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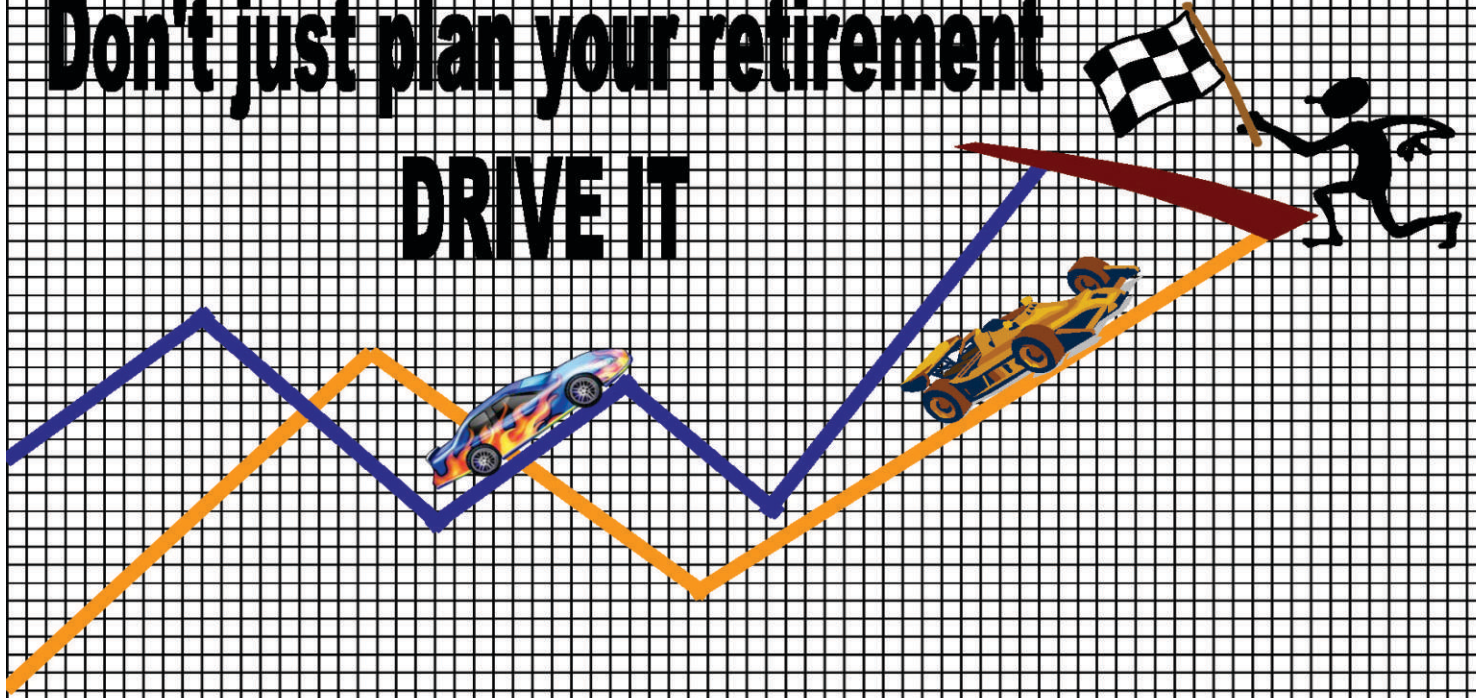
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## District Meeting Times and Places

**District 1** – 2nd Tuesday of each month except December – 7:30 pm at **Perkins Restaurant** 2626 Gulf to Bay Blvd., Clearwater- NE corner of US 19

**District 2** – 4th Wednesday of each month except December – 7:00 pm at **RJ Wings n' Things**, 5025 E. Fowler Avenue; Tampa

**District 3** – 2nd Tuesday of each month except December – 8:00 pm at **Rossi's Pizza & Pasta** 5919 South Orange Blossom Trail Orlando 321-228-0430

**District 4** – Contact Governor for details.

**District 5** - 2nd Monday of each month except December – dinner at 6:30 pm and meeting at 7:30 pm at **Jimmie's Restaurant** 1279 Admiralty Blvd in Rockledge

**District 6** - 3rd Tuesday of each month except December, dinner at 7:00pm and meeting at 7:45pm at **Beef O'Brady's** 2940 US 27 North Sebring.

**District 7** - 2nd Tuesday of each month except December – dinner at 6:30 pm and meeting at 7:30 pm at **The Ocean Buffet** – 1854 South Ridgewood Ave - South Daytona FL 32119

**District 8** - 2nd Wednesday of each month except December at **McDaddy'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:** Alacuja, Bradford, Citrus, Dixie, Gilchrist, Hamilton, Hernando, Jefferson, Lafayette, Levy, Madison, Marion, Sumter, Suwanee, Taylor and Union Counties.

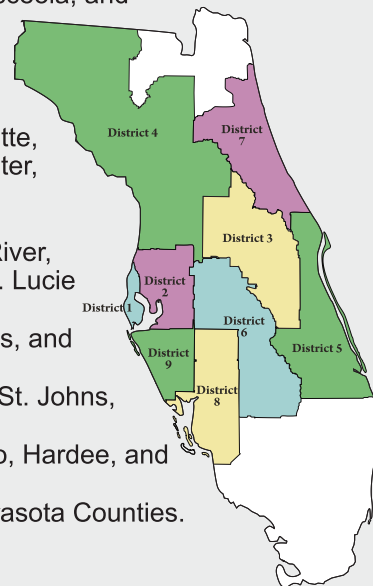
**District 5:** Brevard, Indian River, Martin, Okeechobee, and St. Lucie Counties.

**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.



## ... From the BOG Chair Mid-Term Elections

by: Michael Wingo

The CFR By-Laws provide for elections of the Regional Executive, Assistant Regional Executive, club secretary and treasurer at the mid-year meeting of the CFR Board of Governors.

The mid year meeting of the BOG will be held on June 23, 2012 at El Caribe Resort and Conference Center in Daytona Beach, FL. CFR members in good standing wishing to hold such positions should submit their resumes to the BOG Chair, Michael Wingo by email at mb\_wng@yahoo.com or in writing to P.O. Box 229282, Glenwood, FL 32722.

The resumes should include the member's past CFR and/or SCCA experience, business background and reason for wanting the position.

Resumes shall be submitted no later than May 9, 2012.

CFR Club Treasurer, Robin Ragaglia, has announced she will not see re-election.

CFR Club Secretary, Richard Bittmann has announced he will not seek re-election.

**Michael Wingo**

Chm. BOG

CFR-SCCA





# Club News

## 2012 Event Schedule

for CFR and Surrounding Regions

### 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 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*

## Meet Me in St. Louis Regional - National IT Tour

### SCCA - St. Louis Region - Club Racing



## GATEWAY IT TOUR CHAMPIONSHIP - "Meet Me In St. Louis"

### AT GATEWAY MOTORSPORTS PARK

*(Previously Gateway International Raceway)*

# May 19th - 20th, 2012

For more details and registration info go to:

<http://roadracing.stlscca.org/2012-events>



# Welcome New Members

## DISTRICT 1

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Dr. Joe Pace	Bradenton
Katherine Pace	Bradenton
Marissa Pace	Bradenton
Michele Pace	Bradenton

## *A checkered flag* for **Keith Field, Mt. Dora Florida**

Keith passed away April 15, 2012 while on a business trip to New Orleans. He was an avid Central Florida Region competition driver and a good friend to all.

Our deepest sympathies to his wife and children.

Keith was an animal lover and donations to the SPCA in his memory would be appreciated.



# District News

## **District 1**

Governor Ron Offutt called the meeting to order at 7:32 pm. There were 25 members present at Perkins restaurant in Clearwater.

Offices up for election at the June BOG are: RE, assistant RE, Secretary, and Treasurer.

Robin Ragaglia, who has done an excellent job as our treasurer for many years, is ready to step down. Persons interested in that job should already have submitted their resume to the board of governors.

CFR will be getting rid of the old beverage and solo trailers.

There will be a SE division scheduling meeting to plan for events in the coming season. That will take place in July.

Asst RE and webmaster Lee Hill, and others are working on a social media policy for CFR members with regards to our region.

A committee is looking into some updates and revisions for our policy manual.

The June event social will be at the Kenilworth hotel.

There was a report on the response of visitors to our membership booth at both the Sebring 12 hour, and SPGP events. The booth at the recent St Pete event was in a very good location for spectator traffic. Ideas were brought up about other types of events outside of CFR participation, that a CFR membership booth may be worth consideration.

## ***Dave Fredrick***

**District Three** held their April meeting at Rossi's Pizza on S. Orange Blossom Trail in Orlando with a mixture of Official, Racer, Solo/PDX and RallyX interests represented.

Governor Bill Martin thanked Lt. Governor Paul McLester for chairing the March meeting. Reporting on the Sebring 12 Hour, our 212 workers came from international locations (Netherlands, Germany, and Canada) as well as from the U.S. as far as Oregon and throughout Florida to manage the four days of racing. The parking situation was resolved by the start of our

registration and our campground was packed to its limit. Immediately following Sebring, we staffed the St. Pete race with World Challenge, Indy Cars and a Ferrari Challenge race thrown in for good measure. If you watched the delayed broadcast for World Challenge, you saw one of our own workers put out a car fire before any track responders arrived on scene. A great representation of our well-trained staff - Way to Go!

By the time you read this, we will have held our April Driver's School/PDX at Daytona. At this printing, there were 35 registered for the school and 80 for the Sat.-Sun. PDX.

We are working on staff for the 14 Hour ChumpCar event May 27 (Memorial Day weekend) at Daytona. Dennis Joyce is the contact.

Chuck Lutz - Solo Chair. reported that they had a good event at Stark (ERS). This was a joint event with Buccaneer Region and there were over 85 entries. The April 1st event at Geneva had 65 cars. On April 22, Solo will hold an event at Deland and they will also have events May and September at Daytona in conjunction with our races.

Doug McCabe - RallyX Chair. reported that they will be at Stark (ERS) for a two day event (run as a single event each day) in April and already have entries towing from long distances to participate. Memorial Day weekend will see a two day Divisional event again at Stark. Doug is also talking with East Bay on the west coast about events on their clay track.

Governor Bill reminded everyone that the June party has been reinstated and will be at our traditional site - the pool at the Kenilworth Lodge.

For additional information, contact the appropriate officer or chief or check our web sites.

The meeting concluded with our raffle of various racing goodies and usual bench racing.

***See you at the track!***

***Fran***



# the 60<sup>th</sup> 12 Hours of Sebring

Photos by: Bill Martin



The ole raceway was all set for her 60th with flags flying.



Lotus 23B Circa 1962



Lola T70MK111B 1969



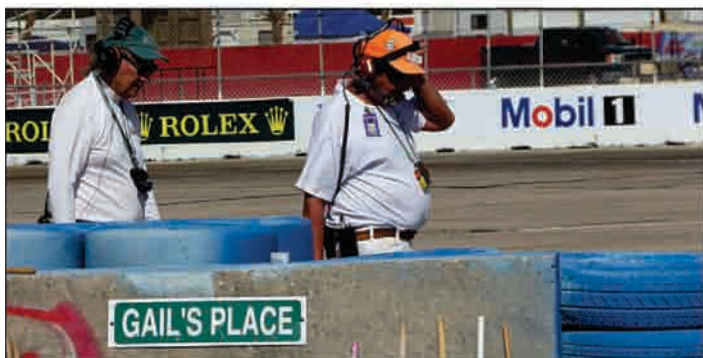
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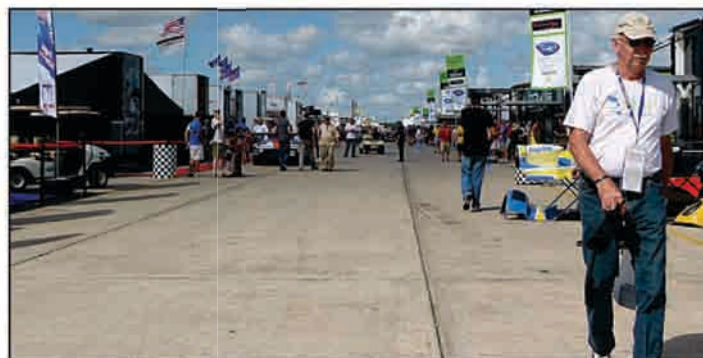
Daimler SP 250 1961



Lightning McQueen from "CARS" was there.



Gail's place, Turn 1



There was a long and fully populated Paddock.



# the 60<sup>th</sup> 12 Hours of Sebring

Photos by: Bill Martin



Truck art continues to flourish



Simply a beautiful and formidable McLaren



The classic Porsche Spyder



Oak Racing Oak Pescarolo Judd



Anyone fancy a solid gold Porsche?



Zytek Z11SN Nissan



Rebellion Racing P1 in 17A



4th Place finisher





# the 60<sup>th</sup> 12 Hours of Sebring

Photos by: Bill Martin



Prototypes under the bridge



Gulf Racing Lola B12/80 Nissan



GT battle in 17A Corvette vs Porsche



Flying Lizard Team car was later hit & disabled on the pace lap.



Aston Martin Vantage V8 LMGTE Pro



MOMO sponsored Porsche 911 GT3 Cup Pole sitter at GTC



Dempsey Racing Oreca FLM



JRM Momo Racing HPG ARX-03a David Brabham driving



# the **60<sup>th</sup>** 12 Hours of Sebring

Photos by: Bill Martin



The CFR lunch prep. Crew gets started before the race does.



The Grid reached almost to Turn 17A



The Bernhard, Dumas, Duval Audi R18.138



START of the 60th Running



More of the START



Mike Schiffer drew first shift in the lonesome end position cross track.



The Winner #2 Audi passed his #3 teammate & never looked back.



Advice from the master - Don Usher.





# Flag Ravings

by: Sally Larson

From Behind the Wheel, "From the standing start", the racing was wild and incident-filled in the World Challenge GT race double header events. Randy Pobst's Volvo all-wheel drive was an advantage at the start, however a 'ghost' in the machine caused his electronic system to shut down. When it pitted, the team determined that it wasn't safe to continue the race due to the electronics issue. His teammate Alex Figge led most of the first race but lost the lead when another car swerved into his path. Randy commented 'Just hold your line people!' In the second race, after replacing all the electronics in the car overnight, the 'ghost' returned causing Randy's car to once again shut off and the car was retired from the race.

Note: Randy started his racing career as an ITC driver in our CFR Region. Known to many of us, he's a strong supporter of Workers where ever he races.

And... From Behind the Barrier ... or in front of it if need be, when the intrepid Workers had to respond: To accommodate an extra support race group that paid the promoter to race in the St Pete 'canyon,' the weekend had to be expanded to include sessions on Thursday. The Workers who were able to staff the Thursday sessions on such short notice were much appreciated.

Officials from the World Challenge were present at one of the early morning meetings. The folks from World Challenge filled the Workers in ... again to emphasize the 50 car field, starting from a standing start was going to be a challenge in itself. Next up were the Indy Car folks who went over their guidelines. In addition, their safety director, Mike Yates gave Workers an overview of their new cars, where you could expect a fire, and where and how to attack it.

On Saturday, during the World Challenge race, a car pulled into the cut at Turn One and burst into flames. The driver bailed out, forgetting to shut off the switches. Workers Bill Stanton, Tom Sterritt and Jim Hooker grab fire bottles and respond ... keeping in mind there is oil and fuel feeding the fire. Eventually a crew member was able to shut off the master switch, while the EV crew and Firemen watched. Two dry chemical fire bottles and half of a water/cold fire extinguisher were needed to put out the fire.

According to our Chief, Jim, we can learn from this...

**DRIVERS:** when you pull off course and exit the car ... switches off - All of them!

**WORKERS:** when you respond, turn off the Master Switch if you can get to it safely - and watch for

oncoming traffic.

ALSO when you work a Pro Series event, the Master Cutoff Switch is not always located on the outside of the car and is not always in the same location inside either.

In Sunday's Indy Car Race, Tony Kanan paid an unscheduled visit to Turn 3 and stopped. The Safety Team pushed it behind the wall 'til the end. Meanwhile Tony had crossed the track, scaled fences and walked back to his pit.

My thanks to Randy's spokesman and to Jim Hooker who supplied the information about the event.

Also a big Thank You from the Flag Chief to all the Workers who worked long hours with few breaks for four days, CFR Workers all did their usual great , professional job.

**TAKE ADVANTAGE:** Be sure you've registered all the days you've worked on the main SCCA site ... and when you get your renewal forms, be sure you get your Worker discount. Sometimes they don't show up on the renewal statements, so a call to SCCA National to determine the correct amount to send would be advisable. Calls to that office are answered pretty promptly and courteously.

**NOTE:** don't feel ignored ... I figured I was the ugly little red headed stepchild when I saw the statement come through for Jerry. It said 'family membership,' listed his discount but ignored me. I figured I'd get my renewal forms in the mail, but no joy. It seems they just send out the form for the primary head of household... but there is no place to indicate who the 'family' includes. When I inquired, they had all the correct information combined and that my hard card and credentials would be included with Jerry's. They also said that they were trying to get the form changed to allow for putting family members' names to be included. Got the final total... with a healthy discount (it's my gimme' my discount time) so we're good to go. If you want the Yearly Waiver, you'll have to send in the waiver form and have it notarized either by the Registrar or your bank will generally notarize it for free. Don't know why, but CFR makes you sign the event wavers at all our races, but Florida Region accepts the yearly waiver.

Looking forward to the Drivers' School / PDX and the Regional / Enduro race at Daytona May 5-6 ... mark your calendars!





# Remember When...

## 1963 Sebring 12 Hour Grand Prix

Submitted by Louis Galanos  
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Here are 6 Vintage Racing Photos from the 1963 Sebring 12 Hour Grand Prix of Endurance. Both the Shelby Cobras and the Chaparrals were there to challenge Ferrari but it was not to be and Ferrari captured the top six spots with Jaguar and Porsche rounding out the top ten. 1963 was the first year of what many called the Ford-Ferrari War which ended in 1967. There is much debate as to who actually won that war. The photos are from the Henry Ford/Dave Friedman collection.



The second place Ferrari 250P of Mairesse/Vaccarella/Bandini



Pedro Rodriguez in his third place Ferrari 330 TRI/LM



A Triumph TR3 Conrero prototype leads a Jaguar E-type



An Abarth-Simca 1300 Bialbero in the sand bank



The factory Abarth-Simcas going through the Webster Turns



Dan Gurney at the wheel of his Shelby Cobra. He finished 29th.





# St. Pete SCCA Workers

Photos by: Dave Green





# St. Pete Grand Prix

photos by: Jim White



Our membership booth was sufficiently manned.



Ken Hazelton's newly rebuilt 1963 Corvette on display.



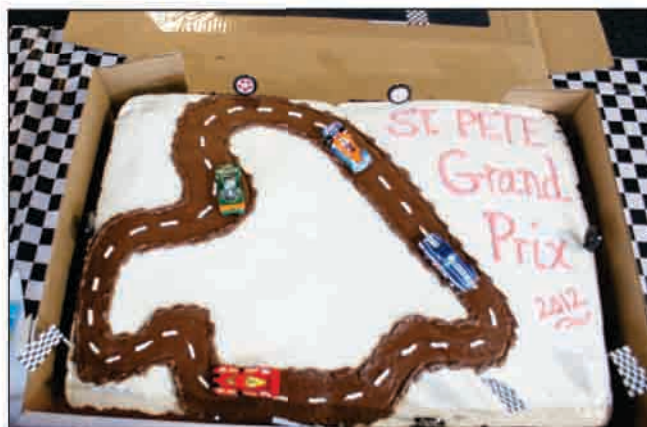
Actually the membership booth was sufficiently manned.



The Powers that be.



The people of Turn 1.



Desert on Saturday night was.



# St. Pete Grand Prix

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Ferrari 458 meets Ferrari 250 (on left)



Roger Penske's 196 ft Lurssen Motor Yacht "Lime Light"



Look!! It's Manica!!!



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# St. Pete Grand Prix

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# Indy Drivers at St. Pete

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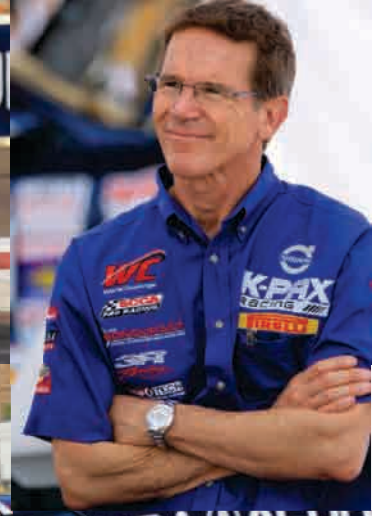






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## Festival of Speed

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**Every year**, the weekend after the St. Petersburg GP, the **Festival of Speed** comes to Vinoy Park on the water in St. Petersburg. On Saturday night there is the jet port reception, which is a formal dress affair featuring private jets, high end car, such as Rolls Royce, Bentley, Bugatti, Lamborghini, and such.

**At \$100 a person**, this is not for everyone, but, on Sunday, there is **The car show of Car Shows in Vinoy Park** on the water next to the Vinoy Hotel. This is not your local neighborhood car show. The show features all types of cars old and new, from the Bugatti Veyron and Koenigsegg CCXR to plain old Model T's. From Vintage and custom made motorcycles, to high

powered go fast boats, including a Poker Run starting from Vinoy Marina. It's a nice walk in a beautiful park, looking at some amazing vehicles, that some of us have only seen in pictures or read about. If you like cars of all types, new or old, or motorcycles or boats, you owe it to yourself to go walk in the park and view some amazing sites.

The below photos here are some interesting vehicles that I saw while I was there.

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