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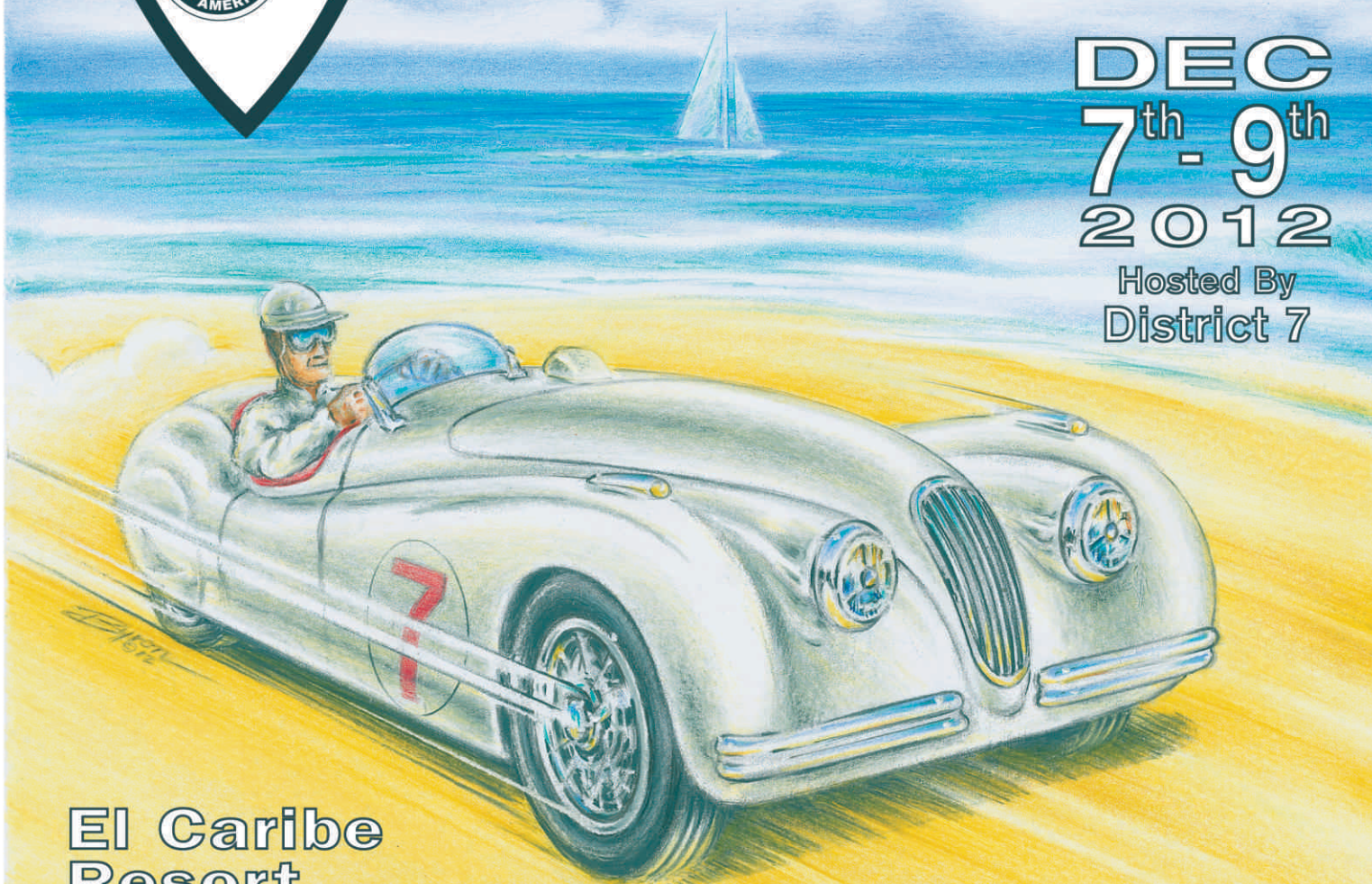
ANNUAL MEETING



BASH ON THE BEACH

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7th - 9th
2012

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El Caribe
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DAYTONA

Weekend Highlights

Friday Evening Registration/Social
Saturday Morning General Membership Meeting
Saturday Noon Worker Appreciation Lunch
Saturday Evening Annual Banquet
Sunday Morning Board of Governors Meeting

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More information available by visiting the 2012 Annual Meeting Website

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Join your friends for the fun, All are Welcome!!



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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.

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

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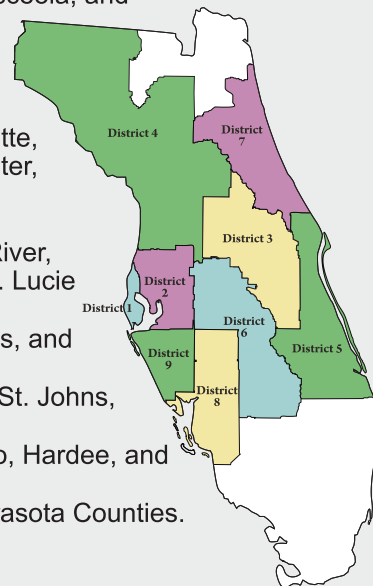
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District 7: Flagler, Putnam, St. Johns, and Volusia Counties.

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

District 9: Manatee and Sarasota Counties.



2012 Event Schedule for CFR and Surrounding Regions

November 2012

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

December 2012

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



FROM THE BOG CHAIR

MICHAEL WINGO

The CFR's Board Of Governors met on September 8, 2012 at the Hampton Inn in Lakeland, FL. All Governors were present except District 4 and District 5.

The ad hoc committee (chaired by BOG Vice-Chairman, Bob Sieck, RBC Robin Langlotz, RE Chuck Dawson, Asst. RE Lee Hill and District 7 Governor, Larry Morgan) are reviewing the CFR By Laws and will make a final recommendation to the Board on revisions at the December meeting.

Competition Coordinator Dennis Joyce reported he awaits the completion of the merger of Grand Am and ALMS.

RE Chuck Dawson The CFR schedule is on the CFR website. Chuck is taking measures to ensure any concerns or complaints are addressed and acted upon promptly. PDX has been a good program and requires a few tweaks. Joyce Hayward is stepping down as Membership Chair. The *"mini pro events"* at Daytona (PCA, HSR, Grand Am test and Audi Cars) have a workers' reimbursement procedure that is administered by Dave MacGregor.

Robin Langlotz, Race Board Chairman stated Bob Shafer is negotiating with VCDA to come to a Sebring event.

Financial Adviser, Jim Magero reported positive growth for the year to date.

Area 3 Director, Robin Langlotz informed the BOG that SCCA National is starting a national racing program called *"Majors"* that will replace the National races run by the regions. Car counts are up in the Southeast Division. The National Run-offs will move in two years. Proposed sites are Circuit of

Americas, VIR and Indianapolis Speedway.

Secretary, Robin Ragaglia reported there are currently 2113 members in CFR.

Checker Editor, Kevin Crane is receiving lots of photos. Kevin is requesting more written submissions from anyone. The article should be submitted by the fifteenth of the month.

Solo Chair, Chuck Lutz, submitted a report. Solo has held 3 events since June. Car counts are up and many novices have participated. Solo will conduct 3 events in September, 2 events in October and 1 event in November and December. Be sure to visit Solo's website and Facebook page.

Jay Strole agreed to be the *Membership Chair*.

The winter meeting of the BOG will be held in conjunction with the Annual Meeting, hosted by District 7, at the El Caribe Resort in Daytona Beach. The Annual Meeting will be held on December 8 and the BOG meeting will be on December 9.

I would like to acknowledge and thank Joyce Hayward for her tireless effort and service to CFR as Membership Chair. Joyce is not quitting CFR or SCCA. She promises she will still come around, but she feels it is time to slow down a bit.

If you have items of business or issues you wish the BOG to consider at a meeting, contact your District Governor.

Thanks to all of you for your membership in CFR. I look forward to seeing you at the Annual Meeting. District 7 Governor Larry Morgan promises a fun oceanside event at The El Caribe Resort.

Michael Wingo

Chairman, CFR BOG

Annual Meeting Announcement - District 7, CFR-SCCA, is proud to announce that Camp Boggy Creek will be the selected charity for this year's Annual Meeting, and thus will be the recipient of the proceeds of the silent auction. 100% of the funds raised will be donated to the charity. If you have any items you wish to donate for the auction, please contact Gov. Larry Morgan through the references below. Further, for those who want to make an individual monetary donation, please contact Gov. Morgan for details. Items for the silent auction

will be displayed in the hospitality room and the auction will continue from the beginning of the weekend until late Saturday evening. For more information on Camp Boggy Creek, please see the link below. I encourage everyone to check their website and see other ways you may be able to help their cause.

<http://www.boggycreek.org/index.html>

Sincerely,

Larry Joseph Morgan



October 2, 1948

Checkered Flag Waves at 1st Postwar U.S. Road Race in Watkins Glen (NY)

Written by: Ron Johnson

On this day in 1948, the 1st American road race since **WW II** takes place in *Watkins Glen*, a tiny town near the Finger Lakes in New York. **In 1961, the Watkins Glen event was added to the F1 G/P schedule & for the next 20 years** it was a destination for the world's best drivers. Compared to Monte Carlo & other sophisticated stops on the F1 circuit, Watkins Glen was scarcely even on the map (*Sports Illustrated* poked fun at its "*courage & cornpone, sophistication w/straw in its teeth*"), but the race was named the best G/P of the season more than once.

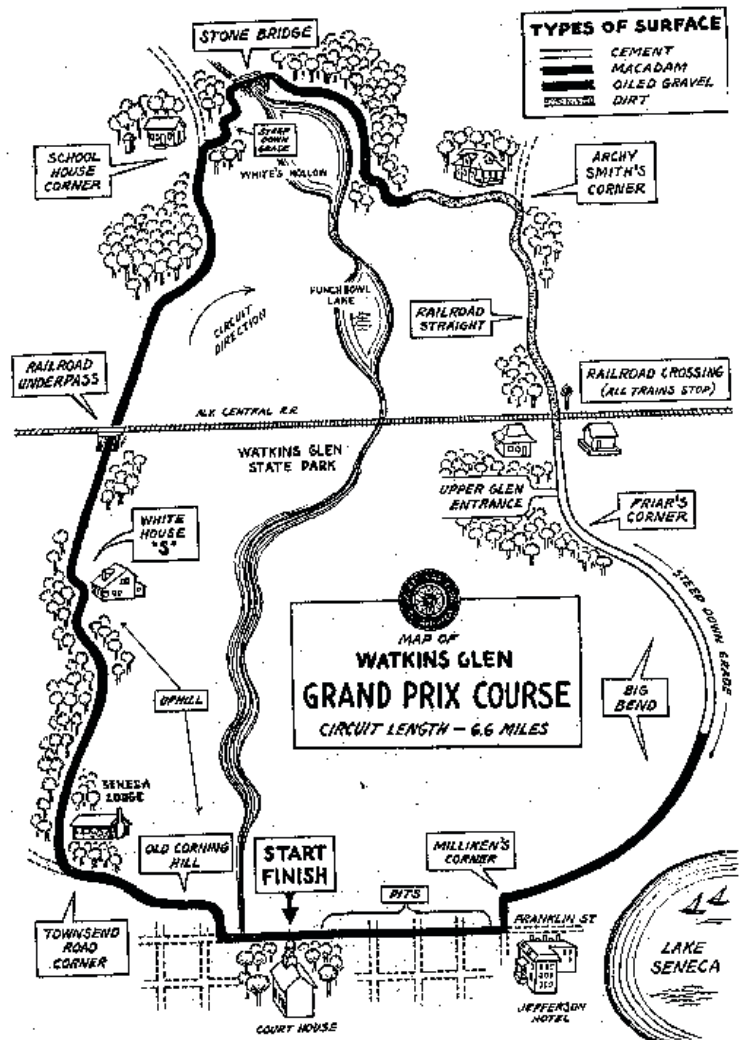
Road racing ... that is, racing sleek sports cars on real roads instead of custom-built tracks ... *had fizzled out* in the **U.S.** during **WWII**, but was *revived in Watkins Glen* by an enterprising young law student named **Cameron Argetsinger**. Argetsinger was a fan of European road racing in particular & fast driving in general & he was convinced that the village's twisting, scenic lanes & byways would be perfect for a G/P-style event. (He was motivated by more than civic boosterism, however: as he once explained to a reporter, "*I had an MG-TC & didn't have a place to race it.*") Argetsinger spent months planning the race ... he plotted its course by arranging & rearranging magazines on his living room floor ... & finally settled on a 6.6-mile, mostly paved route around the town's perimeter.

Before the race could happen, Argetsinger needed to get **permission** from **9 different state agencies & the NY Central RR**, which agreed to suspend train service thru Watkins Glen for the afternoon so that the drivers could cross the tracks safely. (As a result, some people refer to 10/2 as "*the day the trains stopped.*") 23 cars participated in that 1st race; **Argetsinger & his MG finished 9th**.

By the end of the decade, the event was drawing **100,000 spectators each year** & in 1956, after a couple of race-day accidents on the public roads, the town built a brand-new course especially for its G/P. **In 1961, the Watkins Glen race became the only American stop** on the F1 tour ("*A biscuit,*" one reporter wrote, "*reincarnated as a brioche*").

In 1981, citing financial difficulties, **F1 dropped the race from its schedule**. Since then, there have been U.S. G/P races in cities from coast to coast ... in Long Beach, Las Vegas, Detroit, Dallas, Phoenix & Indianapolis ... *but none as successful or celebrated as the ones at Watkins Glen.*

1948 CIRCUIT



The map of the original Watkins Glen circuit.

The Ardent Alligator & the 1949 Watkins Glen G/P

Written by: Ron Johnson

It started life out in 1929. 20 years later, in a different country, w/a different engine, a different body, & a different name, it would win a race in a small community in upstate NY in the Finger Lakes region that would soon become synonymous w/road racing in America. The car was the **Ardent Alligator**, & the race was the **Watkins Glen G/P**.

The car was built in England as a Riley Brooklands w/an 1100cc engine capable of producing 55 hp. It was purchased in 1934 by Miles Collier, who along w/his brother, Sam, founded & raced in the Automobile Racing Club of America (ARCA), the premier road racing sanctioning body before WW II. *The car was green at this time & being from the Florida Everglades region, they named it the Ardent Alligator.*

The car was stored between 1935 & 1939, whereupon it rec'd a new body & a new engine, a Mercury 3.9L V8 flathead & drive train producing 175 hp. The War forced the car to go back into storage until 1949.

A group of sports car enthusiasts organized the **Sports Car Club of America (SCCA)** soon after the War had ended. Their initial purpose was to *preserve & enjoy the sports car*. They had no plans to enter the racing game. However, w/ARCA showing no signs of being revived & many of their prominent members joining SCCA, the new club was talked into organizing & promoting a race in **Watkins Glen** being proposed by Cameron Argetsinger.

The 1948 race was a great success, & the idea spread in 1949. Organizers in Bridgehampton staged a road race thru the streets of that small town on the Eastern end of Long Island. The **Ardent Alligator** returned to action. Miles Collier drove the car, but it did not finish. However, Collier was still confident in its ability.

He entered it in the 1949 Watkins Glen G/P to be

run on the same course as the inaugural event, a 6.6 mile layout that resembled a miniature Nurburgring w/its extreme elevation changes, breathtaking blind turns, & flying "ramps" over RR tracks. This year, the main event would be nearly doubled from 8 laps to 15.



The 'Ardent Alligator' as it appears today.

There was no practice or qualifying, so the starting order was done by a draw. Miles Collier was unlucky to pick the 12th starting position. Unlike the preliminary Seneca Cup race which used the classic "*Le Mans*" start, the main feature would begin w/a standing start in rows of 2 on Franklin Street. Honorary starter, Wilbur Shaw, stood by as the flag was dropped. Collier got off to a poor start & immediately dropped back to 17th.

By the end of the 1st lap, Collier worked his way to 14th, but a minute back from the leader. He started to make his move on the 2nd lap passing 10 cars to move into 4th, a few car lengths behind 3rd. Collier would take 3rd early on the next lap, but still found himself 51.8 seconds behind the leader.

The race started to become one of attrition on the 4th lap as many of the 43 starters began to drop out. However, this was all behind Collier, continuing to chase the 2 leaders but not making any headway. Collier would remain in 3rd place for the next 9 laps & found himself 49.6 seconds behind the leader at the completion of the 13th lap. Then began one of the most stirring & thrilling comebacks ever seen at Watkins Glen on any of the many course configurations.



The Ardent Alligator & the 1949 Watkins Glen G/P

Written by: Ron Johnson

The leader thru most of the race was Briggs Cunningham driving a Ferrari. This was only the 2nd time a Ferrari was seen on these shores, having made its debut at the Bridgehampton race. Behind Cunningham was another car he owned, a BuMerc, so named because it was a Buick Century chassis & 5.2L V8 engine inside a modified Mercedes SSK body, driven by George Roberts.

Cunningham held a healthy lead until the start of the 14th lap. Roberts finally used the extra torque in his machine to catch Cunningham going up the long hill. Roberts made a pass attempt on the straight just after the RR crossing that began a brilliant wheel to wheel duel. Over the narrow stone bridge, over the RR crossing, past Friar's Corner, & down into Big Bend. Cunningham put an end to this battle using his experience & the superior handling of the Ferrari, & arrived back at the Start/Finish line w/a 15.5 second lead.

Little did either of them know, that while they were battling w/what they thought was for victory, **Miles Collier in his Ardent Alligator had turned up the wick**. Collier completed lap 13 in a new lap record of 5:39.0. He would lower that record on lap 14 by an astounding 14.5 seconds w/a time of 5:24.5. And he wasn't done.

Now w/in sight of the 2 leaders, Collier pressed on. He caught Roberts & the BuMerc going up the hill towards White House Corner, making the pass for 2nd after the RR overpass. He then set his sights on the leader.

Collier was w/in a few car lengths as they got to the RR crossing. **Both cars flew over the tracks, literally**, as they would launch the faster cars completely airborne. Collier was on Cunningham's tail going into Big Bend, an extremely long, quick downhill RH sweeper. It ends w/a 90 degree LH turn, still going downhill, called Milliken's Corner, thanks to the luckless Bill Milliken who flipped his car there the previous

year. **Collier made his move**. Shortly after Milliken's Corner was a 90 degree RH turn leading onto Franklin Street. The front straightaway crowd saw Collier come out of that turn w/the lead, & he stretched the margin to 8 seconds by the finish line. Cunningham finished 2nd, just ahead of Roberts. To add icing to the cake, **Collier broke the track record again** w/an even more amazing time of 5:12.2 for an average speed of 75.38 mph, nearly 7 mph faster than the previous year's record.

1949 proved to be the Ardent Alligator's most memorable moment, but it continued to be raced often. Miles Collier entered the car in events at Boca Raton (FL) & again at Bridgehampton (NY). Sam Collier drove it at the Mt. Equinox Hill Climb in Vermont in a record time that stood for many years. **It returned to Watkins Glen for the 1950 Seneca Cup** where it finished 3rd OA & 1st in Class C, despite Miles running into the hay bales & only having high gear. It was not eligible for the G/P because the race was now approved by the FIA, thus run under their rules, & the car could not carry a spare wheel, an FIA requirement. Sam Collier would be killed in the 1950 race while leading, & Miles immediately retired from driving.

Bret Hannaway took ownership of the car & entered it in the **1952 Watkins Glen G/P**, but the race was stopped after 1 lap when a 7-year-old spectator was killed & 12 others injured by a wayward car. *George Robe bought the car, & raced it on the 1st permanent Watkins Glen course in 1954 & 1955.* 1954 also saw the death of Miles Collier from natural causes.

The car was owned by J.D. Engleheart in the '60s when it was damaged in a fire. Bill O'Donnell got his hands on it next & began restoring the car. Don Lefferts drove it in vintage events. **Current owner, Peter McManus**, finished the **restoration to its 1949 state including the red paint & #39.**

Results: 1949 Watkins Glen G/P

September 17, 1949

<u>Pos Num C DRIVER</u>	<u>YR. CAR/ENGINE</u>	<u>LAPS</u>
1 39 D Miles Collier	'39 Riley-Mercury Special/Mercury V8	15****
2 4 D Briggs Cunningham	'48 Ferrari 166 SC/Ferrari V12	15
3 6 D George Roberts	'39 BuMerc Special/Buick V8	15
4 48 B Tommy Cole	'49 H.R.G. Sports/Singer L4	15**
5 18 C John Fitch	'48 MG TC/MG L4	15
6 8 B Fred Wacker, Jr.	'48 MG TC/MG L4	15
7 28 B Karl Brocken	'48 MG TC/MG L4	15
8 21 A Logan Hill	'49 Cisitalia 1100 Coupe/FIAT L4	15*
9 12 D Col. George Felton	'27 Vauxhall OE 30/98/Vauxhall L4	15
10 36 C James Pauley	'49 Lea-Francis Type Sport/Lea-Francis L4	15***
11 53 A Joseph Ferguson, Jr.	'49 Cisitalia 1100 Coupe/FIAT L4	15
12 60 B Gus O. Ehrman	'49 MG TC/MG L4	15
13 17 B Arthur Eldridge	'48 MG TC/MG L4	15
14 49 B Rowland Keith	'48 MG TC/MG L4	15
15 5 C Samuel Collier	'48 MG TC/MG L4	15
16 63 B James Kastrup	'48 MG TC/MG L4	15
17 61 A Charles Kotchan	'49 MG TC/MG L4	15
18 16 D Dave Garroway	'39 Jaguar SS-100/Jaguar L-6	14
19 62 B James Carson	'48 MG TC/MG L4	13
20 14 C John Bentley	'49 MG TC/MG L4	13
21 42 B Alden Johnson	'47 MG TC/MG L4	13
22 24 A Antonio Pompeo	'49 FIAT 1100 MM/FIAT L4	13
23 30 D Ledyard Pfund	'34 Ford Special/Ford V8	13
24 38 A E. Reg Ogilvie	'48 MG TC/MG L4	13
25 31 D Corwith Hamill	'48 Allard K1/Ford V8	13
26 19 B David Whitcomb	'49 MG TC/MG L4	13
27 25 D Robert Grier	'38 BMW MM Coupe/BMW L6	13
28 10 D Philip Cade	'34 Duesenberg J Sedan Conv./Duesenberg V8	12
29 45 B George Fleming	'49 MG TC/MG L4	12
DNF 23 D George Huntoon	'35 Alfa Romeo 8C 2600 Monza/Alfa L8	11
<u>Pos Num C DRIVER</u>	<u>YR. CAR/ENGINE</u>	<u>LAPS</u>
DNF 20 C Charles Moran, Jr.	'29 Bugatti Type 35A/Bugatti L8	11
DNF 7 B Denver Cornett, Jr.	'47 MG TC/MG L4	10
DNF 26 D William Milliken, Jr.	'32 FWD Miller/Ford L4	10

Results: 1949 Watkins Glen G/P

September 17, 1949

DNF 32 A Robert Keller	'48 FIAT 1100 S/FIAT L4	9
DNF 43 B Neal Allen	'49 MG TC/MG L4	5
DNF 46 B Peter Iselin	'49 H.R.G. Sports/Singer L4	5
DNF 34 D Zora Arkus-Duntov	'49 Allard J2 "Ardun"/Ford V8	4
DNF 56 D Larry Kulok	'47 Allard K1/Mercury V8	4
DNF 40 D Mel Ord	'38 Alfa Romeo 8C 2900B 'S'/Alfa L8	3
DNF 52 B Bruce Stevenson	'48 MG TC/MG L4	3
DNF 55 D Paul Timmins	'49 Ardun Ford Special/Ford V8	3
DNF 3 C Cameron Argetsinger	'27 Bugatti Type 35A/Bugatti L8	1*

*Fuel Pump Failure

DNF 15 C William Christy	'47 MG TC/MG L4	0
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[10 drivers did not start the race. Some were multiple entries. The most notable DNS was George Weaver in a '36 Maserati V8RL.]

Race Distance: 15 laps of 6.6 mile circuit = 99 miles. • Race Weather: Sunny & Dry

Fastest Lap: 5:12.2, 75.38 mph, Miles Collier, '39 Riley-Mercury Special/Mercury V8

*Class A: Up to 1100cc / **Class B: 1101cc to 1500cc (& supercharged Class A)

Class C: 1501cc to 2000cc (& supercharged Class B) / *Class D: Over 2001cc (& supercharged Class C)

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District News

District 1 meeting - Tuesday 10/9/12

The SCCA Runoffs are in the past now. There was no television coverage. It was only broadcast via internet. However it was said that the production was very good, and there were pro race commentators.

The recent **Regional/Enduro at Daytona** was unconventional in the sense that there were a large percentage of preregistered competitors that did not show up. Much more than usual. Usually the number of competitors that just show up and register that weekend make the total entries more than what is preregistered even with some no shows. But this time it was much less.

CFR provided staffing for a recent Porsche club event at Daytona. We received thanks and compliments for our experience and professionalism. There are still some more upcoming events that we are committed to staff there. They need more workers for these events. Check the CFR news web page for info about gas card and hotel room incentives.

There is a particular need for people to work a BMW club event that is the same weekend as our annual meeting. Many of our core Daytona worker group are district 7 members, and that district is hosting our annual meeting this year. It takes many people from a district to help in hosting an annual meeting. So if you are not someone interested in the annual meeting (why not?), perhaps you can volunteer to work the BMW event at the track.

Pamela MacGregor gave an update on planning for the **Turkey Trot** annual social- cookout- feast event. Some of the people who have brought and/ or grilled meats for the dinner will not be there this year. So we need some contributors of both, meat and cooking skills. Pamela is also looking for someone with a smoker that can be used for cooking and reheating food prepared in advanced. See the article on the CFR news web page <http://www.cfrscca.org/?p=1660>. Detailed information of items needed and contact info to coordinate with Pamela can be found there. — **Dave Fredrick**

District Three held it's October meeting at Rossi's Pizza on S. Orange Blossom Trail in Orlando with Governor Bill Martin presiding. Again, we had a full meeting room with a mix of interests - racing, solo and volunteers.

Our recent Daytona Regional was a joint race/solo event. It fell right after the Runoffs and just before the SIC so our race entry was down at 120 entries. The solo contingent did well and saw 50 entries on Saturday and 80 on Sunday. The SIC at Roebling drew around 142 entries and 18 Enduro cars; no major weather or racing issues.

By the time you read this, we will have held our October race at Sebring - the last race for regional points and the first SARRC race of 2013 and Solo will have participated in the PBOC at Daytona. Our traditional Turkey Trot race on November 24-25 will be the first regional points race for 2013.

THANKS to our intrepid volunteer crew who supported the Daytona PCA event. Reports were that there were about 95 entries and weather was very wet on Saturday but sunny and dry on Sunday. Sid Collins (TroySports) entertained us with a description of his adventure on the front straight at speed. It sounded like a real "E Ticket" ride and we'll be on the lookout for the YouTube version!

Upcoming CFR Solo activities include dates at OCC 10/28, Starke 11/9 and Geneva 12/9.

CFR continued its participation with the Tire Rack Street Survival School (TRSSS). This year's event had 34 attendees making it the largest school we've run. In addition to the usual training, the students saw an actual air bag demonstration and were able to sit in the cab of a semi tractor truck to get a feel for what the truck drivers can and cannot see. **THANKS again to Art Trier** and his team for continuing to make this a stellar event.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR.....

CFR provides worker support for the fall **'mini-pro' events at Daytona**. The next ones up are HSR and Audi Club.

Also look for information about this year's **Annual Meeting, December 8-9, hosted in Daytona by District 7** and make your reservations at the El Caribe.

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.

Please contact me:

**PMac06@verizon.net or my
cell # 813-765-3061**

As a backup only! - if you have trouble with my personal email address my office email is :
Pamella.MacGregor@aonhewitt.com

Thanks to everyone,

I look forward to hearing from you.

A LITTLE NOTE FROM JOYCE:

I have enjoyed the position of **Membership Chair** for this Region. I can't recall how long it's been but I took over when Rich Kasson and Gail Kasson stepped down. Many new members have come aboard since then.

It's time for me to turn over the reins to somebody

else. **James "Jay" Strole** has offered to take on the position. He is fairly new to CFR, but not new to SCCA. You will see him at the racing events, in the Pits probably. He lives in District 6 and his email address is **Jcs1658@gmail.com**. Please contact him for Membership.

I will still be serving the Region by issuing Novice Permits to those who want to go racing.

Please contact me for Novice Permit information at **SCCAONE@aol.com**

Regional Races / TES Enduro

Daytona - Sept. 29-30

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Greg Kimble



Casey McKibben



Gonzalez and Harris



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Steve Kearney doing what he does best



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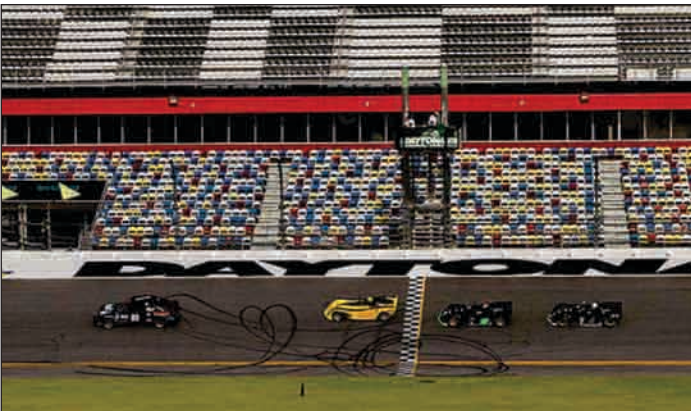
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Turn 1 Post race mishap.



John Carter on the outside takes Chris Mason at the line.



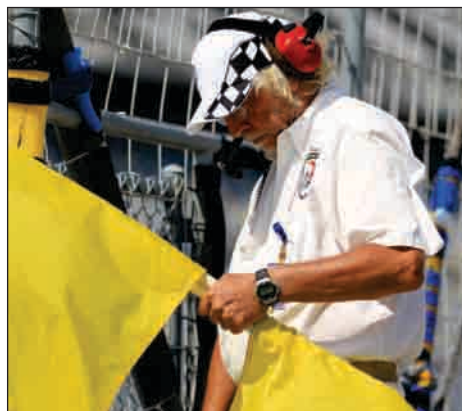
This is what we do on the weekends.



Many thanks goes out to these wonderful ladies in timing and scoring.



Turn 1 pre race needing a little direction.



We put Larry to work.



GTL Winner Paul Mevoli.

Flag Ravings

by: Sally Larson

MEDICAL MATTERS: *Pardon me:* for all the reminders but we often forget, ignore or put off several medical essentials. **First of all**, update your **medical cards** on file with CFR. Even better, be sure to carry a card with your RX list and any pertinent information. In case of any accident or medical problem, it's a Godsend for medical personnel coming to your aid. Plus, of course, bring along any medications you might need during the day. **It's also a good idea** to let your Corner Captain or Chief know if you have any medical conditions ... heart or seizure problems or serious allergies - and if your doctor has prescribed an EPI pen for you, keep it with you and be sure the Chief or a friend with whom you're working, know how to use it for you, if needed.

With heat related problems...we're always reminded by CC or our Chiefs to hydrate during the day - not just on hot days since problems can occur almost anytime. The more serious results of dehydration go from Heat Exhaustion, Heat Cramps and on into a truly serious Heat Stroke. During the day, give yourself a break, find shade if you can, sit when possible and look after each other. We really are our brother's keepers out there.

In case of a serious incident in your corner... any fire, rollover or **'hard into' crash**, call Medical to check out the Driver. There is always a lot of adrenaline involved in most incidents. The Driver may say he's OK, and no one wants to admit they're hurt... or be in shock, which can set in unnoticed. The Driver may not realize he or she is hurt. You might have a concussion if the Driver asks the same question every two minutes, or if the Driver can't remember what happened. I've had a Driver insist that someone bumped him and he slipped off the track and tipped over. Fine, except that you saw him roll 3 times.

In case of any fire, someone might not be burned but smoke inhalation can cause serious swelling in the throat and lung, causing problems later.

Have Medical check them out early to avoid sudden onset later - prevention is the key. Try to get the Driver to sit. I've also seen people walking with a broken hip, and being so supercharged they didn't even realize it. Obviously, don't restrain anyone and move them gently if absolutely necessary. **Do what you can** to calm any overwrought person at the scene. If possible and you really suspect an injury, assign a worker to stay with the patient to **'keep them company'** (aka, watch them like a hawk). There are lots of delayed reactions. In EMT classes they told us, if there is any possibility of injury; treat it as if it is a confirmed injury. **Again, call for Medical backup** - better they arrive and find no problem 3 times, than to have something missed and further damage or injury results.

NOW FOR THE IMPORTANT THINGS: FIRST OFF, THE TURKEY TROT on the Sebring Long Course **November 24th and 25th**. It's always a great event and our last race in 2012. Frankly it's a great way to work off the huge Thanksgiving meal you've consumed. However, I think it's carefully scheduled to keep female types out of the mass shopping spree on what's known as Black Friday. So much for store sales and getting started on Christmas shopping.

Don't forget the annual Turkey Trot Potluck Dinner honoring Gail Kasson. It's a time to swap Gail stories and enjoy. Much assistance is needed to prepare dinner for 300-400 CFR folks and their families. Check the October issue online of the Checker for full details. **Contact Pam Macgregor to coordinate what food or setup supplies you'll be bringing.** In addition to food, help is needed for cooking on the grill, table setup, and serving. **Donations of \$\$ are also welcome to support the event.** Pam handles all the Club Socials and works especially hard to make this dinner a success. She deserves a big thank you and all the help she can get!

THEN- put this on the top of your calendar... the



Flag Ravings

by: Sally Larson

CFR ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING AND AWARDS BANQUET in Daytona December 8th and 9th. If you've attended in years past, you'll remember how informative and fun it is to see racing buddies and applaud those wining awards. **Thanks in advance** to all the Daytona area members who will be our hosts. They put a great deal of hard work into hosting the event. **Check the Checker for full details - it's scheduled at the El Caribe Resort in Daytona Beach.** Get your hotel reservations in early and be sure to use the CFR online Group reservation site - details to be announced.

Note to the ladies ... if you're looking for a novel new tee shirt to wear to the event, here's a source. It's a Hawaiian company called **Crazy Shirts**. In addition to a wide variety of tees, they also have some really unusual and neat Christmas shirts. As a cat fancier, I loved the shirt that showed a Kilban shirt with the fat cat hanging off the top of a

Christmas tree. Cats are notorious for this kind of thing. Whereas, I enjoy putting up and decorating a Christmas tree ... after the third time I arrived home to find our tree horizontal rather than vertical, the process loses its charm. Check it out if you're looking for something original to wear for the holidays.

The web site is:

<http://www.crazyshirts.com>

or phone: 800-771-2720

May your Thanksgiving be a time to be truly grateful for all the blessings in your life - your family and friends, and CFR ...



2012 Progress on the Turkey Trot Pot Luck

Pamella MacGregor

Dinner Preparations

Tent, table, grill and chairs all ordered and ready to set up on Friday after Thanksgiving at the club house.

Donations so far:

Don Usher- Honey baked Ham
John Switzer- Rolls & Buns
Doug Puckett- 300 Silverware sets
Richard Stewart- 300 Plastic Plates
Paul G- bags of Frozen Chicken Breast
Steve Craig- Hamburgers
AL & Janice H- Brats 10-12 pks
Dennis J - Hotdogs
Pamella & David - Turkey, Cornbeef Briskets & Pork Ribs from Cash Donations from this weekend.
Gloria T- 1 or 2 Bags, **But we NEED** at least 10 quantity / 20 lb bags for multiple grills
Scott Larson - Propane tank

Pete and Cynthia- 18 large Aluminum Trays

Jeff F - Doz sterno and 6 lbs butter

Salt & Pepper, Ketchup & Mustard - I have

Cranberry Jellied sauce **I have 4 cans**

Need 4 more

Dave Langston- Smoker and will help cook

Maryellen and dad= Seafood dip appetizers

Need more appetizers any volunteers???

Chicken wings??

Need: squash or veggie Casserole, sliced

Onions and Tomatoes, sliced cheese all for

hamburger toppers.

Need: More desserts

Need: Helpers for set up/clean up, food prep, cooking and serving.

The more help the sooner we eat!!!

Remember When...

1970 24-Hours of Daytona

Submitted by Louis Galanos
louisgalanos@gmail.com

The ninth running of international sports car endurance racing at the Daytona Superspeedway was historic from the perspective of automotive racing history as the new group 5 Porsche 917's and Ferrari 512's met for the first time in a battle for the 1970 FIA World Sportscar Championship (WSC).

Porsche would go on to win the battle in 1970 and 1971 and the Gulf Porsche 917K would go down in history as one of the greatest race cars ever produced. It's legend was also firmly established when actor/racer Steve McQueen made the car into a movie star in the 1971 release of Le Mans.



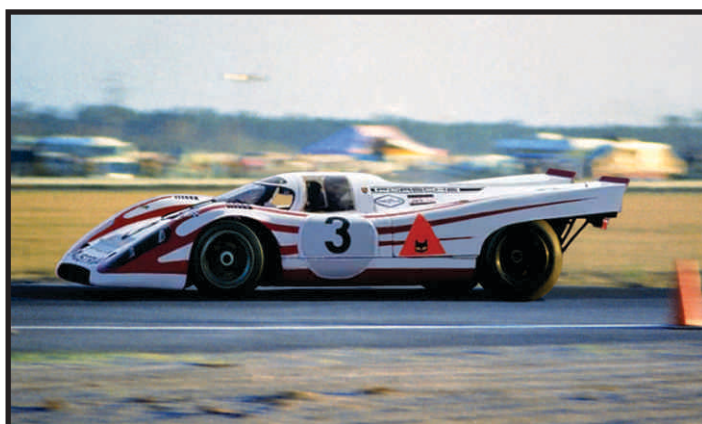
The JWA Gulf Porsche 917 team at Daytona 1970



Peter Schetty brings the factory Ferrari 512S to the grid



Ferrari vs. Porsche on the infield at Daytona



The Vic Elford - Kurt Ahrens Porsche 917K



Mario Andretti in his 512S. He finished third.



The winning Porsche 917K of Pedro Rodriguez & Leo Kinnunen



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CFR ANNUAL MEETING

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Schedule

12/7 Friday

Hospitality Room/Social 6:00 PM – 11:00 PM

Registration – Hospitality Room 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM

12/8 Saturday

Registration – Hospitality Room 7:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Breakfast (Main Ballroom) 7:00 AM – 9:00 AM

General Membership Meeting (Main Ballroom). 9:30 AM –12:00 PM

Worker Appreciation Luncheon (Main Ballroom) 12:30 PM – 2:00 PM

Registration – Hospitality Room 2:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Hospitality Room Open. 2:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Championship Awards Banquet (Main Ballroom) 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Hospitality Room Opens (Live Band) 9:00 PM - ????????

12/9 Sunday

Breakfast (Main Ballroom). 7:00 AM – 9:00 AM

Board of Governors Meeting (Main Ballroom). . 9:30 AM – 12:00 PM



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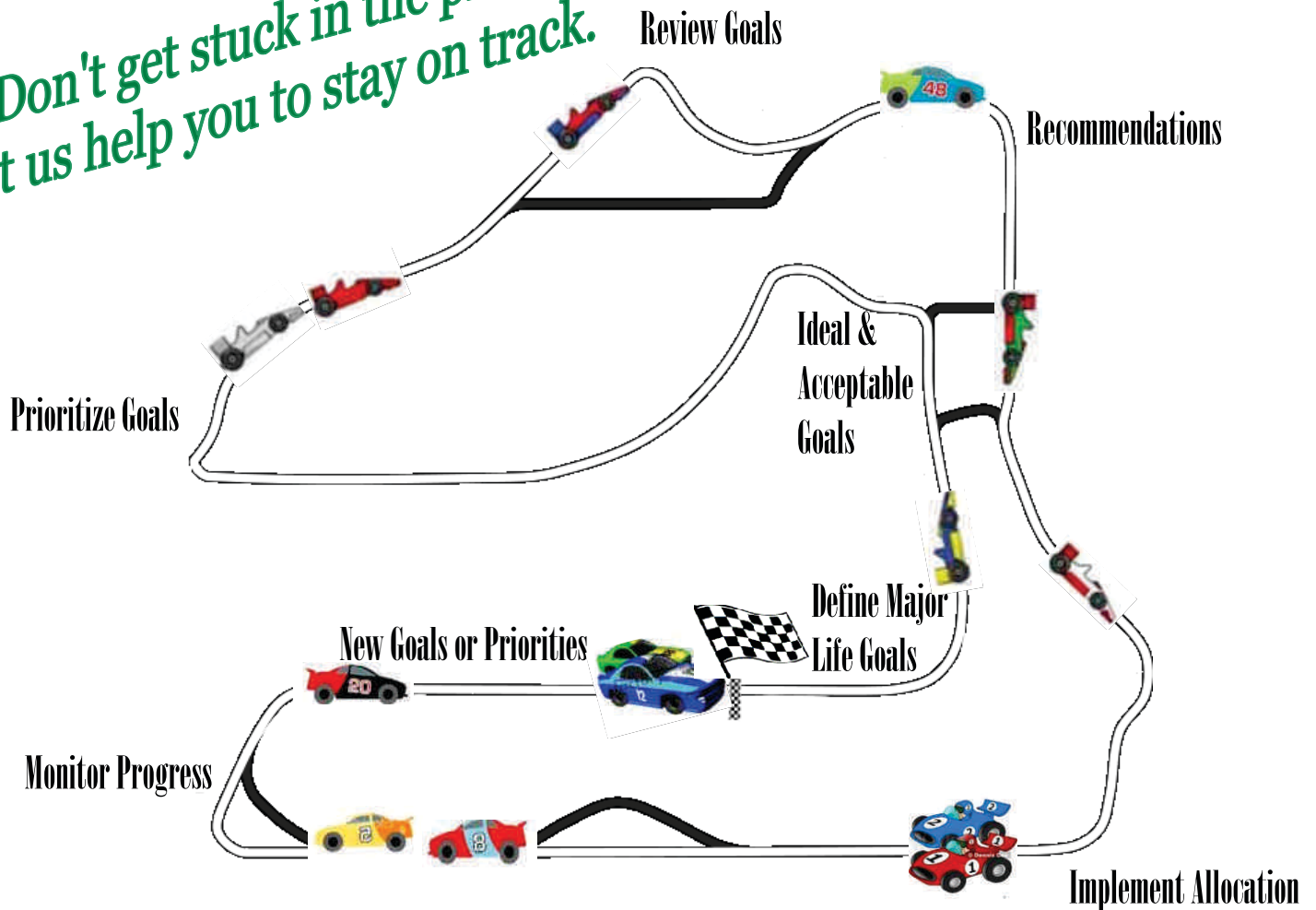
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Sports Car Club of America, Inc.**

- ☐ \$85 **Regular Membership**
Includes \$65 National dues.
- ☐ \$45 **First Gear (under age 25)**
Includes \$25 National dues.
Includes ability to hold Club
Racing, PRO Rally or Solo1
Competition licenses.
- ☐ \$110 **Family Membership**
For regular member, spouse
and children under age 21.
Includes \$85 National Dues.
- ☐ \$30 **Subscription to *The Checker*
only.**

Total membership costs include National and Regional dues for one year. Also includes one subscription to *SportsCar Magazine* and *The Checker* per regular, First Gear, or family membership. Membership dues are not a charitable contribution.

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Jay Strole
4800 Granada Ave.,
Sebring, FL 33870**

**941-740-0266
jcs1658@gmail.com**



PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT:

Name _____

Address _____

City, State _____ Zip _____ County _____

Phone (_____) _____

E-Mail _____

First Gear birth date _____

Spouse Name, if joining Club _____

Children's names and birth dates if Family membership

SCCA Region Preference **Central Florida Region (83)**

I am interested in the following SCCA activities:

☐ Pro Racing ☐ Club Racing ☐ Rally ☐ Solo ☐ Official

I hereby apply for membership in the Sports Car Club of America, Inc. and its Central Florida Region and agree to abide by the bylaws.

Enclosed is my check (made payable to SCCA, INC.) or cash for \$_____,
or:

(check one) ☐ Visa ☐ MasterCard

Card No. _____ Exp. Date _____

Signature _____ Date _____