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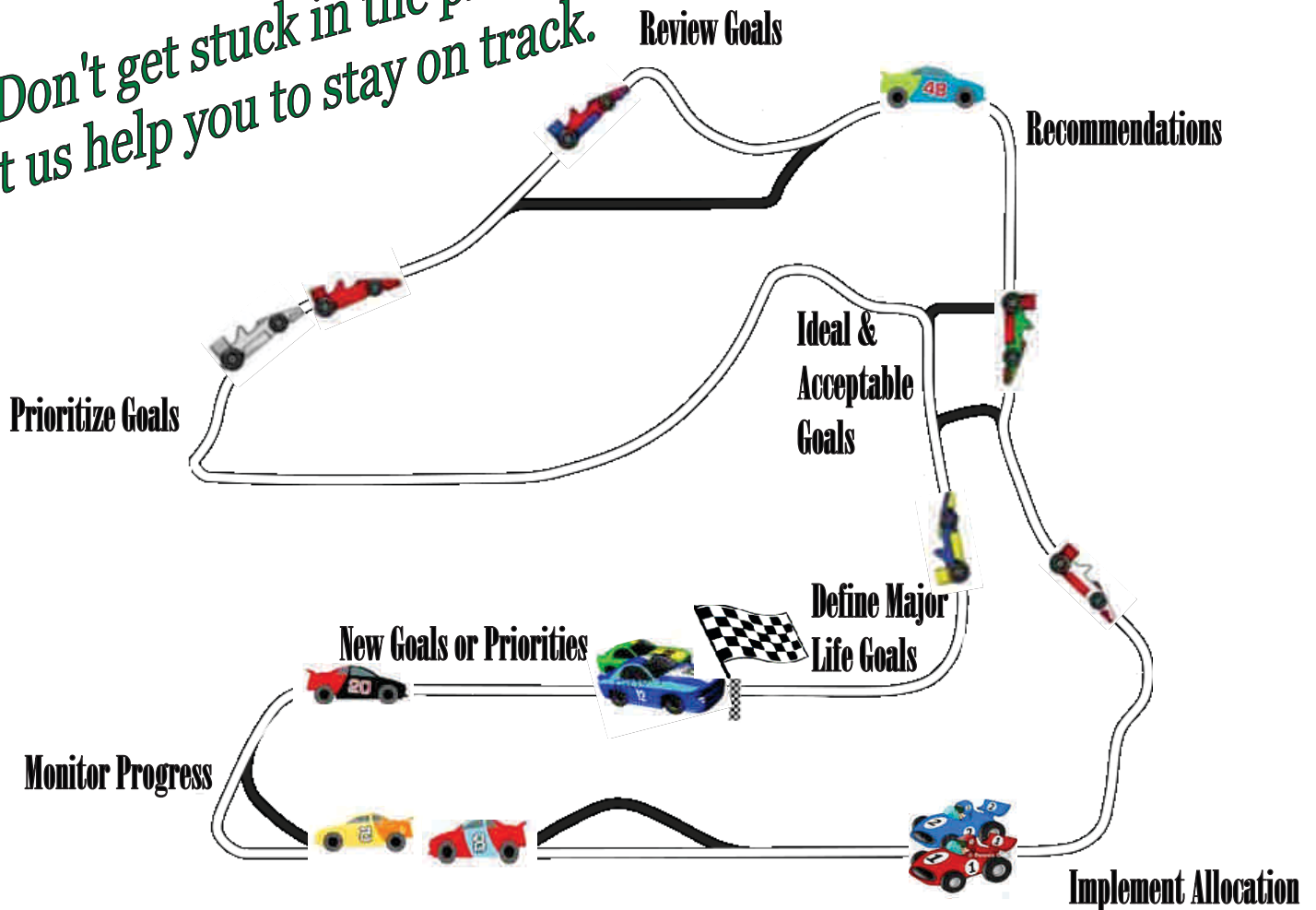
Looking back

January	February	March	April
			
Sebring Double National	The Camaro Cup	60th Anniversary of the 12 hours of Sebring	World Challenge Class
May	June	July	August
			
Daytona Regional & Enduro Races	June Bug Dash	PDX Sebring	Daytona Double SARRC Races
September	October	November	December
			
Rallycross Dixie Divisional in Starke	Tire Rack Teen Street Survival School - Geneva	Historic Sportscar Racing - Daytona	Lifetime Achievement Award Winner Bill Cannons



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District 2 – 4th Wednesday of each month except December – 7:00 pm at **Beef O’Brady’s**, 9311 N. 56th St., Temple Terrace

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.

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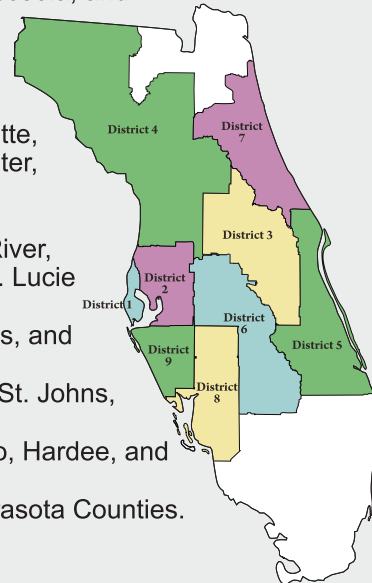
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District 7: Flagler, Putnam, St. Johns, and Volusia Counties.

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

District 9: Manatee and Sarasota Counties.



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2013 Event Schedule

For CFR and Surrounding Regions

January 2013

- 2-3 Test Days SIR
Sebring Long Course
- 4-6 Double National Races
(2013 BFG SuperTour)
Sebring Long Course - 12 Hour Paddock
- 4-6 Grand AM Testing DIS
Daytona
- 11-13 Florida Region Double National
Palm Beach International Speedway
- 12-13 CFR Solo II Races
Sebring
- 24-27 Rolex 24 Hours
Daytona International Speedway
- 27 CFR Solo II Races
Deland

February 2013

- 2 "Look Out Ground Hogs Day" RallyCross
St. Lucie County Fairgrounds
- 9-10 SARRC / Regional Races / Vintage
Sebring Long Course - 12 Hour Paddock
- 10 CFR Solo II Races
Geneva
- 24 CFR Solo II Races
FIRM

March 2013

- 9 Tire Rack Teen Street Survival School
Geneva
- 10 CFR Solo II Races
Geneva
- 13-16 12 Hours of Sebring SIR
Sebring Long Course
- 21-24 St. Pete Grand Prix IRL
St. Pete Waterfront Street Circuit
- 31 CFR Solo II Races
Brooksville

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Lifetime Achievement Award



This year, your Board of Governors has created a Lifetime Achievement Award to honor a member who has served CFR in varying capacities over many years. This award is intended to be presented as our ultimate recognition for a member's service and dedication to the Region.

Think back-Where were you in November 1957?...That's when ground clearing began for a mammoth project in Daytona Beach.

This member has been associated with the Daytona Speedway and Bill France Sr. from the earliest days. There is a story that he helped sell stock in the Speedway Corporation by going door to door to gain support for the initial construction. His support for the Speedway has never been forgotten.

Where were you in the 1960's?... Back in the days of Bandini and Scarfiotti

This member fielded a team of cars – a TR 3 and an Alfa Romeo. They raced at Daytona, Jacksonville, Osceola, Sebastian and PBIR. In 1965, his cars – a TR-3 driven by Kelder/Dube and an Alfa Romeo driven by Mathis/Levetto ran in the Daytona 2000 km race. The TR3 finished 4th overall, 1st in class and the Alfa - 16th overall and 2nd in class.

In the 1967 Daytona 24 Hour race, he prepared two TR-4s which finished 1st and 2nd in class.

A story from one of his drivers..."During the night, one of the Chaparrals blew up directly in

front of the TR4 I was driving and the TR was completely covered with oil. Of course, we had no radios in those days and I had already gone past the pits. I drove with my head out the side window back to the pits because the windshield and lights were covered with oil and dirt. We were in pits 1 & 2. I pulled in and he thought I had blown the engine and started opening the bonnet when I yelled and told him we were fine. I just couldn't see because the Chaparral had blown up in front of me. He had a big grin and yelled, "The Chappy blew up in front of him, clean the lights and windshield, fuel him up, and get him out of here!"

Where were you in the 1970's?...His cars participated in the 1970 Sebastian 3 hr. Enduro. The Alfa driven by Guido Levetto took second in EP and 3rd Overall. In 1972 - his cars also ran in one of CFR's premier events - the Daytona Paul Whiteman Regional/National races.

This member joined CFR in 1969 and served as a District Governor, Chief of Grid, and was in F & C and Timing & Scoring. He served as Race Chairman for Daytona events, which required coordination among all venues, as well as with outside affiliations and Daytona itself. He still holds Sr. licenses in F & C and Pit/Grid as well as a National Race Administration license.

He won CFR's Distinguished Service Award in 1976 and was selected to our Hall of Fame in 2002.

His support and influence helped open the door allowing CFR access to the Speedway for our events.

He continues to be an important and active part of our connection to Daytona. He supports both the CFR events as well as the Pro and Mini-Pro events which our volunteers staff.

It is only fitting that a person with his history - who has given so much to the sport and to CFR - be the first recipient of CFR's Lifetime Achievement Award.



Central Florida Region Lifetime Achievement Award

Presented to

Bill Cannons

In recognition of more than forty-nine years of dedicated service and selfless contributions of time and talent. We gratefully appreciate your untiring commitment for our Sport and the Central Florida Region – SCCA.

December 8, 2012

Awards & Appreciation

Annual Awards for 2012

Worker of the Year

Administration - **Lee Hill** (Webmaster, Asst. RE)

Race - **Jim Hooker** (F & C - Asst. Chief)

Solo - **Brendan Lutz**

Distinguished Service

Charlie Leonard

Hall of Fame

Joyce Hayward

Ed Diehl

Appreciation Quilt Winner

Michelle Adams

received the **appreciation quilt** from the members of CFR. She is the dispatch/chief of the safety team at Sebring. She's been working in the **Safety Team** for many years

and is now heading up the group and works diligently to ensure our events are responded to and back in running order as soon as possible.





...From the BOG Chair

The Annual General Membership Meeting was convened on December 8, 2012 at El Caribe Resort in Daytona Beach, FL. All Governors were present. All Districts continue to hold regular monthly meetings.

Regional Executive, Chuck Dawson, thanked Governors, drivers, workers, officers and all families for their participation and service in 2012. The Sebring January event will be the first SCCA Majors that replaces the SCCA National events. RBC Robin Langlotz negotiated a favorable agreement with SCCA National for this event.

Race Board Chairman Robin Langlotz reported SCCA National will send stewards for the January Majors event, but CFR Stewards will have control over the event. National will invite the top 10 classes for the event, but 28 classes will run. There will be split starts in 5 races. CFR saw success in 2012 in the BFG Supertour, Camaro Cup and TES. PDX has expanded and VDCA has been invited to CFR events. **Live timing is now available on "smartphones" with the appropriate "app."**

Treasurer Walter Williams gave the Governors his financial report. Walt is moving to an online system for deposits and expense payments.

Financial Advisor Jim Magero described the market as "solid." CFR's portfolio enjoyed a 10.7% return to date. The CFR portfolio is poised for a solid year in 2013.

Area 3 Director Robin Langlotz has two more years in this position. He invited anyone seeking a Division appointment to contact him.

Solo Board Chairman Chuck Lutz reported Solo had 6 events since the last BOG meeting in September and all were well attended. There will be 22 onsite events and 8 track events in 2013. Chuck is trying to schedule an event at Patrick AFB. **The Solo Facebook page has 343 "likes."** Chuck would like to schedule a National Solo event in CFR if he can find an appropriate facility.

Tim Reardon, PDX Coordinator, stated all 4 PDX events were sold out in 2012. Tim is working on getting a separate PDX event at DIS. CFR PDX is now second only to Atlanta in the SE Division.

Kevin Crain, Editor of The Checker continues to seek written copy from any member. Ads will

appear throughout the Checker in 2013.

The CFR website averages 60,000 views a month according to Lee Hill, Webmaster. There is now a Pro Worker application on the website for those wishing to work the Rolex 24, 12 Hours of Sebring and St Pete Gran Prix.

Fran Martin, Merchandise, will need new decals in January.

Club Secretary Robin Ragaglia is sending monthly membership reports to each Governor.

The CFR's Board of Governors met on December 9, 2012 at El Caribe Resort in Daytona Beach, FL. All Governors were present. The Governors for Districts 2, 4, 6, and 8 were seated after the November elections. District 2 (Dana DeShong), District 4 (Lyn Watts), District 6 (Terry Taylor and District 8 (Mike Schiffer) were unopposed.

The Board re-elected Michael Wingo as BOG Chairman and elected Leland Miller as BOG Vice-Chairman.

Race Board Chairman Robin Langlotz, Financial Advisor Jim Magero, Solo Board Chairman Chuck Lutz, Rally Board Chairman Doug McCabe and PDX Coordinator Tim Reardon were elected to serve in those roles for 2013. Dana DeShong was elected Assistant Race Board Chairman. Angela Carlascio was elected Assistant Treasurer.

Co-Competition Coordinators, Dennis Joyce and Leland Miller, reported CFR enjoys a good relationship with Daytona International Speedway. The CFR compound will be located on the outside of Turn 7 for the Rolex 24. CFR will have a dedicated gate and overnight camping will be permitted. SIR is looking forward to the January Majors and will sell tickets. **The City of Saint Petersburg has signed a 5 year agreement for the St Pete Gran Prix.** The SPGP has inquired if CFR is interested in managing the paddock. The BOG authorized Dennis and Leland to continue ongoing discussions with SPGP.

Rally Board Chairman Doug McCabe is looking for sites. The St Lucie Fairgrounds is the most viable site, but is usable only 3 or 4 times a year. **Doug would like to have an event in all 9 Districts.** Doug needs about 15 acres to stage an

event. Rallycross now has 2 safety stewards. CFR Rallycross had 6 events in 2012 and awarded year end champions.

Jay Strole, Membership, presented the BOG with his proposals for 2013. The RE and Assistant RE will meet with Jay concerning his proposals. The BOG authorized funds for Jay to distribute new membership letters and flyers for prospective members.

In old business:

Bob Sieck, on behalf of the Policy Manual ad hoc committee, made final recommendations to the BOG on **revisions to the CFR Policy Manual**. More work is needed on the costs of some changes. Robin Ragaglia will reformat the manual to make it **"user friendly."**

***The BOG voted unanimously to print
The Checker monthly.***

In new business:

District 3 Governor, Bill Martin volunteered District 3 to host the 2013 Annual Meeting.

Thanks to Bill, Fran Martin and District 3 for undertaking this project.

2013 tentative BOG meeting dates are March 9 in Sebring (Inn on the Lakes), June 22 at 2013 Annual Meeting Site in District 3 (TBD), September 7 at Hampton Inn in Lakeland and December 15 – Annual Meeting at 2013 Annual Meeting Site in District 3 (TBD).

If you have items of business or issues you wish the BOG to consider at a meeting, contact your District Governor. BOG meetings are open, so please attend if you can.

Thanks to all of you for your membership in CFR. I look forward to seeing you at our one of our next events.

**Michael Wingo
Chairman, CFR BOG**

District News

District 7

The 2012 CFR Annual Meeting, held at the oceanfront **El Caribe Resort and Conference Center** was a huge success with over 150 members in attendance for the awards' banquet. Both Troy Flis, Owner/Manager of Spirit of Daytona Racing, and newly signed driver for the team, Ricky Taylor, spoke at the banquet, and both were extremely entertaining. They certainly merit our thanks for taking the time to spend the evening with us.

As I said at the banquet, this is the **"Rolex DP home team" for District 7**, so for any of you who run into them at the track (poor choice of words, I know), please give your thanks to them for a job well done and for their support of our club!

Our congratulations go out to all the drivers and workers who received awards from Club Racing, Solo and Rally. It's danged near (in my best West Virginia accent) impossible to thank everyone who helped in this endeavor, but I'll give it my best shot!

Thanks, first of all, to Deanna Harry, Misty and Tim Martin, as well as Dave Frederick Jr., for manning registration. My arms grew two inches during this event from being pulled in several different directions at once.

More thanks need to go out to all those who contributed to the silent auction. As most of you know, our chosen charity was **"Camp Bogggy Creek"**, and the auction total came up to \$920. I have pledged an additional \$80 to bring the total to \$1000. More thanks are due to Sammi Ronshausen, Gloria Theen, Dennis Joyce, Alan K, Pat Oppel, Jim White, Susan Young, Phillip Needs, Charlie Leonard, Stu Brummer, BSI Racing, Daytona International Speedway, Steve Smith from Twin Cam Sportscars, Chris Holliday, Tom Sterrett, Miki Moerwald, Trackside Tim's, Robinson Motor Sports, Mick Robinson, The Kennilworth Lodge, and Appalachian Race Tire. **My apologies to anyone else whom I may have neglected.**

In addition, this could not have come about



without the assistance of both Byron Kauffman (Lt. Governor of Dist 7) and Darren Gunn (a displaced Brit and corner worker, who supports the club to the hilt)! Byron was responsible for the creation of the artwork, and Darren brought it to fruition with the banners, etc. Their professionalism went far beyond anything I could ever hope for! Special thanks are due for Jim Westercamp for some fantastic awards that were given out to the workers at the worker luncheon on Saturday. The names of those workers who were toiling away at DIS for the Audi Club event, were also included in the drawing for those awards.

Now, for the next item...the BAND! Geesh...what a great group! They certainly delivered!!! Mike Wingo and Charlene Free (both members), donated their time with the band and **"Shades of Gray"** really rocked! Probably not something that most **"First Gear"** members would appreciate, since it was 60's music, but certainly something that I could enjoy, as well as others, based on the number of folks on the dance floor!

One of the greatest events of the weekend was the presentation of a newly created award, now known as the **"Bill Cannons Lifetime Achievement Award"**! I think **Bill was totally shocked by both the award and the presence of Guido Levetto**, one of Bill's former drivers. Through some secret **"collaborations"** amongst Fran Martin and certain other members, we were able to arrange Mr. Levetto's attendance. To say Bill was surprised would be an understatement. Would I do this all over again? Absolutely, but a few years break in between is recommended. Knowing what I know now, the next one will go even smoother! It's certainly a learning experience, but after one, you know what the shortcomings are, and where you need to improve. Those **"learning lessons"** I intend to share with next year's hosts, District 3. (Gosh...I hope Disney tickets are included! ;))

Now, all that being said, I also learned from this meeting that certain individuals were upset with an email that I sent to the other Governors and Lt. Governors concerning the scheduling of a Solo Event during the Annual Meeting. Let me state, in no uncertain terms, that I had no intention of demeaning or offending anyone in this club. ANYONE who serves in this club does so because they want to and because they believe in this club! There is NO ONE in this club that is involved for personal gain! They are ALL volunteers, including the Board of Governors, and they volunteer willingly! None of us need to question their motives nor their loyalty to this club. I therefore apologize to anyone who may have been offended by that email.

As a Governor, I feel it is my duty to bring certain items of interest to the other members of the board for consideration and comment. Occasionally, we may upset people in the process. Sometimes, we (including me) lose sight of the fact that despite disagreements, we are all interested in the betterment of **"the club"** and what we perceive as best for all the members. In doing so, I can assure you that I will constantly keep the welfare of CFR as my primary responsibility, and especially the membership, regardless of their specialty and affiliation!!!

Again, thanks go out to all those who contributed to this annual meeting, as well as all those in attendance. Everyone made it all worthwhile, and we look forward to next year's annual meeting in Orlando, the city of Magic. I wish everyone a fantastic, prosperous and safe New Year, and may we all have a great time at the races!

Larry Joseph Morgan
Governor, District 7

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Jose Rosado

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Scott McIntosh
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Kevin King
John Adcock
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CFR Regional Points Championship Racing Year 2013

CFR Regional Points as of December 26, 2012

<u>Class</u>	<u>Last name</u>	<u>First</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Last name</u>	<u>First</u>	<u>Total</u>
AS	WILKIN	ANDREW	24	FV	DASSINGER	CARL	24
AS	MCCAULEY	DAVID	16	FV	SCHNEIDER	HARRY	18
AS	MCDANIEL	THURMAN	9	FV	SCHIFFER	MIKE	14
ASR	CLARK	JIM	24	FV	MATTOX	JOHN	6
CF	RILEY	JOSEPH	24	FV	MATTOX	SHAWN	6
CSR	MUCHA	JACEK	24	GT2	STRONG	MARK	21
DSR	MC TAGGART	JOHN	24	GT2	TAYLOR	TERRY	14
DSR	DYKHUISEN	JERRY	18	GT2	CORDLE	TIM	12
EP	HUSSEY	DAVID	24	GT3	BORINSKI	DAVE	24
EP	TAYLOR	KENNETH	14	GTA	CORWIN	LARRY	7
EP	KOSTOPOULOS	PAUL	11	GTL	LEONARD	CHARLES	21
EP	CARSON	WILLIAM	9	GTL	OLMSTED	BRUCE	16
EP	MEADOWS	EDDIE	6	GTL	MEVOLI	PAUL	12
FA	BOUGHAN	DONALD	18	HP	OGREN	MIKE	24
FB	BEATTIE	TOM	24	HP	BOYLAN	TERRY	18
FC	MONTPELIER	TIM	18	HP	LOFTIS	DONALD	12
FE	OSINGA	WALLY	18	HP	ROSE	BILL	7
FF	SCHIMENTI	ANNA	24	HP	HESS	BOB	6
FF	POPE	DAVID	18	HP	RIVARD	RICHARD	6
FM	WEEDER	CARSON	16	IT7	CAREY	LON	24
FM	EVANSON	RYAN	12	IT7	EATON	BOB	16
FP	CAMERON	GLENN	21	ITA	LANGLOTZ	ROBIN/ROBERT	13
FP	SMITH	TIMOTHY	14	ITA	CARTER	JOHN	12
FP	DESHONG	DANA	9	ITA	FRIERSON	GARY	12
FP	KAPCIN	LOU ANN	9	ITA	BOSHOF	GRANT	10
FP	PEARCE	CRAIG	8	ITA	KING	DOUG	9
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ITA	BANKS	DUSTIN	2	SM	CHARBONNEAU	ANDREW	12
ITA	GRASER	SHAUN	1	SM	FRIERSON	GARY	4
ITB	RAYMON	DAVE	12	SM	HARRELL	DENNY	3
ITB	ULBRIK	STEVEN	10	SM	BARBEN	JOHN	1
ITB	MCCORMICK	MIKE	9	SPO	WRIGHT	MARY	21
ITB	HUEPENBECKER	JASON	9	SPO	ALLISON	MARK	9
ITB	ULBRIK	NICHOLAS	3	SPO	HOLLIDAY	MORRISS	6
ITB	YATES	CHRIS	3	SPO	LYCETT	STUART	5
ITB	ULBRIK	MICHAEL	2	SPU	SEAY	MICHAEL	16
ITB	YATES	WILLIAM	1	SPU	MCTUREOUS	JOHN	12
ITC	MOERWALD	MIKI	16	SPU	ADLER	JAMES	12
ITC	MCCOIN	BILL	15	SPU	FOLLMANN	ROBERT	9
ITC	BOYLAN	LARRY	11	SPU	THOMPSON	TROY	6
ITC	DAVIS	STEVE	8	SRF	HILL	LEE	21
ITC	LARSON	JEROLD	7	SRF	GALLOWAY	CHAD	12
ITC	LARSON	SCOTT	5	SRF	LUND H	NEIL	10
ITO	TROUP	PAUL	12	SRF	BREWER	STEVE	4
ITR	VARNA DOE	RUSTY	16	SRF	DE LA TORRIENTE	HECTOR	4
ITR	VAN STEENBURG	KIP	12	SRF	LADONICZKI	STEVE	3
ITS	JENURM	TIMOTHY	24	SRF	HELMICK III	DAVID	3
ITS	AKARJALIAN	MENAS	16	SRF	LADONICZKI	BILL	2
ITS	LOWRANCE	CHARLIE	7	STL	KEANE	PETER	24
ITS	MACHAVERN	DILLON	6	STL	PHILBERT	RAY	18
ITS	GOLDIN	STEVE	5	STL	BOSHOF	GRANT	13
ITS	LANGLEY	DONALD	4	STL	KING	DOUG	7
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Flag Ravings

by: Sally Larson

GALA RECAP-The CFR Annual Meeting: The Hospitality Suite was in full swing when we arrived. The weekend is always a great time to socialize with your CFR Family and friends. First up was the Annual Membership Meeting on Saturday. Chaired by Mike Wingo, It was an opportunity for questions and input from members and officers. Our Financial Advisor, James Magero reported that, the Club is in a good position financially showing a 10% increase from 2012. **A new Assistant Treasurer was announced, Angela Carlascio** will be taking over the duties - best wishes and thanks for your service.

The Luncheon was well attended. The F&C Worker of the Year award went to our own Jim Hooker who will also be stepping up as our new F&C Flag Chief. Contact him at (cfrflagchief@gmail.com). **Worker if the Year for Administration was presented to Lee Hill** who handles our web site, serving as Webmaster. These awards are much appreciated by those winning them (it seems most recipients are rendered speechless when their names are called). We don't work for recognition or the "glory", and certainly not the "pay". We work to support our passion for the sport and our organization. Our participation is our reward through the good, the bad and occasionally the downright ugly. That makes receiving an award truly gratifying. **Congratulations to all the winners...** and a **"job well done"** from all the members.

The Banquet was a sellout. **The Distinguished Service Award went to Charlie Leonard**, Paddock Marshall and District 9 Governor-always providing service above and beyond the call of duty. **Bill Cannons was honored with the Lifetime Achievement Award** for his many years of service and **Joyce Hayward and Ed Deil were inducted into the CFR Hall of Fame**. Congratulations to all. And of course, all the

Drivers winning top honors in their respective class received great trophies presented with full honors. Of note were the many father & son combinations - carrying on a racing tradition.

Guest speaker was Todd Flis, president of the Daytona Prototype Spirit of Daytona Racing Team always a winner. Todd and his brother Troy, also a member of the team, have been involved in racing almost from the time they could walk... following in their Dad's racing footsteps. Many of us can remember watching them run (and win) in ITC, It's great to see members of our CFR family so involved and successful. Well done Guys and best wishes to you.

Following the Banquet, entertainment was provided by music from the noted **Shades of Grey 60's band**, providing CFR members (some sporting similar shades of grey), and some cool memories. If you saw some familiar faces in the band, they were some of our "family".

CHANGING OF THE GUARD: After many successful years of serving as Chief of F&C and Equipment, **Rich Kasson is stepping down as Chief and handing the reins to Jim**. Lots of great memories (some mentionable, some not) and his service has been outstanding. I'm sure we'll see Rich and Diane at the track often... when they actually have time to sit back, relax and will get a chance to watch, not work. The Kassons and I started Corner Working many moons ago and learned a lot about our jobs and our work together - and have never stopped learning about Corner Working. That's one of the secrets of life in general... never give up and never stop learning.

As he takes over F&C, Jim is going to be working on our Applications for Pro Working events...and also on developing Communications protocols. Be sure to get your pro worker application in early. You can apply for more than one event at the same time. The application form can be found as a link on the

CFR web page. Early is good! For qualified workers, its first come, first served in requested corner assignments - also earning brownie points with the Chief. Staffing a Pro or Club event is a lot of work for the Chief- make it as easy as possible for him.

GOT A PROBLEM OR NEED INFORMATION?

Try to attend as many District monthly meetings as possible, your Governor will keep you up to date and carry your suggestions to the next BOG meeting. There's a list of phone numbers and addresses in the Checker. Though **"Ravings"** is an F&C column, we're all working together in our various specialties and the column is here to serve you. If you have any suggestions or information you'd like to see included, feel free to do so.

Drop me an email at:

sunnyday@infionline.net

Final thoughts: call her **Miki...call her Mike... just call her winner of the ITC trophy and hand over her trophy! Atta Girl, Miki!**

AND Congratulations to Fran Martin on her excellent choice in Christmas cat tees, could not have found a better one myself, and didn't!

May your holidays were warm, wonderful, and filled with the joys of the season... here's to a happy, healthy and successful new year!



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Denise McCluggage's Recollections of Sebring

By Denise McCluggage

March 13, 2012



Autoweek appeared in the magazine's first issue in 1958. Denise McCluggage's 1st report for Autoweek appeared in the magazine's 1st issue in 1958.

Editor's Note: This is the **2nd** 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. For the uninitiated, Denise McCluggage is the grand dame of American road racing — in terms of both participation & coverage. As a reporter w/the NY Herald, she covered motorsports, which brought her to Competition Press, the progenitor of Autoweek. McCluggage's report on the 24 Hours of Le Mans appeared in our 1st issue on 7/16/1958. We have benefitted from her insights, wisdom & wit ever since.

The incongruity amused me from the start, how the Continental elegance exuded by Alec Ulmann — the man most individually responsible for planting European-style road racing in American soil — had bonded w/a seedy backwater town in Florida's characterless mid-section to launch his dream of introducing world championship sports car competition to America. Actually, the town came w/the package. Its airport had been Hendricks Field, which was a B-17 training field in WW II. Airfields were increasingly the sites of sports car races, given the risks tragically revealed using around-the-houses public thoroughfares.

At Sebring, a test-tube 6-hour race was run on a 3½ mile hay-baled course on New Year's Eve in 1950. It was a race w/built-in appeal for mathematicians, the winner being determined by a complex formula called the **"Index of Performance"**. Thus, a Crosley Hot Shot won.

Won! Even tho the Cad-Allards & Ferraris completed up to 20 laps more than the 724cc Crosley.

From that trial balloon came, 14 months later, the **1st 12 Hours of Sebring, on an expanded 5.2 mile course that made better use of the airfield's vast runways & paved service roads.** And winning would depend on distance run (duh), although Ulmann was loath to abandon entirely that European touch of the Index. It's still there, lasting along w/the race for, wow, 60 years. **How time flies when engines are revving.**

Today the town of Sebring is a charming little city w/hardly a seed showing. The race course has again shrunk, now at 3.7 miles — apparently, the length of the attention span of today's race-goers. Predictably, I prefer the longer course that I raced on in seven 12 Hours & in several shorter races.

Some memories of Sebring. Wondering why anyone not a race fan would voluntarily come to such a scruffy burg, I asked (minus the "scruffy") shuffle-boarding tourists at the park. Straight-faced answer & a lesson in relativity: "For the altitude." I looked it up. **Sebring is 137' above sea level.**

The place to stay in the early years of the 12



Hours of Sebring was Harder Hall, billed as one of the state's finest hotels.

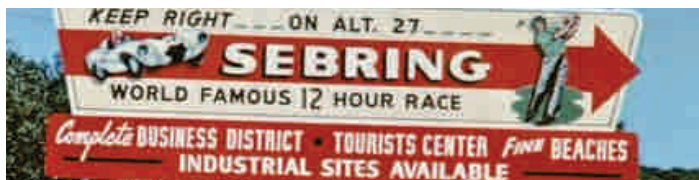
Harder Hall was then the most ambitious of the area's hostleries, made obvious by the fact that it was where Briggs Cunningham housed his teams. But the image evoked by what Walt Hansgen told me still makes me smile. He said that he & John Fitch would walk back-to-back

along the dim 3rd-floor corridor to their rooms. From time to time, the appropriate one would yell, “Bat!” Both would then duck to avoid the impact of flying mammals that also favored Harder Hall.

The lesser hotel where I often stayed was apparently batless, featuring instead bugs you could saddle, periodic hot water that came in dribbles &, imagine, world champion Juan Manuel Fangio down the hall. I wondered what someone like him, conversant w/the likes of Monaco & Spa, thought of basic Sebring & its DIY race course. But then, “in the day,” even G/P drivers were a laid-back, largely amiable bunch. Just there, anywhere, to race. And the meager town boasted welcoming, enthusiastic folks. Perhaps some futurist among them knew that this strange bustling about w/race cars would put their town on the map.

John Wyer, of Aston Martin, used the word “dismaying” to describe his 1st impression of the would-be course, but many willing workers (Sebring's firemen were early race supporters) & loads of hay bales later, he — along w/most everyone — was pleased w/the result.

My 1st race car at Sebring was a Fiat Abarth Zagato double bubble (w/Ruth Levy). DNF. My last (I say last, but I'm open to offers) was a pale yellow NART Spyder (w/Pinkie Rollo), the only Ferrari — factory or privateer — to finish that year (17th). The best year was 1961. Sax player Allen Eager & I were 10th OA, 1st in class & the GT winner in my Ferrari SWB 250 GT. (But we said “short-wheelbase” in those pre-LOL days.)



The 12 Hours of Sebring has been a tourist attraction in Florida for more than half a century.

Probably the most memorable year was 1959.

It's not true that Noah was building an ark in the paddock, but biblical drenching filled the week. The race started in tentative clear, but the rain started teeming down again as my turn arrived. I was sharing a 1.9L OSCA w/Alejandro de Tomaso, Isabel Haskell & — coming in as a closer as the rain ended — Ricardo Rodríguez (his own car had conked out).

The course's poor drainage left lakes large enough to be named. The lightness of the OSCA meant that the little car planed on every shining spot at any speed faster than an aerodynamic turtle, leaving the rear wheels to buzz uselessly & the steering to go wonky.

We were on our way to win the Index of Performance (yep, that) until the deluge. And a blue, blatting, FWD Deutsch-Bonnet — designed for traction in just such conditions — pattered by as I floundered in the flooding.

The younger Hermano Rodríguez took over as the rains trailed into a photographer's dream of a wetly reflected sunset. Ricardo came oh-so-close to catching the D-B. But everyone who ever raced has oh-so-close stories.

Click on my vision bank of Sebring. The giant war planes stored for awhile alongside the course. Suddenly, big cars dwarfed — & the orange cones banded in reflective tape replacing earlier hay bales in carving up the runway for racing. An incredible aid to concentration for night driving — & Stirling Moss waving as he lapped me in my sub-100 mph Fiat Abarth. He did that often &, oddly, almost always in the esses. I'd think, “Stirling's due,” & find a line nothing but a Fiat could use. Wave!

Another year, another sense. Dead whales, or at least ground-up portions of them, filled a warehouse near the Webster turn. Don't ask. Was it for fertilizer or pet food? An overwhelming, unique reek. Riverside Records should have done a ***“Smells of Sebring.”***

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Rolex 24 At Daytona

January 23-27, 2013
(Preliminary) SCHEDULE

Wednesday, January 23

8:00 AM - 5:00 PM Pro-Worker Registration
12:30 PM - 1:15 PM Practice-Ferrari Challenge
1:30 PM - 2:30 PM Practice-Continental Challenge
2:45 PM - 3:30 PM Practice-Ferrari Challenge
3:45 PM - 4:45 PM Practice-Continental Challenge

Thursday, January 24

8:00 AM - 10:00 AM Pro-Worker Registration
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM Practice-Rolex Series
10:00 AM - 11:00 PM Practice-Ferrari Challenge
11:15 AM - 11:45 AM Practice- Continental Challenge
1:15 PM - 1:45 PM Practice-Rolex Series
2:00 PM - 5:00 PM Pro-Worker Registration
2:00 PM - 2:15 PM Qualifying- Continental GS.
2:25 PM - 2:40 PM Qualifying-Continental ST
2:55 PM - 3:25 PM Qualifying-Ferrari Chal. Grp 1
3:40 PM - 3:55 PM Qualifying-Rolex DP
4:10 PM - 4:25 PM Qualifying-Rolex GT/GX
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM Night Practice-Rolex Series

Friday, January 25

8:00 AM - 10:00 AM Pro-Worker Registration
9:00 AM - 9:30 AM Practice-Continental Challenge
9:45 AM - 10:15 AM Qualifying-Ferrari Chal. Grp 2
10:30 AM - 11:30 AM Final Practice-Rolex Series
11:45 AM - 12:30 PM Ferrari Recon & Race 1
1:45 PM **START**- Continental Tire Challenge (2.5hr)
2:00 PM - 5:00 PM Pro Worker Registration
5:00 PM - 8:00 PM Ferrari VIP Laps (no staffing)
5:00 PM - 7:00 PM Annual CFR Worker Social

Saturday, January 26

8:00 AM - 10:00 AM Pro-Worker Registration
9:45 AM - 10:45 AM Ferrari Recon & Race 2
11:00 AM - 3:00 PM 'Stuff' - Limited Staffing needed
3:30 PM **START** 51st Rolex 24 At Daytona

Sunday, January 29

3:30 PM **FINISH** 51st Rolex 24 At Daytona

Worker Meetings, ETC:

Flagging and communications will meet in the canteen area, one hour prior to Green Course Times. Pit Marshals will meet there as well.

CREDENTIALS

Pro-Worker Registration will be conducted at the Speedway Credentials Office located on Dunn Ave. Credentials may be obtained during the hours listed on the schedule at left. In order to receive Event Credentials, you must first apply online at www.cfrscca.org under 'Pro Racing', and - 1. Be listed on your Chief of Specialty's official roster. 2. Present an up to date SCCA Membership Card and Specialty License. There are NO EXCEPTIONS to these policies. The Official Event Credential will be the Paper Speedway Body Pass. CFR will have a dedicated parking & Compound area - Details at Registration.

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Meals: Lunches will be provided on Thursday & Friday. The CFR Canteen will open Saturday afternoon at the CFR Compound on the backstretch Grandstand Plaza. The Canteen will serve up food and beverages for the duration of the Event or until supplies run out (which ever comes first). The rest of the time, you are on your own.

CFR Social: The Annual Worker Social will be hosted at the CFR Canteen in the Backstretch Compound at 5:00 PM on Friday.

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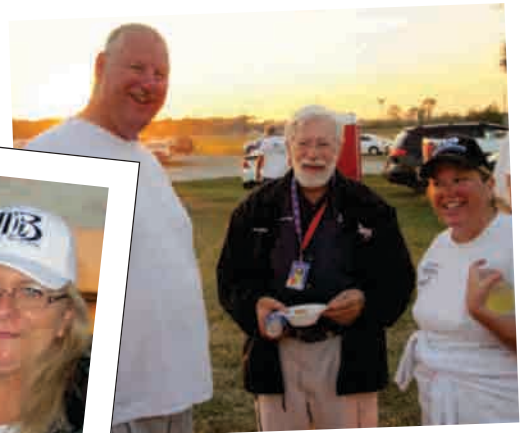


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