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# When & Where

## 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** -- 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?

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

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

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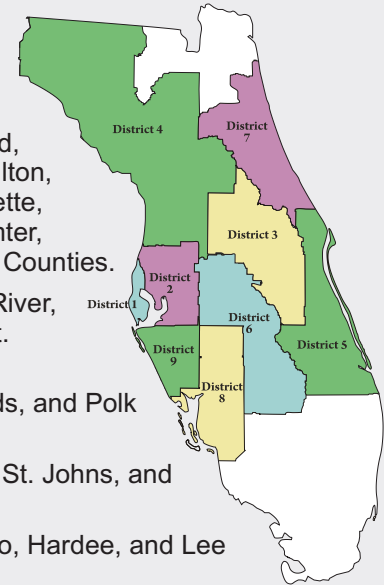
**District 5:** Brevard, Indian River, Martin, Okeechobee, and St. Lucie Counties.

**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)

May 2010			September 2010 (continued)		
1-2	Rest'd Regional/CFR Enduro Daytona Int'l Speedway	CFR	18-19	SARRC/SARRC Homestead	Fla
15-16	SARRC/ECR/FES P.B.I.R.	Fla	20-26	National Runoffs	
			25-26	Rest'd Reg'l Daytona Int'l Speedway	CFR
June 2010			October- 2010		
5-6	Restricted Regional Sebring - Short Course	CFR	9-10	SARRC Invitational Challenge Roebing Road	SEDIV
12-13	Driver's School/ECR/ECR/FES Homestead	Fla	16-17	2011 SARRC/Rest'd Reg'l Sebring - Short Course	CFR
26-27	SARRC/ECR/FES P.B.I.R.	Fla	30	Regional Fla P.B.I.R.	
July 2010			November- 2010		
2-4	SARRC/SARRC/ECR/ECR Roebing	SEDiv	13-14	Track Trials/ECR Roebing Road	Bucc
17-18	Drivers' School/Restricted Reg'l Sebring - Short Course	CFR	13-14	Palm Beach Classic/2011 SARRC P.B.I.R.	Fla
24	Mid-Year Meeting	Atlanta	27-28	Restricted Regional Sebring - Long Course	CFR
August 2010			December- 2010		
7-8	SARRC/SARRC/Restricted Reg'l Daytona Int'l Speedway	CFR	8-11	PRI-Orange County Convention Center	Fla
September 2010					
4-5	Rest'd Reg'l/CFR Enduro Sebring - Long Course	CFR			





# Club News

## Welcome New Members

**Joyce Hayward**

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## Regional Executive Report

**Rick Balderson**

The plan for me to work in scenic Holopaw have unfortunately come true.

So, I find myself upside in yet another GE gas turbine. The good news is that all 3,246 bolts, nuts and assorted other hardware are on the inspection tables getting ready to go back together.

With any luck I probably will get to make a club race .... sometime, see you then!



Inspection Table??





# District News

## **District 1**

**Miki**

Spring is here! The flowers, the sunshine, the pollen in the air.....ahhhhhhhh-chhhhhooooo.

27 happy members met at Joe's Crab Shack for a delightful meeting. Happy Birthday to Greg P! Many thanks to all the workers/volunteers at the 12 hours! Kudos to Doug Worth for his extinguishing skills at turn 17 to Sharps car at the 12 hours; many, many thanks from CFR, the driver and team.

Huge thanks to all the workers/volunteers for the St. Petersburg Gran-Prix the following weekend! Special thanks to those who changed plans and came to the track for the St. Petersburg Gran-Prix on Monday following the huge deluge on Sunday. We had a brilliant race weekend! Gary and Dennis made sure all turns were equipped for safety and with bluerooms. Great lunch, thanks to Debbie, Elizabeth and assistants. The membership booth location was brilliantly acquired and frequented by many per Sammi. Our Governor Ron Offutt brought us up-to-date regarding BOG discussions, the good the bad and well you know.....always good to be informed!

The Drivers School in Daytona this weekend, and upcoming Reg/Enduro/Autocross at Daytona in May. (165 cars already entered) Daytona has chosen to leave patches in place and not repave until 2012.....but they are adding a tire barrier at 5/6 drivers left.....

Our paddock marshal and others are looking in to PA at Sebring, the electric from walk-over to safety pin is being looked into as well. Districts 1 and 5 will have a get together May 22nd at Desoto Speedway - friends,racing, food, and fun!

Our car prize was absent but will return next meeting. Many hats, posters, and t-shirts to those in position of the lucky #. Next month the car prize returns...!

See You at Daytona Classic!

## **District 3**

**Fran Martin**

District 3's April meeting was held at Rossi's Pizza - S. Orange Blossom Trail in Orlando on Tuesday, April 13th.

Gov. Bill Martin reviewed the March BOG and recapped the 12 Hours of Sebring. The portable shower unit rented for the 12 Hour event turned out to be quite a hit with all...so much so that we've already reserved it for next year. Thanks to Charlie Leonard and his band of volunteers who dismantled the temporary units and made sure there was adequate water to the rented unit. Also, thanks to Dwayne DeShong / Mister Sparkey - who took care of the electric.

Corner worker Doug Werth showed CFR's professional expertise when he single-handedly put out the fire in Scott Sharp's Patron Ferrari...before the IMSA fire truck arrived on scene. That generated some very complimentary words on air from Dorsey Schroeder on Central Florida Region's skilled and trained personnel. Kudos to you all!

Another round of applause to our workers staffing the rain delayed St. Pete event who stayed over when it was rescheduled to run on Monday. Thanks to everyone for their time and efforts to continue CFR's professional support.

Our next regional event is the Daytona Drivers School and as of this writing, there were close to 30 students signed up.

Rose Bartl gave us a report on Solo activities. The Deland event was a fund raiser for breast cancer. Unfortunately, weather forced a shutdown in the afternoon but cars that ran early got in some good times. The Geneva event was also a fundraiser - this time for Autism Speaks - with 105 cars turning out. On April 26th, we supported the Tire Rack Street Survival School also in Geneva. A big thanks to Art Trier who coordinated this successful event as well as the instructors who made it a fun and safe event for the students. Upcoming events include May 2nd in Daytona, May 8th in Brooksville and a Southeast Division event in Moultrie, GA, May 14-15.

It's not too early to mark your calendar for our annual meeting which will be at the Paramount Plaza in Gainesville December 10-11.

See you at the Races!

## **District 5**

**Jerry Larson**

District 5 held its monthly meeting at Jimmies Restaurant in Rockledge on Monday night with 28 members in attendance. I was introduced as the new Governor. We had a discussion on the May Daytona race/solo program, reminding everyone that this will be a work in progress. Future events will be better, once the traffic/parking patterns are established. Patience being the key word.

A serious discussion was held regarding new safety gear requirements for 2012 and the need to practice emergency exits of the race cars in case of fire.

The Street Survival program requirements and upcoming event were discussed and there were questions about which race classes will run the with the July Driver's School.

The Solo program is in need of a new trailer for their timing gear. Further details will be provided.

We would like to thank everyone that helped provide the showers at the 12 Hours of Sebring. It made working the event so much nicer!

*See you  
at the  
Races!*







# Remember When...

*The Checker*

## Pictures

*Submitted by Louis Galanos*



*Lakeland Raceway*



*Harro Zitz Lakeland*



*Daytona Reg Nat A*



*Daytona Reg Nat B*



*Gainesville - Rick Cline*



*Dube-Levetto Camaro*





# Flag Ravings

by Sally Larson

**THE 12-HOUR:** We were blessed for the 12 hour - weather was perfect. Workers in all specialties, did a great job. One thing we have to remember is to maintain radio silence during any call-around. Gives us time to think about what delayed call we'd make... or don't need to make. This holds for both Pro and Club events. We were reminded in the morning Worker Meeting, that the Medical Car is to be referred to as E-1 and the two IMSA Safety trucks are E-2 and E-3. For any workers new to Pro events, E-1 is manned by 2 doctors, one of whom is a qualified race car driver - and when E-1 is dispatched, it travels at race speed to get to the incident.

**CFR RECOGNIZED:** During the 12 Hour telecast on Speed, Dorsey Schroeder, former pro race car driver, now TV commentator, gave high praise, not only to Corner Workers in general but to CFR in particular. Scott Sharp's car caught fire and he pulled off track close to the Workers who were were instantly on the job. They were over the wall with fire bottles immediately, pulled the pins and aimed the foam at the base of the fire to put it out, almost before the Rescue Fire Truck arrived. Bless our Worker School car burning instruction - it was obviously put to good use. Dorsey, long a fan of CFR, commented on how quick the Workers were to act efficiently and professionally. He also praised our dedicated men and women Workers for working all the races day after day and said we were among the very best in SCCA. Dorsey added the Corner Worker in Sharp's incident, risked his own personal safety immediately, and saved the car from being total loss, and perhaps saved thousands of dollars more in damage! He also mentioned that he spoke at the CFR banquet a couple of years ago, and said that it was a real "team" with many of the Workers together for years, and how they know and trusted each others' professionalism and dedication!

To those working in the Corner involved .... and to all the Workers in the 12-Hour event, great job. And it's always nice to get national recognition for our work. Thanks, Dorsey!

The IMSA official at the morning meeting reported that the Drivers wanted better displays of yellow flags. Whereas 'flagging large' is a good thing, the fact was, we were flagging in gale force winds. We were lucky to keep a death grip on the flags to show them at all. At one point, I swear I saw Toto, closely pursued by the flying monkeys blasting past.

We were glad to see Simone, the Chief Communicator and radio voice of IMSA for many years, at the morning meetings. She had laryngitis and wasn't communicating much, but it sure was good to see her up and about. She was always our lifeline at pro races - she wanted things done and wanted them done right, but she really cared about her job and about us. I remember during the 24 Hour at Daytona, in the middle of a cold, wet, night, she'd call a turn at random just to say hi and to check if we were OK - "course she just might have been checking to see if we were awake! Thanks Simone for all you do, and are.

St. Pete Grand Prix



*Steve Kearney doing his good work at turn 1*



*Debi Cole hitching a ride to race control*



*Doug Puckett and Ed Diehl "assisting" some fans*

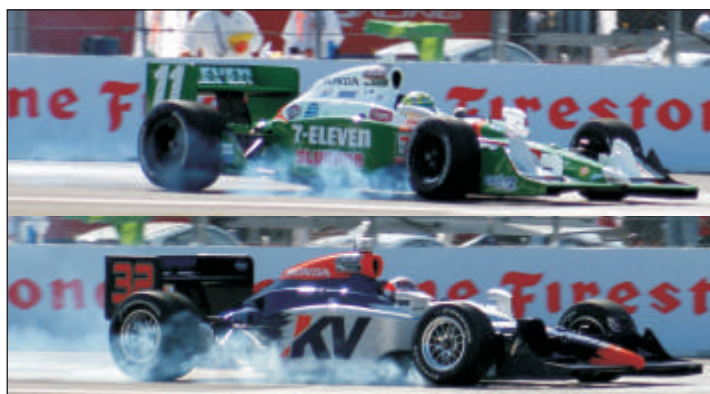


*The girls never ever leave me alone*

Pictures by Jim White







The shower trailer in the CFR Compound was terrific. Thanks to all who helped with the installation. Thanks too, to all our support folks, the Shuttle drivers who got us to the turns and back and who supplied us with food drinks and anything else we needed. And, of course, the Dawsons who provided the food and Worker dinner.

ST PETE GRAN PRIX: Haven't heard too many stories, but blessed be those who could work the 12-hour one weekend and St. Pete the next. And to add insult to injury, it was rained out and had to be run on Monday. I know that must have been a scramble for the Flag Chief, Corner Captains, and all the Workers, but you did a great job. No wonder they call us the best and most professional SCCA worker group in the country!

PBIR SARRC: Got a chance to work with old friends at the track. There's a new configuration so if you haven't worked there since the track was changed, you get to learn the new layout. It's interesting to be working a race and also hearing the drag cars doing test and tune on their drag strip, plus go-carts practicing at the same time. Kinda' like hearing the Petty Experience cars on the oval at Daytona during our Drivers' Schools. I learned my requisite "one new thing" at this event. Joyce, who usually works Black Flag, showed me how to hold the bottom of the flag against the back of the number board with one hand while holding the top of the flag pole with the other. It shows the flag and number more clearly. Caution...try this out before you actually attempt this maneuver to be sure you get the hang of it. It's kinda' like walking and chewing gum at the same time ... manual dexterity is a good thing! And, it's not everywhere you get to work a Corner station behind which is posted a sign that says "Do Not Feed the Gators ...no swimming!"

WHY WE WORK: Although thanks and praise are appreciated in what we do, we work SCCA events because we enjoy the challenge and fun working with great people. We work to support our SCCA family and friends, to support our sport of racing and, we work to share the action. That's our real reward!

### *Membership crew at the St. Pete Grand Prix*



*Photo by Greg Piehl*





**Photos by Bill Martin**

# Daytona



*1st Session, 1st Lap, Turn 1, Don Loftis's 59 Bugeye.*



*Josh Coffin And Spec Miata*



*Garage Area Between Sessions*



*Erik Moody (F500) Passing William Kennedy (SRF)*



*Turn 1 Offered The Choice of Many Different Lines*



*Lunch In The Tech Area*



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*The Checker*



*Fine Dining ala Subway*



*A Pack Is Watched Closely By The Instructors In Turn 1*



*Terry Seay Under The Watchful Eye Of The Turn 1 Corner Crew*



*Two Open Wheel Students Head For The Kink*



*Daytona's Scales Are Good For Adjusting Corner Weights*



*One Of Many Yellow Flags From The Turn 1 Crew*





Jack Penny (Lake Mary) Prepares To Enter Turn 1 In His SRF



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*Our Chief of Tech, Rick Henschel (left) had a shoulder operation. When he arrived at Daytona to help at the Driver School he found sympathy from his Tech assistants, Paula & Jim Hildock, who were wearing a shoulder sling too.*



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# Live, Learn and Win

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Pre-Grid for Race #2 on Sunday



Engine out. Dan replacing seal & gasket



Stargate World's Garage, car on scales.



Danny and Neil

My first involvement in SCCA was in Autocrossing a Chevy Vega GT, soon enough my interest moved to racing and I was seduced by formula cars. I've owned a number of Formula Fords and my present Swift F/C car and worked on many more, but find myself in a Learning Curve, "Mazda Rotary" B-13s. Hmm... well it's still all mechanical, right? To quote Scotty, "There's no changing the laws of physics, Captain."

I failed to mention last month at the Willow Springs race in the closing laps, Mike's Hasa Pool F/M had a significant drop in oil pressure. Mike did a masterful job of bringing the car home to the win. That engine was pulled at the home race shop and found to have blown out the O-Ring seal and gasket between the front engine cover and the rotor case. Hmm...

The Buttonwillow Double National weekend started off "California Chamber of Commerce beautiful", and then turned ugly. We went out Saturday morning in the first practice session and lost oil pressure in two laps - back to the garage. We had garage space in Team Stargate World's shop, where we pulled the Mazda rotary engine.

Now here comes that *Learning Curve* thing... as I was reaching for the diagonal cut pliers to cut a safety wire, Danny slapped my wrist!! It was also an SCCA Tech Seal. F.N.G., live and learn. "Hmm, tech seals." We were able to lift and rotate the engine front cover plate and replace the O-Ring and gasket, supplied by Moses Smith, without breaking the Tech seal. Engine out, repaired, installed and lit, three and a half hours. A good effort, but not good enough. We missed our Qualifying session. Have you Mazda rotary racers seen this problem before?

Mike was allowed to start the race and tag the back of the field, but as there was such a large contingent of S-2000's and they wanted a split start, we got to start at the back of the first group - well that helps.

I was spotting at the end of the Esses just up from the 180 degree hairpin. Mike displayed an aggressive and yet patient attack on the field of Sports Racers, F/Cs, F/Ms, F/Es, F-1000s and Atlantics and was rewarded with the class win and 8th overall.

Sunday, Race Two of the Double National weekend, Mike qualified the car first-in-class and seventh overall. From the start of the race it was evident Mike's pace was closer to the sharp end of the field as he picked up a couple of spots and gapped the rest of the field. A class win and 5th overall. This was Mike's fourth win in four events with an eye on a Triple Crown: the Divisional Title, the June Sprints and the Runoffs, this is going to be a fun season. Next event is Pikes Peak Raceway in Colorado on Memorial Day weekend. Wish us luck!



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DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. – For only the second time in its history, Daytona International Speedway will be repaved following the Coke Zero 400 Powered By Coca-Cola in July, track President Robin Braig announced.

“This is a historic moment for NASCAR's most storied race track -- Daytona International Speedway,” Braig said. “Daytona was originally repaved in 1978 and the time has come again to put new asphalt on this legendary race track.”

Since the conclusion of the 52nd annual Daytona 500 in February, a team of engineers and asphalt specialists with North American Testing Corporation have conducted a thorough evaluation of the entire track, and upon completion of that analysis, the results were delivered to the International Speedway Corporation Board of Directors where the decision was made to repave the race track following the 2010 Coke Zero 400.

Daytona International Speedway's entire 2.5-mile tri-oval will be repaved as well as the skid pads, apron and pit road. Concrete will be used for the pit stalls. All of the existing asphalt will be removed down to the original 52-year-old lime rock base, which will be leveled and then paving will begin.

The repaving of Daytona International Speedway will remain true to Bill France Sr.'s original vision, layout and geometry of the track that was constructed in the late 1950s.

The repaving project will begin immediately after the Coke Zero 400 Weekend Powered By Coca-Cola on Sunday, July 4 with a target completion date of Jan. 1, 2011.

Speedweeks 2011 will kick off with the 49th annual Rolex 24 At Daytona GRAND-AM Rolex Sports Car Series race on Jan. 29-30 and conclude with the 53rd annual Daytona 500 on Sunday, Feb. 20, the prestigious season-opening event to the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series.

**Due to the repaving project, the October motorcycles races, Richard Petty Driving Experience dates, testing sessions and other track rental events will be cancelled for the rest of the year.**





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