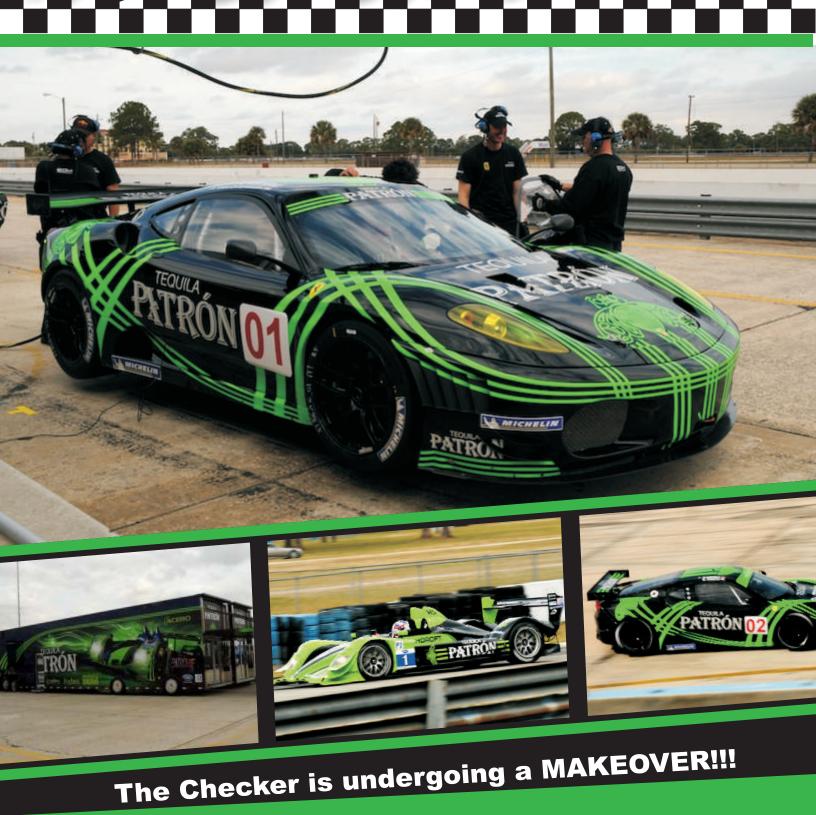


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(See inside front cover for contact information.)

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**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 --** District 5 Meeting 2nd Monday of the month Dinner 6:30 Meeting 7:30. For Meeting Location contact Peter Lier District 5 Governor 772-473-2001 blkgt3@yahoo.com

**District 6 --** 3rd Wednesday, 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.

#### New to the club?

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**District 5:** Brevard, Indian River, Martin, Okeechobee, and St. Lucie Counties.

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

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

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

District 9: Manatee and Sarasota Counties.

# 2010 Event Schedule for CFR and Surrounding Regions (Updated)

	April 2010	
3	Tire Rack Street Survival School	Geneva, FL
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17-18	Driver's School	CFR
24-25	Daytona Int'l Speedway Jim Stark-SARRC/SARRC	Bucc
24-25	Roebling	Ducc
	May 2010	
1-2	Rest'd Regional/CFR Enduro	CFR
	Daytona Int'l Speedway	
15-16	SARRC/ECR/FES	Fla
	P.B.I.R.	
F.C	June 2010	CED
5-6	Restricted Regional Sebring - Short Course	CFR
12-13	Driver's School/ECR/ECR/FES	Fla
12-13	Homestead	i ia
26-27	SARRC/ECR/FES	Fla
	P.B.I.R.	
	July 2010	
2-4	SARRC/SARRC/ECR/ECR	SEDiv
	Roebling	
17-18	Drivers' School/Restricted Reg'l	CFR
0.4	Sebring - Short Course	Atlanta
24	Mid-Year Meeting	Atlanta
7-8	August 2010 SARRC/SARRC/Restricted Reg'l	CFR
7-0	Daytona Int'l Speedway	CFK
September 2010		
4-5	Rest'd Reg'l/CFR Enduro	CFR
	Sebring - Long Course	
18-19	SARRC/SARRC	Fla
	Homestead	
20-26	National Runoffs	
25-26	Rest'd Reg'l	CFR
	Daytona Int'l Speedway October- 2010	
9-10	SARRC Invitational Challenge	SEDIV
3-10	Roebling Road	SLDIV
16-17	2011 SARRC/Rest'd Reg'l	CFR
	Sebring - Short Course	
30	Regional Fla P.B.I.R.	
	November- 2010	
13-14	Track Trials/ECR	Bucc
10.11	Roebling Road	E1.
13-14	Palm Beach Classic/2011 SARRC	Fla
27-28	P.B.I.R.  Restricted Regional	CFR
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	December- 2010	
8-11	PRI-Orange County	Fla

Convention Center



## Regional Executive Report

My 'real' work has again proven to be in the way of the rest of life, as the month of March finds me in scenic Bartow and caused me to miss the recent BOG meeting, the 12 Hours and probably the St Pete Grand Prix, what a bummer! Additionally, after this job I get to spend a month in another Florida vacation hot spot, Holopaw, what a treat, I can hardly wait.

As some of you may know, Harriet Watkins has asked to step down as the editor of the Checker, as her work has also gotten in the way. I've asked Kevin Crain, our publisher for the past 17 years to be the new editor, and he has accepted. We thank Harriett for all of her hard work and decades of service to CFR.

For those sending material to the Checker, Kevin has created an email address for our use. Please email files and pictures to: thechecker@osceolapress.com.

In another tale of 'work gets in the way', Jack Ragaglia has asked that we seek another web master. If your skill mix includes this ability, please give Jack a call and find out what's involved.

One more story from the 'my life is full' file. I'd like to thank Tom Sterrett for giving the Beverage job a real test drive, and finding out that it is quite the job. Tom was wise enough to realize he did not have the time necessary to do the job properly. If you're interested in being an active part of the race program and having the title of Beverage Chairperson please let Robin Langlotz give you the details.

Our May race at Daytona should be an interesting event, with a new Regional race format and the Solo group on the Kart track in south east corner of the infield. See you there.

### **District News**

### **District 3**

### **Fran Martin**

District 3 held their March meeting at Rossi's Pizza - S. Orange Blossom Trail in Orlando - attended by 'the usual suspects'.

Gov. Bill Martin reviewed plans for the 12 Hours of Sebring and the St. Pete Grand Prix which will have run by the time you read this. To assist our volunteer workers at the 12 Hours, CFR rented a portable shower unit. It had ten shower heads, electric for lighting and propane (on demand) heaters for hot water. Our workers also staffed the St. Pete event which occurred the very next weekend. Thanks to everyone who put in the hours before, during and after these events to continue CFR's professional support.

We had 274 entries at our February Regional and this time we didn't have to talk about the weather! The racing was good , competitive and on time. Our next regional event is the Daytona Drivers School in April.

Rose Bartl gave us a report on Solo activities. She said there were about 50 cars at the January 26th event in Brooksville and that CFR would be represented at the National Tour in Georgia the weekend of March 13-14. The Tire Rack Street Survival School is scheduled for April 4.

See you at the Races!

## ....From the BOG Chair Fran Martin

The first meeting of CFR's BOG for 2010 was held Saturday March 13, at the Quality Inn in Sebring, Florida. All Districts were represented and reported that they continue to hold regular monthly meetings. Jerry Larson was approved as Governor for District 5. Thank you Jerry for volunteering to ensure District 5 has representation on the Board.

#### **OPEN POSITIONS:**

We are in need of a **Beverage Chairman**, a **Webmaster**, a **Business Manager** for the Checker, and an **interim BOG Secretary**. Please contact Rick Balderson or me if you are interested.

#### New Checker Editor

We have a new Checker Editor. Kevin Crain/Osceola Press – longtime publisher of the Checker has agreed to take on the editorial responsibilities. We thank Harriet Watkins for serving as Editor for so many years. Under her leadership, The Checker became known as a quality publication and won several SCCA awards for our region. Please continue to send your articles, letters, pictures, etc. to Kevin.

#### Other Items of Interest:

Competition Coordinator - Bill Martin – Next event is the 12 Hours of Sebring – March 18-20. We will have a full staff of volunteers; Dennis Joyce and Gary Steffan are in charge of our activities/staffing for the St. Pete Grand Prix – March 26-28. Daytona is scheduled to be repayed in 2012.

### Financial

Jim Magero, <u>Financial Advisor</u>, reported that CFR's portfolio has outperformed both the Dow Jones and Standard and Poors YTD and for the last 12 month period. Our <u>Treasurer</u>, Robin Ragaglia, reported that entry fees are up, largely due to the double national in January. Our fiscal year runs June-May and budget figures are on target.

Race Board - Robin Langlotz – Our racing program is on target and sets the standard for the rest of the country. The Daytona Event will be a Regional Enduro. We anticipate holding a double national again in January 2011.

<u>Solo</u> – Art Trier – Solo has combined east and west coast championships and competitors must run two events at each location to be eligible for championship points. This has resulted in increased entries at Brooksville – 45 competitors at last event. Entries at Geneva and Deland are holding steady. CFR will host Tire Rack Street Survival School April 3 and tentative TRSSS in Aug. and Oct. Contact Art if you need more information.

2010 Annual Meeting: December 10-12 and will be at the Paramount Plaza in Gainesville. Make your plans now to attend. Please contact Lyn Watts – Governor District 4 to volunteer, donate time, money, door prizes, etc.

#### Next BOG date is June 19. Gainesville.

For more information on the BOG or Membership meetings, please contact the specific Officer, Chief or your Governor.

Fran Martin Chairman, CFR BOG

### SARRC Report for 2010 Jim Creighton

There is some really exciting news for the SARRC series in 2010. For the first time ever, the July 4th Southeast Division races at Roebling Road will be a Double SARRC event. And to add to the event, the Division will also conduct a Double ECR event. The races will be conducted over three days with the ECR races scheduled on day one and two and the SARRC races on day two and three. Day one will also include a full day of qualifying for all races. For those classes that can compete in both SARRC & ECR, there will be a one price covers all races entry fee. The Double SARRC/Double ECR will also be the first ever SEDiv Director's Challenge race. A special trophy will be presented annually to the Director from Area 3 or Area 12 whose drivers have the best overall finish average for all 4 races. Basically, it is Florida (Area 3) against the rest of the SEDiv states (Area 12).

For those who might be new to the Southeast Division, let me introduce you to SARRC. SARRC is the South Atlantic Road Racing Championships. SARRC is SCCA's biggest and most successful race series. There is no fee to pay to join SARRC. All the racing Regions of the SEDiv conduct from 2 to 5 SARRC races each year, many of which are Double race events (two point races on the same weekend). The SARRC season ends with a final double points Championship race each year at Roebling Road, the SARRC Invitational Challenge (SIC). In order to compete at the SIC and be eligible for yearend awards, you must enter three SARRC races during the SARRC season. The SARRC season starts the weekend after the SIC. The only requirement for drivers is that the SARRC decal must be displayed on each side of your car and you must permanently attach the official SARRC patch to your driver's suit. Patches and decals are normally available at the track from either tech or merchandise.

The SARRC Championship is determined by totaling points for the best 6 regular season SARRC race finishes plus the double points for the SIC. Points are 24 for first place all the way down to 1 point for eighteenth place. The SARRC Champions each year receive a personalized monogrammed jacket, plaque, gear bag, t shirts, patches and decals. In addition, the Champion receives two free banquet tickets to the annual SEDiv Awards Banquet where the winner is presented all their awards. We just completed the 2009 Awards Banquet where 28 Champions were presented their SARRC awards. Twenty-six other SARRC Award winners were also present. The 2010 Banquet is scheduled on January 22, 2011 at the Oceanside Inn & Suites located on Jekyll Island, Georgia.

The SARRC Committee is aware of the difficulties some of our competitors maybe having and has again waived the SARRC rule requiring three finishes in order to be eligible for the SIC. Again, as last year, drivers will only be required to enter three SARRC races in order to be eligible for the SIC. In addition, we are aware that some drivers may want to take advantage of

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Nationals new finish four National races and be eligible for the SCCA Runoffs at Road America. Thus, the Committee is waiving the rule that if you enter the SCCA Runoffs, you will not be eligible to enter the SIC or be eligible for the SARRC Championship. However, any driver who should finish in the top six positions at the Runoffs will still not be eligible for the SIC or any SARRC awards. The SIC is scheduled at Roebling Road on October 9 & 10, 2010.

This year at the SIC, we will also conduct the first ever ECR finale double points Championship race. The ECR finale will be at the conclusion of qualifying on Saturday. The race will be 1.5 hours and will be for all ECR legal classes. Preference of entry will be given to drivers who have entered three ECR races during the regular season. This will be the final ECR race for 2010 and the 2011 season will commence with the next ECR race. This change puts ECR on the same calendar with SARRC.

For information on the 2010 SARRC race schedule, current points, rules, contacts and other information about all other SEDiv programs, please visit the SARRC website at <a href="https://www.sedivracing.org">www.sedivracing.org</a>.

I hope to see all of you at an upcoming SARRC race soon.

Happy Racing in 2010.

Jim Creighton SARRC Administrator

The latest issue of Safety Belt is now available by logging in at http://ams.scca.com and clicking on the "Newsletters" tab under the "Resources" menu.

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For the sport,

The Solo Safety Stewards Team



## Convention Report Jim Creighton

Three hundred –fifty SCCA members gathered on Feb 6<sup>th</sup> at the Oceanside Inn & Suites for the annual Southeast Division Meeting and Awards Banquet. This was the 16<sup>th</sup> consecutive year that the meeting was held at Jekyll Island, Georgia and featured the first ever Spec Miata Seminar. SCCA members from as far as away as Kansas City attended the all day Spec Miata Seminar which was highlighted by discussions and demonstrations presented by Tom Fowler of OPM, Bob Thornton of Race Engineering and Pepe Pombo of Pombo Racing.

Meetings for race, rally, solo, publicity and web development commenced Friday afternoon and concluded Sunday morning with the Division annual business meeting. Race meetings were conducted by Divisional Administrators for Timing & Scoring, Registration, EV, Pit & Grid, Tech, Drivers School, the ECR series, the SARRC series and Race Administration. In addition, there was an all day meeting for Division Stewards. A special presentation was made for the Tire Rack Street Survival program while tech specialists had an opportunity to gain SFI Certification by successfully completing the SFI test.

As always, the Awards Banquet was the biggest event of the weekend with 315 conventioneers in attendance for the dinner, awards and door prizes. Attendees were treated to an entertaining and informative talk by SCCA President and CEO, Jeff Dahnert. Guests included SCCA VP, Howard Duncan, Brian Ghidinelli from MotorsportReg.com and Richard & Kay McCloy from Roebling Road. Special guests attending were 18 members of the Cool Shirt family. A special presentation was made to Eileen Shafer in honor of Rich Shafer, the founder of Cool Shirt and a long time Time Trials competitor and sponsor. Rich was fatally injured in October at the Crow Mountain Hillclimb. From this time on, the SEDiv Time Trials Event of the Year Award will be named the Rich Shafer Award. In addition, Rich was inducted into the SEDiv Time Trials Hall of Fame.

Atlanta Region retiring Executive Steward Rick Mitchell was presented the Robert W Clark Award for his contribution in

more than one area and service for a long period of time. The Jacque Holland Award was presented to North Carolina Region T & S Chief Anna Neave Chrissman. The Director's Award for that something extra was presented to Richard & Kay McCloy and the Bryan Webb Award was presented CFR Steward Bob Shafer. The John C Reuter Award, the SEDiv top Award, was presented to CFR member and Convention Registrar Joyce Hayward.

Nine SEDiv National race Champions were in attendance to accept their yearend Awards. In addition, DSR Runoffs winner and SCCA National Champion Gary Crook and T2 Runoffs winner and National Champion Don Knowles were awarded jackets for their accomplishment in 2009. Champions in the TireRack Solo Championship, Cool Shirt Time Trials winners and ECR winners also accepted awards. Tennessee Valley Region was presented the Wurzbach Award for Time Trial event management and Tennessee Valley Region and Alabama Region received the Shafer Award. FP driver Paul Kullman was presented the Jim Fitzgerald Award for his winning drive at the 2009 SIC race in October. The final awards of the night were the South Atlantic Road Race Championship, SARRC, Awards. Twenty eight class Champions were in attendance to accept their awards. In addition another 26 award winners accepted plagues for their position finishes.

To conclude the evening, door prizes were presented to over 60 attendees. Door prizes included American Express gift cards, gift certificates from Cool Shirt, gift certificates from PST Driveshafts, and a vast array of race entries, solo entries, time trial entries, PDX entries and race test days all provided by SCCA Regions, Central Florida, Florida, Buccaneer, Atlanta, South Carolina, Central Carolinas, North Carolina and Tennessee Valley/Chattanooga.

Plans are already underway for the 2011 Meeting which again will be conducted at the Oceanside Inn & Suites and is tentatively scheduled for January 21-23, 2011. Contact Convention Chairman Jim Creighton for details.



Howdy SportsCar friends,

Yes it's still chilly and here we are talking about June. EEEEK! So remember to send in news and stories. Or send a link.

Thanks, Susan

Remember to watch for young SCCA member Shea Holbrook at the St. Pete Gran Prix. It'll be on TV.

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### ALMS / Patrón Sponsorship Party & Contract Signing









## Patrón Cars at the Official Winter Testing











## Flag Ravings Sally Larson

For anyone that didn't' catch the video clip taken at the Daytona 24-hour race ... it was done by the NCR Flag Chief ...see your favorite Workers live and in motion! Check out the Rolex Music Video. There's a link on the CFR web page.

SEBRING RESTRICTED REGIONAL./ SARRC RACES: Welcome and thanks to the two Corner Workers who filled in as Loggers for the weekend. It got quite busy and exciting at times. At one point there were 3 Control Radios, 4 Stewards conversing and other folks saving 'huh?' simultaneously all in a small room - it was togetherness squared Although most Corners, in general, did quite well, we had some radio problems... both with the system and with the Communicators. Remember to check your radios often to be sure you don't have a stuck transmit button. Be aware that sometimes when you release the button it doesn't go all the way off so you have an open mike ...other times, you can sit or lean on the transmit button which gives you the same results. A open mike disrupts the whole system so both check your mike and listen for Control to tell everyone there is an open mike (or more). Check your own radio and also all the other radios in your vicinity on the Corner.

Also be alert for official announcements from Control ... report times for the morning, lunch, green course check times after lunch, worker breaks and also listen for shut down instructions and Social news during or after the final race of the day.... if you haven't heard that, you're not done for the day. Fat dumb and happy, I've actually started rolling up the flags and collecting equipment after what I thought was the final race... only to get inquiring remarks from those around me. This weekend we actually did have a Turn that made that mistakefinished up, took care of stowing all their equipment and left the Corner for the day - very professional and neat. The only problem was there was still one race left to go. The Flag Chief had to do some fancy footwork, personnel and equipment moving and communications to get that station manned so the last race could be run. These things can happen ... just don't let them happen to you!

ATTENTION DRIVERS' SCHOOL STUDENTS A black flag means go to the pits. If it is shown with a number on the board ... and that number is yours... you're It. If shown at more than one station - it means, in Southern Speak..."y'all go to the pits, you hear?" You may pass enroute to the pits - you'll be regridded there. A Black Flag with a big orange circle on it indicates a mechanical problem (like muffler falling off) It's only shown with a number board. And for all Drivers, acknowledge any Black Flags, it puts the Steward awaiting you in the Pits in a much better mood.

This actually is the long way of saying.... know where the Black Flag stations are. One is always at the Starters' Stand ... the other is at one of the Turns. Check the supplemental regulations that come with your registration information. And during the first Lap of the First Session of each group, on

Saturday and Sunday, a white flag will be shown at each Turn Station.it's our way of saying "Hi, we're here!!" Black Flag Station will also show a number board to mark their location.

AND ANOTHER REMINDER: Remember, "If you Don't Look, We Can't Tell."...this fervent request is always in effect - every lap of every session on track, take a quick look at each Corner Station and the Start Stand ... it's the only way we can inform you of track conditions and possible problems ahead of you. We do not wish you to become one with the incident. A race track is a not a safe environment and we have to watch out for each other and be alert. This goes for all areas. Always be alert to the the folks working in all Specialties. Enter the Grid slowly and look around for the available workers who will direct you to your grid spot ... the faster they can get you in line, the sooner you will be able to get on track. As for the Pits, do NOT exceed the pit speed when you enter or exit. The Pit workers will give you whatever help you might need from them, and will direct you to the Steward if you've been Black Flagged or will send you to impound following your race if necessary. And, of course, dear to my heart ... always keep an eye out for the Corner Workers and the EV personnel. We respond to all incidents which puts us up close and personal to assist cars on or near the track as well as sometimes being track side to give you signals. We try to be your lifeline and work closely with the EV's so please watch out for us too.

ASINCERE THANKS: to Harriet Watkins, who for many years was the Editor of THE CHECKER. Harriet has recently retired from the job due to other employment demands but deserves our gratitude and congratulations on a job well done. Producing a publication every month is a very time consuming job ... to get the information and pictures, edit same to make things fit, and, month after month, produce a professional and prize winning publication requires skill and dedication. She always made my writing the Flag Column and working on the classified ads, a fun labor of love.

THE CHECKER is now in the capable hands of Osceola Press, who has been printing the publication for years. Kevin Crain will serve as Editor and Publisher. Best wishes to Kevin and his staff. Any contributions or ads can be directed to them at thechecker@osceolapress.com





## What goes around, Comes around... Neil Pozzi

This is a story that no Hollywood screen writer would ever write, it's just too cliché, but true.

The economy and employment situation in Florida had become so bad that after 2 years of no work, little work, or poorly matched work opportunities, a major change was called for. In desperation I contacted my old race sponsor HASA Pool Chemicals in Los Angles, CA. I was their first sponsored race car 1983 to 1989, with 3 Regional Championships, and they had 2 Chemical plants at that time. HASA stayed active in Motor Sports over the years and had grown to 5 Chemical plants in California, Arizona and Washington state. My e-mail to Mark Wilson, owner and C.E.O., was greeted with an airline ticket to their home office in L.A.. Upon arrival at L.A.X. I was received by Mark's Executive Secretary, dressed out in race attire, and driven to the Home office. As I entered the Home Office foray I was struck with my Race Photos gracing the walls, tracing HASA's race linage in Motor Sports. "My Knees Buckled", from SCCA, Pro Mazda, Dirt Midgets, Late Model Stocks to a NASCAR Nationwide series Entrant. HASA has come a long way. Mark Wilson was tied up in meetings, I was given the royal tour of the facilities by the Director of Manufacturing and lunch at the local steak house. I had \$30 dollars in my pocket and that included my checking acct. Mark met me at 3:30 that afternoon, it was like 20 years hadn't passed. It took Mark about 10 min. before he made me "The Offer"- " Industrial Maintenance Mechanic" covering all 5 of his chemical plants updating and repairing the Filling and Packaging systems. I am no Chemist just a mechanic/fabricator with some automated equipment systems experience. wanted me to meet his Race Teams, Dwayne Anderson Racing and Moses Smith.

Dwayne Anderson is a very accomplished Race Engineer, Ex Bobby Rahl, Michael Andretti, Hiro Masasheda, now owner of Swift Engineering and the son of Panasonic, and Jovy Marcello... all Formula Atlantic Champions. Moses Smith is the new owner of Star Mazda Mfg. the tube frame cars, a multi Pro Mazda Champion, a Nationwide Entrant, and Mark's son-in-law.

I was invited to attend the SCCA National race at Willow Spring and be a "Guest Crew" for Mike Anderson, Dwayne's son and meet Dwayne and Moses. A class pole and a win! Mike's second of the new season."Not by my doing", I just followed Dwayne's instructions. Dwayne's Wet/Dry race strategy carried the day. That Sunday night we broke down the paddock and packed up the Totter-Home then came "The Offer" Fly in Crew, Motels, Rental Cars, and a race weekend Salary," for the balance of the National Season and they would order my race uniforms, "My Knees are still shaking". God Works in Mysterious Ways. The seeds you plant today in the SCCA and life in general may blossom 20 years later. It's true, What goes around, comes around. I have retained my Central Florida Region membership as region of record and taken Cal/Club as an Associate member. To all of my dear friends in C.F.R. Jerry, Wally, Chuck, Frank, Ed, Ed, (that's not a typo) anyone in Whites or a Driver suit and all members I'd love to hear from you. I've missed the Sebring 12hr and the St. Pete GP, tell me about it. I can't get Speed TV out here and I'm jones-in !!! I wish I could have blue flagged 9-A with my

brother Ted / Mario, I loved that fast kink on the water front and the view of the harbor. I can be reached at <a href="NeilPozzi@hasapool.com">NeilPozzi@hasapool.com</a>. Meanwhile I am in Willcox, Arizona, halfway between Tucson and nowhere, building packaging and filling equipment, for a new product line of home bleach products, in the Washington state plant. Next race Buttonwillow, Dbl. Nat. 4-23-24-25-10. I like Mike, he's fast, straight out of the pits, and gets great temps. I'll let you know how he does.



My Hasa Club Formula Ford Merlyn Mk. 30. at Riverside, 1988.



My Formula Contential Swift from Sebring with Wally, 2004.



Mike Anderson's Star Mazda from Willow Springs and me.



From Left to Right.
Dwayne Anderson, Mark
Wilson, driver Mike
Anderson, on pit 4wheeler, Moses Smith,
Tara, Moses's wife and
Marks daughter, and
some film crew guy.





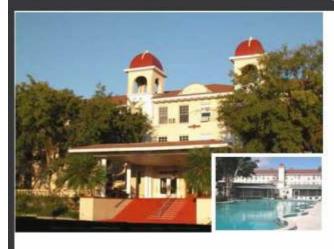
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The P2 of Marino Franchitti came 5th.



Chuck Moore gives'em the Blue Flag in Turn 15.



From the Vintage Group, a good looking pair of Lotus Super 7s.





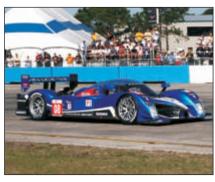
Jim Hooker manning the Radio Room. Can he sleep with his eyes open?



The CFR Membership Booth, 2010 edition.



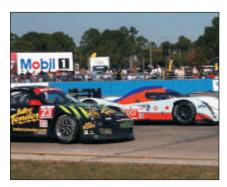
The Peugeot Drivers on their parade lap.



The Bourdais Peugeot 908 HDI FAP eventually 2nd overall.



As usual, the Midway was in full flair.



Close racing in Turn 17A as the Aston Martin passes a GT car.



One of the Rahal Letterman BMWs and a Flying Lizard Porsche in Turn 15.



The LMPC Oreca of Gunnar Jeannette finished 17th overall.



Another LMPC Oreca driven by Scott Tucker finished 10th.



CFR patriarch of the Canadians, Reid Milburn, enjoying a rest.



The Crew enjoyed a little "midnight snack" courtesy of IMSA.



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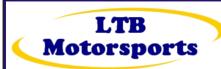
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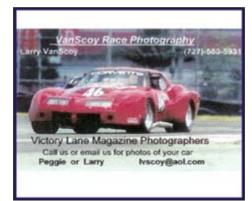
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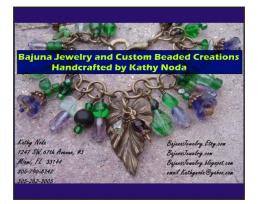
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### **Editorial Ramblings**

Well, we've worked through the first issue as editors of *The Checker*. Over the seventeen years we've been publishing this magazine, we were blessed to have worked with Kent McBee, then with Harriet Watkins, who was the one who took the cover to full-color glossy. The Checker has evolved from a two color cover with a couple of photos spread throughout, that we used to have to take into the dark room to shoot halftones and cut and paste to make our plates, to the digitally driven world of offset printing, allowing tons of photos and much better print quality. As the CFR has grown, we too have grown, and we're thankful.

We welcome your input and submissions for publication. We're learning the what and from who, so please bear with us with this issue, if we have overlooked anything. We did experience a bit of trepidation as part of my "inbox" disappeared as the power flashed while it was backing up and I lost a bunch of junk, mostly. I believe I had already saved the attachments and such, but... We've since setup an automatic forward to a backup email account so we don't have to deal with that again. If you don't see something you submitted, please resubmit for the May issue. Submissions can be sent via email to TheChecker@OsceolaPress.com and if it cannot be emailed, please send it to: The Checker c/o Osceola Press,

PO Box 450245, Kissimmee, FL 34745. If by chance, you are submitting photos and they get too big for email, they can be uploaded through our website - www.OsceolaPress.com, click "Send a File" and follow the prompts.

We are very excited looking forward to what we can do to take *The Checker* to the 'next level' - so much so that I had to tell my neighbor about it and sold him the full color ad on the inside front cover! He does beautiful work and is currently working on restoring a 1966 Plymouth Satellite Convertible, but he's looking for his next project.

You'll see some noticeable changes going forward, both in print and the online version, where we hope to include live links to advertisers' web sites, when provided.

I could go on and on, but I only had a half-page of white space to fill, so I'll end it here. This is your publication, keep the articles coming!

Kevin Crain Editor-in-Chief The Checker



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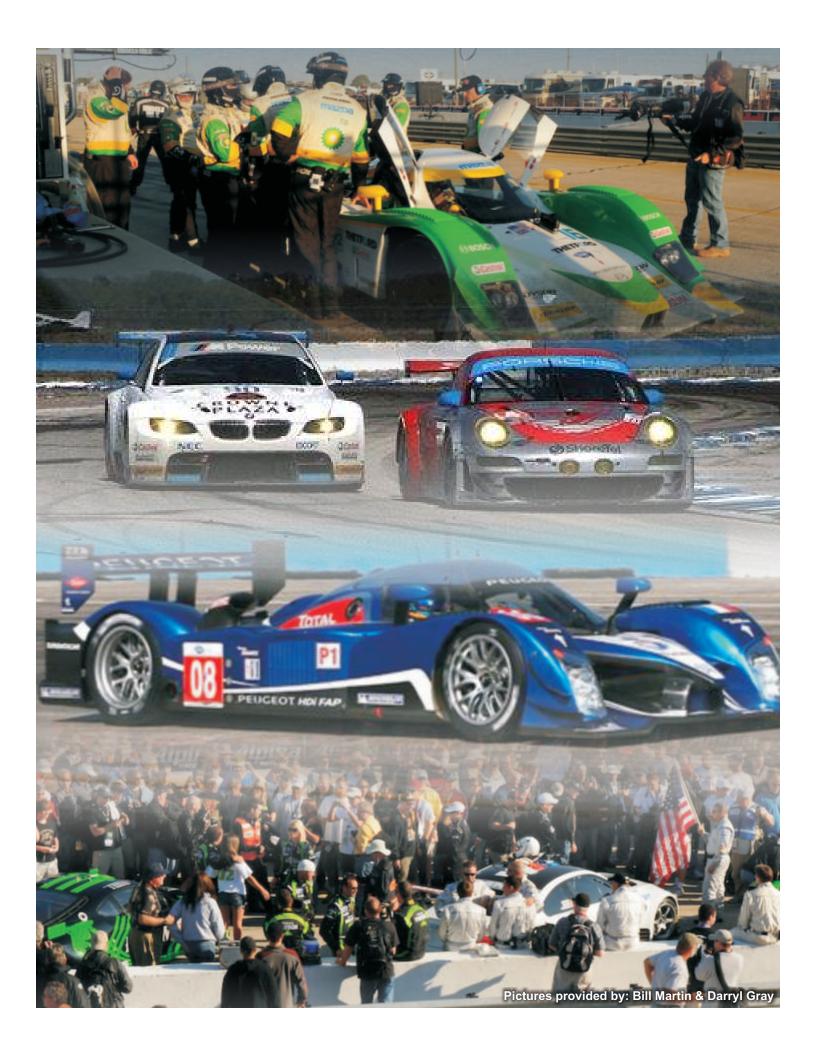
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