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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 Jerry Larson District 5 Governor - sunnyday@infionline.net

**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.

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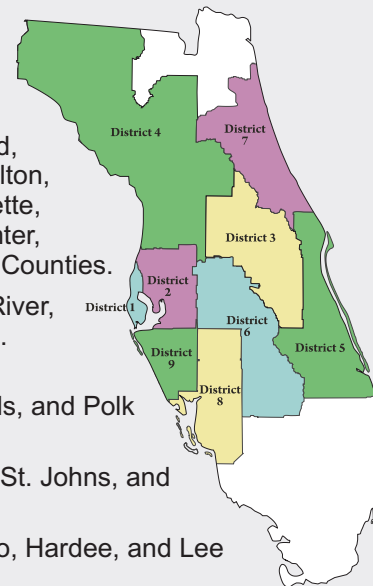
**District 5:** Brevard, Indian River, Martin, Okeechobee, and St. Lucie Counties.

**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)

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



# Club News

## Welcome New Members

*Joyce Hayward*

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### DISTRICT 9

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Nancy Scannell	Delray Beach

## Regional Executive Report

*Rick Balderson*

Some time ago, CFR discussed having fewer races in our season, but, I really do not think we ever dreamed of knocking off half of our Daytona schedule. The decision to pave in 2010 took our contact at the track by surprise, although I'm sure the rumor mill was working overtime.

We should consider ourselves lucky to have had two events at Daytona this year, as all of the other clubs that use the track in the 3rd and 4th quarters of the year are just out of luck.

If you've not heard or read it somewhere else, the September 4-5 2010 races at Sebring will include a double SARRC.

Plans for the upcoming Brumos 250 at Daytona are coming along. If you're a corner worker, sign up now for the last chance to work at DIS in 2010.

See you at the next event.





# District News

## District 1

**Miki**

Dist 1 met on Tuesday May 11th at Joes Crab Shack on SR 60 Clearwater. 29 wonderful members came out to join in the lively discussions...

It was a balmy Summer evening. Our Gov. Ron Offutt started the discussion with the re paving plans at Daytona. Unfortunately our Club races and the Pro races for the remainder of 2010 have been canceled, after July. And no Sebring doesn't have our Daytona date available to make up our race.....booooooooooooo hooooooooooooo. They will be changing the format for the September race due to the missing SARRC at Daytona...keep your ears open.... The Brumo's 250 in July will be the last race for our club to work at Daytona. Workers will be needed, and greatly appreciated...nudge nudge wink wink.....

Ron talked about the wonderful weekend we all had at the Regional, Enduro, Autocross at Daytona May 1 & 2nd. I know all the Club racers had a great time....."):The Autocrossers,( more than 100 of them )had a wonderful time , maybe more joint ventures to come!

Our meeting came to a close with the traditional door prizes, and the car is BACK.....A big welcome to our newest members who made it to the meeting!

## District 3

**Fran Martin**

District Three's May meeting was well attended as we had 20 enthusiasts travel to Rossi's on S. Orange Blossom Trail. Apparently, it is good to have a weekend of rest between a CFR event and our meeting. Gov. Bill Martin reviewed the most recent event at Daytona. Our Friday test day had only around 35 entries and we need to be in the 100 car range. Saturday and Sunday races and Enduros had around 179 cars but a lot of dual drivers. Our first try at a solo inside Daytona was quite successful with 161 entries - a good weekend all around.

If you haven't heard by now, Daytona will be repaved starting immediately after the Coke Zero 400 event in July. CFR will support the Brumos 250 (see information posted on our web site) but all activities after that weekend at Daytona will be cancelled. This includes our races in August and September as well as fall events like PBOC, HSR, PCA and Italian Cars. Paving is expected to be completed in time for 2011 24 Hours of Daytona.

We will have our usual schedule at Sebring: June – races/solo and pool party at the Kenilworth; July – drivers' school/vintage races; August Labor Day event – CHANGED to Double SARRC. We are aware of the PA problem in Green Park and are working to either repair the existing system or find a portable system that's manageable and affordable.

Rose Bartl reported that the solo at Brooksville had 38 cars. Upcoming is a Divisional in Moultrie, Georgia and a CFR event at Deland in July.

Our mid-year BOG will be held in Gainesville, June 19 at the site of our 2010 Annual Meeting – the Paramount Plaza Hotel. Let your Governor know if you have any questions or issues for the Board.

See you at the Races!

## District 8

**John Woessner**

14 participants this month for our monthly meeting of the "Great Eight!"

We have been invited to join District 9 at DeSoto Speedway on May 22nd. At least 2 of us will be attending but it sounds like a lot of folks are busy getting their cars ready for the June Bug ballyhoo.

We had 5 "newbies" with one entering driver's school at Moroso and then completing at our school in July. Welcome!

Ass't R.E. Ron give a short blurb to check for any products from "Impact Productions" as most if not all of their equipment is no longer legal. If you think you have any of their equipment best to check with Tech before you get caught in a bad position with unapproved equipment.

Next BOG meeting will be in June and Gov. Weeze asked for any questions or concerns. One competitor expressed his displeasure with the speed of the pace car after a black flag at the recent Daytona races in that he felt wasn't fast enough for cooling purposes.

The question of the possibility of a night enduro was put forth and I will bring up in June.

The other question asked was why the vintage group races are not of the same duration as the other race groups. I really don't know why so will address at the BOG meeting also.

Since business was concluded with everyone's culinary cravings satisfied there is one issue I'd like to discuss here on the soapbox. Due to health issues I have had to retire from the grid crew and am now hanging my hat with registration. It was quite a eye opening experience this past race at Daytona where I noticed that at least 20% have a issue with their credentials. First there are the ones that need to change crew, etc. Then there's the one that doesn't know the name of the driver, make of car or run group. Several people handed me their credentials still in sealed envelopes they were delivered from national in. One individual returned to registration 4 different times on Friday, Saturday , and again Sunday morning to add guests and crew. Saw expired licenses, a lot with no photos when they've had the license for months, and the occasional "cant find it, left it home, dawg ate it".

Seriously folks THIS is why there are the lines at registration! Really, our job is to get you registered as painlessly as possible. Your job is to have your paperwork ready BEFORE you get to registration. I walked out the front at one point and heard a participant bitching up a storm about how Registration isn't organized. I immediately pointed out that there's always room for more help on the crew, or any specialty for that matter, and was rewarded with silence.

I realize that sometimes there are changes in plans, changes in paperwork, crew lists and even a change to the car and the drivers entering it. I'm not talking about those situations, I'm talking about just poor prep on the part of the participant. So please , make a attempt as part of your prep work for the event to have your paperwork ready. It will speed up the process and make everyone a little bit more happy right? I will end my soapbox now. Next up is the June Regional and Kennelworth pool party. Hope everyone can make it , should be a good one! 'Till then see ya around the races!

# Remember When...



## Pictures

*Submitted by Louis Galanos*



*CFR Club Racing at Daytona*



*Carol McMillan*



*Gainesville 1974*



*Lakeland 1973*



*1972 Paul Whiteman Trophy Races at Daytona*



*Daytona Reg-Nat*



## David Pannicione

He worked magic with both street and track Porsches, that's what they tell me. David Pannicione, owner of Specialty Imports (Porsche shop) in Tampa, died April 25. He was 69.

David was a member of HSR and Porsche Club, he raced all over the world and was in the 12 Hours of Sebring. Also IMSA and Case racing.

His sons are Billy and Michael Socher, daughters are Kim Turcotte and Kristian Cayo, and his wife's name is Sherry. David's been cremated and they might have future memorial services at Daytona and Sebring.

The family has asked that instead of flowers, please make donations in his name to Central FL Cancer Institute Foundation, 863-679-2960.

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# Flag Ravings

by Sally Larson

**DRIVERS' SCHOOL - DAYTONA STYLE:** Good sized class, many Phase 1 students and all went well. Congratulations ... very alert response o flags. Everyone remembered you may pass under a white flag and not a soul played 'duckling' and stayed behind the EV! You weren't so lucky in the 'follow the Safety Car' drill. The rule is.... if the Safety Car's lights are ON, you follow it to the ends of the earth if necessary. Once the lights are OFF and the Safety Car pulls into the pits, IT'S BOGGITY TIME with a green flag at Start. Groups One and Two, saw Safety with lights on, meaning follow me, got enthusiastic and just booked it down the track. Group Three had an advantage... our fellow Corner Worker, Martin was the leader of the Student pack and led them down pit row behind the beacon Safety Car. Note to all, sometimes Corner Work knowledge comes in handy! Which is an open invitation to all Drivers, family and crews to come join us on a corner .... it's a great way to share the action if either your car or your wallet is broke, It's OJT - contact our Flag Chief Rich for information

**MESSAGE FROM THE CHAPLAIN:** Steve Kearney holds a Sunday Chapel Service at all our races .... and provides aid and comfort to all those needing it. His bulletin at the School titled 'From Zero to Hero' echoed our thoughts. Chaplain Steve said, "I enjoy Drivers' Schools. They provide a great opportunity to meet the future of the Central Florida Region and to watch the transformation from keen driving enthusiast to genuine racers taking place before our very eyes. For those of you who are in the cars, I applaud you for taking the wheel and wish you the best not only for this weekend, but for a lifetime of racing fun."From all of us that volunteer at the races, Welcome . We look forward to seeing all you Phase One students at our July Drivers' School at Sebring ... and for Phase Two students who completed your Novice requirements, we'll cheer you on as you begin your racing career on track.

**RENEWING SCCA CARDS: EFFECTIVE APRIL '10:** In case you're not doing this already, be sure to log your Worker Hours online at [scca.com](http://scca.com). Log in on the home page, put in your member number and any password you've chosen, go to Member Home, drop down and select My Membership, then select Volunteer Participation... and just follow the prompts. If you do this, when you get your National renewal paperwork, the discounts for working will be applied. If your information is not in when your renewal bill comes in, it will be for the full amount.

Memberships can be renewed online but .... with the new fee system, if you haven't logged in your hours, you may have to call SCCA National if you want to take advantage of the participation incentives. Give them the dates and places of the races you've worked, then they'll take the dollar amount you qualify for off your membership dues.

Anyone wanting a free, automatic waiver hard card, has to send in a notarized waiver form that's included with your membership renewal information (or you can download the form). Some tracks accept the hard cards, others still have you sign a waiver anyway. My thanks to John Woessner, District 8 Governor, for the information to bring me into the 21st Century.

**WELCOME NEW WORKERS:** With new recruits joining the Corner Workers, remember back when you were a Rookie. You've now become the teacher, helping the student. Make each new task a learning experience and, above all, to have fun and feel a part of the Corner group.

**HYDRATE!:** We're now officially in the season of Hot, Hotter, and Hottest. We're told at every race weekend to drink lots of water. This is obvious when the sun is blazing. Be advised, you can become dehydrated very easily in cloudy, cooler weather too... without even realizing it.. Be aware of the signs in yourself or in your coworkers. Muscle cramps, weakness, queasy stomach, and feeling shaky or dizzy are your first clue. Then it's time to call for the medics to check you out. Do not soldier on and try to ignore it . worst case scenario, you'll throw up on someone. This is not the way to make friends.

**SUGGESTION FROM A FELLOW CFR MEMBER:** With new SCCA members, not only welcome them, but at District meetings and Worker Meetings, be sure to introduce them and have them give any pertinent information about themselves. Then make sure they know the names of the other people in the room or who will be working with them on a corner. It also might be handy for us Corner Workers, to wear our badges or SCCA name tags. When you're the new person, it's easy for us to remember your name 'cause there's only one of you - but if you're new and are introduced to several people at once, it's harder to keep all the names straight. If all else fails, we'll also respond to 'hey you'... don't be shy. One of the principles of learning is that people can only remember one thing at a time (boy am I becoming a member of that group!) and make it as easy as possible for the new recruit to remember you. You'll both gain a 'new best friend.'



**Photos by Bill Martin**



*Start of Group 3 on Saturday - Turn 3*



*The Mattox 79 Vista Bushwacker FV in Turn 3*



*Stan Hallock leads a group into Turn 3*



*Turn 3 with Mike Campanelli and his Swift DB4 FA*



*Group 3 action in Turn 3*



*Don Boughan - Area 51 Motorsports*



*You are not seeing things...  
That's a 1957 Corvette driven by Charles Lee*



*Carlos Lira in one of the Yeomans Mustangs - Turn 5*



*Jeff Bailey and his GT1 in the West Banking*



*West Banking again - Tom Keleher*



*Start of Group 7 Race - 43 Drivers*



*Matt Vanvurst leads in this pack.  
There are nine cars in this picture.*

# Daytona Classic



*Matt Vanvurst all by himself in Turn 3*



*Peter Keane had to pull in to change a shredded tire*



*Close racing in Turn 1*



*Peter Ells had things his own way in the race*



*Traffic Jam in Turn 1*



*The Mevoli/Higgs Nissan Sentra in Turn 1*



*Kerry Foote with his '60 Bugeye Sprite in Turn 1*



*Second in Class on Sunday, Perry Young and his Mazda*



*Adren Hance Jr. leads the Simoes/Langley Miata in Turn 3*



*The ole hood in the face trick for James Coyne's VW - Turn 3*



*Mike Flynn and Mike Guenther together for most of the race*



*The Dana/Cohen Mazda closely pursued by Tom Free's BMW*

# Turning the Corner

by David Ellis-Brown

Hello again, it is June and there are a couple of things that I have to write about this month.

First item of course is the "The Daytona Classic". Unlike past years, the Classic no longer includes CFR's 2nd National event. Our 2nd National of the year was part of the Double at Sebring in January. You remember, CFR's version of the "Refrigerator Bowl"! But for the regional racers, we again got to experience the high banks at the World Center of Racing. If you missed the event, too bad. It is the last time this year we could use the track. As most of you know, Daytona will be repaved after the July NASCAR and our August and September events for Daytona have been cancelled. More details will come from the Race Board.

The second item I want to talk about hit a little closer to home, I don't like to talk about myself in this column, because "Turning the Corner" is about IT racers and our triumphs and tribulations. But when I feel it is appropriate, I will share some of my experiences, especially if I feel that our IT community might benefit. I had an unfortunate experience at Daytona. Maybe you have shared a similar experience and you will understand. But more about that later.

## The Daytona Classic

Our event had about 300 entered. But, I guess due to the economy, more IT cars were entered at our February event. Some folks, who entered the Enduro, did not enter the regionals, and visa versa. I wonder if the race board should try to find out why?

Saturday--The group 1 Enduro Qualifying included the ITB & ITC cars. There were some 8 ITB cars entered along with 5 ITC. We qualified bright and early on Saturday morning. Pete Keane won the ITB pole in his Honda Accord with a time of 1:26.995. Jason Hoepenbecker qualified his Mazda Protégé 2nd in ITB with a time of 1:29.653. Third in ITB was Steve Taylor's MkII VW Golf with a time of 2:30.897. Deuce Keane, the 2008 & 2009 ARRC ITB Champion experienced mechanical problems in qualifying and was finished for the weekend. This was a surprise. I know that Deuce had done a lot of work on his car since having some mechanical difficulties at the Cabin Cure regional in February. In ITC, the VW Scirocco of Chuck Mecklem won the pole with a time of 2:33.999. Bill McCoin qualified 2nd in his Ford Fiesta with a time of 2:37.432. Qualifying 3rd in ITC was Miki Moerwald, just a tick behind McCoin, with a time of 2:37.591 in her VW Rabbit.

Just a short note. Due to our back of the grid qualifying position, John Robinson and I got to meet a "newbie" to IT racing. Thomas Harrison entered the Enduro in his 1980? ITC Honda Civic. This was Tom's first road race. He and his son were very up beat but realistic about their ride. Tom has some prior racing experience but is new to road racing. Tom, we welcome you and your son to the IT family. Look forward to seeing you at the races. Good Luck to you.

Group 2 Enduro Qualifying included the ITR, ITS, ITA and IT7 cars.

For the Group 2 folks, the ITS Mercedes of Irish Mike Flynn took the overall pole for the Group 2 with a time of 2:15.077. Mike said he had not had the Mercedes out in some time but it was up to it's usual fast form. 2nd in ITS was the Mark Nasrallah with a time of 2:17.723. Third was Steve Goldin, with a time of 2:18.171. Winning the pole in ITR was the BMW of Felix Serrallos with a time of 2:15.483, just a tick behind Irish Mike. Second in ITR was Mike Guenther in his BMW also just a fraction off the pole winning ITR car, with a time of 2:15.736. Third in ITR was Mark Weeder with a time of 2:21.942. Quickest in ITA was the Thomas Free with a time of 2:22.702, but Mary Katharine was barely beaten with a time of 2:22.843 in Paul Ronie's Acura. Third in ITA was Wesley Saunders with a time of 2:25.505. Only one IT-7 entered the Enduro and that was Robert Iversen with a time of 2:41.010

Group 5 Qualifying—The "big" bore IT cars made up Group 5, ITR, ITS, ITA and IT7. Originally ITB was also included in this group, but due to a scheduling issue and the Enduro, ITB was moved to Group 7. Just as with the Enduro qualifying, Felix Serrallos put his ITR BMW on the pole with a time of 2:13.009. Over 2 seconds quicker than his qualifying time for the Enduro. Again 2nd in ITR was Mike Guenther, but his qualifying time of 2:15.349 was comparable with his Enduro time. Third in ITR was Aaron Nash with a time of 2:22.293. Winning the ITS pole was Steve Goldin with a time of 2:18.225. , but Scott Seck was right there in 2nd with a time of 2:18.393. Mike Conrad qualified 3rd in ITS with a time of 2:21.875. Winning the ITA pole was Bob Sieck's Mazda with a time of 2:23.704, but the 2nd place ITA car of Thomas Free tried to match Bob's time with a 2:23.989. Darryl Pritchett was 3rd in ITA in his Neon with a time of 2:25:542. The IT-7 guys did come for the Regional with Drake Burgoon taking the IT-7 pole with a time of 2:29:505. Jim Welz came close to Drake's time with a qualifying time of 2:29.782. Third in IT-7 qualifying was Kenneth Walters with a time of 2:30.371.

Group 7 Qualifying—ITB & ITC were included in Group 7, along with SM, SSB, & SSC, STU & some NASA cars. In ITB, yours truly had the fastest ITB time with 2:26.463 in our MkIII VW Jetta. We recovered from the morning's problem. Second in ITB was Steve Taylor in his MkII VW Golf with a time of 2:32.644, and third in ITB was the Paul McCormick in his MKIII Golf with a time of 2:35.766. Unfortunately, Paul lost an engine and was through for the weekend. This was the second ITB car that would not be racing at Daytona this weekend. In ITC, Chuck Mecklem won his second pole with a time of 2:34.914 in his Scirocco. Miki Moerwald put her VW Rabbit in the 2nd spot in ITC with a time of 2:36.751, and Bill McCoin grabbed the 3rd ITC spot with a time of 2:37.066 in his Ford Fiesta.



# A Memorial Day Weekend

by Neil Pozzi, Hasa Racing



This Memorial Day weekend, Mike Anderson and the Hasa Pool Chem. Star Mazda were planning to attend the SCCA Nat. at Pikes Peak Raceway in Co. but we had to refocus on the June Sprints and the Runoffs and canceled out of the event. Oh what to do for Memorial Day in Willcox, AZ?

Ever since my arrival in Willcox I've heard about a new "Motorsports Country Club" about 21 miles out of town, the last 6 being dirt and rock. Well last month I found it. "INDE Motorsports Ranch" at the foothills of the Cochise Mountains, and a locked security gate. Two weeks ago Moses Smith contacted me. He was testing 2 drivers at INDE and invited me out for the day. INDE is Native American for the "People". The country club facilities are 5-STAR. A 21 turn track in 2.75 miles of rolling up and down hillside, keeps you real busy. The 2200 ft. straight climbs gently up hill and twists it way back down to the Paddock, Pits and the main Club House. It's not Road Atlanta nose bleed elevation change, more like old Riverside "RIP" but not as fast. As it turned out INDE was having their first Sanction race on Memorial weekend. "Well, that sounds like a plan". The event wasn't SCCA but rather ASA "American Speed Association".

Jerry and Tony would have loved the Big Bore group, Vipers, Vets, Monte Carlos, Pontiacs, Mustangs and Trucks. The Pontiac won. The Formula group had 2-F/Ms one was Moses's customer, 2-F/C, -4 F/F and their version of Club Ford "Euro Ford" on traded street DOT tires, about 8- E/F/Fs. Apparently the treaded street tires are a great equalizer between older and newer F/Fs. Between race groups I would go into the Club House and watch the INDY 500 on a large flat screen TV and set my Coca Cola on a Cosworth V8 glass and carbon fiber coffee table, "I could get used to this".

So you would think I had a pretty nice Memorial Day weekend, but wait there's more. Saturday morning the rumble of the train tracks across the street from my RV park, was broken by the distinctive whine of a GMC Blower. "Ahrrr Captain, there be Hot Rods in town". Willcox's Old Town was being invaded by Street Rods. It only takes about 40 Street Rods, Customs, and Classics to fill up Old Town Park, but there were some nice cars there. Wally, I saw a real nice 32 Ford Coupe Blown Big Block. How's your car coming? What a Saturday morning, coffee, Hot Rods and it's off to INDE... how I miss the Breakfast Club. I'll be starting the next leg of this trip after Memorial Day, I am going to San Francisco to fit out the Hasa plant there. Dwayne Anderson just e-mailed me info on the June Sprints. 6-23 to 6-27-10 at Road America. After the June Sprints, I'll be heading North to Portland, OR, to fit the Longview Washington plant and Moses Smith is racing Nationwide at Portland International Raceway in Aug. In retrospect I must say, after this Memorial Day weekend, as Willcox fades in my rear view mirror, "It wasn't that bad" and I met some great people.






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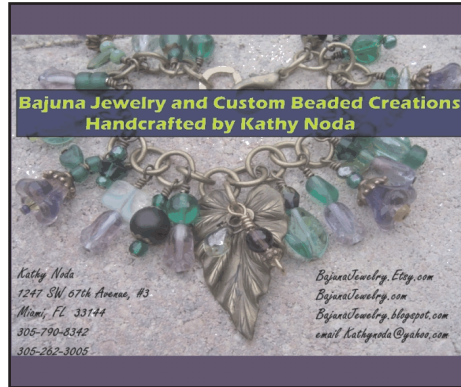


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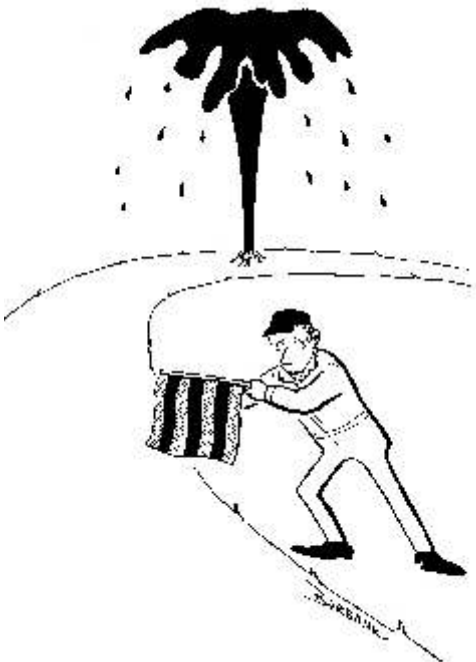
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Includes \$85 National Dues.

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Total membership costs include National  
and Regional dues for one year. Also  
includes one subscription to *SportsCar  
Magazine* and *The Checker* per regular,  
First Gear, or family membership. Mem-  
bership dues are not a charitable contribu-  
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I hereby apply for membership in the Sports Car Club of America, Inc. and its  
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