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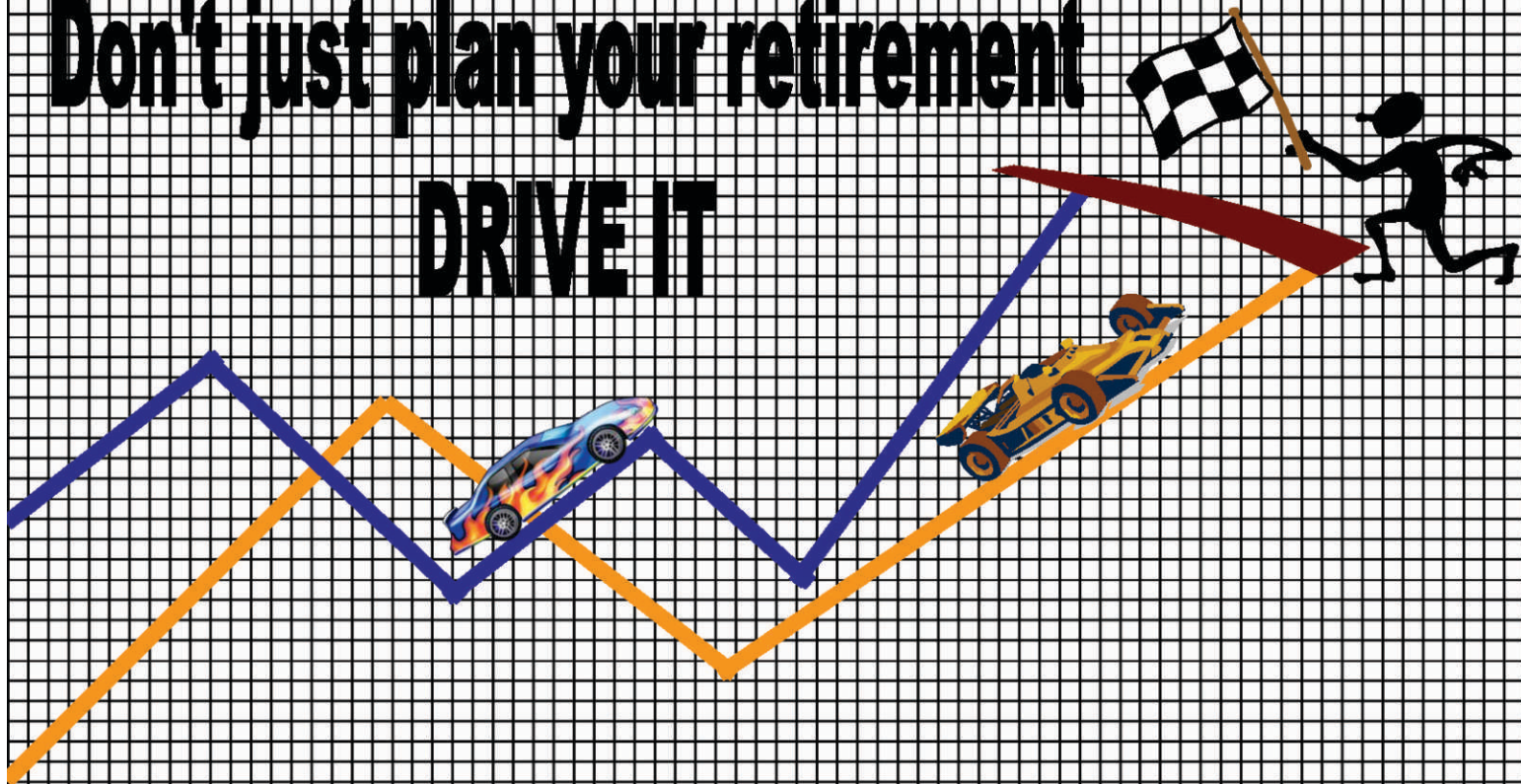
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When & Where

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:

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

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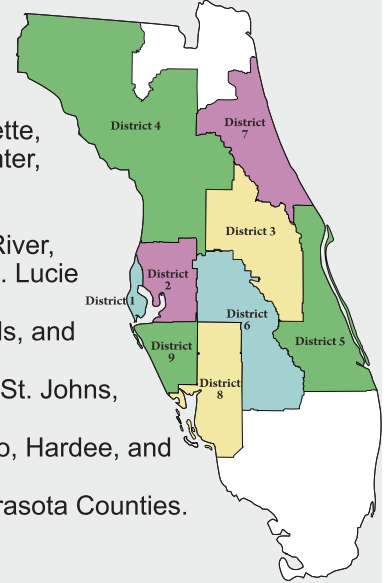
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District 6: Glades, Highlands, and Polk Counties.

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

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

District 9: Manatee and Sarasota Counties.



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Bob Follmann
Barbara Henschel
Georgia Sterly

Rick Henschel
Paula Hildock
Glenn Sterly

Hall of Famer's, Georgia and Glenn 60 years with SCCA!

Congratulations

*to Georgia and Glenn Sterly,
who were admitted to the CFR Hall of Fame
for 60 years of service with SCCA!*

*We in Tech are very proud of
Georgia and Glenn and are sad to lose them.*

Rick Henschel



Club News

2012 Event Schedule

for CFR and Surrounding Regions

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
SIR
- 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
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
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
Daytona Full Course DIS
- 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
Daytona Full Course DIS



SEBRING DOUBLE NATIONAL

from Bill Martin



Spec Miata Post Race Impound



The BFG Super Hauler



Waiting for the fog to lift Friday AM



A Spec Miata melee in Turn 17A, 4 cars



One of the victims of the 17A incident



Another participant in the damage

SEBRING DOUBLE NATIONAL

from Bill Martin



This one seemed to get the brunt of the damage



The Topeka Compliance Crew at work



David Watson from Ohio lost a wheel on his Stohr Wf1



John Schaller exits his Camaro at the scales



Simon Gregg & John Schaller exchange pleasantries – John won Sat.



David Pintaric brought his Viper ACRX all the way from Ohio

SEBRING DOUBLE NATIONAL

from Bill Martin



Kenny Bupp from Ft. Lauderdale, always fast



Mike Flynn otherwise known as Irish Mike won on Saturday



Darryl Wills from Deer Park, TX won with his FM on Saturday



Asst. Race Board Chairman, Robin Ragaglia and the man himself, Robin Langlotz



Plenty of good grub at the social held in the Legends Bldg. for the first time



One of the CFR Staff peruses the Building's Wall of Fame

SEBRING DOUBLE NATIONAL

from Bill Martin



It looks like a good time was had by all especially the Tech Crew



Pam Macgregor served as the official bar tender



Pete Calhoun, BFG /Deanna Flanagan & Eric Prill from Topeka



Deanna surveying the activities



Spec Miata post race impound on Sunday



Eric Prill warmed up the crowd for the Trophy Presentation

SEBRING DOUBLE NATIONAL

from Bill Martin



SM Winners – Craig Berry, Todd Buras, Jim Drago



Looks like they ganged up on Todd with the champagne



Another Ohioan, Jim Hallman arrives at the Group 2 impound



George looks so happy and he is not going to let go of that bottle



Another happy trio for their Class wins



Eric Prill handled the post race interviews

SEBRING DOUBLE NATIONAL

from Bill Martin



Post Race Impound



Quite a colorful group here



Even the spectators got in on the bubbly



Mike Lavigne from New Hampshire had a close call and earned a Sebring stripe



The result of a near catastrophic fire for Russ Snow in Turn 17



The winners of the big bore bash – Jordan Bupp, Simon Gregg, Kenny Bupp

SEBRING DOUBLE NATIONAL

from Bill Martin



It looks like a conspiracy to drown the winner



And the Winner is....



These Guys must be best buds off the track (unless that's a hammerlock)



CFR's GT3 King, Bill McGavic, the only competitor to spray himself

District News...

District Three held our first meeting of 2012 at Rossi's Pizza on S. Orange Blossom Trail in Orlando with a mix of racers and solo folks. We welcomed a new solo aficionado - Nam, Sid Collins' wife, Marty, and Dave and Julie who helped in Tech. at last weekend's Double National BF Goodrich Super Tour event.

Gov. Bill Martin reported on activities from the General Membership and BOG Meetings held in December in Punta Gorda. Our contract for 2012 with Sebring has been executed and the contract with Daytona is awaiting their signature. In 2012, sanction fees will increase and we will have higher costs at Daytona as well. To all those who worked the GrandAM Test days at Daytona which were the same weekend as our National - Thank you!

Our Double National at Sebring was the first national event of 2012 and the only BF Goodrich Super Tour in SEDIV. The 261 entries enjoyed great weather (who's gonna complain about sunny and 75 degrees in January?) and the fog only caused slight schedule alterations. We had a few delays on Saturday due to racing mishaps resulting in wallet pain. The driver of the Corvette that caught fire on Sunday was transported as a precaution. We understand he was released Sunday afternoon - great news!

Based on all the new helmets and Hans devices we saw at Tech., we know what Santa brought most of our drivers. On Sunday, the results from the races were available before the cars completed impound and the Super Tour winners took their places on the podium for plenty of photo ops., interviews and champagne spraying. For those of you who didn't come to the Saturday evening party at the Gallery of Legends building across from Tech., you missed a great get together. Plenty of BBQ, beer, wine and socializing. Oh, by the way, BF Goodrich gave out \$100 envelopes to five workers and \$500 to one driver. You had to be present to win and there were lots of driver names called out before there was a winner.

A big THANK YOU to Jack Ragaglia who was CFR's point person with SCCA National and BF Goodrich, and his team, who made sure all the I's were dotted and T's crossed for a very successful event.

Chuck Lutz, Solo Chairman, reported that the solo schedule is posted and the first event for 2012 will be a two day at Geneva,

January 14-15 ... Plans call for events at Daytona and Orange County Convention Center as well as Deland and Starke (ERS).

If anyone has a contact at Epcot or with Orange County Sheriff's Dept., please let him know.

Doug McCabe, Rally Chairman, has a RallyX planned at Speed World, January 14. He reported there are 40 cars entered and 23 are non-members - new drivers. He has been contacted about putting on a Divisional Championship event at Starke. There will be more meetings with the site developer and divisional folks before a decision is made - stay tuned!

NEXT TO COME:

Daytona 24 Hours - January 28-29

See the Pro Worker at cfrscca.org under Pro Racing/Events / Sebring Regional/Camaro Cup Cars February 11-12 - 12 Hour Paddock

See you at the track! – Fran

District 7, CFR-SCCA held it's monthly meeting at the Ocean Buffet, 1854 South Ridgewood Ave, South Daytona, FL 32119. Fourteen members were in attendance!

Governor Larry Morgan opened the meeting by reading the new CFR Mission Statement as adopted as an addendum to the Policy Manual at the last BOG Meeting in Dec 2011. The text of the Mission Statement is available online at the Region website, and it is suggested that everyone read it.

Other items discussed were the new National requirement for HANS devices and it's impact on participation in National and Regional events, as well as Driver's Schools; recent events such as the Daytona Rolex test days and the Sebring National race, the Schedule for Rally Cross and annual Solo events schedule, and the upcoming schedule for Club Racing events, as well as the Daytona Rolex 24 Hr race, the February Regional event including the Swedish V8 cars, the 12 Hours of Sebring, and the St. Pete Grand Prix.

Particular attention was given to the necessity of supporting Rally Cross, and information was disseminated concerning Doug McCabe and his program for Rally Cross, as well as needed assistance for the West Coast SOLO Program. Accolades were given to Art Trier for his work with SOLO and the Tire Rack Street Survival School, in addition to his award of "Worker of the Year" for SOLO.

After doubling the normal attendance for a District Meeting, and with emails from those who could not attend this specific meeting but will attend the next meeting, it is anticipated that attendance for District 7 will continue to grow! Everyone should be encouraged to take heed, as our hosting of the next Annual meeting may just be a sight to behold!

Get ready, we are going to **"WOW" you!** You've been warned! – Larry Morgan



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RALLY TIMES

Doug McCabe



RALLYCROSS RESULTS

I would like to **THANK** all who helped make our first event a success. 35 Drivers took to the field at Orlando Speed World Jan. 14. We ended up with 4 timed runs and I think a lot of fun was had. Thanks goes to Tim Studdard and the guys from Grassroots for all the help with course, tech, etc.

Also to Big Wrench Racing for the use of the equipment for the event. And last to my working family for taking care of Registration and Timing. Also to Solo for sharing cones with us! Thanks All. In the next Issue I hope to get some more pics.

Next event is looking like the first of April!!! We believe we will be in a LARGER area next time!! **Stay Tuned!!** We Need Loaner Helmets!!!

Anyone having a 2000 or newer SA or M Helmet that you are not using, please consider donating to our program.

We have a Great start and I want to build on this.

Thanks All,

Doug McCabe

Rally Chair

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CFR SCCARALLYCROSS JANUARY 14, 2012										
Car#	Driver Name	Vehicle	Class	RUN1	RUN2	RUN3	RUN4	TOTAL	O/A	Class
30	Dunker Felix	SUBARU WRX	M4	0.977	0.963	0.838	0.839	3.617	1	1 M4
6	Gregory Voth	SUBARU FORRESTER	SA	0.912	1.106	0.870	0.872	3.760	2	1 SA
81	Aaron Green	SUBARU WRX	SA	1.032	0.999	0.883	0.855	3.769	3	2 SA
301	Robert Slade	NISSAN 300ZX	SR	1.070	0.974	0.930	0.955	3.929	4	1 SR
46	Carlos Filipe	PEUGEOT 206	M2	1.058	1.029	0.977	0.875	3.937	5	1 M2
2	Tom Heath	MAZDA 2	PF	1.050	1.040	0.963	0.991	4.044	6	1 PF
300	Lucien Cambre	NISSAN 300ZX	PR	1.054	1.070	0.965	0.963	4.052	7	1 PR
23	Colin Rodgers	FORD F150	SA	0.952	0.925	0.987	1.197	4.061	8	3 SA
12	Brent Thompson	SUBARU 2.5RS	PA	1.080	1.059	0.979	0.949	4.067	9	1 PA
111	Tony Brizzolara	VOLKSWAGON TIQUAN	SF	1.021	1.023	0.975	1.147	4.166	10	1 SF
312	Julio Quilodran	FORD FOCUS	M2	1.098	1.187	0.983	0.919	4.187	11	2 M2
555	Christopher Smith	SUBARU IMPREZA	SA	1.312	1.095	0.901	0.896	4.204	12	4 SA
99	Juan Cardoso	FORD FOCUS	M2	1.104	1.091	0.923	1.096	4.214	13	3 M2
0	Josh Middleton	SUBARU IMPREZA	SA	1.140	1.226	0.936	0.921	4.223	14	5 SA
44	Alan Rodriguez	SUBARU IMPREZA	SF	1.119	1.004	1.007	1.103	4.233	15	2 SF
5	Larry Schumacher	FORD FOCUS	SF	1.018	1.104	1.164	0.952	4.238	16	3 SF
76	Ferenc Leval	FORD MUSTANG	SR	1.079	1.031	1.116	1.063	4.289	17	2 SR
177	Jarrett Desmond	SUBARU STI	SA	1.072	1.089	1.097	1.053	4.311	18	6 SA
188	Nicholas Donahue	TOYOTA TACOMA	SR	1.077	1.263	1.019	1.035	4.394	19	3 SR
25	Martin Rovira	FORD FOCUS	SF	1.189	1.100	0.965	1.210	4.464	20	4 SF
117	Tom Studdard	MERCEDES 230S	SR	1.179	1.214	1.058	1.051	4.503	21	4 SR
16	Nestor Reyes	FORD FOCUS	PF	1.293	1.283	0.978	0.950	4.504	22	2 PF
641	Billy McDonald	VOLVO 240	SR	1.172	1.169	1.110	1.060	4.511	23	5 SR
84	Brian Ziems	VOLVO 240	SR	1.195	1.120	1.125	1.140	4.580	24	6 SR
77	Greg Shumaker	DODGE NEON	M2	1.196	1.164	1.178	1.066	4.604	25	4 M2
164	Marco Rocca	VOLVO 240	SR	1.122	1.153	1.242	1.267	4.784	26	7 SR
64	Darren Seltzer	VOLVO 240	SR	1.251	1.295	1.185	1.143	4.874	27	8 SR
37	Juan Valdivieso	VOLKSWAGON CORRADO	SF	2.000	1.014	0.958	0.992	4.964	28	5 SF
17	Tim Studdard	MERCEDES 230S	SR	1.068	1.046	2.000	1.044	5.158	29	9 SR
21	Christopher Benejan	SUBARU LEGACY	PA	1.212	1.097	1.093	2.000	5.402	30	2 PA
4	Alan Cesar	LINCOLN MARK VI	PR	1.295	1.156	1.064	2.000	5.515	31	2 PR
771	Peter Lier	DODGE NEON	M2	1.288	1.119	2.000	1.137	5.544	32	5 M2
93	Kory Gellinger	MITSUBUSHI EVO	SA	1.069	1.344	1.182	2.000	5.595	33	7 SA
13	Brad Palmer	SUBARU WRX	PA	1.152	1.019	2.000	2.000	6.171	34	3 PA
464	Michael Donke	NISSAN 300ZX	SR	1.096	2.000	2.000	2.000	7.096	35	10 SR

Letters to the Editor

24 Hours At Daytona Staffing

During the running of the 50th Annual 24 Hours at Daytona, CFR issued 183 Worker Credentials and approximately 35 Guest Credentials. We were complimented by the DIS Credential Staff.

---Bill

Congratulations, Bill! Also, for everyone's information, the pit and corner workers endured 24 straight hours of racing involving 58 cars and 761 laps with no injuries to drivers or workers. They did so with limited parking, limited access to the pits, limited access to corners when they were off duty, and, certainly, limited sleep.

The Grand-Am officials (and track personnel) complimented them as well. Fran Martin made standing in the registration line much more tolerable, by greeting everyone with a smile and conversing with them and updating them on wait times.

The Dawsons and those assisting them, meanwhile, fed all 183 workers throughout the 4 day ordeal and the food (especially the steaks!) was outstanding. Shuttle drivers braved atypical crowds and heavy (and slow) traffic as well as pedestrians (many of whom were inebriated and wandering out into the

traffic lanes) in order to get the workers where they needed to be, all without complaint and without mishap, and seemed happy to do so. This had to be the most dedicated (and cheerful) shuttle crew I have ever seen.

The crew in the tower, as usual, carried out their duties in an admirable fashion, all while simultaneously fielding multiple questions from stewards and track personnel while taking radio calls from the corners.

While the pit, tower and corner workers, as well as registration, received kudos, this event could not have been pulled off without the help and perseverance of those behind the scenes that the Grand-Am and DIS officials seldom come in contact with.

Again, I refer to the Dawsons, their assistants, the RE, the Assistant RE, the Paddock Marshall, and all the shuttle drivers. They deserve as much credit as anyone.

Thanks to EVERYONE for making this event a success.

Larry Morgan



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In Memoriam

by Sally Larson

I'm sharing our son Mark's obituary ... I can hardly believe what I'm writing...

Mark P. Larson died unexpectedly, but peacefully in his sleep, at his home in Palm Bay Florida on January 14, 2012.

He was born in Park Forest Illinois October 24, 1961, moved to Brevard County in 1966, was a graduate of Eau Gallie High School, and attended Brevard Community College.

He made Air Conditioning and Heating his career and was employed as the Warranty Administrator for American Air and Heat in Rockledge, Florida at the time of his death.

He had been an avid surfer and later he found his passion in Sports Car Club of America Club Racing, winning races and Divisional Championships in the Central Florida Region as well as in the Southeast Division. He was devoted to his family, his friends and his associates and was a good friend to all. He will be missed.

It is said that no one who leaves us will ever be truly gone as long as we keep them alive in our hearts, prayers and memories. May Mark be forever in our hearts and it would be his wish that everyone find the peace he now knows.

Words cannot express the outpouring of support we have received from friends and our CFR family. It has meant so much to all of us, and we are most grateful.

We had a Gathering of Friends in Celebration of a Life January 23rd at a local mortuary.

It was attended by one of the largest groups Seawinds has had. Thanks to all who were able to attend and those who were with us in spirit, for all your support.

Thanks also to Chaplain Steve who gave a prayer to close the Gathering - you are all appreciated.

Thanks. Jerry, Sally and Scott

And another very sad note....

Dear Florida and SCCA members;

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Lee Shafer, Timing and Scoring Central Florida SCCA, wife of Bob Shafer, SCCA Steward. Lee lost her battle with breast cancer at approx. 6PM January 17th. The Shafer family will be holding a memorial service in the next 2-3 weeks in Lake Placid. Thanks for all your prayers.

Sincerely,

Ellen Lee Florida Region SCCA

Lee was the radio voice as well as the heart and soul of Timing & Scoring and will be truly missed by all of us as well. Our condolences to the Shafer family.



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