

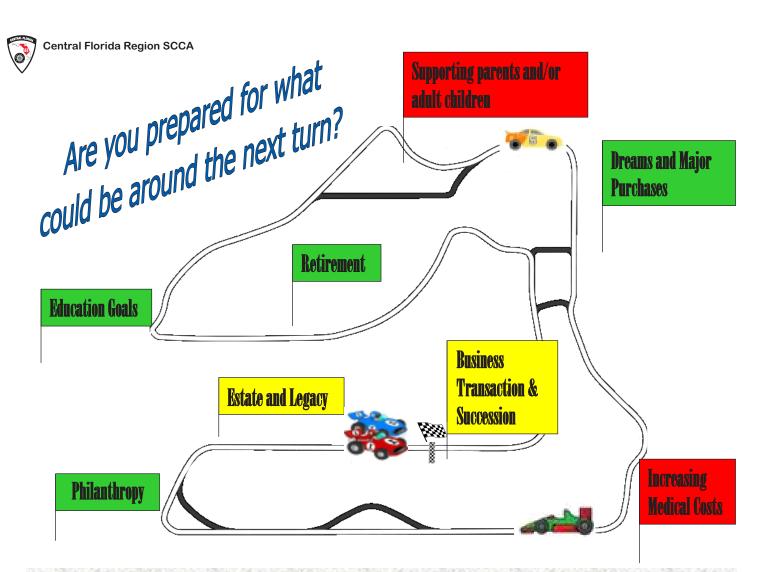
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District 1 - 2nd Tuesday of each month except December -7:30 pm at **Perkins Restaurant** 2626 Gulf to Bay Blyd... Clearwater- NE corner of US 19

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District 3 - 2nd Tuesday of each month except December -7:30 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 Louie's Pizza House - 1347 Beville Rd - Daytona Beach FL 32119

District 8 - 2nd Wednesday of each month except December at 6pm at **Dublin Ale House Pub** - 1708 Cape Coral Pkwy West, Cape Coral.

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Event Schedule

For CFR and Surrounding Regions

	January 2015			Aprii Zu i 5	
9-11	Grand Am Testing	DIR	11-12	Driver School & PDX	DIR
0.44	Daytona Road Course- Conducted By DIS		40	Daytona School Course	
9-11	Florida Region Majors	HMS	19	SOLO	
4.5	Homestead-Miami Speedway	CID		Brevard Community College	
15	Test Day	SIR			
16-18	Sebring Long Course – Conducted By SIR	SIR		May 2015	
10-10	Majors Races Sebring Long Course – 12 Hour Paddock	SIK	1		DIR
17-18	SOLO		1	CFR Test Day Daytona Road Course	DIK
17-10	Geneva - Practice on 17th, Points on 18th		2-3	Regional/SECS/TES Enduro/SOLO	DIR
22-25	Rolex 24 Hours	DIR	2-3	Daytona Road Course, Solo on Kart Track	DIIX
	Daytona Road Course – Conducted by DIS	- \	31	SOLO	
25	SOLO		•	Brooksville	
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	February 2015		12	Test Day	SIR
6	Test Day	SIR		Sebring Short Course – Conducted By SIR	
	Sebring Long Course – Conducted By SIR		13-14	SARRC/Vintage/PDX	SIR
7-8	SARRC/Regional Races/Vintage	SIR		Sebring Short Course – Green Park Paddoc	k
	Sebring Long Course – 12 Hour Paddock		20	BOG Meeting	
8	SOLO			Location TBD	

March 2015

January 2015

	Mai Cii Zu i J	
7	BOG Meeting	
	Holiday Inn Express, I4 & Hwy 27	
8	SOLO	
	Brooksville	
18-21?	12 Hours Of Sebring	SIR
	Sebring Long Course – Conducted By SIR	
22	SOLO	
	Deland	
27-29?	St Pete Grand Prix	
	St Pete Waterfront Street Circuit - Conducte	ed By IRL

Brooksville

SOLO

Geneva

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July 2015

April 2015

18-19	Driver School/Vintage/PDX	SIR
	TES Enduro Sebring Short Course – Green Park Paddoc.	k
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2015 Publication Deadlines

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SOLO

Geneva

In an effort to keep the content in **The Checker** as fresh and relevant as possible, a floating deadline will be used typically following Club Racing events. With a set deadline of the 15th of the month(the former system), an event which occurs on the 17th of the month would not be included in the following month's issue, but two months following said event, which would make the coverage a bit dated; hence the reason for a "floating deadline."

The deadlines for submission to The Checker for 2015 are as follows:

- January 20, 2015
- February 10, 2015
- March 23, 2015
- April 14, 2015
- May 5, 2015
- June 16, 2015

- July 21, 2015
- August II, 2015
- September 8, 2015
- September 29, 2015
- October 20, 2015
- December 1 2015



Annual Meeting

Good times at the 2014 Annual Meeting - really about the only complaint one could possibly come up with was that if the weather were about 15 degrees warmer, the beach would've been a bigger draw.

District 5 hosted this year's meeting in Melbourne, Florida's Crowne Plaza hotel on the beautiful Atlantic Ocean beach. The event was well organized with quick check in and an easy to find Hospitality Suite overlooking the beach from the fifth floor... Friday night, it was well stocked with appetizers and of course a couple of bottles of liquid refreshments. Tom Sterrett had command of the mixology department and everyone seemed to be in good spirits.



Saturday morning began with a plentiful breakfast buffet which led then to the Annual Membership Meeting. All District Governors were brief in that they had "no changes" to report so that led right into the Specialties' reports. All in all they were brief and filled with good news - the club is in a sound financial state, Solo is maxing out at most locations, RallyCross continues to increase it's field, membership is up and

CFR will continue to have good national representation with Lee Hill taking over where Robin Langlotz has been so instrumental the past six years.

Dennis Joyce, Co-Competition Coordinator, has been busy with planning for 2015 and is working hard on the Runoffs which are coming back to Daytona for the first time in decades... many opportunities exist for successes and challenges for an event of the



magnitude of a national Runoffs with more than 700 cars expected and it's obvious that Dennis, Leland Miller and our RE, Chuck Dawson are getting out in front of this event to minimize any bumps in the road. This led into conversation regarding the number of events at Daytona that the club is also committed to providing staffing for. This sentiment was echoed from Chuck and Dennis. DRIVERS - if you didn't know, by spending some time working corners or other areas demanding volunteers, you can save some money on those race entry fees. By staffing those non-CFR events, it helps the club's costs to race at Daytona to remain lower; so you can pay with some of your time or a bunch of your cash...

Workers Wanted

Drivers - Fill that down time by assisting those who work to maintain a fun, safe racing environment!
 Club Members - Get involved today! Your help is needed to keep CFR the Premier Club Racing Program in the US.

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Leland Miller reported that he'd been on a top secret trip to the Caribbean exploring some opportunities for Island Racing in Barbados. Exploratory operation at this point but sounds like it could be doable... Chuck Dawson announced a Worker School in Maystay tuned for a confirmed date/location.

Dana Deshong, Race Board Chair confirmed the February race in Sebring will be a SARRC event, using the 12 Hour Paddock, the June race will also be a SARRC event and that we'll be running four test days in September prior to the Runoffs. 2015 will see four PDX events and there was some discussion regarding expanding the number of entries as the 2014 events were maxed at 45 entries.



Solo was reported by Terry Tabor to have 23 events planned for 2015. 2014 had 25 events with an average attendance over 100, except for Brooksville which averaged around 50 due to the restrictions of that site. CFR hosted the State

Championships in Geneva which was sold out with III entries who were challenged to run on a Darren Seltzer designed course where a new timing system was also broke in.

Steve Kearney has been the CFR Chaplain now for 21 years and is always available to assist anyone in need of a confidential ear or to address any spiritual issue. Chaplain Kearney spoke of some of the CFR racing family that has been or is experiencing challenges in their lives and to keep those folks in our prayers.

After the reports were given, a brief break was taken before opening the floor up to questions from the membership, which in years past has provided a little entertainment, but this year, maybe the fresh sea air had everybody chillin' or ready for lunch, because only a few brief comments were shared. About the only negative report was that there seems to be some

kind of attack or glitch with the website that our webmaster, Lee Hill is working to iron out, and I'm sure will have been rectified by the time you're reading this.

The hotel staff were prompt with the Lunch Buffet which was prepared for the Worker Appreciation Luncheon Saturday after the Membership Meeting. Our Race Worker of the Year, Bob Storke, was unable to attend so no long, drawn out acceptance speech. (wink, wink:-). Afterwards, we had the afternoon free to wander about and enjoy some sea air. I saw photographic evidence of a couple people lounging in the hotel pool, certainly more adventurous than most for a December swim.

Some of us ended up, of course, back upstairs in the Hospitality Suite. Saturday's date, 12/13/14, was the last consecutively numbered date for our expected lifetime and the hotel was busy rolling the weddings through. Our perch on the balcony above allowed for some amusement as we watched the staff setup and tear down multiple weddings, pre-stage fully prepared tables in the parking lot while fighting the brisk breeze coming off the ocean. What bride could resist the appeal of a beach side wedding on such a unique date? All that excitement forced me to enjoy a brief nap prior to the Awards Banquet.

Speaking of Awards Banquets, this one went pretty smooth with everyone bringing their A-Game. The mixologists kept the holders of the drink tickets to a minimal wait, the buffet had the usual variety of fare and we were entertained by the stories of renowned



racer and hometown son, Randy Pobst who shared his experiences from when he was bitten by the

racing bug as a young man in Melbourne and some of his experiences over the course of a very successful racing career. He obviously has a great passion for sportscar racing and it showed. If we didn't have awards to hand out I'm sure he'd still be up there sharing - and it was all good! Very entertaining!

Terry Tabor, filling in for the missing Chuck Lutz, took the podium to hand out the 2014 Solo Points Championship Awards. He had prepared a nice video presentation to go along with the awards and afterwards, outgoing Club Racing Points Keeper, Jack Ragaglia announced the Club Racing points



champions while Lyn Watts, outgoing District 4 Governor and new Points Keeper, had the honor of handing out the awards and smiling for the camera, over and over again; Lyn was smiling all weekend, not sure if that was

Ricky's doing or Dave Welsh's decision to head up District 4... maybe a little of both?

Speaking of Dave Welsh, not only is he the incoming District 4 Governor, but he was also recognized as the Solo Worker of the Year for 2014, though he had stepped out of the room at the time of the announcement, so



another long-winded acceptance speech avoided (wink, wink). Upon his return, we could see the reason for his untimely absence.

Sammi Ronshausen presented the 2014 Hall of Fame Award to new inductees, Tim and Paula Lee (Trackside Tim) for their many years of service to the club. District 5 Governor and host of this year's event announced the first of two Distinguished Service Awards given out this year. Outgoing Area 3 Director,

Robin Langlotz, was unable to personally receive the award as he was enjoying his weekend in Topeka, Kansas with Lee Hill finishing his commitments on the national level.

Leland Miller presented the second Distinguished Service Award to Sally Larson for the many years she's dedicated to the club as a worker in several specialties and for her dedicated work on the Flag Ravings Column in this news magazine. Sally accepted her honor with a short speech



and barely had time to sit before being called again to the podium to receive the first Outstanding Contributor Award presented on behalf of **The Checker** by the publisher, Osceola Press. Sally's never missed a deadline and has been committed to sharing her insights and wisdom with others to help keep everyone safe and informed whilst at the track.



Jerry Larson thanked all for coming and closed the night's presentations... did I mention the Hospitality Suite was still open? Many did enjoy the opportunity to bench race well into the early hours and somehow, our guest speaker,



Randy Pobst inherited some reindeer antlers before the evening was over.



Sunday Morning came and we enjoyed another breakfast and some time to relax and share with others prior to the BOG business meeting which started with the RE, Chuck Dawson, conducting the meeting until Mike Wingo was again voted in as a Governor at Large and appointed to Chairman. Paul Troup, was voted in as the second Governor at Large, and also carries the title of Vice Chair for 2015. After this, Chuck was relieved to relinquish control of the meeting.

Dave Welsh, the new District 4 Governor took his seat and it was announced that John Schimenti would fill the seat of Lt. Governor in District 2. I'm not sure if he knows what he's getting into as District 2 will be hosting the 2015 Annual Meeting, so he and Jerry Hicks will be busy this year. Newly appointed Assistant Regional Executive, Leland Miller is filling the position that Lee Hill vacated upon his election to Area 3 Director.

The business side of the weekend saw the decision made that the National Anthem will now be broadcast at Club Racing events and the Flat Tow Mafia will have the honor of presenting the colors thanks to the efforts of Track Marshal, Dave Langston, District 7 Governor, Larry Morgan and RBC, Dana Deshong.

Discussion was also had that a Committee Chair/Coordinator is needed for the purpose of organizing and executing the Picnic at the June race and for the Social at the Turkey Trot as Social Director, Pamella MacGregor deals with continued medical issues in her recovery and may be overly tasked with also supervising those events. Anyone who is interested in taking on this very important role, please contact a board member for more information.

Much discussion was had in anticipation of one of the busiest and most exciting years the CFR has had to look forward to maybe ever. We're a club dedicated to Sportscar Racing and man, do we have a lot of it coming this year! We all need to pull together and commit to showing the rest of the country how things get done the right way.

The officers and administrators are working hard, the drivers are getting ready for the first big event of 2015 only a few weeks away, and the call for workers to step up in all areas will be heard all year long - boredom will not be an issue.

Come out to the tracks and have some fun!



Bill Martin has a new bumper sticker...



Membership Chair, Darren Gunn and District 7 Governor, Larry Morgan remembering their "little flag waving times."



The "die hards" Saturday night in the Hospitality Suite

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Did You Know

We have a volunteer incentive Program!

Do your friends a favor by inviting them along to participate as a volunteer at any CFR club meeting for FREE and, if they enjoy themselves which of course they will, they can become full members for just \$30 for the first year. Even better news - by being their referring member they will get an additional \$15 off! So their first year is just \$15.

SCCA Volunteer Incentive Program reduced membership rates are renewable for second and third years by working at least four (4) days each prior year.

Wait! There is more! YOU can claim a referral discount from national on your renewal for every member you introduce. When inviting a guest it is always a good idea to use the Guest Passes issued in The Checker as this will ease the registration process; please make sure your quest hooks up with the specialty chief at the event or with Darren Gunn, CFR-SCCA Membership, beforehand so we can make their first time as pain free and enjoyable as possible.

For more information please feel free to contact me at any time, contact info on back page. Be safe out there!



A Word from the Social Director

What can you say it was another great pot luck dinner! I believe everyone got fed as much as they wanted and even the homeless shelter received some goodies. We fed just under 300 people Saturday night.

Thank you to those that brought goodies and those that donated. Special thanks to Ed Barr, a driver of the T4 class, who donated \$80 toward the dinner and Brewer Enterprises who always puts in a collectable coin or \$2 bill.

I would like to shout out a much appreciated thank you for the volunteers that stepped up and helped set up, break down,

serve and cook all day Saturday - Elizabeth Offutt and Jean K., Bonnie M. and Maryanne M., Charlene, Al H. and my beloved David who cooked and cleaned all afternoon after working the start stand during the morning. I want to thank Steve for the

blessing, I think we remembered Gail Kasson in a fantastic way and I hope the club can keep this going.

We received a total of \$315.00 in donations that were deposited back to the club plus we were under

budget for the event and I sent the club back \$354.00 in refunds.

My ankles are still swollen and I am going to go put them up for a while. I want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.



Respectfully, Pamella MacGregor



OLD FART RACERS' REUNION 2014

We want to take this opportunity to thank several people for contributing to the 2nd Annual Old Fart Racers' Reunion at the Turkey Trot. First, were the women of District 9 who provided all kinds of delicious food that went with the brats and hot dogs cooked by Terry Galvin. Bonnie and Michael McKee, along with Mary Ann, Steve and Iam Mullins and Ellen Leonard shared their tables, chairs, canopies, outdoor carpets, etc. and helped to set them up as well as clean up when the event was over.

Charlie Leonard provided space in the paddock where we could eat together, reminisce and meet other SCCA racers and workers who were around in the 1960s through 1980s. Some are still racing and working 30 or more years later! Karen Galvin, again, was our photographer and was everywhere helping out whenever needed.

A special thank you to Carol Swanson for making the trip from Monroe, Georgia to be with us. She took many photos as well as welcomed all the "old fart racers" as they received their commemorative T-shirts.

We thank the registration workers and the gate guard who made sure no "old fart" was turned away. Most of all, we thank the "old farts" that showed up and helped to make it another memorable time. Their donations for T-shirts and food at the track and prior to the event were much appreciated. As chaplain Steve Kearney said, "This fun and friendship is what SCCA is all about."

Same time, same place, next year! Wayne Miller and Van & Judy McDonald





2014 Turkey



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Steve Goldin drove his RX7 to two overall group wins.

Rusty Varnadoe drove the BMW328IS to two ITR victories





Worker Meeting Saturday Morning



The line is forming and the feeding is about to begin...





Bench racing at the Social

Paddock Marshal, Charlie Leonard imparting wisdom?



Trot Weekend

Photos by: Kevin Crain



Turn 1 Sunday Afternoon



Brandon Kennedy got a little loose going through 1



'Vette City! John Branscombe - SPO-W



Roland Bauer, GT1



Greg Heyen SPO



David Hussey pilots his Integra to two group wins.



Mark Eaton sweeps the weekend in SRF3.



John Schimenti takes two Formula Ford victories.



Charlie Leonard scores two GTL wins.



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Remember When...

Pictures

Submitted by Louis Galanos

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The two Chaparral 2As pass the Jack Ryan/Ted Tidwell Porsche 904 GTS going under the MG Bridge.

The winning #3 Chaparral was driven by Jim Hall and Hap Sharp. The other Chaparral finished 22nd.

The newspaper headlines preceding the 1965 Sebring 12 Hour Grand Prix told the story, "U.S. vs. Europe For 1st Time." For the first time it looked like American race cars had a chance to beat the European teams that had dominated Sebring for years.

As a result a record crowd flocked to the raceway in such numbers that a monumental traffic jam ensued on race day with some fans not getting into the track until three hours after the start.

Although the two-car Chaparral team was a crowd favorite the people in the know gave them little chance against Ferrari. And then the rains came and changed everything.



Richie Ginther and Phil Hill failed to finish in their Ford GT40. The Ford - Ferrari War was in full swing in 1965.



The Charlie Rainville/Mike Gammino Bizzarini Iso Grifo A₃C failed to finish when it hit the Mercedes-Benz Bridge during the storm and split in two.



The private entry Ferrari 330 P of Charlie Kolb and John Fulp failed to finish due to a busted gearbox. Ferrari had withdrawn their factory team protesting the inclusion of the Chaparral team in the race.



Dan Gurney led early in the race in this Lotus 19J but failed to finish. Some referred to his car as the "rabbit" that the other competitors were supposed to chase and possibly retire early. This would allow the Ford cars to win.



Chevy Corvette Grand Sport of George Wintersteen, Peter Goetz and Ed Diehl finished 36th.



HSR and Trans Am















in Daytona Nov 12-16

by: Larry Vanscoy





The Friendly Faces of the SCCA...







working the five day event in Daytona, culminating with the "Classic 24 Hour at Daytona."















Flag Ravings

by: Sally Larson

'TIS THE SEASON FOR THANKS - GIVING...

THANKS TO CFR DRIVERS: for our Worker shirts given out at the Turkey Trot. You're great to work with and for, and we get the best 'seats' in the house to **Share the action! Also**, thanks to all those who donated time, food, cash and assistance with the Social and Dinner. Gail would have approved and I'm sure her star twinkled brightly in the sky

2014 ANNUAL MEETING: Congratulations to all the Workers, Officials and Drivers receiving their well deserved awards. We do the work not for the money or for the glory, but because we support the sport that is our passion. And recognition by our peers is truly priceless.

We hope you all enjoyed the event as much as we, of District 5 enjoyed hosting the event. A great deal of work is always done by the host District and our thanks go to all the District 5 members for their hard work and assistance. From Registration, to the Hospitality Suite and all the tasks in between, (including Tom and Miki and their Baristas), from our Governor, Jerry Larson and Lt. Governor, Don Robinson... a job well done.

A special thanks to Daytona International Speedway, our Title Sponsor, and to Vendors, Prep Shops, Drivers and Members for your contributions. As for District 5.... Hosting events, Competitive Racing, Our Drivers, Workers, Administrators, Crews, Members and Spectators... We get it done!

Our Guest Speaker: Randy Pobst was entertaining as well as informative. From his early days as a CFR ITC Driver (having started in Auto Crossing at age 18). Randy went on to be a recognized and successful driver in IMSA, World Challenge GT, and ALMS competition to

name a few. He has gone out of his way to support CFR Workers as well, giving special acknowledgment and appreciation when he races on our home tracks ...for the 24 Hour, the 12 Hour and at Pro races wherever we work. In the ultimate sense, Randy is the Real Deal embodying the best in talent, in racing style and ethics a class act.

HOLIDAY BEST WISHES. As we approach the holiday season, however you celebrate it, it is a joyous time to celebrate each in our own way. It's a time too, to reflect on all the blessings that 2014 has brought us. Through good times and occasionally some tragic times, we keep the faith and enjoy family, both our personal and CFR family, and friends. ... and look forward to a New Year filled with accomplishment, love and peace.

SHUTDOWN INFORMATION: We've worked fewer races for awhile. Recently, I've been Logging more and Corner Working less.. easier on the back and feet. Though I hear all the radio traffic, I've not been plying my trade on the Corners as much. I miss working with you in the trenches... and I don't get the blow by blow inside scoop from and about the troops as much to be able to make columns as timely and as relevant in the past.

With lots of regret, I'll be giving up my monthly Checker Column in January 2015. As time, information. comments and Checker page space allow, I'll contribute columns, and information though not as regularly. Anyone wishing to carry on the column banner, please contact our Flag Chief Jim Hooker...with my blessings.

I've truly enjoyed writing my column over the years and sincerely appreciate all your information shared with me and kind comments given. It's been a blast. My









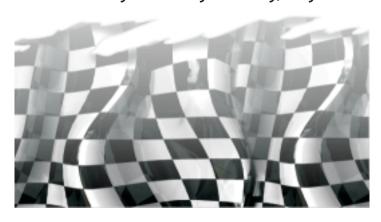
thanks to my Flag Chiefs, Bob Sager, Rich Kasson, and of course Jim Hooker. Thanks too, to our Assistant Chiefs, all the other Specialty Chiefs, and my fellow Workers, for your support.

And to the Stewards and Tower Crew, thanks for making me feel welcome and for your patient assistance (what turn? what did they say?) It's been my pleasure working with you and I plan to continue for many years to come. Thanks too, to Jerry and sons, Scott and Mark for info and expertise shared. To my Checker Editors, Harriet Watkins and Kevin Crain... and appreciation for the Outstanding Checker Contributor Award received at the Banquet, it's been a pleasure working with you as well.

In my case, rest assured Shut Down doesn't mean Shut Up. I'll be looking forward to 'Talking' with you in person, in The Checker on the printed page and electronically on the web.

ONE MORE THING: AS MY DAD AND I USED TO SAY AT DAY'S END. I'm so grateful for the Distinguished Service Award given me at the Annual Meeting. Receiving this award is awesome and humbling. CFR Workers are an equation where 2+ 2 equals more than 4. ... if one person does well, it's because they are backed by a Terrific Team... so I share this award with all. Like the family we are, we work together, laugh and occasionally cry together. My heartfelt thanks for this honor. If I do anything right, it's because I was patiently taught by my teammates... and it's up to us to share this with all who come after us. It's a privilege to work with you and one I hope to continue for many years to come. Take pride in yourselves in what you do... we all make a difference.

Play Safe...Continue to Do Good Work... and God Bless to all in my CFR Family. Sincerely, Sally





January 16-18, 2015



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PLEASE AND THANK YOU!

Fran Martin
CFR Club Secretary

Want A Close Up View of Race Cars & A Chance To Meet The Drivers?

YOU MIGHT BE A TECH PERSON.

WHAT WE DO...

- We inspect every car at least once a year.
- At a race impound, we weigh the cars and check items for compliance.
- We get called when someone is building a new car to check it and make sure there won't be a problem when it arrives at the track.
- Drivers buying an existing race car usually call us to look at the car, make sure it's safe and visually right (we don't normally take things apart).
- We answer questions like.....Is this or that compliant? When does my helmet expire? Can I do whatever?

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW...OR NOT...

- You don't need to be a mechanical wizard. None of us are.
- You don't need to memorize the GCR. None of us has. We just know where to look or who to ask.
- We stay current with any new SCCA rule changes by checking the "Fastrack". It's published around the 20th of every month.

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN...

- Our weekend starts the evening before the event.
- After the drivers go to registration they come to us.

- We check their vehicle logbook and gear and issue a tech sticker.
- If the car needs an Annual Inspection (a more indepth inspection once every year), we're available all weekend to do it.
- *When the scales are set up, they're available at some time every weekend whether there is impound or not (it's nice if we have a few moments for lunch).
- We'll gladly do courtesy weighs but we don't push cars.
- We field questions and check out and write up any race cars damaged during the event.
- We provide results for practice, qualifying and race sessions at Tech.

COME JOIN US!

We have a good time together and get some up close and personal time with the race cars, crew and drivers. We're always happy to show someone with an interest in Tech what we do. We're good at onthe-job-training and you'll have plenty of support.

Oh – and there's always time for some serious bench racing.

INTERESTED?? Contact Rick Henschel, Chief of Tech – rhenschel@cfl.rr.com; or 407-671-6017 (H); 407-314-8230 (C)

Lost & Found

Found:

Sebring Turkey Trot, November 2014

Pro HANS Device; a watch.

Lost and not recovered:

Sebring Turkey Trot, November 2013:

A black in color therapeutic magnetic bracelet.

Contact Paddock Marshall, Charlie Leonard to reclaim/return.



Raly Times by: Doug McCabe

We have just closed out our third full season of Rallycross with our 8th event held at Heritage Park in Kissimmee.

We have enjoyed an increase in entries and spectators at events. Nearly everyone who has come out to an event has told us that the events are FUN, and we hope to keep it that way.

We have had people step up to do key positions which has helped greatly with the events running smoothly. I personally would like to thank all who have taken the time to come out and participate in our events.

We are at work on our 2015 dates. Hope to see you all at a event next year.

Happy Holidays, Doug











2014 RallyCross Points Champions



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Tools For Sale HELP; I'm down sizing (moving) and I can't take this stuff with me. I have: Six wheeled Mac Tool box with a 22" side cabinet. The box is all roller drawers, measures 60" X 69" and it's full of tools - \$5000.

Welder. It's a Ultramig 200 from Mac. It comes with a bottle of gas. - \$1200 • Air compressor. 30 gal(?) 3 hp. Horizontal style. \$500 • Parts washer. 30 gal tank. Invaluable in any shop. \$125 • Combination band saw and cut off saw. I have an extra blade for it. There's no telling how many cages and parts this saw has cut. \$100

Three in one lathe/mill. Smithy Midas 1720. Several extra cutters and bits. It sits on a Kennedy base. Not used a lot but boy was it handy. \$1500 • Belt sander. Rockwell. Takes a standard 42" belt. Does a very neat and quick job. \$90 • Bench vise. The jaws are 6" wide and it's very sturdy. It also came from Mac. \$75

Shop carts. Three different sizes. Really handy. \$75 - 100 depending on size. • Two wheeled cart. Hard rubber tires, no flats. \$30 • Micrometer set. 0 - 6" Mitutoyo with friction locks. Measures to tenths. \$500 • Five shop stools. \$15 each • Catalog rack. 48" with holders. Really keeps them organized. \$25

Engine stands. I have two left. One is a standard duty stand and the other will hold Godzilla. \$30 and \$50 • Shelving units. I have two. They measure 8' X 70" and have ten bays each. \$40 each

Vacuums. For some reason I have two. These are the heavier shop vac type. \$25 each

Rod Vise. Used for holding rods safely when torquing or measuring bearings. \$25 • Tap and Die set. Both SAE (to 1/2") and Metric (to 12mm). \$75 • Pop rivets. Bunches of them. \$10 • Valve spring compressors. One pneumatic for standard springs and one manual for roller springs. \$75 each

Floor jacks. Two of them. One is a 3 1/2 ton ez up. Three strokes up to the load instead of pumping and pumping. The other is a 2 1/2 ton standard jack. It currently has an assist handle on it but that will fit either one. \$75 each

Jack stands. Set of four. The heavy ones, not the sheet metal type. \$15 each • I also have a couple of the lighter but taller ones. \$5 • Wheel chock. A heavy duty aluminum one like the semis use. Worked great with my trailer. \$20 • Shop roller seats. I have two of these, one with a back. \$20 • Hundreds of nuts, bolts and washers. Mostly SAE, some metric. \$40 for all.

Electric connector box. Good assortment. \$15 • Holley parts. This is a misc. assortment and it includes jets. \$35 • Three carburetors. One 2310 (780 cfm), a factory 600 cfm carb and most of an Autolite 4100 4 barrel. \$150 - 100 - 100.

Misc. parts. These are currently on the shelves. They could go with the shelves. There's everything from a new (after market) Ford 460 camshaft, some timing chain sets, some valves, spray paint, ignition stuff (including a MSD 6AL box and some plug wires), transmission plugs, AN fittings and on and on. \$?

NASCAR collectibles. Both 1/24th scale and 1/64th scale. These are from the 1990's. Way too many of them. They all have their original boxes and they were from Mac Tools. \$?

Lighted/Magnifying inspection light. Nuff said. \$10 • I've just listed the big stuff. If what you need is not on the list, call me. Rick rhenschel@cfl.rr.com 407-314-8230 (2)



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