to conducting our activities predictably and to the highest standard. We are willing to make changes to improve ourselves and our club. We believe that training is an essential element of competent performance and we are committed to developing the skills and knowledge of our members. We are satisfied with nothing less than the very best.

We recognize that we are all custodians of our club and we understand that we must perform what we promise. We are pledged to provide competitions that are both safe and fair and we enforce our rules equitably. We recognize that different points of view are to be cherished not derided. We treat all fellow members and participants as we wish to be treated ourselves.

As club members, we strive to work together in a friendly manner. We smile and extend a welcome to all those who cross our path. We explain things in a helpful, friendly way – and when something is not going our way, we do not take it out on others. Our message is always "I'm glad you are here". Although it is yet to be adopted, I think it speaks as to why CFR continues to be a strong Region. You all should be proud of your Region's great reputation and how much your time and efforts and expertise contribute to it. I hope you are committed to continue to maintain and grow CFR in the future.

On a personal note – this is my last act as Chairman this year. I'd like to thank the Governors who chose me as Chairman of the Board in December 2006. I **am proud** to have been the **first woman in CFR's history to serve** in that position. It's been an education, a challenge and most of the time, very satisfying. The fact that we have several hundred workers, racers and vendors who show up at an event because they want to – often forming a small city – is unexplainable to the outside world. It makes us a very special group.

And now I have a request - just like last year.....Give that Dedicated Neurotic sitting next to you a pat on the back and while you're at it...give yourself one, too!!

Thank you!

...From the BOG Chair

2012 - Michael Wingo

The Annual General Membership Meeting was convened on December 10, 2011 at Bennedetto's Restaurant in Punta Gorda, FL. All Governor's were present (incoming District 7 Governor Larry Morgan sat in for outgoing District 7 Governor Art Trier).

All Districts continue to hold regular monthly meetings.

Competition Coordinator, Bill Martin, reported Daytona International Speedway wants to modify the contract with CFR. All dates with DIS have been confirmed.

The Sebring contract has been submitted to SIR.

Regional Executive, Chuck Dawson, thanked Governors, drivers, workers, officers and all families for their participation and service in 2011. The Sebring January National will feature the **BFG Supertour** and the Sebring February Regional will host the **Camaro Cup from Sweden**. Chuck promised to do more RE reports and he encouraged all members to communicate their ideas or complaints to him.

Treasurer Robin Ragaglia gave the Governors her financial report. CFR had a surplus this year and Solo, Club Racing and PDX produced profits. Increased funds have been earmarked for worker **"perks"** including gas cards, shirts, meals, etc.

Financial Advisor Jim Magero described the market as **"exhaustion."** The market was up in April, down in May and June, suffered in July from Congress' failure to reach a compromise and September's European crisis. CFR's portfolio, invested in mutual funds, finished up a half of a percent for the year. Jim is optimistic for 2012 based upon indicators.

Race Board Chairman Robin Langlotz reported 2012 CFR schedule will be the same as 2011. The contract with the Camaro Cup from Sweden is signed for participation at the Sebring February Regional. SCCA Pro will sanction the Camaro Cup. The Sebring driver's school and September event will have TES Enduros. Jack Ragaglia will chair the BF Goodrich Supertour at the January Sebring National. The winners will have victory lane celebrations.

Area 3 Director Robin Langlotz noted there is a decline in National and CFR membership. National is increasing licensing fees. CFR car counts exceed nationwide average car counts.

Solo Board Chairman Chuck Lutz has seen more participation this year. Chuck is looking for more venues. **The Orange County Civic Center** parking lot proved to be popular. Sebring was eliminated as a site.

The Solo Facebook page has 130 friends. Jerry Hicks has volunteered to be the West Coast coordinator. **Tim Reardon will be the new PDX coordinator.**

Rally Board Chairman Doug McCabe is looking for sites. The first event will be at Orlando Speed World on January 14.

Joyce Haywood, Membership, sent her report. CFR had 2120 members at November's end. National has an incentive credit program for members who get new members to join.

The Checker continues to be published in hardcopy on alternating months according to **Kevin Crain, Editor**. Kevin seeks contributions from any member.

The website averages 40,000 views a month according to Lee Hill, Webmaster.

Fran Martin, Merchandise, is selling only decals and stickers.

Club Secretary Richard Bittmann saw successful elections in the odd districts. Some zip codes were discovered in wrong districts and efforts are being made to correct it.

Bob Sieck reported digital copies of old Checkers are being placed in the archives. You can contact Bob for a PDF copy of any Checker in the archives.

Charlie Leonard, Paddock Marshall, noted repairs were done to the CFR Sebring timing and scoring building.

The CFR's Board Of Governors met on December 11, 2011 at Bennedetto's Restaurant in Punta Gorda, FL. All Governors were present. The Governors for



...From the BOG Chair

2012 - Michael Wingo

Districts 1, 3, 5, 7, and 9 were seated after the November elections. District 1 (Ron Offutt) and District 3 (Bill Martin) were unopposed. District 5 (Jerry Larsen) and District 9 (Charlie Leonard) were re-elected. Larry Morgan won the election for District 7. District 8 Governor, Ron Camacho, resigned as Governor because he is relocating to Colorado.

Michael Schiffer was elected under the rules to complete Ron's term as District 8 Governor. All assembled gave Ron Camacho an ovation for his service to District 8, CFR and SCCA.

The Board elected Michael Wingo as BOG Chairman and Bob Sieck as BOG Vice-Chairman.

Race Board Chairman Robin Langlotz, Financial Advisor Jim Magero, Solo Board Chairman Chuck Lutz, Rally Board Chairman Doug McCabe and PDX Coordinator Tim Reardon were elected to serve in those roles for 2012.

Charlaine Free was selected to be BOG Recording Secretary.

In new business:

Bill Martin and Dennis Joyce were appointed by the BOG to serve as Co-Competition Coordinators.

The BOG approved the new contract with Daytona International Speedway.

The BOG approved the adoption of the CFR's Mission Statement and the addition to the CFR Policy Manual on Intellectual Property Policy (both published in this Checker). Thanks to Lee Hill and Fran Martin for their work in developing both documents.

The BOG accepted the CFR Election Guidelines. Thanks again to Lee Hill.

District 7 Governor, Larry Morgan volunteered District 7 to host the 2012 Annual Meeting. Thanks to Larry and District 7 for undertaking this project.

2012 tentative BOG meeting dates are March 10 in Sebring (Kenilworth Lodge), June 23 at 2012 Annual Site in District 7 (TBD), September 8 in Orlando (Holiday Express I-4/Hwy. 27) and December 9 – Annual Meeting at 2012 Annual Site in District 7 (TBD).

In Closing:

I would like to thank the Board of Governors for their confidence in electing me as BOG Chair.

I would like to recognize Fran Martin, as the Board and all in attendance did, for her dedication and service to CFR. I wish to express a personal note of thanks to Fran for her kind and most gracious assistance in my transition to CFR Chair.

There are over 2000 members in your Club. Yes, CFR is your Club. I encourage all of our members to participate in your Club's activities. For those members who participated in the past but may have "retired" or for our new members or current members who are yet to participate, I encourage you to give CFR a "test drive" so to speak and come to an event to see first hand what your Club does at a racing event. On Saturdays, at the end of racing day, CFR usually hosts a "Social." What a good opportunity you will have to meet your fellow CFR members or renew old acquaintances.

If you have items of business or issues you wish the BOG to consider at a meeting, contact your District Governor. BOG meetings are open, so please attend if you can.

Thanks to all of you for your membership in CFR. I look forward to seeing you at our one of our next events.

Michael Wingo
Chairman, CFR BOG

BFG Super Tour Event

Sebring - Jan. 2012 – by Lee Hill, Asst. RE

Central Florida Region has been sanctioning the “Winter Vacation National” using various configurations of Sebring International Raceway for many, many years. The event has been run on the full 12 Hour Course since at least 2005.

In 2009, the decision was made by the Board of Governors to change the event from a Single to a Double National in order to further develop it as a signature “Destination” event, much like Chicago Region has done with the June Sprints. The inaugural event in 2010 drew about 250 competitors and 125 volunteers who were faced with the worst weather in recent memory (the weekend began cold, became cold and wet, and then moved on to bitter cold and windy). Fortunately, racers have short memories and the 2011 edition grew to just under 300 cars – behind only the June Sprints and the National Championship RunOffs in competitor participation.

In the fall of 2011, the region was approached by the National Office who offered us the opportunity to host the Southeast Division's event in the 2012 BFG Super Tour. The Executive Committee felt that this was consistent with the Region's strategy to develop the event, and decided to pursue the opportunity.

Jack Ragaglia volunteered to be the Event Coordinator to work out the details with Topeka and organize the event. Various challenges had to be overcome, not the least of which was the need to run 7 race groups on a time-certain schedule that must also leave time for victory podium ceremonies and victory laps. Given that the event is to be run only 18 days after the shortest day of the year, completing the schedule in the available daylight hours was no simple matter.

Our Race Board came up with a very ingenious event schedule that should accommodate both the Super Tour requirements and the shortage of daylight hours. However, total weekend track time for competitors was

reduced by about 20 minutes so the decision was made to keep the entry fee at the same level as 2011.

Hosting the BFG Super Tour comes with a number of peripheral requirements including paddock space needs for vendors, sponsors, and podium celebrations. These were satisfied by reserving the entire area between the Turn 17 Drive Over Bridge and the road where Tech is located. There are also some signage requirements, and we are obliged to make every effort to support Tour sponsors. We are renting the Hall of Fame building from the track for the Saturday evening social which is sponsored by BF Goodrich Tires.

The event will end up costing the region somewhat more than our normal Double National, and we have had to adjust our event schedule to accommodate Tour requirements. However, there is financial support from the national office and BFG which will largely offset the extra expense. And there are also BFG Super Tour specific changes to the National Points structure which should generate additional competitor interest.

Given our goal of establishing a “brand name” event to rival the June Sprints, hosting the 2012 BFG Super Tour is a great chance to increase our visibility, enhance our “brand”, and attract new participants. It is also a wonderful opportunity for CFR members to showcase their expertise in providing the very best in amateur road racing competition.



Swedish Camaro Cup Event

Sebring - Feb. 2012 – by Lee Hill, Asst. RE

Central Florida Region, like everyone else, has been faced with a challenging business environment for the past several years. Participation at nearly all of our events is at a level well below past experience with our most recent events having averaged about a 10% decline in competitor participation compared to the same events one year ago.

In addition, 2012 begins with a new requirement for competitors to wear approved Head and Neck Supporting devices – each of which comes at a cost of at least \$500.

Our February Regional on the Sebring Long Course (using the Green Park Paddock) has been a popular event for many years, but it too has seen a decline in participation. From numbers well above 300, it dropped to 298 in 2008, 273 in 2009, and 253 in 2010. It recovered a bit to 262 in 2011. If the 10% decline we've seen in recent events continues into the new year, then a reasonable forecast for 2012 participation is around 235. Since the Long Course in "prime time" is an expensive proposition, the forecast participation would leave us very close to a financially unacceptable situation.

In this environment, in an effort to improve the financial prospects of the event, we responded favorably to a request from the Swedish Camaro Cup to join us at our February event. They asked for their own run group but were amenable to a schedule very similar to our own vintage group (a short practice session, a qualifying session, and two races – each to be 20 minutes in length). They also agreed that their races could be the final session of each day. And they were willing to pay a significant premium over our normal entry fees with a sizable upfront deposit and a guarantee of a minimum number of competitors.

The schedule for the February race has typically consisted of 6 SARRC/Regional race groups plus a Vintage Group. The Vintage Group can not be combined with any other group and normally provides around 25 cars. Given the 235 total participation

forecast, this leaves an estimated 210 SARRC/Regional cars. Based on this information, the Executive Committee felt that the financial opportunity presented by Camaro Cup participation justified the possibility that we would have to change our normal groupings from 6 SARRC/Regional groups of around 35 cars each to 5 groups of around 40 cars each.

As always seems to be the case, something that sounds simple in preliminary discussion turns out to be enormously more complicated when it is necessary to reduce it to contract terms, GCR requirements, and supplemental regulations. Suffice it to say that after a great deal of effort by Robin Langlotz, Dennis Joyce, and Bill Martin – it looks like all of the "i's" have been dotted and the "t's" have been crossed (many of them in Swedish). We have arranged to Paddock on the 12 Hour side instead of in Green Park, set aside a separate paddock area for the Camaros, worked out licensing and membership arrangements, figured out how to Tech their cars, and cleared their participation with both the Swedish sanctioning body and our own National Office.

So – when you see the February schedule, and see that we're not paddocked in Green Park, and there is a dedicated run group for our 20+ Swedish Camaro Cup guests, please understand that this was the result of considerable planning – and was done to maintain the financial health of the event without any significant entry fee increases to our normal participants.

You might also want to brush up on your Swedish. ***"Välkommen till Sebring!"***
(welcome to Sebring) – Thanks Dennis Joyce!

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District News...

District 8 finished off 2011 by hosting the Annual Meeting & Banquet and now we're saying good-bye to our past Governor, Ron Camacho. As of the December BOG meeting Mike Schiffer has stepped in as Governor and Ron is packing his bags for Colorado. He tells us he's off on a new adventure that will still include some SCCA activities & events...so keep that steering wheel turning Ron, and come back and tell us about those mountains sometime!

We want to give a big thank you to Ron Camacho, Bill & Mary Newman, and Mike, Barb, & Ellen Schiffer for their work in organizing the Annual Meeting & Banquet. It was a super effort and great job, everyone who attended enjoyed themselves and the waterfront location in Punta Gorda.

District 8 will continue meeting at MacDaddy's the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 6PM, the next two district meetings are January 11th and February 8th. Among other things we'll be discussing the new CFR Schedule & Calendar plus catching up on what's been happening with everyone, please join us in 2012!



CFR 2011 Annual Meeting

Mike Schiffer, Governor, District 8, CFR/SCCA

CFR's 2011 Annual Meeting & Banquet, "Party on the Peace River", was an enjoyable event that brought a crowd of members from all over the state to the historic SW Florida town of Punta Gorda. As members checked in on Friday night they made their way down to the Hospitality Room sponsored by Philip Needs and his Old Salty Dog restaurants. A big thanks to Philip as the food, beer & wine was a fantastic welcome to the hungry and thirsty group who frequented the room many times during the weekend!

Saturday morning started with the General Membership Meeting that provided an excellent recap of what CFR accomplished in 2011 as well as a look ahead to upcoming events in 2012. All the specialties made their respective reports and as always discussion at the General Membership Meeting was open to any of these topics and future events.

The Worker Awards Luncheon was up next in the Harbor View Dining Room overlooking the beautiful Charlotte Harbor. The food was delicious and there was plenty to go around, but the highlight of the luncheon was honoring special members of the club who have dedicated their time and energy to help make our club one of the best in the state. First to be honored was Art Trier the Solo Worker of the Year, then Sally Larsen as the Race Worker of the Year and Pamela MacGregor as the Administrative Worker of the Year. Next to be honored for outstanding work in the club was Leland Miller with the prestigious Distinguished Service Award, and the final award of the afternoon went to Glenn & Georgia Sterly who were inducted into the CFR Hall of Fame for their 50+ years in SCCA and for their dedication as workers in "Tech". After Bob Sieck made the presentation to the Sterly's it brought the audience to a standing ovation as one and all were moved by their steadfast devotion to SCCA.

After lunch members did some sightseeing around historic Punta Gorda and Fisherman's Village but the biggest attraction was going to see the outstanding "Muscle Car Museum" just south of town. Twenty six members made use of their complimentary "pit pass" and viewed a fabulous collection of muscle car horsepower from the sixties and seventies all under one roof. Just to let you know, Rick Treworgy's museum

and private collection of over 200 cars is well worth a stop if you're ever in the Punta Gorda area.

After good conversation and cheer during happy hour, the Awards Banquet followed with a delicious dinner and it was great to see everyone looking so fine, different from the track look! We had a special guest speaker who showed us another country's obsession with cars. David Wallens, Managing Editor of Grassroots Magazine took us on a slideshow tour of some of Japan's best auto shows and parts stores which included funny antidotes, unusual cars, and behind the scenes automotive locations. It was definitely an entertaining look at the Japanese culture of cars.

Next was the presentation of trophies to our CFR Solo and Club Racing Champions. Chuck Lutz presented the Solo awards and Jack Ragaglia presented the Club Racing awards along with a slide show of all the champion's cars put together by Mike Schiffer and his daughter Ellen. The outstanding racecar photos were all taken by our own JR "Whitey" McLeland. Many thanks also to our trophy chairman Tucker Alford for making sure all the trophies were in order for the annual meeting. To bring the banquet to a close Berta Sager's daughter accepted a plaque to honor Berta and induct her into the Hall of Fame; we all miss Berta very much and certainly there could not be a more deserving person for this honor.

The final order of business for the weekend was the BOG Meeting on Sunday morning. A recap of the meeting will be in **"The Checker"** but District 8, the host of this Annual Meeting would like to congratulate all the new Governors and returning Governors for next year. We're also pleased to see that District 7 will host the next Annual Meeting in December 2012 in Daytona! A lot of preparation goes into an Annual Meeting so many thanks goes out to the District 8 Annual Meeting Committee of Ron Camacho (past governor), Mike Schiffer (new governor), Mary Newman, Bill Newman, Barb Schiffer, Ellen Schiffer, and all of the District 8 volunteers who helped make the event a success.



CFR 2011 Annual Meeting

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Rolex 24 At Daytona

January 25-29, 2012
(Preliminary) SCHEDULE

Wednesday, January 25

2:00 PM - 4:00 PM Pro-Worker Registration

Thursday, January 26

8:00 AM - 10:00 AM Pro-Worker Registration
10:00 AM - 11:30 AM Practice-Rolex Series
11:45 AM - 12:30 PM Practice-Continental Tire Chal.
12:30 PM - 1:30 PM Lunch
1:30 PM - 2:30 PM Practice-Rolex Series
2:45 PM - 3:30 PM Practice- Continental Tire Chal.
3:45 PM - 4:00 PM Qualifying-Rolex Daytona Proto
4:15 PM - 4:30 PM Qualifying-Rolex GT
4:00 PM - 5:00 PM Pro-Worker Registration
5:00 PM - 5:15 PM Qualifying-Continental Tire ST
5:30 PM - 5:45 PM Qualifying-Continental Tire GS
6:30 PM - 8:30 PM Night Practice-Rolex Series

Friday, January 27

8:00 AM - 10:00 AM Pro-Worker Registration
9:00 AM - 9:45 AM Practice-Rolex Series
10:00 AM - 10:45 AM Practice-Continental Tire Chal.
11:00 AM - 12:00 N Practice Rolex Series, Final
12:15 PM - 1:15 PM Sponsor Activities/Lunch
1:30 PM **START** - Continental Tire Challenge (2.5hr)
5:00 PM - 6:00 PM Annual CFR Worker Social
Pro-Worker Registration by prior arrangement

Saturday, January 28

8:00 AM - 9:00 AM Pro-Worker Registration
11:00 AM Rolex 24 Heritage Exhibition
3:30 PM **START** 50th Annual Rolex 24 At Daytona

Sunday, January 29

3:30 PM **FINISH** 49th Annual Rolex 24 At Daytona

Worker Meetings, ETC:

Flagging and communications will meet in the canteen area, one hour prior to Green Course Times. Pit Marshals will meet there as well. Contact your Chief for details.

CREDENTIALS

Pro-Worker Registration will be conducted at the Speedway Credentials Office located on Dunn Ave. Credentials may be obtained during the hours listed on the schedule at left. In order to receive Event Credentials, you must - 1. Be listed on your Chief of Specialty's official roster. 2. Present an up to date SCCA Membership Card and Specialty License. There are NO EXCEPTIONS to these policies. The Official Event Credential will be the Paper Speedway Body Pass. Except for Official Vehicles, there will be NO inside Paddock Parking. See Competitor Parking Map Pg. 2

Special Notes

If you arrive outside Official Registration Hours, are listed by your Chief and have your SCCA Cards on hand, you may call **407-257-7285** and request "Hardship Registration". Note that this service is not available prior to 7:00 AM or later than 9:00 PM. When you make this call, be prepared to leave a message and a call back number. This service is not intended for use as a substitute for Official Registration.

Movement inside the speedway will be by Shuttles. Note the "Ride Hotline" phone number - **386-681-5165**. Call this number for pick-up. Worker Parking will be located outside the Speedway adjacent to NASCAR Turn 4. DIS will operate Trams to drop you off at the SCCA Compound. See the Competitor Parking Map for the Tram Schedule

Meals: Lunches will be provided on Thursday & Friday. The CFR Canteen will open Saturday at the building in the Truck Pad area. **(The same location as in 2011).** The Canteen will serve up food and beverages for the duration of the Event or until supplies run out (which ever comes first). The rest of the time, you are on your own.

CFR Social: The Annual Worker Social will be hosted at the CFR Canteen on the Truck Pad following Friday's On-Track activities.

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CFR 25 Years Ago

Bob Sieck

The RE, Robert (not Robin) Langlotz represented our Region of approximately 900 members. The asst. RE, and Dist #2 governor, was Tim Lee who is still an active vendor at our events. While we were growing, our attrition rate was approximately 25% each year.

The calendar was full. Our racetracks were Daytona and Sebring where we conducted four Regional events, two National events and two drivers' schools. The average race entry was approximately 100 and we had over 70 entrants at a driver's school. Additionally we worked five pro events, including the Miami Grand Prix.

The SOLO I, Solo II and autocross program was even more robust with over 30 Divisional, Regional and local events. Many courses were improvised, including the Orlando executive airport, a USF parking lot and a roped off area in Palm Bay.

A usual, we had a core of "dedicated neurotics" who took care of the business of running the programs and many of them have been inducted into our CFR Hall of fame. Those in the Hall of Fame that had responsibilities at that time included Fred Geisel (Dist #4 Gov), Bob Nelson (Dist #5 Gov), Dick Gauthier (Gov at large), Robin Langlotz (points keeper), Communications Chief (Julian Graham), Grid Chief (Dick Valentine Sr.), Chief Driving Instructor (Van McDonald), Competition Coordinator (Bill Martin), Merchandise (Fran Martin), and Trophy (Howard Duncan).

One of our more accomplished drivers won all his classes at the National SOLO I and Solo II Runoffs in Salina, Kansas - Randy Pobst.

Bob Sieck

Rally Times

Doug McCabe

As of this Article, I am waiting for the Sanction paperwork for our event Jan. 14 to come in.

CFR RALLYCROSS EVENT 1 - SAT. Jan. 14th

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Registration and Tech open at 8:30 am
Thanks to Grassroots Motorsports and Big Wrench Racing for all the help!

Keep a eye on the CFR Rallycross page, the CFR Website, and the CFR page on Facebook for more updates.

We have the equipment to put on the events, thanks to the CFR BOG and Big Wrench Racing. We are still in need of more sites to hold events. I still would like to see events in different parts of the Region. The minimum we need is a farm field that is not in use. We do pay for the days rental. Any leads or ideas please contact myself.

See you at our event,

Doug McCabe, Rally Chair.

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Flag Ravings

by Sally Larson

THE TURKEY TROT WEEKEND New voice heard - Hollye officially joined the ranks of Chief Communicator ... great job Hollye!

SOME THINGS ARE BETTER NOT SAID: Heed the instructions from control ... do not call spins and continues or 2/4 off-2/4 on. If it seems to become a driver habit in your turn, make one call.

NOTED DRIVER'S RELATIVE JOINED US: **Geoff Brabham, famed IMSA driver of Nissan GTP #83** stopped in at the Tower. Seems his son Michael was driving an FS car at the Turkey Trot. Guess racing competition is in their blood. Geoff's Father, Jack, F-1 champion-in the late 50's-early 60's, Brother David in the Grand Am Series and now Michael, have made the **Brabham #83 famous in racing!** Also of note, District 5 is now home base for another racing great, Brian Redman. No word whether he brought his famous cat. (for that story, check with Van McDonald.)

WORKERS: If you haven't already, pick up your voucher for worker gloves - contact Chief Rich and do so. **BTW, if you have 2 pairs**, and lose the right one in one pair, you'll also lose the right one in the other. No way will you ever have a real pair!

GAIL'S LEGACY: *The Gail Kasson Memorial supper* - a gathering of friends. It is sad not seeing Gail's smiling face or not to be able to swap race stories with her in person. Gail left us much too soon. Many thanks to Pam and her crew and for folks who provided assistance and great food.

CFR ANNUAL MEETING A SUCCESS: The meeting is always a great time to catch up with Fellow Workers, Staff, Officials and folks from throughout the region as well as to celebrate the success of Drivers and salute those contributing to our organization. The Saturday meeting was very informative discussing our financial status and where we are and where we're heading.

The point was made that throughout SCCA both numbers and revenue are slightly down. This affects everyone and requires our efforts too. We need to get the word out through our local **contacts ... let your passion for racing and CFR show. Talk it up with sources that might want to support us and feel free to post information and happenings on Facebook and Twitter to encourage friends to Join in the Action. Got any good promotional projects of ideas? Contact your Specialty Chief or your Governor.**

At the Banquet, food was good, fellowship was great and our guest speaker, David Wallens, Editorial Director of GRASSROOTS MAGAZINE, presented a fun slide show featuring some of the unique cars and locations seen in his travels to Japan.

In addition to Class Winners in Solo and Regional classes, the Distinguished Service Award was presented to Leland Miller for his dedication and

contributions to CFR and the SEDiv ... a much deserved honor.

The Hall of Fame Awards to members who provided **dedicated service** to CFR for many years, went to **Glenn and Georgia Sterly** and to **Berta Sager**. Accepting Berta's award was her daughter. It's fitting that Berta, former Corner Worker, Flag Chief and head of Sound Control, now joins her former husband, FlagOne, Bob Sager, and Gail Kasson, a dedicated Corner Worker, affectionately known as Mom to many.

EXCITING EVENTS COMING UP: In addition to the January Nationals, the February Club Event in Sebring, will also include the Swedish Camaro Cup in one of their two U.S. events in 2012. Stay tuned for further information!

HELPFUL INFORMATION FROM AFAR: "I am responding to your request for **Flagger White Jeans**. The cheapest and **best source** is any **Sherwin Williams** Paint stores or their internet site. They have 100% cotton white painters jeans and shirts. I am a Houston Region SCCA Flagger and SEDiv DA F&C. I have been flagging the IndyCar St. Pete races for the last three years and will be coming back in 2012. My Thanks to Jim Lowe, in Houston Texas. Thanks also to Joel and Jane McGinley who also suggested Sherwin Williams, and to Susan Young, columnist for SportsCar Magazine who suggested Dickies brand jeans. She mentioned Gander Jeans for cold weather gear in orange - find them at stores in FL.

ALSO per the Flag Chief... anyone who has **extra 'whites'** is asked to turn them in to the Chief. They will be available as **'freebies'** at Registration - if it fits, it's yours.

Check it out. Guess the CHECKER gets around -us F&C folks stick together!

CONGRATULATIONS: To the newly or reelected District Governors, and to all BOG members, thanks for your service. Your effort and time is much appreciated.

A TOTALLY PERSONAL NOTE: A Worker of the Year Award is an honor much appreciated. I'm seldom at a loss for words. and usually don't get teary in public - but I did both at the presentation. It is a privilege to work with such a wonderful group .. and to be part of CFR. My heartfelt thanks for all your support, kindness and assistance through the years... you are a blessing in my life. Couldn't have made it without you.

THE START OF A NEW YEAR: May we make New Years' Resolutions .. and even try to keep some of them. May we attend and work as many races as possible. May we share many 'Tricks of the Trade' ... Driver to Driver, Worker to Worker so that we all grow in knowledge ... and may we continue to be the strong CFR Family that we are.

HAPPY NEW YEAR! Let's get together often!





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