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When & Where

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 **Charlie & Jakes Brewery & Grill** 6300 Wickham Rd in Melbourne, FL

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 6pm at **Smoke'n Pit -** 1641 N. Tamiami Trl., North 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: Alacuha,

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.

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Out Of Region

Carlos Garcia Hialeah



2012 Event Schedule

for CFR and Surrounding Regions

	October			February 2013		
5-7	Porsche Club Daytona Full Course	DIS	8	Test Day Sebring Long Course	SIR	
6	Tire Rack Street Survival School - Geneva		9-10	SARRC / Regional Races / Vintage		
19	Test Day - Sebring Short Course	SIR		Sebring Long Course - 12 Hour Paddock		
20-21	SARRC(2012)/Regional Races/Vintage Sebring Short Course-Green Park Paddock			March 2013		
	November		12-16	12 Hours of Sebring Sebring Long Course	SIR	
8-11	Historic Sportscar Racing Daytona Full Course	DIS	21-24	St. Pete Grand Prix St. Pete Waterfront Street Circuit	IRL	
10-11	Florida Region SARRC(2012)/ECR(2012)/TES Fi Palm Beach Intl Raceway	nale		April 2013		
13-14	Grand Am Testing Daytona	DIS	6-7	Florida Region SARRC / ECR / TES / FES Palm Beach International Speedway		
23	Test Day – Sebring – Long Course	SIR	13-14	Driver School & PDX		
24-25	Regional Races			Daytona School Course		
	Sebring Long Course – 12 Hour Paddock			May 2013		
	December		5-6	Regional Races / TES Enduro / Solo		
7-9	Audi Club	DIS		Daytona Full Course (solo on Kart Track)		
	Daytona Full Course		18-19	Florida Region SARRC/SARRC		
8-9	Annual Membership Meeting & Awards Banquet			Palm Beach International Raceway		
	El Caribe Resort - Daytona Beach		31	Test Day	SIR	
				Sebring Short Course		
				June 2013		
	January 2013		1-2	Regional Races / Vintage / PDX		
2-3	Test Days	SIR		Sebring Short Course - Green Park Paddock		
	Sebring Long Course		9-10	Florida Region Double SARRC / ECR / TES / I	FES	
4-6	Double National Races			Homestead - Miami Speedway		
	Sebring Long Course - 12 Hour Paddock			July 2013		
	Grand AM Testing	DIS	00.04			
	Daytona		20-21	Driver School / Vintage / TES Enduro / PDX		
11-13	Florida Region Double National Homestead - Miami Speedway			Sebring Short Course - Green Park Paddock'		
24-27	Rolex 24 Hours					
	Daytona International Speedway					



From the BOG Chair...

The CFR By-Laws and CFR Policy Manual provide for elections of the Financial Advisor, Race Board Chairman, Solo Board Chairman, Rally Board Chairman, PDX Coordinator, BOG Chairman and BOG Vice-Chairman at the winter or end of the year meeting of the CFR Board of Governors. The winter meeting of the BOG will be held on December 9, 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 220082, 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 October 25, 2012.* Those individuals currently holding these positions should indicate their desire to continue in their respective position by emailing the BOG Chair by October 25, 2012.

Notice of Elections

Elections for Governor and Lieutenant Governor for Districts 2, 4, 6 and 8 will be held prior to the Annual Meeting on December 8, 2012.

Nominations for candidates in these Districts should be provided in writing by October 9, 2012 to:

CFR Secretary Robin Ragaglia 19214 Timber Pine Lane, Orlando, FL 32833

According to the requirements of Article IV, Section 4 of the CFR By-Laws. The elected Governor and Lieutenant Governor for Districts 2, 4, 6 and 8 will be seated at the BOG Meeting on December 9, 2012 at the El Caribe Resort and Conference Center in Daytona Beach, FL.

BOG Minutes, Saturday, June 23, 2012

The CFR's Board Of Governors met on June 23, 2012 at El Caribe Resort in Daytona Beach, FL. All Governors were present except District 2 Governor, Dana DeShong. District 2 Lieutenant Governor Jerry Hicks substituted for Dana.

Bill Martin resigned his position as a Co-Competition Coordinator. Bill received a standing ovation by all assembled.

Co-Competitions Coordinators — Bill Martin and Dennis Joyce informed the BOG on track activities. The Race Schedule for 2013 (Daytona Beach) is waiting for printing. Daytona International Speedway has not advised us of the PCA, Audi Cars or HSR dates. DIS has not confirmed if there will be an Italian Cars event this year. The ChumpCars event at DIS was successful. The contract between IndyCar and St. Petersburg for the St. Pete Grand Prix has been extended through 2017.

RE – SCCA continues the marketing campaign to increase membership. The schedule with the Southeast Division will be given next month.

Treasurer – Robin Ragaglia, as her last official duty, reported CFR enjoyed a surplus in 2011-2012 due to having more events at DIS. All present gave her an ovation for her service to CFR. Robin pledged to assist the new CFR Treasurer in their transition into the new position.

Financial Advisor – Jim Magero provided a portfolio review document showing positive growth for the year to date.

Race Board Chairman - Robin Langlotz thanked Pamella MacGregor for the June party at Kenilworth. Robin stated car counts continue to be down. TES will be at the September event at DIS. ChumpCar would like to participate in SCCA as their own run group. Timing & Scoring will move into the 500 Club building at DIS and the start/finish line at the tri-oval will be used. SCCA National Office has asked Robin to critique other regions racing programs. CFR has set the standard and National is looking for operations assistance.

Area 3 Director – Robin Langholtz reported that membership is dropping. Perhaps the National lists



From the BOG Chair...

need to be user friendly. Robin informed the BOG that National has appointed a committee and hired a consultant to examine issues pertaining to insurance. Spec Racers will change to Mazda engines in 2015.

Rally Board – Doug McCabe, submitted a report advising the Board that Rallycross has conducted 4 events thus far with an average driver count of 20. The Southeast Division will hold its Divisional Rallycross at the Starke facility in September. Doug foresees an increase in entries and he would like to find additional sites of 10 to 15 acres.

Secretary – Richard Bittmann, as his last official duty, reminded everyone elections for the even numbered district governorships are this year. Richard received an ovation for his service to CFR.

Checker – Kevin Crain reported that we will continue to send print copies and encourage members to go online to read the Checker.

Web – Lee Hill discussed Central Florida Region and hopes to get more PDX information into our website.

Merchandise – Fran Martin continues to sell t-shirts, decals and patches.

OLD BUSINESS:

A "Policy on Public Statements by CFR Officials" was adopted by a 7-2 vote to be included in the CFR Policy Manual.

The ad hoc committee, chaired by BOG Vice-Chairman, Bob Sieck, is reviewing the CFR By Laws and will make a final recommendation to the Board on revisions at the September meeting.

Checker – "Can we afford to send it monthly?" The question was tabled for further discussion.

Election of Lieutenant Governors - Richard Bittmann suggested that we follow the by-laws already established for the elections. The Board adopted his suggestion.

Dennis Joyce will continue as Competition Coordinator. The motion/discussion on a Competition Committee was tabled until the September meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Board elected Chuck Dawson as CFR Regional

Executive, Lee Hill as Assistant CFR Regional Executive, Robin Ragaglia as CFR Secretary, Walt Williams as CFR Treasurer and Debbie Cole as CFR Assistant Treasurer.

The Board reviewed and approved the 2012-2013 Operating Budget and Capital Budget submitted by Chuck Dawson and Lee Hill by a unanimous vote. Discussion centered on capital expenditures. The main expenses are radios and races. Timing and Scoring Director, Janet Harhay, asked for two recorders for \$5,500.00. T & S equipment is 40 years old. Trailers and golf carts continue to be expenses. Building maintenance is always a concern, as are radios and miscellaneous equipment. Charlie Leonard mentioned that we need more golf carts, and that we need to paint the deck at the Sebring T&S building.

The Board decided all communications requesting CFR Staffing at race events should be with the Competition Coordinator.

A question concerning future PDX events was placed on the agenda at the request of Governor Ron Offutt. Art Trier, PDX Chief, Tim Reardon and PDX drivers offered an insight into PDX and their plans to expand PDX. They seek more PDX events. A discussion ensued about using the full course at both SIR and DIS and safety and tire issues.

Bill Martin said that there can be no overnight RV parking at DIS.

The BOG asked the BOG Chairman to invite the RallyCross Chairman to the September meeting so that the Governors may hear directly from him.

Everyone should be certain of email addresses and phone numbers, in order for CFR to maintain up-to-date information.

Respectfully submitted, Charlaine Free BOG Recording Secretary



Dixie Divisional Challenge

By Doug McCabe / Photos by: Dave Green

The **Dixie Divisional Challenge** was held September 15&16 at the **FIRM in Starke**. This is the first Divisional held in Florida and our drivers came out to support the event!

They also did very well!

Dunker Felix - 2nd Modified All Wheel Drive

* Nick Martinez - 1st Modified Front *
Carlos Fillipe - 2nd Modified Front
Juan Cardozo - 4th Modified Front

Brent Thompson - 2nd Performance All Wheel Drive

* Peter Podsiedik 1st Performance Front Wheel Drive*

Rick Wilson - 2nd Performance Front Wheel Drive Kelly Podsiedik - 2nd Performance Front Wheel Drive

Skip Cambre - 2nd Performance Rear Wheel Drive Colin Rodgers - 3rd Performance Rear Wheel Drive

* Jesse Yuvali - 1st Stock Rear Wheel Drive * Kenny Bissada - 2nd Stock Rear Wheel Drive

CONGRATS ALL!!! Good Going!!!!

Thanks to Dave Green for coming out and taking some great pics!!!

Next CFR event is October 20th at Pt. St. Lucie Fairgrounds. This site was used in the past by Florida Region and the drivers like it.

Registration will again be on DLB. Registration and Tech at the event start at 8 am!!!

See ya there!!!



Nick Martinez



Peter Podsiedik



Carlos Fillipe



Juan Cardozo



Rick Wilson



Skip Cambre



Dixie Divisional Challenge

By Doug McCabe / Photos by: Dave Green



Leon Drake



Wes Stuckey



Tim Boyett



Damon Cuccia



Tony Brizzolara



Colin Rogers



Justin Boyett



Charles Wright



Duncker Felix



Rally Times

By Doug McCabe

The CFR Rallycross Program is off to a <u>Great start</u>. But it still is a start. Securing sites still has been the main challenge. We now have 4 sites we are going to be using and looking for more. The nature of the event and the sandy nature of most areas makes this a problem. We can have an event and if the area tears up badly, it could be months before we can reuse. Thus the need for more sites!! And this makes our schedule reliant on when the sites are ready to be used again.

I see a more steady schedule in the next 6 months. As of now we have a date of **Oct. 20th at St. Lucie Fairgrounds.** This was a site in CFR used by Fla region the drivers really like. So we will use it as often as possible. We are also looking at a event between that event and Thanksgiving weekend. Then a event in January. This is as far in advance as we have been able to plan.

We have a very good core group of drivers and most cars are now set up for **Rallycross only**. The drivers are looking at investing more in the program as they feel the region is behind the program. Most of these drivers, this is the first contact they have had with SCCA and are interested in the club. I see us doubling the entry count as we enter next year.

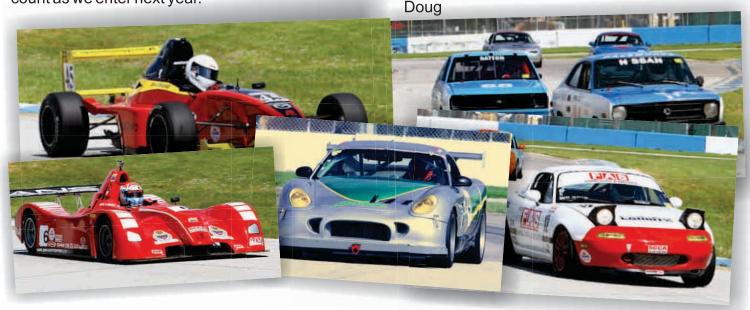
As far as expenses, I only for see site fees and sanction fees being the main cost. We are getting a spare tire for the trailer and could have a few maintenance costs on the equipment. I do not for see any major expenses in the next 6 months.

Input from the Divisional Steward is that for having 3 events we are doing great and we have a high level of competition. The drivers are working toward stage rally and doing Divisional if not National events. This is what I felt the region needs to be doing as a region for its drivers.

I only see the program growing in the next year with the regions support. Thanks also to Big Wrench Racing for all the support equipment wise and financially on anything the region does not cover expense wise.

Any questions, please reply to this report or call me. If I do not hear anything I will take it we are *going in the right direction.*

Thanks,





District News

District 1 meeting - 9/11/12

(22 people in attendance)

Topics brought up for discussion included the announcement of the **merger of Grand Am & ALMS**. Basically that GA has acquired all the ALMS assets. This includes SIR (Sebring).

It was mentioned that at the recent **Labor Day** weekend event on the long course at Sebring, the main straightaway on drivers left side a brand new thick concrete barricade wall like is used for the St. Pete Grand Prix, has been constructed. And in neat stacks were the upright posts for the construction of a catch fence. Time will reveal what other changes are in store for that facility.

Some highlights from the most recent BOG meeting were mentioned. *Membership chair Joyce Hayward is stepping down, and pit worker Jay Strole will take on those duties.* There are some potential changes to the 2013 event & PDX schedule.

A call for race workers for upcoming events at Daytona. These are non-SCCA "other" club events plus Grand Am testing. Providing workers to support these events is part of our agreement with Daytona management. There are four events from October through December; Porsche Club, HSR, Audi Club, and the early Grand Am testing mentioned. We need F&C of course, Pits, Grid, and Start. As an incentive to attract workers, there will be gas cards for each day, plus a partial amount towards hotel rooms. As always refer to the CFR website, and the CFR news website for specific dates and details.

It was mentioned how the August and early September club events compared to our budget projections.

The current status of CFR's long term savings & investment account was mentioned. It is still earning at an above average rate, thanks to Jim Magero.

National office in Topeka wants more influence over our CFR events. For instance they would like our January national event to be a "super tour" event again this year. But they want to set the groups and group running order. Our past data indicate the super tour title does not really get us that many more entries, and the tradeoffs could cost our competitors track time. They can bring their hype, but we'll retain control thank you.

For the late September event next at Daytona, the competitors in the open wheel group got together and requested as a group they would like to have a separate practice session, instead of two races that weekend. The group will be combined for practice, but split into two groups by speed potential for the race. The overall track time will be the same as the other groups, just distributed differently. The point is that when competitors get together and make requests and suggestions in a unified way, our officers and organizers try to accommodate. Just voicing a suggestion as an individual is not as effective.

Go to district & BOG meetings, and be involved with the well being of our region.

Don't just show up on race day.

Dave Fredrick

District Three's September meeting was held at Rossi's Pizza on S. Orange Blossom Trail in Orlando with Governor Bill Martin presiding.

A review of the third quarter BOG meeting was given. In summary - our club racing activities are meeting budget expectations and our portfolio is exceeding S & P and other markers Y-T-D. CFR's racing program fields more cars than most other regions across the nation.



District News

We continue look for ways to include other cars, i.e., Camaro Cup and vintage (VDCA), in our program to increase interest. The addition of PDX to our race events has been quite successful. At the request of the formula car drivers, at Daytona, they will have 2 races and a practice session rather than 3 races. On the Sebring short course, there will be a combined practice for all formula cars with split races - FAs and other wings 'n things in one and FVs in another.

The Board recognized that Solo is doing a great job. Chuck Lutz, Chm., has instituted actions that have improved participation such as a Face Book page and updating the Solo web page.

Our Area III Director, Robin Langlotz, shared information about the new proposed national racing program from Topeka. The Majors program is an umbrella title covering Super Tours, Invitational and Festivals and these events would be run by a separate entity instead of the SCCA Region. At this time, the program is being fleshed out and the regions may opt out of participation.

Joyce Hayward, our longtime Membership Chairman, is stepping down. THANK YOU, JOYCE - for your many years of service to CFR and our members. Jay Strole, who works Pits and who is a recent transplant from 'up north', has volunteered to take on Membership responsibilities.

The addition of a CFR Lifetime Achievement Award has been proposed by the RE. It would be awarded at the Annual Meeting to one person based on their overall commitment to CFR.

There was also discussion about the recent GRANDAM/ALMS merger. We know both our tracks (Daytona and Sebring) are included but our schedules through 2013 should not be affected. Dennis Joyce, Competition Coordinator, will continue to keep lines of communication open with track officials.

Road America will be the Runoffs location through 2013 but new venues are being solicited. VIR, Indy and Circuit of the Americas (Austin, TX.) are currently being considered. CFR will have volunteers at the 2012 runoffs. Rick and Barbara Henschel and Robin Langlotz are among those are headed north and we look forward to great stories upon their return.

We had 181 race entries and 38 PDX participants at our last event at Sebring. Weather was hot (September in Florida dont'cha know) but no rain. The racing was good on the long course and although there were several accidents, no humans were injured. The real pains were withdrawals from the wallet. Solo had 38 participants at the Sebring PBOC event, September 8.

Upcoming CFR activities include a Solo at OCC, September 15-16 and a Race/Solo event at Daytona, September 29-30.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR......

Fall "mini-pro" events at Daytona are just around the corner. CFR provides worker support for Porsche Club, HSR and Audi.

Also look for information about this year's Annual Meeting hosted in Daytona by District 7 and make your reservations.

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



Letters to the Editor

Hi everybody, it's that time of the year again for our annual Turkey Trot Pot Luck Dinner.

Last year was fabulous so everybody is saying. So you will not want to miss this year on November 24th 2012. As you may remember this is when we honor Gail Kasson who was a longtime member and a friend to so many SCCA members also to step our social for the holidays.

This year we have a refrigerator at the club house donated by the MacGregor's so we have a place to store food for those arriving on Friday night or Saturday. All you have to do is label it and place it on the shelf. We can take it from there. We will have the tent, tables and chairs and a grill this year instead of a smoker. But if someone would like to bring a smoker we could definitely use it.

I will prepare a turkey, gravy, Sausage dressing, Sweet Potatoes, Mac & Cheese and a dessert or 2 the rest is up to you!

We will need the following food items, appetizers, meats, salads, casseroles and desserts as your pot luck dish to share. The usual meats needed are Pork loin, racks of ribs, brats, hamburger patties, hotdogs and chicken breast.

Last year although they were all great, we had an over

abundant amount of Jell-O salads and Jell-O desserts so please if you can change it up this year.

We will need volunteers to help cook on the grill, warm up dishes and set up tables and help on the serving line starting after lunch on Saturday. The more help we get the faster we can start serving. I know how much you hate to wait.

Oh you don't cook well, we have just the thing, we need setup items; sturdy plates, spoons, knives, forks, napkins, 60lbs of charcoal,1 propane tank, 5lbs stick butter, total of 8 cans mixed of jelly & regular Cranberry sauce. We normally serve around 300-400 people at this event so, please let me know how much you plan to bring so I can make sure we have enough for everyone. We will also have a donation bucket if you just want to bring money to offset the cost.

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As a backup only! - if you have trouble with my personal email address my office email is:
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Thanks to everyone, I look forward to hearing form you.

This is one of the reason I enjoy SCCA. One hot day in Daytona on August 12, 2012 I was approached by a driver that wanted to get a photo taken with his car in front of the infamous Daytona Start / Finish Line. So here is this wonderful story I have to share with you.

John Miksula has been racing since the age of 9 years old, he started off in Carts and enjoyed the thrill. At the age of 13 he raced his first race at Daytona in a Cart. By the age of 16 he began racing Fords. At the age of 28 he had always dreamed of coming back to Daytona and racing again. Well racing and coming back to Daytona he did. In front of almost his whole family there giving him support. John took 1st Place. What makes this special to me is that John came from Chicago to do this. When kids dream of coming to Florida they dream of going to Disney World. When men dream, they dream of coming to Daytona.

Well John, your dream came true. Thank you for coming out to play with us and bringing your toys. Stories like this is why I enjoy being a part of SCCA.

Jay Strole
CFR SCCA-Pits











Flag Ravings

by: Sally Larson

SEPTEMBER IN SEBRING: Full schedule of events - something of interest for everyone. Regional races, TES Enduro, Vintage, and PDX.... **Super busy** days for all Workers.

Drivers - Several notes to remember. Drivers, both PDX and Club Racers, if using temporary tape numbers on your cars, be sure to do the Tape Test - whereas up close, the numbers are very visible ... from any distance they just disappear. A couple of examples - Blue tape on black cars are just a blur, and light green on white does the same thing. Make sure there is a distinct difference in color ... light numbers on a dark car, dark colors on a light car. Corner Workers who have to call in car numbers will appreciate it, as well as T&S, the Stewards and the Chief Communicators. None of us are getting any younger and evesight doesn't get any better with a-g-e. Past a certain point, squinting doesn't help either. Another reminder, anyone using a transponder ... double check that your transponder and your Tech sticker match. That was a big problem for T&S. There was a very long list of mismatched numbers, which necessitated all those drivers having to check in with T&S. *This in turn,* delayed the start of the next session. With lots of cars and classes, timing is vital ... the Stewards do their best trying to get all sessions and races in on their allotted time. Wasted time means possible shorter sessions, particularly when rain is threatened. Something the Drivers, or the officials, really want to avoid.

For Corner Workers, please be sure to make complete calls ... Turn number, flag condition, car numbers and colors, what happened and Driver condition, coordinates for where cars are, and what they will need. Specify if the car needs to be moved now or at the end of the session. I know that's a lot of information to be kept in mind, but if necessary, make yourself a cheat sheet so you'll know what to cover. Corners are really good to pick up numbers of the cars at incidents both up and downstream of the incident ... if another

corner might have the number, call it in. This helps everyone.

And, as always, the open mike problem. The Chief Communicators have come up with a fix to try to ascertain exactly where the open mike is. They announce "If you can hear this, raise your hand." Look around you and also at any other visible corner. If you can't, see a raised hand, the person or persons not raising their hands are the culprits. An open mike almost shuts down the communications system. Inconvenient time consuming is possibly dangerous for everyone out toiling in the in the fields of race.

ON ANOTHER NOTE: For the last race at Sebring, the *car count was up*. We'd been experiencing a lower count for most of last year either because of the economy, or everyone cutting back financially. *This race, the Regional car count was 161... Up almost 16%, For the Enduro the number of Cars and Drivers totaled 67-up 27.6%. PDX logged in 42 participants... and it was their first time driving on the Sebring long course. <i>This is encouraging news for everyone.*

Everyone is a potential recruiter for participation in weekend events. Each of us ARE CFR and SCCA to everyone we meet. Talk it up, encourage folks to become part of the action. We live by increasing our membership in whatever specialty we participate in. More hands and feet on the corners and assistance in specialties, makes for an easier time for all of us. People can't get interested in anything they don't know about ... we're a great bunch of people to work with ... just make sure everyone knows about it.

FOR FLAGGERS AND DRIVERS: Yellow Flags and their observance are becoming increasingly important...often resulting in penalties to the Drivers. For Drivers, we cannot emphasize the need to check each Corner Station on every lap. This is the only way we can inform you of track



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conditions and keep everyone safe.

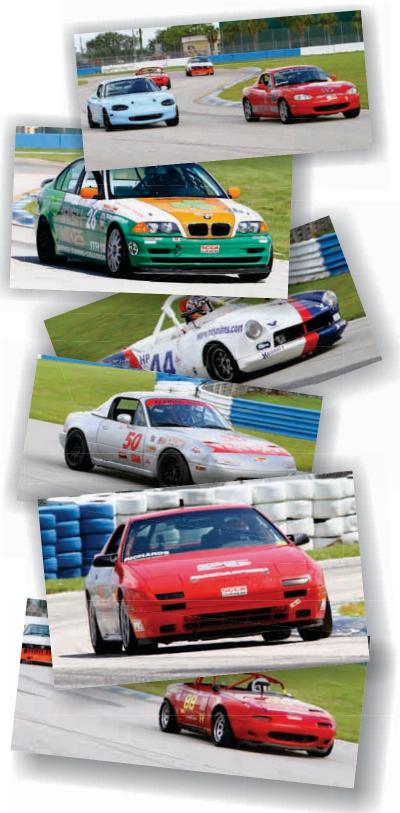
For us, as Flaggers, it means flagging "large" - do everything possible to be sure you and the flags are as visible as possible to on-coming cars. Workers, talk to your Driver buddies ... ask which corners are the worst for flag visibility ... we can't change the location of our flags, but if we understand where they are looking and when, it may help us understand and maybe make us more effective. We have to call it in, but we have to have 2 witnesses. However, if there are extenuating circumstances like the car was in a group, or there was not enough time for the Driver to see the flag, add that too. On a blatant pass, call-in "observe car # for passing under yellow, if that's the case that will differentiate a one time' oops' from a "this is my track and I'll pass when I want to."

YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE CRAZY TO BE INVOLVED IN RACING The Readers' Digest version. Load car on trailer-hitch to RV. Oops. trailer electrical system will not play nice with the RV. It refused to "get the power" RV wanted to go no more than 40 mph in "under-drive". Not acceptable. Then fixed itself ... wonder if laying hands on it and screaming HEAL had anything to do with it. At RV Park, car decides to join us IN the RV., fortunately stopping before it rearranged the back of the RV. Enter help from 2 former World of Outlaw drivers who appeared. At track, car became incontinent overnight and there was a giant pool of oil under it with the help of many racing buddies, that was taken care of and a successful weekend of racing was enjoyed. All was well that ended well with a little help from our friends. "Just another saga in racing history." Maybe being crazy is a good thing!

Thanks friends!

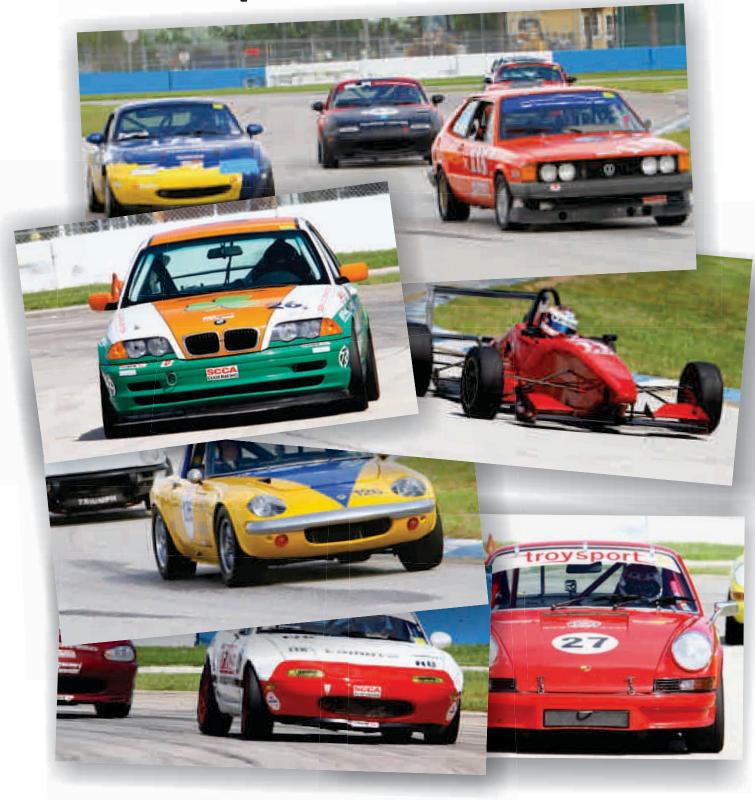
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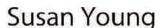
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