# CSRG "Contact Patch"

#### Dear michael,



"Youthful enthusiasm"... no trait personifies youth more than that of being enthusiastic. To the young everything is new and exciting. Over time the maturation process brings with it the ability to distinguish between that which deserves our energy versus that which does not. We learn to prioritize and we become more calculating.

Now I want you to throw the calculating out the window. How "calculating" were you when you bought a race car? If there

were ever a highway to financial hell, it would be paved with race cars. You bought the car because it meant something to you emotionally, viscerally. You took it to the track, perhaps a new track and the experience was fresh, raw and exciting.

You need that excitement again and CSRG can provide it: Thunderhill West on June 28-29. What are your plans for that weekend, cut the lawn, reroute some sprinklers, have lunch, potter around in your garage growing older? Is that what gets the adrenalin, dare I say the youthfulness of yore, flowing? I doubt it, so why not join us? A new track, new faces and a new experience are there if you have the guts to be young...& enthusiastic. Come on, live a little.

Click Here to Enter: Thunderhill

Oh, and the photo? Sorry for displaying a modern car in a vintage racecar forum, but it's a Trabant 601 Lightweight Turbo SuperAmerica.

# The Charity Challenge, October 3-5:



Registration for The Charity Challenge at Sonoma Raceway on October 3-5 is now open at

csrg.motorsportreg.com.

This is our showcase event and we expect a big turnout, ergo the opening of Registration a little earlier than usual. We're hoping for 300 cars this year, plus we have Masters-HGP coming with a group of '70s F1 cars.

Throw in the fun Saturday night dinner and wine in a laid back, late summer setting and you have a recipe for a fun weekend.

Ticket sales are outpacing those for the Love Memorial earlier this year, which means there will be families there with children who would love the opportunity to sit in a race car. If you remember what it was like when you were 8 or 10 years old, I'm sure you know what an invitation like that would do for them. Be a hero and ask a kid if they want to sit in your car. For that matter, ask the parent...it's a Kodak moment, if you will...

# Race cars Only:

While we are talking about the Charity Challenge, we are asking entrants to only park race cars or perhaps the odd exotic car of special interest along the main alley in front of the garages. This allows the spectator a really cool view of a lot of machinery, instead of somebody's Hyundai Accent, or other such appliance. My sincerest apology to Hyundai...

# New CSRG Web Site:

The construction on the new CSRG web site is slowly creeping to conclusion---a long overdue one! With that in mind, here are a couple of things you might want to do:

# Photos:



The new web site needs photos for its "Gallery" page. This means anything, baring those illustration that are best viewed in the privacy of one's home.

Paddock photos, human interest, car-related photos, track photos, whatever. If you have something you think would work, please forward them to csrglocke@gmail.com.

# **Classifieds:**

The new site will also have a classified section though the requirements for an ad have not yet been determined. If you have a car you want to list, please provide 2-4 photos, a 50-100 word description, a price & a contact email/phone number and send it to csrglocke@gmail.com.

# The New Zealand Festival of Motor Racing:

New Zealand's annual major vintage racing event is a two-weekend event that will be held on January 16-18 & January 23-25, 2015 at Hampton Downs, about an hour south of Auckland. I mention it because this year's honoree is a familiar sight at our races, Howden Ganley. Racing in January is definitely something out of the ordinary for us and it might be a cool vacation as well. Cost to ship a car is surprisingly reasonable -- about \$2500 per car based on at least five cars per container. That includes delivery to the track. F5000 and Formula Junior cars turn out in volume, as well as all manner of production sports cars. For details contact Jim Barclay: <u>jimbarclay@xtra.co.nz</u>

# Sedan Racers & Newer Production Cars:

As a reminder to all: Our races are open to all of the traditional CSRG racing classes which include Production, GT, Sports Racer, Formula, and **SCCA Sedans**. Information regarding these classes may be found within the rules tab at <u>CSRGracing.org</u>. The section you are looking for is *"Classification"* and is in **SectionIII**, **Paragraph"B"**.

Note that last year CSRG created a Group 8 Production SCCA A, B, (Trans-Am owners pay attention) and C Sedan built to 1968 through 1972 SCCA Rules. Also welcome in that group are special sedans and compatible production sports cars. If you know of somebody who has a car, but hasn't raced with CSRG for whatever reason, I would ask you to be an advocate for the club and encourage the individual to join.

## **Memberships:**

Make sure you've renewed your membership for this season. Current members get preferential treatment if there is a car number conflict in a run group, as do people who enter early. To see if you already renewed, look at the membership expiration date in your Profile at <u>csrg.motorsportreg.com</u>. Even if you renewed by mail, your Profile will have been updated. Alternatively, you can call or e-mail the Race Director at 888.268.7126/race\_director@csrgweb.org

# CSRG's 50th Anniversary Celebration:

The 50th anniversary of CSRG is still a couple of years away but CSRG's Board of Directors want to pull out all the stops in recognition of this milestone. If you have recommendations how to properly observe this event, the Board would love to hear them. The Board has set up a fund, CSRG's 50th Anniversary Fund, and hope you or your business will make a contribution. Contact Locke at csrglocke@gmail.com if you have suggestions, questions or need donation information.

# CSRG Board Meeting on June 28th at Thunderhill Raceway Park:

Yes, you will have to be aThunderhill for the June races if you wish to attend this starstudded event. The meeting will be @noon, depending upon how the schedule plays out. If someone who does not attend the meetings regularly plans to come, please notify the Race Director: <u>race\_director@csrqweb.org</u>

Never let them get you down,

Mort Canard

# **Miscellaneous Information**

**Membership Renewals:** 

If you can't remember whether you renewed for this season, you can check your Profile at <u>csrg.motorsportreg.com</u> or ask the Race Director.

## Tech inspection sheets:

You can get a head start on your Tech Inspection tasks by downloading the Pre-Tech Inspection Forms. These forms are not meant to replace the sheets you will receive by email with your information packet but are provided as information and as a work sheet so you may inspect and gather all the data necessary to complete the official form. Click Pre-Tech Worksheet to print your copy of the worksheet.

## **Event registration:**

Click **<u>Here</u>** to be directed to <u>http://CSRG.MotorsportReg.com/</u> for online registration. Be sure to bookmark or save it as a favorite for quick access in the future. Mail-in forms can be obtained by clicking the Schedule/Entry button on our home page at <u>www.CSRGracing.org</u>

Note: Mail-in entry forms are specific for each event and will usually appear on the site 6 to 8 weeks before an event.

## **Entrant Packets:**

Sonoma Raceway and Thunderhill Raceway Park entrant packets for CSRG events, including Tech Forms and gate tickets, will be held at Will Call outside the track security/ticket gate or at Registration. We are no longer mailing them to entrants. The packets are held in the name of the Entrant. We advise you to print a copy of the <u>Pre-Tech Worksheet</u> to make sure you have completed all the inspections and have all the information needed to complete the Tech Forms when you arrive at the track.

#### **Download Medical Forms:**

Click on <u>CSRGmedform12.pdf</u> to download a copy of the form. It is no longer required that you send in the original Medical Form with the "wet" signature to CSRG. You can now keep your original and either mail a clear photocopy or, better yet, scan the complete four page form and email it to: <u>Race\_Director@csrgweb.org</u>. It would be wise to file the original until its medical certification period expires. The scan and email system is the preferred method, otherwise mail the forms to CSRG at P.O. Box 3223, San Rafael Ca. 94912. Email <u>Race\_Director@CSRGweb.org</u> if you have problems or additional questions.

Mailing Address: CSRG, P.O. Box 3223, San Rafael, California 94912.

# Medical Cards for Guest Competitors:

CSRG recognizes current and valid medical cards as issued by FIA, SCCA (for drivers under 60 only), and all organizations approved and accepted by the Vintage Motorsports Council.

# 2014 Schedule:

**April 4-6:** The David Love Memorial Races, Sonoma Raceway **June 28-29:** CSRG June Races, Thunderhill Raceway Park

**October 3-5:** 11th CSRG Charity Challenge, Sonoma Raceway **October 31-November 2:** 47th Season Finale, Thunderhill Raceway Park

**Membership:** We welcome drivers who believe in the spirit of vintage racing. Curious? Do you want to join CSRG or need more info? Email info@CSRGracing.org or go to www.CSRGracing.org.

# Vintage Race Rules Forum...

CSRG has a presence on Vintage Race Rules Forum where many things "vintage" are discussed. Click <u>VintageRaceRulesCSRG</u>, will get you to the CSRG page. Click <u>VintageRaceRulesHome</u> to access the home page to visit other parts of the site. You might want to bookmark these two addresses and check in every once-in-a-while.

**Facebook:** We know some of you don't want to join Facebook or like to log-in to see what is new on CSRG's Facebook page. Well you don't have to (just say no) simply click on this link, <u>CSRG Facebook</u>, to visit our Facebook page. If you save this link to your "favorites" you can drop in for a look anytime.

**Guest competitors:** CSRG welcomes members from other racing groups and we encourage you to join CSRG as a race weekend or a full season member. It only takes a minute to create a secure and private online registration account at http//:CSRG.MotorsportReg.com and then register for an upcoming CSRG event. You may also download mail-in race registration forms or CSRG 2013 membership forms at www.CSRGracing.org followed by clicking the Membership or Schedule/Event button. We appreciate and respect cars that have been prepared properly and in the spirit of vintage racing. Tech inspection is thorough but gentle. It is primarily focused on driver safety and protection, and your vehicle's integrity and safety systems. Those of you with questions regarding a car's eligibility for an event or CSRG membership should send an email to Race Director@CSRGweb.org.

#### **Guest Registration:**

Here are a few things we would like you to know. CSRG has enjoyed non-profit status for many years which has enabled CSRG (and you, our guests) to support various charities to the tune of hundreds of thousands of dollars. Due to the good problem of growing guest and spectator interest in our events, CSRG has made a couple of changes to allow us to continue to be as generous as in the past yet not lose our non-profit status. To maintain our non-profit status, all competitors for any CSRG event will either need to be regular **Full-Year** members of CSRG or be a **Single-Event** 

member of CSRG.

**Friends** from other racing organizations will still share the fun of racing at Sonoma Raceway and Thunderhill Raceway Park with CSRG by being a **Single-Event** member. **Single event member registration** takes place when you register for an event. We like your company and hope you would consider joining CSRG as a full year member. CSRG's full year membership is only \$100 so you will save a bunch of dollars if you typically run just two events with CSRG a year. When you join CSRG you will be joining the second oldest vintage racing organization in the country and an organization that gives of itself for the betterment of others. Full year membership information may be found at <u>www.CSRGracing.org</u> under the Membership button. You may also contact Tom if you have additional questions regarding membership or car eligibility at <u>Race\_Director@CSRGweb.org</u> Think about it. Let's have some fun...

# A Reminder:

The Vintage Motorsports Council, of which CSRG is a member, has made a change in its policy regarding the SCCA medical card for those of you over 60. The SCCA has changed the medical examination frequency, for drivers 60 and older, which makes the SCCA medical card carried by those drivers incompatible with the VMC's requirements. Drivers 60 and over will need to have a medical card that has been issued by a VMC approved and accepted organization (CSRG, HMSA, SOVREN, etc.) or the FIA. Medical cards issued by the SCCA to those of you lucky enough to be under 60 are still valid and acceptable. Contact <u>Race\_director@CSRGweb.org</u> if you have questions.

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