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# When & Where

## 2009 Event Schedule for CFR and Surrounding Regions (Updated)

For Registration and updates to the CFR schedule, go to [www.cfrscca.org](http://www.cfrscca.org). For more complete SEDiv information, go to [sediv racing.org](http://sediv racing.org).

<b>September</b>			<b>26-27</b>	<b>Restricted Regional</b>	<b>CFR</b>	<b>14-15</b>	<b>Track Trials/ECR Finale</b>	<b>BUC</b>
<b>5-6</b>	<b>Vintage/PDX</b>	<b>BUC</b>		<b>Daytona Int'l Speedway</b>			<b>Roebling Road</b>	
			<b>October</b>			<b>14-16</b>	<b>Italian Cars at Daytona</b>	<b>DIS</b>
<b>5-6</b>	<b>Restricted Regional/ECR</b>	<b>CFR</b>	<b>9-11</b>	<b>PCA</b>	<b>DIS</b>	<b>14-15</b>	<b>Palm Bch Classic/2010 SARRC</b>	<b>FL</b>
	<b>Sebring - Long</b>		<b>10-11</b>	<b>SARRC Invitational Challenge</b>			<b>Palm Beach International</b>	
<b>12</b>	<b>CFR BOG Meeting</b>			<b>SEDIV Roebling Road</b>		<b>28-29</b>	<b>Restricted Regional</b>	<b>CFR</b>
<b>19-20</b>	<b>Regional/SARRC/ECR/FES</b>	<b>FL</b>	<b>17-18</b>	<b>2010 SARRC/Restricted Regional</b>	<b>CFR</b>		<b>Sebring - Long</b>	
	<b>Homestead</b>			<b>Sebring - Short</b>		<b>December</b>		
<b>21-27</b>	<b>Runoffs</b>	<b>NAT</b>	<b>31 - Nov 1</b>	<b>Regional</b>	<b>FL</b>	<b>11-13</b>	<b>CFR Annual Meeting</b>	
	<b>Road America</b>	<a href="http://www.scca.com">www.scca.com</a>		<b>Palm Beach International</b>		<b>11-13</b>	<b>Audi Club</b>	<b>DIS</b>
<b>25</b>	<b>Daytona Test Day</b>		<b>November</b>			<b>19-20</b>	<b>2010 SARRC/SARRC</b>	<b>FL</b>
			<b>6-8</b>	<b>HSR</b>	<b>DIS</b>		<b>Palm Beach International</b>	

## District Meeting Times and Places:

(See inside front cover for contact information.)

**District 1** — 2nd Tuesday 7:30 p.m., Joe's Crab Shack, 2730 Gulf to Bay Blvd, Clearwater (east of US 19).

**District 2** — 4th Wednesday 7:00 P.M. RJ Wings and Things, 5025 East Fowler Ave, Tampa FL. **NEW!**

**District 3** — 2nd Tuesday 8:00 PM Rossi's Pizza & Pasta 5919 South Orange Blossom Trail Orlando 321-228-0430.

**District 4** — Contact Governor for details.

**District 5** — 2nd Monday Dinner at 6:30 PM, Meeting at 7:30 Pizza Gallery and Grill 2250 Town Center Ave. Viera, FL 321-633-0397

**District 6** — 3rd Thursday, Dinner at 7:00 PM, Meeting at 7:45 Quality Inn, 6525 US Hwy 27 N., Sebring.

**District 7** — District 7 will no longer alternate between Edgewater and DeBary for their monthly meetings. All meetings are at Stavros Pizza on 17-92 in DeBary on the 2nd Tuesday of each month. Dinner at 6:00 PM, meeting at 7:00 PM.

**District 8** — 2nd Wednesday 6PM Uno's Chicago Grill Daniels Parkway, Fort Myers.

**District 9** — Call Governor for details.

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For general information on the membership or meetings please call your district governor. Or, if you want to know about a specific "specialty" call the "chief" listed on the inside cover. Use this list and map to find your District:

**District 1:** Pinellas and Pasco County to Port Richey.

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**District 3:** Lake, Orange, Osceola, and Seminole Counties.

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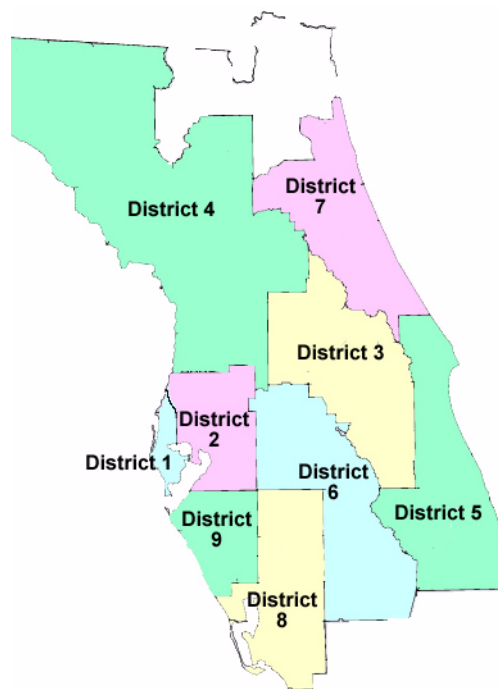
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**District 6:** Glades, Highlands, and Polk Counties.

**District 7:** Flagler, Putnam, St. Johns, and Volusia counties.

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

**District 9:** Manatee and Sarasota Counties.





# Club News

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## Welcome New Members

### *District 1*

Thomas Fredrick Harrison, Jr.	Land O Lakes
Steve Sock	Oldsmar
Robert R Stephens	Clearwater

### *District 2*

Keith Bass	Tampa
William Henry Heim	Tampa
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### *District 3*

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Edgewater

Edgewater

Ft. Myers

Sarasota

Pompano Beach

Dallas, GA

North Palm Beach

North Palm Beach

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## R.E. Report

### *Rick Balderson*

There were several 'hot button' items on the agenda at the recent SEDiv mid-year meeting. The issue getting the most attention was the spec tire rule for the Miata crowd. The outcome on that was that the Divisional races, i.e. SARRC and ECR, will follow the national rules with regard to the spec tire rules. At CFR races we will have the supps written to allow the competitors to choose the tire they wish to run. Another really important issue was in the scheduling portion of our discussions.

The SEDiv July 4th double National was in financial trouble and it did not appear that the 2010 version was going to have a different outcome, so, the Division voted to hold a double SARRC and a double ECR at Roebbling Road on that weekend.

Closer to home, CFR will be hosting a Double National on the weekend of January 8, 9, 10, 2010, with two track test days Jan. 6th & 7th.

On the first weekend of 2010, the 1st, 2nd & 3rd, Florida Region will be hosting a Double National at Homestead with a test day on Dec. 31st. The Quad Winter Nationals should prove to be quite the deal.

The customers of CFR, the competitors, have asked the region to be more GCR compliant with regard to the CFR rule of not allowing shorts on the grid or the non-hot side of the pit wall. Be sure to check the supps in upcoming events to see how the details on this issue transpire.

I had planned on writing a recap of our August 8th & 9th double SARRC and was originally thinking about the chamber of commerce weather we enjoyed and the lack of official police patrols through our areas. Unfortunately, the event was overshadowed by several serious accidents, with injuries, the likes of which CFR has rarely seem. Reverend Steve Kearney has had his hands full with this event, and we thank him for the time taken to address the needs of

our members who were injured, their families and friends. Times like these show who we really are and what matters to us and our members.

Moving right along, CFR had another meeting with Daytona regarding a building coupled with the "overnight parking" deal. Because, as you know, Daytona does Not have camping, only overnight parking. New plans call for a small flat track, for motorcycles, in the gate 40 lot between the outside of NASCAR 2 & 3, and will (may, could) include a building with expanded facilities, more showers and rest rooms than originally discussed. The ball is in their court, as soon as we hear something you'll get it. The flat track is to be in place by March 2010.

See you at the next event, and please keep those cards and letters coming, otherwise I will not know where you stand on the issues of the day.





## District News

### District 1

The only excuse for the past several issues of Checkers not having District 1 notes is a poor one. Just because I'm busy and always rushing out of town doesn't mean there shouldn't be notes...I just generally forget to take the notes with me to write up and send on for publishing. Oh well. My apologies to District 1 members for the lack of representation in these hollowed pages. This month I'm not going anywhere for another week...so here they are:

District 1's monthly meeting was held at Eat @ Joe's Crab Shack on Gulf to Bay in Clearwater on August 11th at 7:30ish pm. There were 34 people in attendance. It was an unnaturally short and quiet meeting; despite the presence of a rabble rousing district 2 member.

We talked about the previous weekend's Daytona Double, the double SARRC at Daytona April 7-9th. Hot at Daytona in August? Go Figure! Next race for CFR is the Labor Day race at Sebring, followed by a race at Daytona at the end of September (26th - 27th). There will be no Test Day for this event.

The next BOG meeting is September 12th at...(since I'm going to be out of town and I wasn't going I didn't write it down!...I hope it's listed elsewhere in this issue!!!) No agenda had been received as of our meeting. Sammi reported that a Race Board Meeting would be held, probably by conference call, sometime before the BOG meeting. It was recommended that there be 1 annual "face to face" meeting for the Race Board.

### District 2

NOTE: Our original Beef O' Brady's location at 5025 E Fowler has reopened as RJ Wings N Things, under new management, with some of the original Staff. They have asked us to return; some of our regular meeting attendees have eaten there, and pronounced the food good. Since they have a private room, which were are lacking at CDB's, I recommend we return to that location, starting this month. Our meeting night will not change, which is the fourth Wednesday of each month. Our next meeting is August 26, and we would like to see each of you there at RJ's!

District 2 held its usual monthly meeting at CDB's Italian restaurant, with a unusually small turnout for our meetings. This may have been caused by July having five Wednesdays, with our meeting falling a week earlier than usual. Several of our drivers gave reports on the June Love Bug Dash, and expect to attend the Daytona Double SARRC race. I reported on my future SCCA driver son Christopher's trip to the Indianapolis Speedway to

### District 3

District 3 held its August meeting with 20 attendees – mostly 'survivors' of the heat from our Daytona Double SARRC the previous weekend – at Rossi's Pizza in Orlando on South Orange Blossom Trail.

Governor Bill Martin, RE Rick Balderson and RBC Robin Langlotz recapped the weekend event. Our second try at a test day saw an increase in participants – with 91 actual car entries. The entry for Saturday and Sunday was at 270 cars. The weather didn't affect our racing – it was bright, sunny and hot all weekend. But – there were numerous wrecks that managed to reduce our competitors racing laps, particularly on Saturday. We were pleased to welcome R.J. Gordy, SCCA Chairman of the BOD to our event for the entire weekend.

September will be a busy month for us as we have our Sebring long

*Janet Harhay*

I (Lt. Governor Janet Harhay) had planned to run for Governor of District 1 this October. However, I find that my other racing activities are increasing and I am out of town more often...on CFR race weekends and 2 BOG weekends. So -- District 1 members: We need a new Governor for District 1 as Sammi does not want to continue. Ron Offut was nominated at the meeting; Ron wants to seriously consider this. Thank you Ron, for considering the job. But if any one else is interest...submit a statement of your intent to run for Governor (and/or Lt. Governor), have it signed by 5 district 1 members, and send it in to the CFR Secretary, Richard Bittmann, for placement on the ballot.

Annual Meeting planning has been going on. If you haven't heard, our theme is "CFR On the Rocks" as our meeting will be held in Indian Rocks Beach, FL. Requests for donations and sponsorship has gone out. Look for more information on the Annual Meeting in this issue of the Checker and on the Web. Next Annual Meeting Committee Meeting will be August 17th. With 2 Race Weekends in September for CFR, expect to see flyers and "hands-out" from our District 1 committee members.

Governor Sammi's birthday was the prior week, so we all sang Happy Birthday to her -- and then had cake and ice cream delivered to her. Happy Birthday to Sammi and all the other August Birthday members! See ya at the race track!

*Dana De Shong*

race in the first USAC National .25 Quarter Midget Races July 5-12. We were eliminated before the feature race, but it was quite an experience being inside the Brickyard, racing on a oval laid out on the Indy drivers camper lot next to Gasoline Alley. Indy is the oldest track in the US, 100 years old this year.

We had started a search for a new meeting site; CDB's has good food, with much improved service, but no separate meeting room, which makes it hard to hear. Several of our regular meeting attendees reported our old meeting site across the street has reopened as RJ Wings N Things, and the food was good. I met with the new management of RJ's, and they want us to come back for our meetings. Effective August 26, we will return to that site. I sent Emails to each of our District 2 members, and if you did not get one, give me a call, or email me at ddeshong1@verizon.net, and I'll make sure you are on my list.

*Fran Martin*

course / enduro event the weekend of the 5th, our third quarter BOG meeting on the 12th and our Daytona Regional (NO TEST DAY) on the 26th.

As a reminder, governors of odd numbered districts are up for election this year and it's time to be thinking about Hall of Fame and Worker of the Year (Admin., Race, Solo) awards. Contact Sammi Ronshausen for more information on Hall of Fame and your governor or chief to submit a nominee for Worker of the Year.

Don't forget to check our web site for most current event schedules, the ProWorker and contact your chiefs to work.

See you at the Races!

## In Memoriam

*Terri Coole*

COOLE, TERESA "Terri", 55, Montverde, passed away peacefully at

home on Wednesday, Aug. 19, 2009 after a two year battle with throat cancer. Born Oct. 27, 1953 in Chicago, IL to the late Albert and Amaret Moll. Terri was a 1971 graduate of Prospect High School, Mt. Prospect, IL. She moved to Central Florida that same year and became a member of the opening team for Walt Disney World, working at the preview center as a preview guide, and later as editor of internal publications, including "Eyes & Ears." While working at Disney, Terri continued her education, receiving a degree in Radio Television/Journalism from the University of Central Florida in 1975. She juggled work and school, but also found time to become an active member of Zeta Tau Alpha sorority and serving as president of the Kappa Sigma little sisters. After ten years with Disney, Terri joined Red Lobster, working in the offices of training, development and communications before taking time off to raise her children. Instead of returning to the corporate world, Terri joined The South Lake Press as a reporter, earning the 1990 Central Florida Press Club First Place Award for Best Weekly Column. She then spent several years as a correspondent covering the south Lake community for the Lake Sentinel edition of the The Orlando Sentinel. In 1996, Terri joined the ranks of educators and has since served as an English teacher and literacy coach at Windy Hill Middle School and South Lake High School, where she was named teacher of the year for 2001. Terri was an active member of St. Matthias Episcopal Church where she served as Lector, a member of the Tomoka Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, and former member and past president of the Clermont Junior Woman's Club where she received the 1993 Charlotte Meads Smith Volunteer of the year award and helped bring the club national recognition with a Chevron Corporation award for outstanding community improvement for the construction of Park Pals Playground. She was a member of the Central

Florida Region-Sports Car Club of America, where her primary role was serving as pit crew for her husband Steve. In addition, Terri worked timing and scoring at regional and national events, served as past editor of The Checker and received the CFR-SCCA Worker of the year award. She also covered regional and national races as a correspondent for SportsCar magazine. A devout life-long Cubs fan, Terri cheered them on despite defeat year after year. The most important part of her life, however, was her 30 year marriage to Stephen and her sons, Randy, Jordan, and Spencer, all of Montverde, to whom she was devoted to. Regardless of her work responsibilities or volunteer commitments, their needs were always her number one priority. She loved being involved and sitting on the sidelines of all their activities, whether it was watching them play various sports or sitting in the audience or working as a "roadie" for their bands when they performed. In addition to her husband and sons, Terri is survived by her brother, Jeff W. Moll (Joanne) of Hilton Head Island, SC; and her sister Elizabeth W. Curtis (Scott) of Comer, Georgia. She is also survived by her sisters-in-laws, Stanley and Ileana Coole of Elmira, NY; four sisters-in-laws, Cindy Barton (Pete) of Dansville, NY, Denise Cantore (Rocco) of North Palm Beach, FL, Victoria Monti (Jim) of Pembroke, MA, and Nan Evans (Randy) of Millport, NY; brother-in-law Jeff Coole of North Palm Beach, FL; 17 nieces and nephews; and four great nieces and nephews. A celebration of Terri's life will be held on Saturday, Aug. 29, 2009 at 11 a.m. at the Episcopal Church of the Ascension, 4950 S. Apopka-Vineland Road, Orlando, FL with the Rev. Jim Lively presiding. In lieu of flowers, the family graciously requests donations be made in Terri's memory to the St. Matthias Altar Guild, Cornerstone Hospice Foundation Inc. at [www.cornerstonehospice.org](http://www.cornerstonehospice.org), or the Greater Clermont Cancer Foundation, P.O. Box 443, Minneola, FL.

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## Announcement

SCCA members can get an additional 20% off of their online purchase of Pete Hylton's books on sports car racing history. To get the discount, apply the following code in the appropriate box at checkout.

The SCCA historian and archivist has written "Ghost Tracks" (2007), "The Gentlemen's Club" (2009), and "More Ghost Tracks" (Nov. 2009). All books are available at pre-release discounts at [www.motorsportsracinglegacies.com](http://www.motorsportsracinglegacies.com). With the additional savings, club members can buy all three books for only \$52, a 48% discount off of MSRP. The discount applies to any purchase of \$65 or more and is

available only to the author's fellow SCCA members.

A portion of the proceeds goes to support SCCA programs and events.

For trailers from the books, follow us on Facebook <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Pete-Hyltons-Motorsports-History-Books/124348912779?ref=nf> and Twitter (<http://twitter.com/petehyltonbooks>).

If you have any questions, please contact Marsha Newsom at [marsha@motorsportsracinglegacies.com](mailto:marsha@motorsportsracinglegacies.com).



## In the News:

### Genevieve Futch

Genevieve Futch was featured in the July issue of *Circle Track Magazine*. She has been a member since 1989 when her father started racing, and

has been racing with the Central Florida Region since 2008.

## GENEVIEVE FUTCH, DADE CITY, FL

Genevieve Futch is a 22-year-old amateur racer from central Florida. And now she's also the Young Racers' Club winner for the month of July! Her father and uncle have been racing for 20 years and she has been coming to racetracks since she was 3 years old. Two years ago, her father told her that he was going to stop racing. He had just finished recovering from two knee replacements and decided that he could no longer continue in the sport that he loved. Surprising her family, Genevieve stated that she felt that she was "born" to race and that she loved the track and idea of competing in such a fast paced sport.

Genevieve races a Baby Grand car; a  $\frac{2}{3}$  replica of a NASCAR Sprint Cup car. She

especially enjoys the thrill of driving a car that, while in the paddock may not look imposing, on the track is very impressive. She hopes to race in the future at Barber Motorsports, Roebbing Road, Road Atlanta, and Homestead-Miami Speedway but she's already captured a Third place podium finish.

When she isn't racing, she's focusing on her studies at the University of Central Florida. A senior in industrial engineering and management systems program, she hopes to continue her studies in high-performance engines at the graduate level and ultimately work for a race team. Well, Genevieve you're now the proud owner of a \$250 gift certificate from Comp Cams. That should help you out on achieving your racing goals.



## No.55 Fuel Clinic Camaro takes 1st Place at SCCA South Atlantic Road Racing Championships on Sunday August 11, 2009

DAYTONA, FL – Congratulations to Mike Kern and the MJK Racing Crew (Kurt, Nate, Shawn, Isaac, and Mike H.) with the #55 FuelClinic.com Camaro taking 1st place in the GT1 class at the SCCA South Atlantic Road Racing Championships at Daytona International Speedway on Sunday afternoon.



Sunday's win was the highlight of a great weekend of racing at Daytona.

On Saturday, Mike set a new personal track record - besting his previous record by 2/10ths of a second. Saturday afternoon Mike finished 4th in class against some very fast competition.

All of Mike's hard work and preparation paid off, as the FuelClinic.com Camaro ran consistent and strong all weekend long. The new front brakes and brake bias system helped Mike come in to the corners more aggressively, and was a distinct advantage over other faster cars who had trouble in the twisty parts. Several of the fastest GT1 competitors failed to finish Sunday's race due to a variety of mechanical failures, opening the door for Mike to win.

FuelClinic.com helps drivers and fleet owners improve their fuel economy, save money, increase road safety, and reduce green house gas emissions. FuelClinic's "Eco-System" and "Eco Driver On Board" program provides tools and certified eco-driving training to improve, track, and manage driver performance for increased fuel efficiency, increased driver safety, reduced accident rates.

MJK Racing is a sports car racing team currently competing in the GT-1 class of the Sports Car Club of America's (SCCA) National Club Racing Series. MJK Racing has been involved in this SCCA racing series since the summer of 2003. In addition to SCCA racing, MJK Racing actively competes in other specialty and vintage sports car races.





# Columns

## Flag Ravings

*Sally Larson*

THE DAYTONA DOUBLE!: Good weather... didn't get rain and it was good not to have to experience what happens to the tunnel after a downpour. As always at a Daytona race, there was a huge field of over 300 cars with several groups in excess of 70 or 80 cars. The weather was hot and the racing even hotter. Congratulations to the winners and good job to all.

There were the usual fender bender incidents but two that involved injuries to drivers. During Saturday's practice / qualifying, a car ended up head into the guard rail at Turn Four. The driver suffered a compound fracture of his leg and went via ambulance to the hospital for surgery to treat his leg.

The second very serious incident occurred on Sunday, in which Pit Lane workers immediately went to the Driver's assistance with fire bottles and the ambulance, medical, fire personnel and emergency crews were instantly dispatched.

Please keep both drivers and their families in your thoughts and prayers - CFR folks are really family and we all bond together in times of need. Chaplain Steve Kearney handled details for both drivers, going to the hospital with both, providing support, and serving as liaison with the families and Stewards. Chaplain Steve is a valued member of our CFR family. All of us who have needed and received Chaplain Steve's care are most grateful that he is always there for us.

Right after the Sunday incident, the Red Flag was shown. Drivers deserve lots of praise for responding to it as quickly as possible and for pulling to the edge of the track in single file. Remember, always pull to the outside edges of the track on the paved surface and be sure to leave the center of the track clear to allow emergency vehicles to get through quickly. The rule says to pull to the edge of the track as quickly as you can safely do so - with the emphasis on safely.... and everyone did just that. Remember, it is permissible to pass a car that pulls over right in front of you to avoid hitting him or her. Red Flags are followed by Black Flags when the track is clear. Go to the pits and will be re-gridded in the order you last passed Timing and Scoring.

NEW EXPERIENCE: Hopefully, new skills. I entered the wonderful world of Logging. at the Drivers' School in Sebring and I figured I'd start with small fields. I am working on 'Old' (not my favorite word) Dogs CAN learn New Tricks. My thanks to all in the Tower, Chief Communicators, Stewards, T&S gang and, of course, the official Loggers during the School. You were all

great... helpful, and, most important, patient! And you even asked me back to work the Daytona Double SARRC.

And then there was Daytona. Again, the Tower Stewards and Logging folks were very kind and helpful. Saturday Jan Rawls did double duty, serving as a Chief Communicator and backing me up. It was great seeing Jan, Ron and a familiar voice from the past, John Schnedl. The view from 'on high' at Daytona is spectacular. My only problem was that trying to keep up with what was going on on-track kept my eyes glued to the log sheets... while my mind went 'who did what... to whom... and where?!' However all Corner Communicators did a great job with their calls and call arounds. Thanks to you too. With that many cars, it got really busy at times. The Endurance Award goes to the Grid Group and the Pit Crew.. they sure earned their 'pay' all weekend, handling the large groups and re-gridding when necessary.

I know that when I was doing Corner Working duties, the beginning of sessions or races with large numbers of cars always got me really, really watching for numbers when I was communicating. I thought it would be nice if they'd just slow down and pass me single file so I could keep track. However, there were times when even that wouldn't have helped. My classic was at a Daytona 24-hour in the wee small hours of the night. It was the first time they had lights in the infield so you stood a fighting chance of being able to spot numbers. I was at Turn Five and a big car with big numbers went into the tire wall close to me... and ended up number facing me, right under a light. I was thrilled until my mouth said.... Turn 57, (oops, that was the car number!) Standing Yellow. Sometimes you just can't save me from myself! When I was in school, trying to study between the hours of 3-am and 5 am, I discovered that I turn into a zombie - my teeth get pointy, my hands get hairy and my brain turns into library paste. Mindless tasks I'm good for, but everyday rational thought is nonexistent.

STILL BUSY: The Schedule for September includes a Regional/ECR on the long course at Sebring, on the 5th & 6th... and a Regional at Daytona the 26th & 27th. The fun just never ends. Sign up as early as you can and schedule in as many as you can. Stay tuned for any additional special events from emails from our Chief and Assistant Chiefs.

For all specialties, remember, the more pairs of feet, the less each pair has to run - extra hands and eyes help too!



## Drivers School

*Larry Van Scoy (Photos by Larry Van Scoy and Margaret Dalrymple)*

Central Florida Region SCCA drivers school/Vintage weekend, June 11th and 12 th., was held at Sebring International Raceway using the 1.70 mile club course. The weather was hot, as was the racing. With the heat index being in the 105-108 degree range, thank goodness for the drivers cool suits. Thanks to all the SCCA workers who also braved the heat and watched over this event. That said, now to the races.

All the three races were a thrill to watch, with all three races having different winners, yet one racer set the fastest lap in each of the three races. That driver was Steve Smith in his #72 blue/orange Ginetta G15. In the first race, Steve Smith who was on the pole, pulled away at the green and finished in 1st. place. Carl "Bubba" Bussard driving the #31 '69 Corvette 427 finished 2nd. overall and on the lead lap. Rounding out the podium in 3rd. place was Timothy Smith driving his '67 Shelby GT-350 Mustang #98.

In race 2, Steve Smith took the lead, but was short lived. Sean Ryan driving a red Jaguar XKE coupe #4, took the lead, followed closely by Carl Bussard in his Corvette and Tim Smith in his Shelby Mustang. Carl Bussard, started reeling in Sean Ryan, to the point that the Corvette caught up to the Jaguar with 2 laps to go. On the final lap, as the Corvette tried to make his move for he lead, the Jaguar dove under a slower car in the hairpin, which blocked the progress of the Corvette and Sam Ryan took the win in his Jaguar XKE. Carl Bussard took 2nd. place in his Corvette, with Tim Smith taking 3rd. place with his 1967 Shelby Mustang.

The best racing of the weekend was in race 3. It seemed that no one wanted to take the win. Steve Smith in his Ginetta G15, and Ken Hazelton in his '63 Corvette started at the back of the field and made there way through the field. Sean Ryan took the green and led for several laps before falling off the pace. Then Carl "Bubba" Bussard took the lead in his '69 Corvette followed by Tim Smith in his Shelby Mustang. After a few laps, Steve Smith passed all the other racers to take over the lead. That only lasted a few laps and he retired. Ken Hazelton in his Corvette, made his way up to third, chasing the Shelby Mustang of Tim Smith, who was attached to the rear bumper of the Corvette of Carl "Bubba" Bussard. Ken Hazelton fell off the pace with a driveline problem. The race for the lead was then between the Corvette and the Shelby Mustang. It was like a "Cor-elby" Express, with Tim Smith putting pressure on Carl Bussard, to the point that these 2 cars looked like a white blur with a blue stripe. The Corvette was white, the Shelby Mustang was white with a blue stripe. Lap after lap, these 2 cars were only separated bye inches. Only on the last lap did the Shelby back off, due to a lack of brakes. Carl Bussard in the #31 427 Corvette took 1st. place, with Tim Smith taking 2nd. overall in his #98 '67 Shelby Mustang GT-350. Ron Bauer in his #114 Corvette took the 3rd. position.

Thanks again to the SCCA worker who provided a seat and shade at pit out on a very, very hot weekend. Thanks to the SCCA workers.







## *The Daytona Double*

*Bill Martin*

*With 91 entries, Test Day Tech was a busy place.*



*Ray Webb's beautiful Olds Cutlass.*



*Governor DeShong takes his 72 Midget through Turn 3.*



*CFR Grids just about fill up the truck pad.*







*Tucker Alford brought his new Honda Civic to Daytona.*



*Buddy Hendricks brings his Camaro in for a tire check.*



*Group 1 takes on Turn 3 with Paul Kullman in the lead.*



*Spec Miatas approaching Turn 3 five wide.*



*Impound gets crowded.*



*Tech Pow Wow with Collins and Rick.*





One of a vanishing breed - Jack Dunns '91 Shelby Can-Am.



Many thanks for them kind words.



Making it to Impound is cause for celebration.



Menas Akarjalian heads for Impound.



A. J. Hulse in Turn 3.



Turn 3 action - Tucker Alford in the middle.







*The Flynn BMW in Turn 3.*



*At S/F Line - Rodney Williamson and Richard Smith.*



*David Boles and Jonathan Parker side by side at S/F.*



*An SRF train bearing down on Turn 1.*



*Bill and Steve Ladoniczki hooked up in the Tri-Oval.*



*Jason Bergstrom trying to connect with this SRF Train.*





*It's a Bugeye Martha - 1957 A/H Sprite still plying the track.*



*We are not showing much improvement in the collision statistics.*





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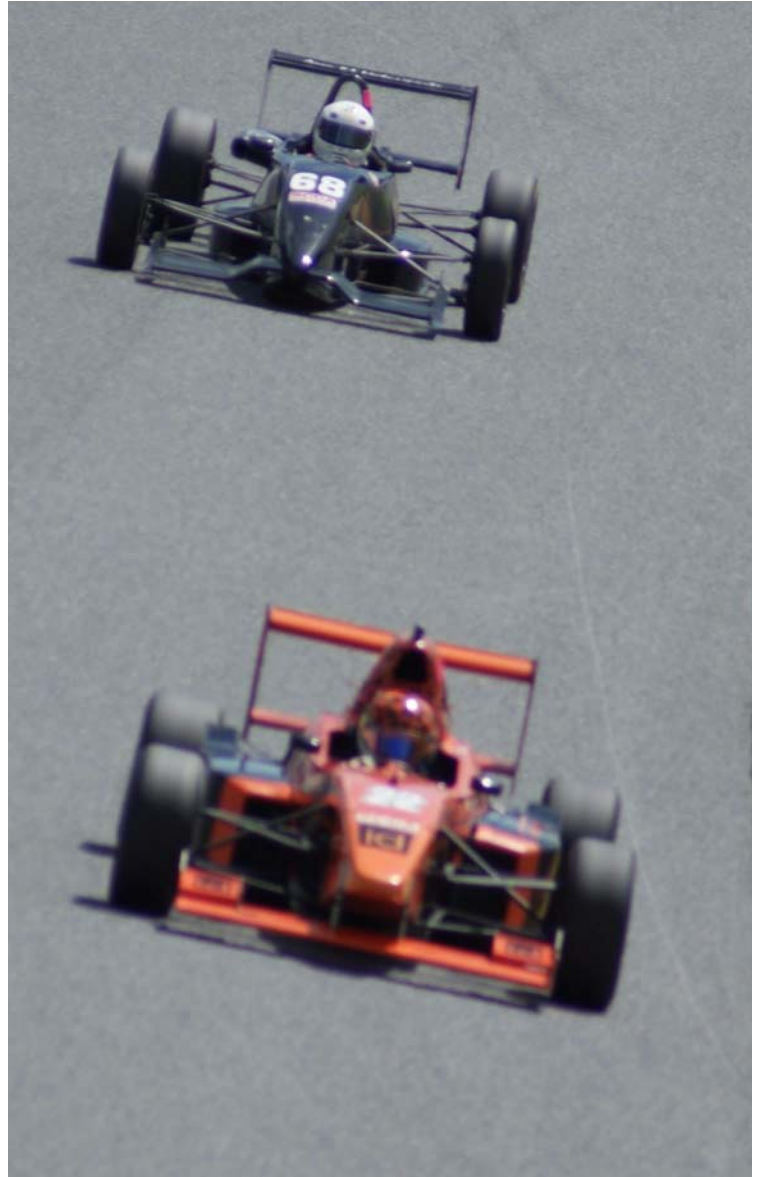


## Daytona Event

Jim White











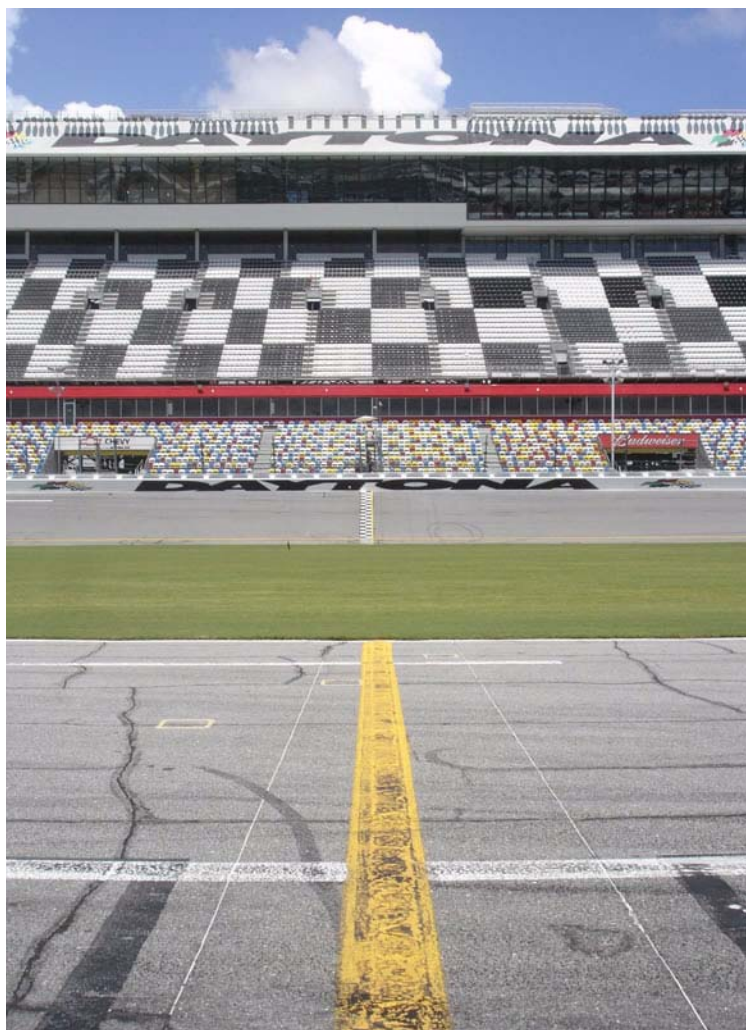
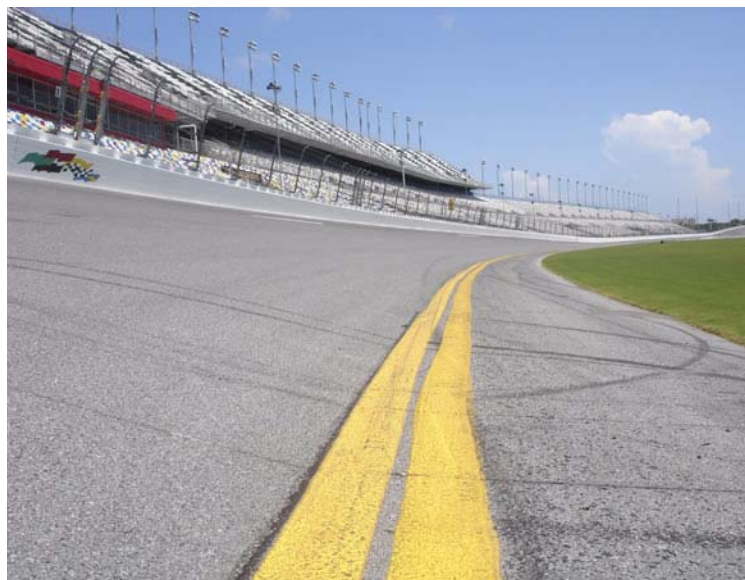






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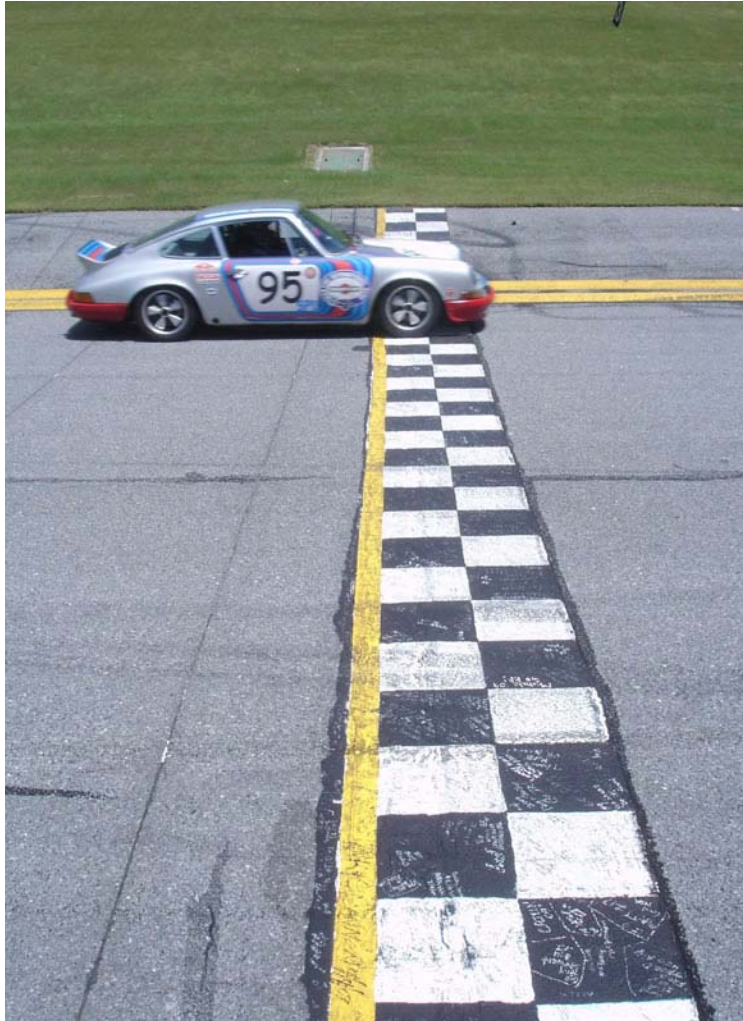
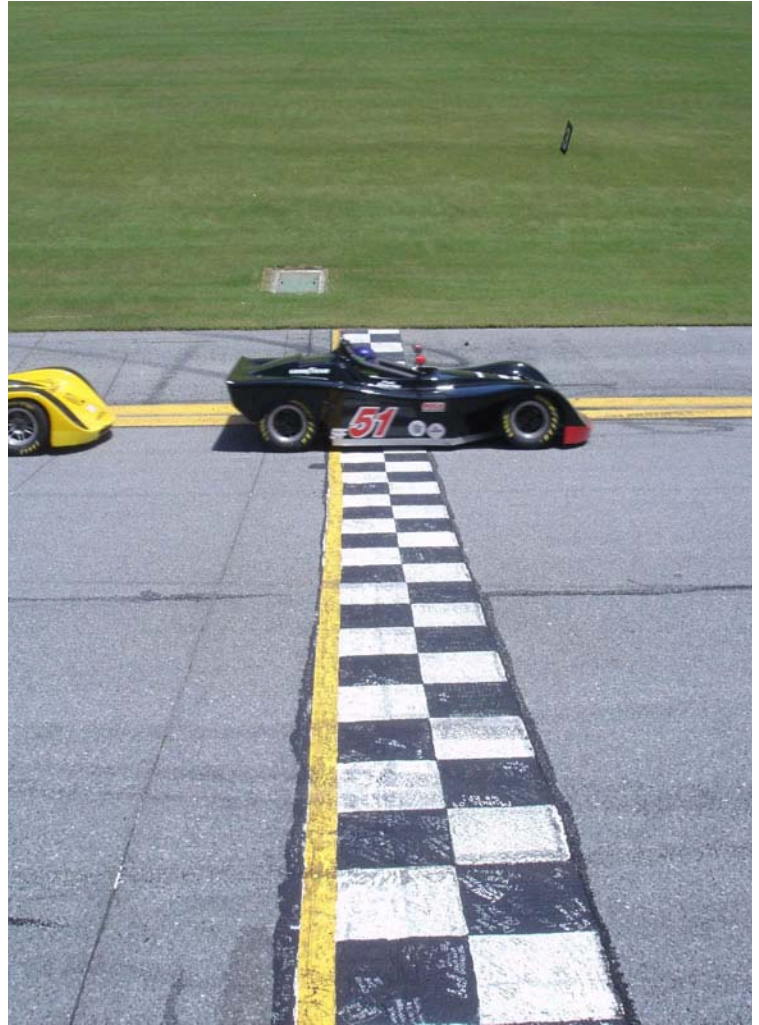
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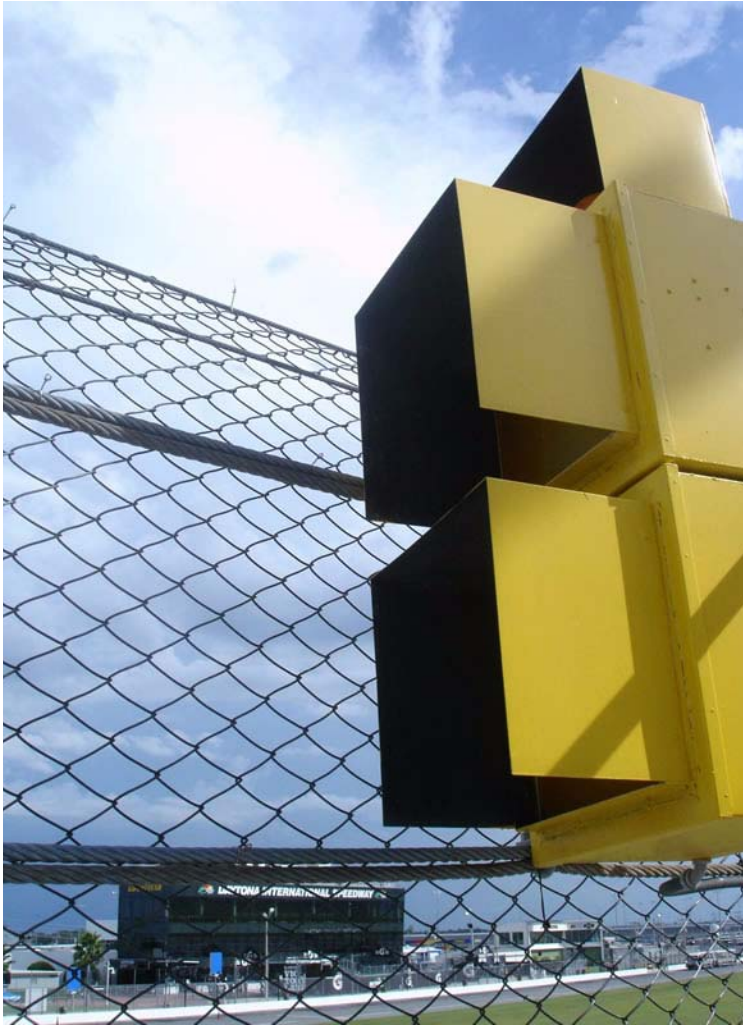














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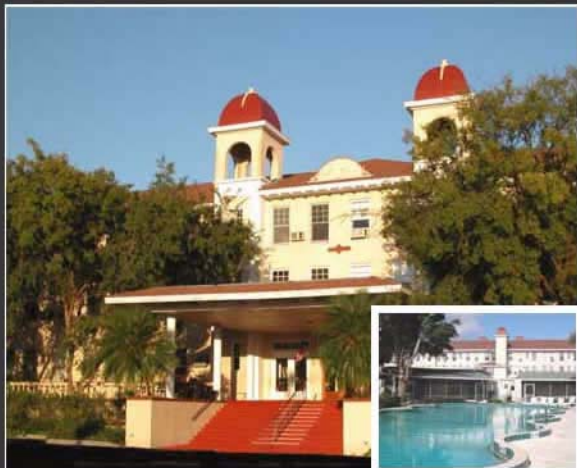
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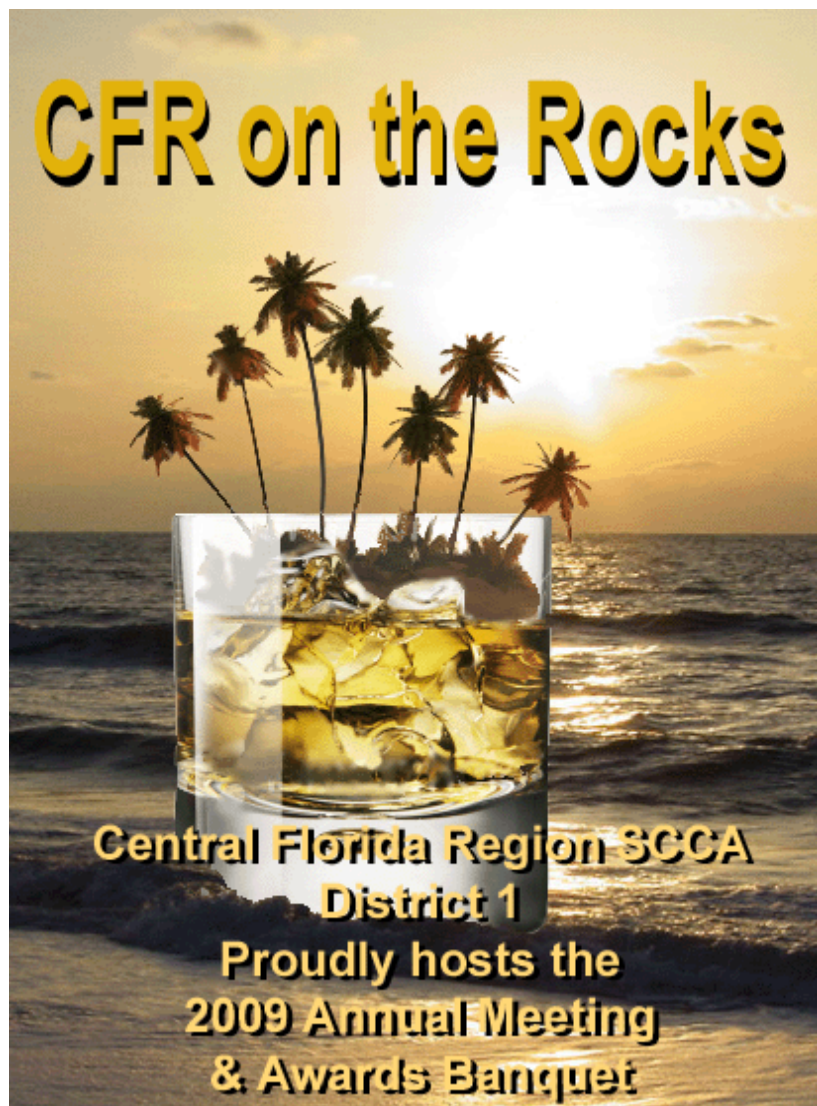
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