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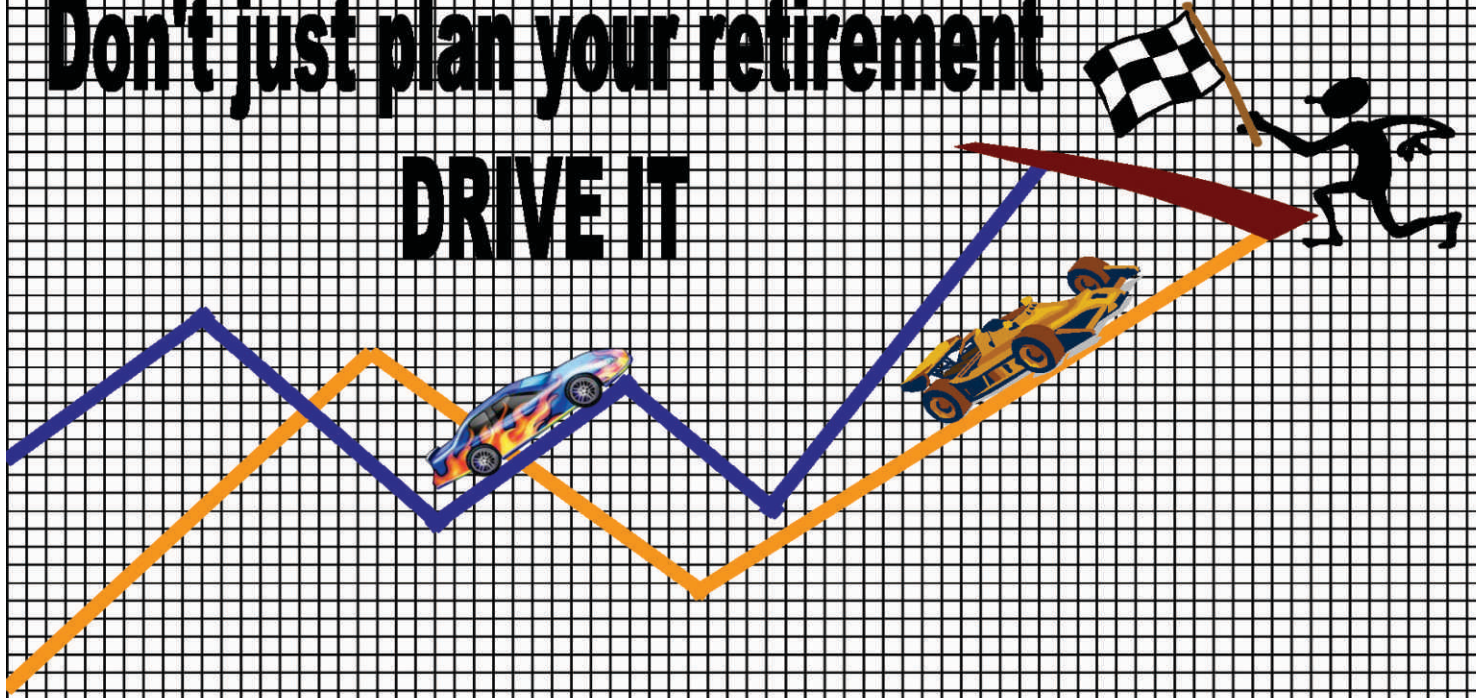
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District 1 – 2nd Tuesday of each month except December – 7:30 pm at **Perkins Restaurant** 2626 Gulf to Bay Blvd., Clearwater- NE corner of US 19

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

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District 4 – Contact Governor for details.

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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

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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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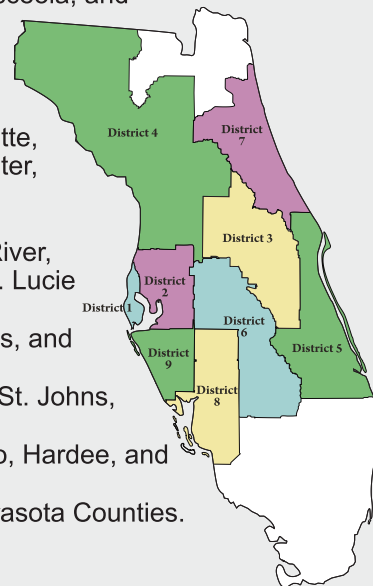
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District 6: Glades, Highlands, and Polk Counties.

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

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

District 9: Manatee and Sarasota Counties.



2012 Event Schedule

for CFR and Surrounding Regions

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/TES Enduro**
Daytona Full Course

October

- 5-7 **Porsche Club** DIS
Daytona Full Course
- 6 **Tire Rack Street Survival School - Geneva**
- 19 **Test Day - Sebring Short Course** SIR
- 20-21 **SARRC(2012)/Regional Races/Vintage**
Sebring Short Course-Green Park Paddock

November

- 8-11 **Historic Sportscar Racing** DIS
Daytona Full Course
- 10-11 **Florida Region SARRC(2012)/ECR(2012)/TES Finale**
Palm Beach Intl Raceway
- 13-14 **Grand Am Testing** DIS
Daytona
- 23 **Test Day – Sebring – Long Course** SIR
- 24-25 **Regional Races**
Sebring Long Course – 12 Hour Paddock

December

- 7-9 **Audi Club** DIS
Daytona Full Course
- 8-9 **Annual Membership Meeting & Awards Banquet**
El Caribe Resort - Daytona Beach



Rally Times

Well we have been busy getting things in place for the Dixie Divisional Rallycross Sept 14&15 at the FIRM in Stark, FL.

This event is open to all drivers. It will be done in a Stage format with different courses and surfaces each half of the day. We will be using tarmac, limestone, sand, and a mixture of all the above. Registration is open on DLB.

We are also getting our events together for the rest of our season. We are finalizing plans to get back to Saint Lucie Fairgrounds. Looks like possibly Oct. 20th.

Check CFR Rallycross on Facebook, or the CFR SCCA site for updates.

As always if anyone has any questions please contact myself:

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The BOG Meeting

The CFR BOG meeting for September 8, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. **has been moved** to the Hampton Inn, 4420 North Socrum Road in Lakeland 33809. (863-816-2525). All meeting places on Hwy 27 were unavailable.

From Tampa: Exit 33 off Interstate 4. Turn right on Lakeland Hills Blvd, proceed to County Road 582 (N

Socrum Road). Turn right on County Rd 582, Hampton Inn on left after you go under Interstate 4.

From Orlando: Exit 33 off Interstate 4, left on County Road 582 (N Socrum Road). Hampton Inn on right.

Michael Wingo
Chm. BOG

District News

District 1 We need some brave souls, experienced club racing drivers to be PDX instructors. Contact Chris Wells via our website. Article & email address on the CFR news page:

http://www.cfrscca.org/?page_id=70

Chris Wells- PDX chief driving instructor.
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There are some new rules for the TES enduro competitors when at Daytona regarding pit lane timing and your required pit stop. Check the CFR website.

There was a recent South East Division planning meeting. There was discussion about ideas on how to help areas with very small car count turnouts, and maybe combining some events or creating some combined events by zones around the country. Participation is down all over the country. While CFR still has many competitors, there are other areas that get maybe 50 cars for the whole weekend. That doesn't cover the costs to put on an event. So those are the areas being talked about.

The next board of governors meeting is Sept 8 at the Quality Inn at the junction of I-4 & US 27.

There was continued discussion about how to balance PDX on race weekends.

We have allowed some individuals to start a rally-cross program in CFR. Think autocross without pavement. We would like some reports and news-pictures contributed by those involved about how that program is doing.

Be thinking about worker award recipients to nominate for our annual meeting in December, which will be hosted by district 7 (Daytona area) this year. Categories and past recipients are listed on the CFR website.

Dave Fredrick

Governor Bill Martin presided over the August meeting for **District Three** which was held at Rossi's Pizza on S. Orange Blossom Trail in Orlando. We had a good turnout despite the inclement thunderstorm weather.

Our Double SARRC at Daytona had 234 entries on Saturday and 214 on Sunday and good, competitive races for both days. Unfortunately, the last race of Sunday was cancelled due to lightning and bad weather.

From our Director, Robin Langlotz, entries at races nationwide are still low - sometimes in the 50 - 70 car range. Thanks to everyone who works behind the scenes and at the track to help make our CFR events among the most highly attended.

Our Labor Day race will be in Sebring on the long course and we will pit/paddock on the 12 hour side. This event should have something for everyone - a Regional Enduro, PDX and Vintage races. We'll be back at Daytona, Sept. 29-30.

Chuck Lutz - Solo Chairman, reported that their next event would be August 19 at Geneva. September will be a very busy month for them with a PBOC test and tune event in Sebring Sept. 8-9; OCC on Sept. 15-16; and Daytona Sept. 29-30 in conjunction with our race.

We concluded the business portion and moved on to door prizes and the all important bench racing.

As always check our web sites or with the appropriate chief/chairman for the most up-to-date information.

See you at the track!

Fran

Flag Ravings

by: Sally Larson

DOUBLE SARRC Daytona - Good participation with over 200 cars entered. Great driving and minimal mayhem ... **it was All Good**. On Sunday, the Group 5 race had to be shortened and the Group 6 race was canceled due to lightning with horizontal rain and wind. When a storm approaches, the Tower watches their lightning meter and promptly shuts down if the lightning is within 10 miles. They'll keep you posted. **It's safety first for all.. always**. Just in case, with a storm on the horizon, stay away from anything metal.

Timing and Scoring was moved cross track on drivers left at Daytona - make a note for future reference if you're called to T & S in the future.

Drivers, as always, remember to check your transponders be sure all batteries are fully charged or, if connected to the car's battery, check the connections. Also, give your number the distance test ... from 100 yards away, if you can't read them, neither can we. **All the workers will love you for it**.

EMPHASIS ON COMMUNICATIONS: First, be sure your radios or scanners are on the right channel ... sometimes we have to switch the **Primary channel from 5 to 3**. If you have crew members, family or friends with scanners, let them know too, so they can **"Share the Action."**

For Workers - Be sure to give complete proper information when you call. Turn number, car number and color, incident information and location including driver condition, plus what EV you might need. **Listen** before you key your mike, and be sure to hold all calls except emergency calls if there is a serious incident elsewhere, **Observe radio silence during the pace** and first lap of a race or for a quick spot call around. **Silence is golden**. If you're trying to make a call, say Control-Control before starting your call to be sure to avoid cutting yourself off. If Control tells you to hold your call, please do so, again, unless you have an emergency. CC writes down your Turn number and will get back to you as soon as possible. **Say Control-Control, emergency to get prompt attention if needed. Also most important** - check your mike button. If CC reports an open mike, double check yours and any Club radio in your vicinity. An open mike makes good communications almost impossible. **Good communications are critical to safe racing**.

New Corner Worker assignments: The Flag Chiefs are now assigning a Corner Worker to the Tower to

observe and to shadow the Chief Communicator and Loggers. This is to enable you to see the Tower activity up close and personal. You'll get a sense of the volume of information received and how important it is to be able to be clearly understood when you call.

Please note - There is only one CC working each session. He or she has to listen to all our reports from all the corners plus other specialties like Grid, Pit and field people like the Course Marshall all at the same time. CC also has to listen to the directions from the Stewards and relay them to the Corners, Start, Black Flag, and any other specialties involved. The CC has to coordinate all EV's needed for cars and their location to the Track Dispatcher in the Tower to dispatch the necessary EV's, **all of this, sometimes at once**.

Whereas, as a Corner Worker, when you are on Com, you are responsible to coordinate with your Captain and make an intelligent complete call to the Chief Communicator in the Tower. However, on the other hand, CC has to coordinate the information simultaneously from all the areas at any given moment to keep everyone informed

Each one is a Poster Child, giving multitasking a new meaning. **Give the CC's a break**. The better we understand how the other specialties operate, the better we can work together.

How can you help? First by listening to the net. If you have a pull off in a safe place, give way to a **"car into a barrier, 50% track blockage, need and EV now"** report. CC will get back to you later. You may even find your call didn't even have to be called in at all.

Will you make mistakes? Sure. But remember a mistake doesn't become a stupid mistake unless you repeat it. **Learn from your mistakes and you'll gain in experience and knowledge**. The more we understand, the better we'll all be as Corner Workers.

There is still lots of racing to come before our final race of the season, the **Turkey Trot in November**. We're the envy of devoted racing folks in Northland. Try to schedule in working as many races as possible, **... the more the merrier**.





Remember When...

1956 Sebring 12-Hour Grand Prix

Submitted by Louis Galanos
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The 1956 Sebring 12-Hour Grand Prix was an historic one for that fabled track. Not only were the European factories coming in force to battle for the World Sportscar Championship but Ferrari and General Motors were making their first factory appearance. General Motors would be entering a

team of Corvettes for the first time in international competition. Juan Fangio and Eugenio Castellotti would eventually win the race in a factory Ferrari 860 Monza giving Ferrari their first win at Sebring. A Ferrari would come in second giving them the first ever one-two finish for a manufacturer.



SCCA President Jim Kimberly



Factory Ferrari team at Sebring



Jack Ensley and Briggs Cunningham



The Porsche factory entries



Moss's Aston-Martin vs Hawthorn's D-Jag



Juan Fangio in winning Ferrari

Daytona Double SARRC Races

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Sidney Finkel



Sergio Reyes



Ron Zitza



Robin Langlotz gets 2nd place in class



Paul Ronnie



Paul Ronnie takes the shorter line



Mike Nacarato



Marc Dana



Daytona Double SARRC Races

Photos by: Dave Green



Evelyn Vlasak



Casey McKibben takes a spin



Casey McKibben takes a spin



Casey McKibben takes a spin



Casey McKibben takes a spin



Bill Riddell



Thomas Burt STL record just under 2 21



3 wide going into 1 never works out for someone

Daytona Double SARRC Races

Photos by: Dave Green



Jose Rimerez



John Davison



James Coyne



Great save by Menas Arkarjalian



Great save by Menas Arkarjalian



Great save by Menas Arkarjalian



Great save by Menas Arkarjalian



Geneva Solo Event

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Brendan Lutz Top Time 41 plus



Bryce Merideth STX



Chuck Lutz Top Time 34 9 tenths



Chuck Lutz



Ian Adams STR



Geneva Solo Event

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Ken Trier XFM Quickest of the day at 31 6 tenths



Mark Luscuskie NS2



Mathew Altobeli STR



Nicholas Bernardo STR



Nick Rocca SSP



Nick Rocca SSP



Geneva Solo Event

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P. Schroeder BM



P. Schroeder BM



Robert White EP



Stephen Martin EM



Thomas Yankee FSAE



Thomas Yankee FSAE

July PDX - Sebring

Photos by: Dave Green





How I Spent My Summer Vacation

Written by: Jim Magero

Four race weekends, in four states in five weeks **spread across 2000 miles** can only mean one thing: *you have a supportive spouse*. We left Florida in late June to race at Nelson Ledges, Ohio, Blackhawk Farms, IL, Summit Point, WV and Watkins Glen, NY.

On this trip **we learned how great SCCA truly is**. At each track we went through registration, tech, false grid etc. similar to our home track. The processes and procedures were almost identical at each track which made for an easy and comfortable transition.

The **racing was great** and until the last lap of the last race the car ran fine which also made for a pleasant trip. But what really made this an exceptional experience was the people of the Club. At every track the registration workers were friendly and welcoming. The scrutineers were competent and helpful. The competitors and workers went out of their way to make us feel welcome.

At Nelson Ledges two close competitors helped me understand the track and gave me hints which improved my speed. Keep in mind we were racing within a tenth of a second of each other.

At Blackhawk Farms a group of members stopped to

give my wife and I a ride to registration (most welcome in the 100 degree heat). Another member tossed me his car keys so that I could use his SUV to get something I had forgotten to bring to tech.

At Summit Point the RE and assistant RE made us feel at home and even arranged to let us stay in the track Sunday night so we wouldn't have to hit the road in the dark.

At Watkins Glen, one of those competitors I mentioned earlier, talked me through the track in the parking lot. He literally instructed me turn by turn as to which gear to be in, when to brake etc. I knocked 15 seconds off my time if that gives you some idea how slow I was going before the tutorial.

The entire trip was one pleasant surprise after another. It was an amazing display of camaraderie, good clean competition and great people who share the same passion. We came back pledging to try to make others feel as welcome and comfortable when visiting our Florida tracks as they did for us.

SCCA you are an amazing organization and it is because of your people.

Thank you all.



July PDX - Sebring - Photos by: Dave Green

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