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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;

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 Wednesday 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:

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except Port Richey.

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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.

2012-13 Event Schedule

For CFR and Surrounding Regions

SIR

December

February 2013

7-9 DIS **9-10** SARRC / Regional Races / Vintage Audi Club Daytona Full Course Sebring Long Course - 12 Hour Paddock 8-9 **Annual Membership Meeting & Awards Banquet** March 2013

El Caribe Resort - Daytona Beach

January 2013

2-3 **Test Days** Sebring Long Course

Double National Races 4-6

Sebring Long Course - 12 Hour Paddock

4-6 **Grand AM Testing** Daytona

11-13 Florida Region Double Rational Palm Beach International Speedway

24-27 Rolex 24 Hours

Daytona International Speedway

12-16 12 Hours of Sebring SIR

Sebring Long Course 21-24 St. Pete Grand Prix **IRL**

St. Pete Waterfront Street Circuit

April 2013

6-7 Florida Region SARRC / ECR / TES / FES DIS Palm Beach International Speedway

Driver School & PDX 13-14

Daytona School Course

Daytona Full Course



Letters to the Editor

2012 Turkey Trot Review-OMG



This was all I heard during and after the Dinner; there was plenty to eat and plenty of friends to share dinner with. Again we had over 300 people with very little left overs this year to take to the homeless shelter.

The over pouring of donations, food and help this year was just outstanding, *I REALLY Appreciate* the help; you made it seem so easy this year. This kind of engagement and assistance makes me want to keep on cooking and trying to out-do each year. I hope people send in pictures this year as I saw many people taking them. Also if you really had a good weekend; write an article, tell a story and send it to **The Checker**. I would like to read **The Checker** instead of just looking at pictures of cars... LOL

For Dinner this year, there was no waiting. Dinner was ready on time and the line went quickly. I never heard one complaint and that makes me happy. Thank you and I hope everyone that did not join us this year will want to next year, in 2013. If you are in doubt, talk to those that attended this weekend.

I do want to send out a special huge THANK YOU to the Offutt's who came over the Saturday before Thanksgiving and helped bake cookies and all those potatoes all day. They don't know how much that helped me and David. Also, thanks to all the wonderful people who helped set up, serve and clean up. If I tried to name everyone, I know I would miss someone and that would kill me, so please know that I really appreciate your help and you made my life over the weekend very special and easy. I will always be grateful for your support.

Remember, these dinners are not a one man show; it's a "pot luck" and meant to be built on everyone helping and joining in some way. I think we did a Super job this year, without you; I would not have the opportunity and pleasure to provide everyone a good dinner to enjoy together with all our SCCA Family at this time of year.

Thank You Again for a great weekend!

I wish everyone a very Merry Christmas &

Happy New Year

Pamella MacGregor, Social Director

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CFR Regional Points Championship

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Class AS AS AS ASR ASR ASR	Last name WILKIN MCDANIEL SEIFREIT CLARK DUNN BUELL	First ANDREW THURMAN SCOTT JIM JACK LEROY	Total 132 14 9 108 40 18	Trophy 1st 2nd 3rd 1st 2nd 3rd	Class FP FP FP FP FP	Last name AHRENS KAPCIN SHANABERGER MCLESTER BOYLAN KISH	First DON LOU ANN FRANK PAUL LARRY JOHN	Total 12 9 8 5 5 2	<u>Trophy</u>
CF	SMITH	MARK	43	1st	FS	BRABHAM	MATTHEW	21	1st
CF CSR	BURKHARDT LAMBERT	MIKE LARRY	12 12	2nd 1st	FS	NISHIOKA	HIRO Tie - "2-1st, 2-2nd	21 !"***	1st
DSR	DYKHUISEN	JERRY	83	1st	FV	SCHNEIDER	HARRY	136	1st
DSR	DOWLING	SHERRY	51	2nd	FV	SCHIFFER	MIKE	111	2nd
DSR	MC TAGGART	JOHN	48	3rd	FV	CHEAMITRU	PETER	69	3rd
DSR DSR	BONANNO SMITH	ROBIN CHUCK	41 13		FV FV	MATTOX DASSINGER	JOHN CARL	49 48	
EP	CARSON	WILLIAM	60	1st	FV	FUCHS	JOHN	24	
EP	CARSON	JOHN	27	2nd	FV	WALDROP	DUKE	14	
EP	HUSSEY	DAVID	24	3rd	FV CT1	MATTOX	SHAWN	12	104
EP EP	KOSTOPOULOS PAULIN	WAYNE	16 9		GT1 GT1	BORDERS KELEHER	ROBERT TOM	84 36	1st 2nd
F5	THOMSON	CHARLES	81	1st	GT1	WEBB	RAYMOND	31	3rd
F5	STEWART	DARRELL	28	2nd	GT1	EMERY	JEFF	24	
F5 FA	SAUERLAND BOUGHAN	ALBERT JR. DONALD	19 138	3rd 1st	GT1 GT1	WICHT MC ELHENY	CHARLES ROBERT	21 9	
FA	OETTER	BOB	62	2nd	GT1	HENDRICKS	BUDDY	9	
FA	NISHIOKA	HIRO	35	3rd	GT2	WILDING	ERNIE	138	1st
FA	DAVIS	COLLETTE	24		GT2	TAYLOR	TERRY	131	2nd
FA FB	RIZA WALD	ASLAN BILL	7 88	1st	Gt2 GT2	GRIFFITH STRONG	MARK MARK	37 27	3rd
FB	BEATTIE	TOM	81	2nd	GT2	RUDOLPH	MIKE	15	
FB	FALATICK	WILLIAM	7	3rd	GT2	ZITZA	RON	12	
FC	POLLOCK	LYN	32	1st	GT2	DIEHL	ED DOLLOLAG	9 9	
FC FC	HICKS ARMENOFF	JERRY DON	25 12	2nd 3rd	Gt2 Gt2	MILLER JONES	DOUGLAS ANDREW	6	
FC	WELD	KENNETH	9	ord	GT3	MCGAVIC	BILL	96	1st
FE	OSINGA	WALLY	88	1st	GT3	COLLINS	SID	87	2nd
FE FE	WEBB	ROBERT JOEL	36 15	2nd 3rd	GT3 GT3	LAWHORN	DOUG	33 24	3rd
FE	JANCO FILGUEIRAS	ERIC	12	Siu	GTA	CARSON LAWRENCE	WILLIAM CAMERON	54	1st
FE	EATON	MARK	12		GTA	MINNEAR	WILLIAM	48	2nd
FF	WITHAM	ROBERT	111	1st	GTA	PAUL	GENE	42	3rd
FF FF	SCHIMENTI SCHIMENTI	JOHN ANNA	67 62	2nd 3rd	GTA GTA	JORGENSEN KENNEDY	CHAD MARK (Squeak)	21 18	
FF	OPPEL	ALAN	41	Sid	GTA	CORWIN	LARRY	16	
FF	ROBINSON II	JOHN	36		GTA	GRAHAM	TOM	12	
FF	MURPHY	DAN	24		GTA	ROBERTSON	HALL	5 99	1-4
FF FF	KRUPA OPPEL	STEPHEN PAT	21 16		GTL GTL	BUTLER LEONARD	WAYNE CHARLES	63	1st 2nd
FF	POPE	DAVID	15		GTL	MEVOLI	PAUL	57	3rd
FF	BENSON	JOHN	9		GTL	STERRETT	TOM	54	
FM	WEEDER	CARSON	96 53	1st	GTL	HIGGS	G.M. (Jim)	24	
FM FM	BORDERS EVANSON	BEAU RYAN	53 14	2nd 3rd	GTL HP	OLMSTED HESS	BRUCE BOB	14 87	1st
FP	TAYLOR	KENNETH	116	1st	HP	CARDWELL	IVAN	43	2nd
FP	YOUNG	PERRY	84	2nd	HP	FRANCKE	MEREDYDD	34	3rd
FP FP	DESHONG HULSE II	DANA ALAN	66 49	3rd	HP HP	OGREN HUTTO	MIKE LOUIS	30 30	
FP	CAMERON	GLENN	49 44		HP	BOYLAN	TERRY	24	
FP	ZITZA	CURT	44		HP	RIVARD	RICHARD	24	
FP	STEIN W	JEFFRY	43		HP	LOFTIS	DONALD	21	
FP FP	KULLMAN RIVERA	PAUL PEDRO	24 24		HP HP	ZIRKEL FOOTE	JAMES KERRY	21 21	
FP	ROSE	BILL	13		HP	SWITZER	JOHN	18	
FP	PEARCE	CRAIG	13		HP	ROSE	BILL	12	



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lt7	WALTERS	KENNETH O	135	1st	ITB	HUEPENBECKER			
IT7	CAREY	LON	124	2nd	ITB	PRADO	PEDRO	a	
IT7	TROTT	JANTHONY	80	3rd	ITB	SELTZER	DARIEN	9 9 9	
IT7	EATON	BOB	44	Jid	ITB	ULBRIK	MICHAEL	8	
IT7	BLANTON	ELLIS	33		ITB	BOLES	DAVID	2	
IT7	WISE	JIM	23		ITC	MOERWALD	MIKI	171	1st
IT7	MCCAULEY	DAVID	10		ITC	DAVIS	STEVE	79	2nd
IT7	ALFORD	TUCKER	9		ITC	MCCOIN	BILL	74	3rd
ITA	KING	DOUG	125	1st	ITC	BATCHIN	B.H.	35	oru
ITA	FRIERSON	GARY	111	2nd	ITC	TAYLOR	ERNEST	26	
ITA	BOSHOFF	GRANT	60	3rd	ITC	WAECHTER	JIM	22	
ITA	LANGLOTZ	ROBIN/ROBERT		ord	ITC	KOSTEWICZ	STAN	19	
ITA	GONZALEZ	RICHARD	55		ITC	MARTIN	TIM	18	
ITA	GRASER	SHAUN	37		iTC	KOSTEWICZ	CASEY	12	
ITA	KOFF	MAX	25		ITC	LARSON	SCOTT	12	
ITA	FREE	THOMAS	24		ITC	WILLIAMS	MARK	12	
ITA	MAGERO	JAMES	24		ITC	BLEDSOE	TAMIE	9	
ITA	BURGOON	BARRY	22		ITC	KENNY	STEVE	5	
ITA	ATKINSON	CAREY	19		ITO	TROUP	PAUL	72	1st
ITA	WILDING	JOHN	18		ITO	BORDERS	BEAU	24	2nd
ITA	SHANABERGER		14		ITR	CRIPE	JEFFREY	84	1st
ITA	LOWRANCE	CHARLIE	13		ITR	WEEDER	MARK	65	2nd
ITA	MURRAY	STEVE	13		ITR	MOORE	ALAN	37	3rd
ITA	SIECK	BOB	13		Tie Brea	aker 2 wins / "1 wir	n, <mark>2-2nds,1-3rd"</mark> / '	"1 win, 2-	-2nds, 1-5th"
ITA	CARTER	JOHN	12		ITR	HENDERSON	BOB	37	
ITA	KATROS	ANDREW	11		ITR	MCCAULEY	DAVID	37	
ITA	MASSE	JOHN	11		ITR	RUFFINO	GERARD	28	
ITA	MCGAVIC	BILL	11		ITR	VAN STEENBURG		24	
ITA	HANCE JR.	ADREN	10		ITR	KARABLY	DAVE	18	
ITA	INNES	JAMES	10		ITR	VARNADOE	RUSTY	9	
ITA	LETTIERI	JOHN	10		ITR	LAGASSE	DALE	7	
ITA	BOGDONSKY	JOHN	9		ITS	JENURM	TIMOTHY	144	1st
ITA	ELICATI	STEVE	9		ITS	AKARJALIAN	MENAS	88	2nd
ITA	MCCALLISTER		9 9 9 8 7		ITS	GALLUP	RICHARD	56	3rd
ITA	BURRIS	BOB	8		ITS	GOLDIN	STEVE	54	
ITA	HUBBARD	COURTNEY			ITS	LANGLEY	DONALD	37	
ITA	WYATT	RYAN	6		ITS	VANSTEENBURG		36	
ITA	DESHONG	CHRISTOPHER	4		ITS	FINLAY	SCOTT	32 30	
ITA	WISE	JIM	4		ITS ITS	WANSLEY DANA	ROB MARC	28	
ITA	MEIRING	GRANT	ა ე		ITS	POTTER	TIM	28 28	
ITA ITA	BIBEAU INNES	STEVEN JAMES	2		ITS	WEST	KENNETH	27	
ITA	LECHTNER	SAM	4 3 2 2 2 2		ITS	SIMOES	MANNY	26	
ITA	MONTERO	MARK	2		ITS	CIOCI	WILLIAM	25	
ITA	PRITCHETT	DARRYL	2		ITS		SCOTT	23	
ITA	WHITE	CHRIS	2		iTS	LOWRANCE	CHARLIE	20	
ITA	WHITIS	CHRIS	1		iTS	RICHARDS	SCOTT	18	
ITA	ZYMOWSKI	PATSY	1		ITS	LADNIER	KC	14	
ITB	MCCORMICK	MIKE	95	1st	ITS	MCKEE	MICHAEL	13	
ITB	HORN	MICHAEL	86	2nd	ITS	GOLDIN	KEITH	12	
ITB	BOWLING	TAD	77	3rd	ITS	COX	ROBERT	7	
ITB	ELLIS-BROWN	DAVID	72		ITS	NELSON	GREGORY	5	
ITB	MCCORMICK	PAUL	63		ITS	MCDONALD	VAN	4	
ITB	TILL	DAVID	60		ITS	MERIDETH	GARY	4	
ITB	YATES	WILLIAM	28		ITS	STROBUSH	RAY	4	
ITB	KEANE	DEUCE	24		ITS	BURT	TOM	3	
ITB	ULBRIK	STEVEN	19		ITS	FIZER	CHARLES	3	
ITB	MCCORMICK	GEORGE	16		ITS	IRVING	CHRISTOPHER	3	
ITB	YATES	CHRIS	15		ITS	LAWHORN	DOUG	2	
ITB	FORTEZA	MANNY	14		ITS	LAWRENCE	JAMES	2	
ITB	CALDERON	MICHAEL	10		ITS	SIECK	BOB	2	
ITB	RAYMON	DAVE	10		ITS	MULLEN	IAN	1	

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Class SM SM SM SM SM SM SM SM	Last name COLLUM TUCKER FRIERSON MASON HARRELL CARTER LOWRANCE KOFF	First CORY JAMIE GARY CHRIS DENNY JOHN CHARLIE MAX	Total 113 72 63 57 44 43 33 17	Trophy 1st 2nd 3rd	Class SRF SRF SRF SRF SRF SRF SRF SRF	Last name SCHOFIELD HILL LADONICZKI BLEDSOE PANAGGIO VANACORE HAYES MARINO	First DEREK LEE STEVE J. RONNIE TOM TODD RICHARD KEN	Total 29 25 25 23 23 21 20 20	Trophy
SM	CHARBONNEAU	ANDREW	16		SRF	COGGINS	WILLIAM	19	
SM	HUCKER	JOSEPH	15		SRF	ANNIS	JOHN	18	
SM	LECHTNER	SAMUEL	13		SRF	JACOBSEN	KERRY	16	
SM	BURAS	TODD	12		SRF	CANALS	PABLO	13	
SM	KIMBLE	GREG	12		SRF	GALLOWAY	CHAD	12	
SM SM	LABOUNTY WILDING	JEFF JOHN	10 10		SRF SRF	CULLEN VANACORE	BILL SCOTT	11 11	
SM	SHANABERGER		10		SRF	HELMICK III	DAVID		
SM	HANCE III	ADREN			SRF	TUCKER	JAMIE	9 9	
SM	BASS	KEITH	9 8 6		SRF	ATKINSON	BRIAN	8	
SM	LONDON	PETER	6		SRF	LOWRANCE	CHARLIE	8 8 7	
SM	GIBBONS	MARK	4		SRF	HARREL	DENNY	7	
SM	FULTON	CHRIS	4		SRF	ROBINSON	MICK	7	
SM	MURRAY	STEVE	4 4 3 3 2 1		SRF	SEVERINO	BUDD	6	
SM	ATKINSON	CAREY	3		SRF	FARNSWORTH		4	
SM	HARRIS	CHUCK	3		SRF	PLEISCHL	ROBERT	3	
SM	PATERNITI	MARK	2		SRF	LADONICZKI	JOEL	1	
SM	BURT	TOM			SRF	MCKINNON	ABRAHAM	1	4-4
SM	PACE PAZDUR	JOE DAVID	1		SSB SSB	EWING	SCOTT	21	1st
SM SM	PARKS	ROY	1 1		SSB	CHARBONNEAU SANDARGAS	DON	12 9	2nd 3rd
SPO	WRIGHT	MARY	104	1st	SSB	SANDARGAS	VICKY	7	Siu
SPO	STANLEY	RON	93	2nd	SSC	LONGBOTTOM		12	1st
SPO	HOLLIDAY	MORRISS	51	3rd	STL	PHILBERT	RAY	78	1st
SPO	SERVICK	ERIC	40		STL	MARTINDALE	PAMELA	44	2nd
SPO	GOLDIN	KEITH	39		STL	BOSHOFF	GRANT	42	3rd
SPO	KENNEDY	BOBBY	30		STL	LETTIERI	JOHN	40	
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Where are they now?

"SHADOW FIGURES"

By J.P. Vettraino - 12/31/2008



John Paul Sr. (L) & John Paul Jr. ®

Randy Lanier

Don Whittington

Dale Whittington

Dreams, lust, single-minded pursuit, blind ambition, thievery...the car world is hardly immune, & sometimes otherwise rational people succumb. Here we catch up with some of autodom's most notorious figures of the last 30 years.

JOHN PAUL SR.

John Lee Paul (born Hans Johan) was the son of Dutch immigrants who settled in Muncie (IN) in 1956. He earned a scholarship to Harvard & then earned millions managing mutual funds. He also was a competent race driver.

In 1979, Paul won the Trans-Am race at Mosport by 33 seconds, with John Jr. in his crew. In 1982, father & son teamed to win both Daytona & Sebring in the JLP Racing Porsche 935. Paul Sr. quit driving after '82, focusing instead on running JLP entries for his son. The cost of fielding the 935s apparently surpassed his Wall Street earnings.

In the middle of the 1983 IMSA season, Paul was arrested on charges that he had shot a federal drug informant 5 times. While awaiting trial, he fled to Switzerland, where he was eventually apprehended & served a 6-month sentence for using a false passport. Paul was extradited to the U.S. in March 1986 & pleaded guilty to attempted murder & drug charges. He spent 13 years in prison & was paroled in July 1999.

Within 2 years, he was gone again. In December 2000, Colleen Wood ... a girlfriend who lived with Paul on his sailboat, disappeared. She hasn't been seen since. Paul & his boat evaporated shortly after police questioned him

about Wood's disappearance, & he remains a wanted man. *If he is still alive, Paul is now 69 years old.*

JOHN PAUL JR.

If the dad was an image of the wicked, the son represents the tragic. John Paul Sr. was widely disliked in race paddocks for his arrogance, derisiveness & intolerance. Junior, on the other hand, was a likable, dutiful son, widely admired for his raw talent.

At age 22 in 1982, Paul Jr. was IMSA's youngest GTP champion. In 1983, he won CART's Michigan 500, & he finished 2nd at Le Mans a year later in a Porsche 956.

Paul Jr. was implicated in his father's drugtrafficking schemes. In August of that year, he pleaded guilty to racketeering, based on preparing a boat to smuggle drugs from Colombia & unloading it in Louisiana. The plea kept him from testifying against his father, who was still at large, but it came with prison time. He was released from federal custody in October '88.

Paul Jr. was welcomed back into race paddocks, despite obvious impediments to sponsorship deals, but his talent was burdened by his recent past. Over the next 10 years, he could usually find rides in sports cars, CART or IRL, though rarely in 1st-rate equipment. He usually managed to squeeze the best from what he had, & in 1998, he finally got into a reasonably competitive seat with Cunningham Racing in the IRL. He won at Texas, finished 7th at Indy & ended a partial season 11th in points.

3 years later, driving Chevy's Corvette GT-1,

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he couldn't understand why the engineering traces didn't match what he thought he was doing with his feet in the car. A medical evaluation revealed that **he had Parkinson's disease**, probably inherited from his mother, possibly accelerated by crash impacts over the years. He never got back into a race car.

At 48, Paul Jr. lives in Las Vegas & works as a driving coach. He's as friendly as ever, almost gentle, & grateful for what racing & life have given him.

"I've had all the opportunity anyone could ask for," he said recently in the paddock at Laguna Seca. "I've worked with great people & made good."

RANDY LANIER

Few in the world of cars are more notorious than racers, none more so than the handful of drivers who earned IMSA the mocking nickname "International Marijuana Smugglers Association" in the '80s. Randy Lanier's name topped the list.

Lanier was a solid driver, but many wondered how his sponsor-less Blue Thunder Chevy-March could beat well-funded, factory-backed cars such as the Group 44 Jaguars & the Holbert/Lowenbrau Porsches, winning the 1984 GTP drivers' championship. Or how he managed 18 CART starts in the next 2 seasons.

The FBI may have wondered, too. In 1986, when he was rookie of the year at Indianapolis Motor Speedway, federal prosecutors indicted Lanier on an array of charges. The government alleged that he & Ben Kramer, a distant relative of reputed mob boss Meyer Lansky, had run a dopesmuggling ring since 1982.

Lanier was convicted of smuggling & distributing tons of marijuana from Colombia, but he fled while awaiting sentencing. He was apprehended 9 months later in Puerto Rico. In October 1988, considering his flight, his unwillingness to testify against underworld associates & the apparent accidental death of a worker Lanier had hired, a judge sentenced Lanier to life without parole.

Today, at age 54, Lanier is confined to the highsecurity U.S. penitentiary in Coleman (FL).

WHITTINGTON BROTHERS

Don & Bill Whittington won Le Mans in 1979 driving a Porsche 935 with Klaus Ludwig. They also raced in CART & Winston Cup events & shared one of Randy Lanier's IMSA Blue Thunder Marches in 1984. In 1982, Don, Bill & younger brother Dale became the 1st trio of brothers to start the same Indy 500. Dale crashed out as a result of Kevin Cogan's green-flag disaster. As bad as that was for Dale, it got worse. All 3 brothers soon were implicated in the federal investigation spurred by Lanier's smuggling operation.

Bill Whittington, now 59, pleaded guilty to income-tax evasion & conspiracy to smuggle marijuana in 1986. He was sentenced to 15 years in prison & ordered to surrender aircraft, race cars & boats valued at \$7 million. He was released from custody in November 1990 & currently manages a resort in Pagosa Springs (CO). He did not return calls from AutoWeek.

Don Whittington, 61, pleaded guilty to money laundering in connection with his brother Bill's illegal activity. He was released from an 18-month federal sentence in March 1988. In the last several years, he has flown a hot-rod P-51 Mustang at Reno & other air races. He owns & operates World Jet, a charter & maintenance service at Fort Lauderdale Executive Airport. He did not reply to messages left at World Jet.

Dale Whittington did not serve time in prison, & he raced sports cars as late as 2000. He was working for his brother at World Jet when his son discovered his body in his home on 6/14/2003. The Broward County (FL) coroner attributed 43-year-old Dale's death to a drug OD.



Historic Sportscar Racing Daytona - Nov. 8-11th

Photos by: Larry Vanscoy





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District News

District Three's November meeting was held at Rossi's Pizza on S. Orange Blossom Trail in Orlando, Governor Bill Martin presided over a good turnout. As usual, we had a mix of racing, solo and volunteers in attendance.

CFR supported the HSR event at Daytona, November 10-11. Reports were that there were about 100 cars entered which is a reduction from previous years. We also provided corner staff for GrandAm testing November 12-14. Our volunteers saw about 20 cars on track. December 8-9, we will staff the Daytona full course for the Audi Club event.

To all of you who continue to support these special events at Daytona - a big THANK YOU! for representing our region so professionally.

Chuck Lutz - Solo Chair., reported that the joint event between Buccaneer and CFR held at FIRM (Starke) on November 9 had 92 entries. This track has some elevation changes and is used for a variety of auto activities including RallyX. Solo's next event is December 9 at Geneva. For 2013, sites and schedules are in the negotiation stage. A January event is in the plans so check the web site for updated information.

The meeting continued with lively discussions concerning the **NASCAR/ALMS merger**, the effect on the World Challenge series, a single platform for GT racing and the potential street race in Ft. Lauderdale (Autumn 2013) for IndyCar and ALMS participants.

Robin Langlotz, Director, answered some questions about the **Majors series** - how it is configured and the affect on Regional/National programs. Our Double National held on the Sebring long course January 4-6, 2013, will again be a **BFG SuperTour** event as well as part of the Majors series.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR......

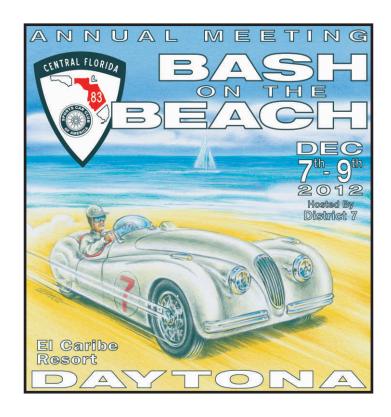
Next up on the CFR racing calendar is our traditional **Turkey Trot** event, **November 24-25** on the Sebring long course. It will be the first regional points race for 2013.

Remember - no District 3 Meeting in December. We'll re-convene January 8, 2013, the second Tuesday of the month.

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

TURKEY TROT TIME: It was a great weekend with close to 300 entrants registered. We got there about 4:30 and there were only a few people standing in the registration line. Looked like it was going to be a low attended event. Buzzed right through and left the Compound to find a gazillion cars and trailers lined up from here to Cleveland waiting for the Test Day to be over so we could get to the paddock area. Obviously Registration did a super job getting people registered - so everything must have gone smoothly. Lots of great racing as always. The Gail Kasson Pot Luck Dinner was a great success - it's always a well deserved tribute to Gail's memory. Lots of food, and lots of good memories shared. To all the folks that brought food, it was delicious. Thanks to Pam MacGregor and all who assisted her to get all the details done, everything set up and later, cleaned up following the festivities, It's hard work arranging the details for a dinner to feed our crowd; to Pam, her regular crew and everyone helping out... job well done and you're much appreciated.

During the weekend a **Memorial Lap** was held in **honor of Anna Hill...** friend to so many, tireless worker, and member of our racing community. **She will be missed.**

ATTENTION F&C MEMBERS: A new system has been set up to register for any and all Pro Race Workers. You'll find a link on the CFR web site (click on Pro Worker Applications) for full details. Often the Chiefs will have many people sign up and have many no-shows.... also people will decide they want to work and just show up, and occasionally workers with little or no experience will just show up expecting to work. Whereas, we need all the help we can get for Pro events, a certain amount of experience is a necessity. Our Chiefs have a time consuming and difficult time making sure all Corners are manned properly...lists have to be made, shifts to be

decided and all the extras that go into staffing a Pro event. Please read the details and follow the instructions on the Pro Worker link, fill out the necessary information and get it in by the posted deadlines. The Chiefs will look at all the people wishing to work - they'll consider experience and training. There will be an opportunity to request a certain Turn to Work ... bear in mind, your request will be considered but you may be assigned the Turn where you are most needed. We are noted for being one of the best Regions in the country for our service and professionalism, and we aim to live up to it this coming year also.

NOTE: you must fill out a form for each Pro event-don't miss the deadlines!

Some of the same things apply for our Club Races. Register early (and hopefully often) for each race you can work. Club or Pro, the Flag Chief needs to know who will be able to work as early as possible, even staffing a Club Race is hard work...be prompt in your response so the Chief will smile upon you.

IMPORTANT POINTS NEED REPEATING: At every event the Chief Communicator will give out reminders. Yeah, we've heard them before ... but we're not always following them. Call Control (it doesn't hurt to say Control, Control).. then your turn number, flag condition - and make your callwhat happened, car numbers and colors, driver condition, location (map coordinates), percentage of track blockage...and what EV assistance you need. If a backup up flag at the previous turn is needed, request it...also don't forget to tell them when their flag is no longer needed. White Flags need to be called in. If you have a White Flag, call it, then when the EV or slow car passes the second flag station beyond you, call that your flag has been dropped. That way we can keep track of where the car is so we can give the correct information to the Drivers, All this means listen to your radios...you can anticipate a problem coming at you. If there is a



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Black Flag or any call around, maintain radio silence. If you hear any Corner say emergency... clear the channel immediately so the CC can have a clear channel to handle the situation. And, of course, there's the ol' think before you speak. Every little spin or 4-off probably doesn't need to be called in, particularly if there's a serious problem going on, I know, you hear this from the CC...and you read it in this column - not only that. but you'll probably hear it repeated often. We have so may things to think about that reminders are necessary.

Several atta' boys and girls...when the Repeater went down at the Trot, there was a very good channel change from Primary to Secondary. Control will announce the change and then will call each Station to be sure everyone is on the right frequency. Folks using scanners, program in both Club channel 5 and channel 2. One race

had to have two pace laps to ensure that the net was up and running with all turns aboard. There were also almost no open mikes, and a special good job to Matt on his emergency call - he covered all the bases efficiently and well.

NOW ON TO DAYTONA... for the event of the year, the CFR Annual Meeting. It's a great event to see all of your CFR Family (and we DO clean up good) and to honor all those Workers that have provided special service to the Club and Drivers who have captured Class wins. If you haven't registered already, do so immediately. It's a "must go to" event!

'Til next year...Happy Holidays and Merry Christmas to all...with best wishes to all with whom we've worked this year.





12 Hours of Sebring

comes full circle for 60th Anniversary

By Gary Watkins - March 12, 2012



Sebring has long been a magnet for the world's top drivers, including Graham Hill & Jackie Stewart. Here, Hill & Stewart share a Ford GT40 ride in 1966.

Editor's note: This is the 1st in a 4-part Autoweek series commemorating the history of the 12 Hours of Sebring, which on 3/17/2012 celebrated its 60th Anniversary race.

It is appropriate that the **FIA World Endurance Championship** would kick off with the 12 Hours of Sebring on 3/17/2012. After all, the event, which celebrates its 60th anniversary this year, was inspired by the race at the heart of the new series ... the 24 Hours of Le Mans.

Alec Ulmann, a Russian-born aeronautical engineer & one of 200 founding members of the SCCA, loved endurance racing in general and the 24 Hours of Le Mans in particular. Ulmann's business in surplus aircraft took him to a number of former military airfields, including Hendricks Field ... a former B-17 Flying Fortress training base just down the road from Sebring (FL) ... that would become his company's HQ. Its broad runways & network of access roads, he reckoned, would provide the ideal starting point for a road course on which to host a Le Mans-style endurance competition.

The 1st event at what became Sebring

International Raceway took place at the end of 1950. The race was a low-key affair, but it tipped its hat to Le Mans: It ran for 6 hours, & the drivers ran across the track to their cars at the start.

15 months later, in 1952, the 12 Hours was born in its traditional mid-March slot. 32 cars started the race on a 5.2-mile circuit bordered by hay bales & oil drums. The entry list had an international flavor right from the start: a British Frazer Nash Le Mans replica driven by Larry Kulok & Harry Grey won, while a French Deutsch-Bonnet claimed the Index of Performance trophy modeled on the same award given at Le Mans each year.

Ulmann, not surprisingly, pushed for Sebring's inclusion in the World Sportscar Championship organized for the following season. The new series took the classic sports-car races ... Le Mans, the Mile Miglia, the 24 Hours of Spa, the Tourist Trophy & the Carrera Panamericana ... & combined them w/a couple of classics in the making, the Nürburgring 1000 KM & the 12 Hours of Sebring.



Stirling Moss was a star at Sebring in the '50s & '60s.



Sebring's inclusion in the inaugural world championship for sports cars, which in various guises ran continuously until 1992, set the tone for the race. There have been ups & downs, but it has always been regarded as one of the most important endurance races in the world.

The lineup aboard the winning Cunningham-Chrysler C4R in 1953 included American driver John Fitch, who had raced at Le Mans & later that year would make his G/P debut. Subsequent big-name winners in the '50s & '60s included Stirling Moss, Mike Hawthorn, Juan Manuel Fangio, Peter Collins, Phil Hill, Dan Gurney, John Surtees & Lloyd Ruby. Jaguar, Ferrari, Maserati & Porsche all triumphed thru those years.

Sebring was an integral part of the world-championship calendar thru the '60s & the early '70s. The race, however, appeared to be on borrowed time as the track facilities stagnated. The FIA's then-sporting arm, the CSI, pushed for facility upgrades while Ulmann searched for an alternative venue.

Ulmann announced that the 1972 race would be the final 12 Hours of Sebring. It was, indeed, the final Sebring contest to hold world-championship status before the 2012 event, but it wasn't the last 12 Hours. The fledgling IMSA organization stepped in to take over the event & started another rich chapter in its history.

IMSA hit a high mark in the GTP prototype era of late '80s & early '90s when Porsche, Jaguar, Nissan, Toyota & Chevrolet battled for honors at Sebring & thru the Camel-sponsored series. Again, a roster of big names triumphed in the race: Bobby Rahal, Hans Stuck, Arie Luyendyk & Andy Wallace all made it to victory lane.

The adoption of IMSA's World Sports Car (WSC) category as the basis of the new breed of prototypes racing at Le Mans beginning in the mid-'90s brought an international flavor back to Florida. That was multiplied when *Don Panoz* took over the lease at the venue & *made the 12 Hours the opening round of his American Le Mans Series (ALMS) in 1999.*

BMW, Audi & Peugeot have all won at Sebring

w/cars designed to win at Le Mans. For manufacturers chasing sports car racing's biggest prize, it became a must-do event, even before the 2010 creation of the Intercontinental Le Mans Cup.

That series spawned the WEC, & now the oldest of the U.S. enduros is once again rightfully on a world-championship calendar.

Letters to the Editor...

I was the driver of FE #22 at Sebring last Sunday. If you were there you might recall that I had a rather "interesting" ride when my car caught another driver's tire and went into a (I'm told) triple flip before landing upside down. I was very fortunate to have suffered only some bruises and a still-to-bedetermined injury to my wallet.

I don't know exactly who the **SCCA workers** were that helped me on track, nor the ones who came to see me and talked to me back at Mick Robinson's trailer, so I wanted to reach out to you to try to let them know how much I appreciated their help, understanding, support and professionalism.

I've been racing here in South Florida since 1986 and frankly this was by far the worst "shunt" I've ever been involved in. As scary as it was. it was a tremendous comfort to have SCCA workers assist me as they did. The corner workers who made sure I was ok and also somehow managed to find my onboard camera that had flown off of the car in the midst of the first of three flips (and was still running!); the workers who gathered up all of the various pieces of my car and made sure they were delivered along with the chassis back to Mick's: and the various SCCA officials that came by Mick's trailer afterward to offer their support (and sympathy) and ask if I was ok.

I would like to extend a sincere "thank you" to all of the SCCA Workers.

Best regards,

Chet Zerlin



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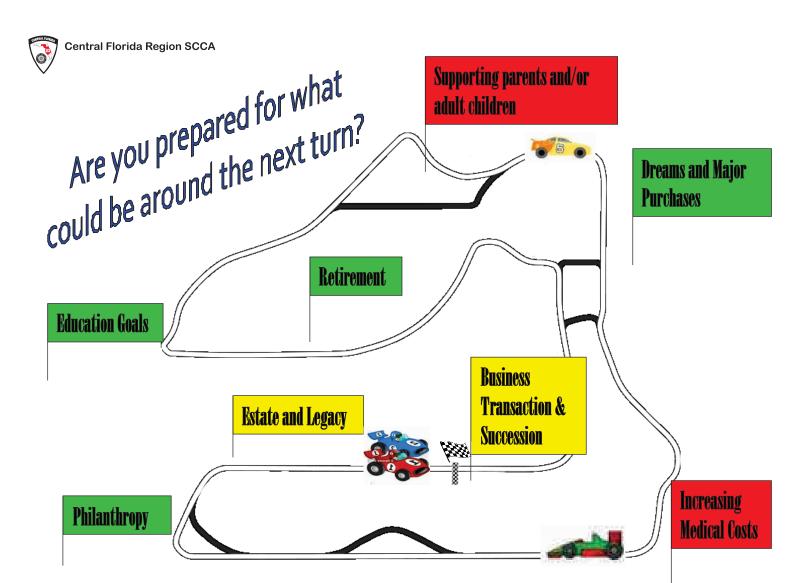
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[]\$85 **Regular Membership PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT:** Includes \$65 National dues. [] \$45 First Gear (under age 25) Address _____ Includes \$25 National dues. С Includes ability to hold Club Racing, PRO Rally or Solo1 Ρ Competition licenses. Ε [] \$110 **Family Membership** F For regular member, spouse and children under age 21. S Includes \$85 National Dues. C []\$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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First Gear birth date		
Spouse Name, if joining Club		
Children's names and birth dates	if Family membershi _l	0
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I am interested in the following SC	CCA activities:	
[] Pro Racing [] Club Racing []	Rally [] Solo [] Off	ïcial
I hereby apply for membership in the Central Florida Region and agree		
Enclosed is my check (made paya or:	able to SCCA, INC.)	or cash for \$,
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