



CSRG "Contact Patch"



Freddy asked Doc to determine why his car would cough and stumble out of the corners.

An Ark Wasn't Needed, but...

After weeks of record setting dry weather the rains returned just in time to put the 47th Season Opener at Thunderhill in jeopardy. The combination of the need for cars to be fitted with water-wings on Friday (plus the occasional umbrella on Saturday), and the many drivers who were holding off on their event registration while watching the weather, compelled the Board to cancel the event. Too bad.

Sometimes disappointment provides opportunity. The 2014 CSRG Survey sent out in January has provided the Board with your suggestions and desires. Many of you asked why we don't (or suggested we should) have an event sometime during the summer. In an effort to make up for the cancelled February 28 Thunderhill, and to explore the viability of a June event, we have the opportunity to run the new 2-Mile West track at Thunderhill the weekend of June 14-15. Thunderhill Raceway Park expects that the West track Club House, bathrooms and control tower will be fully operational before then.

Our break-even for this event would be 70 entries at \$495. The program would consist of at least a 40 minutes of practice on Saturday morning; a half-hour Mechanical picnic each day; a 30 minute qualifying race by Run Group Saturday afternoon; a paddock party Saturday night, featuring assorted racing movies to go with the usual finger food; then at least two 30 minute races by Run Group on Sunday.

Here is where you come in, again. The membership has called for a mid-year race, the heat is now on you to support it. We need to make a commitment to Thunderhill by March 20th to lock up the date. Therefore, we have opened registration for the **CSRG Father's Day Races** at csrg.motorsportreg.com. If we have 70 entries by 5 p.m. March 19 pm, the time of the next Board meeting, the event is a Go. If not, it's No Go. Refunds will be administered via mail. Please register now.

Register to Love, the David Love Memorial Races, that is...

David Love Memorial Races at Sonoma Raceway: The David Love Memorial Races will be held April 4-6 at Sonoma Raceway. We expect a very healthy number of car entries. We also expect a significant increase in spectator ticket sales with the count closing in on **1900** already sold. Also new for this year, Korbel Champagne will be awarded in each race group for some serious and some "just for the heck of it" reasons. No rules just fun. Receiving a bottle for having an interesting car, exquisite preparation, patina, sportsmanship, spirited mid-pack duel, best sandwich board car description, etc, etc, are all possible reasons to celebrate with bubbly. The upside for all of us is more than one bottle will be given during a session. There is no down side. We do expect you to keep it on ice until the track goes cold, but you knew that. It's time to sign up for this race, especially if you want to make sure you get to run with your favorite number on the side.

The Food Court returns to the David Love Memorial Races. Lessons were learned from last year so improvements have been made. The location will be in front of the Race Track Cafe and include seating with umbrellas. Coffee and espresso drinks will be available early! (thank you, thank you) Artisan Pizzas, the Wine Country BBQ, the Sears Point Taqueria, and the Race Track Cafe will be serving meals and snacks during the weekend. Click [CSRG Spring Gathering](#) to view the flyer. Your support of the Food Court is appreciated and don't forget to tell your friends that food and drink is available at the track.

The Love Memorial, as well as the **CSRG Father's Day 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 CSRGGracing.org. The section you are looking for is "**Classification**" and is in **Section III, Paragraph "B"**. Please remember, 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 production sports cars that are compatible. Broaden your horizons and options for fun. It's time to hunt for those pieces of history because CSRG has a place for you to

run them. If you like what CSRG is doing and aren't a member why not join us. We would love to have you join us for these races and the rest of the 2014 racing season.

Register today and let's go racing! Email Tom at Race_Director@csrgweb.org, if you have questions or concerns.

Power adders...

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. Donations may be made via mail, at registration, or wherever. Contact Locke at csrglocke@gmail.com if you have suggestions or questions. There is only one other vintage racing group in the U.S. that will reach their 50th before CSRG. "Vintage Racing" with CSRG has been around so long that the brand new tow vehicles used in the beginning have passed beyond the collector classification and are now antiques.

Thunderhill Track Poll: A good number of you responded to our request for feedback regarding which course you would prefer to race upon during the 47th Season Finale at Thunderhill Raceway Park. The Board will be discussing the survey and will be making a decision based on your input. The poll is available to those of you who wish to review it. Email Locke at csrglocke@gmail.com for a copy.

CSRG's 11th Annual Charity Challenge: The Charity Challenge has grown to be CSRG's signature event. The weather is great, it is "crush" in the wine country, and the fields and quality of cars seems to get better each year. The amount donated to charity through the generosity of our members, guests and spectators isn't to be sneezed at either. This year the **Masters HGP**, the largest vintage F1 organization in the world, will be joining us at Sonoma Raceway. Imagine what it will be like to see 20+ F1 machines from the 70's and 80's strutting their stuff through the carousel or going into the hair-pin at turn eleven. This is a special treat during this special weekend and it shouldn't be missed.

Bits in the bits bin...

FF Aluminum Heads: (Incase you missed the memo.) Due to the shortage of cast iron heads, CSRG has followed SOVREN in approving aluminum cylinder heads for FF. We ask that you preserve appearances by painting them the correct color to match your engine. Along with the approval will come a minimum weight with driver of 1100 lbs. John Anderson is in charge of the weighing procedure.

The CSRG Board of Directors: Each member of the Board encourages anyone with questions, problems or concerns to contact them to discuss the situation. You are invited to attend Board meetings if you have an interest or to address the Board in person. Board meeting are generally scheduled on a monthly basis at various locations. The easiest way to find out the date, time and location of a Board meeting is to contact Tom Franges, Race_Director@CSRGweb.org. Questions, problems and

concerns that you would like discussed by the Board may be directed to Jon Norman, President@csrgweb.org, or Locke de Bretteville, csrglocke@gmail.com.

Contact Patch/Newsletter: We are looking a person who would be interested in writing Contact Patch and or the Newsletter. A couple of people could share the duties and take turns or collaborate if you like that idea. It is up to you. You will receive training and support working with the Constant Contact system that Patch uses. You don't need any web skills or need to know how to manipulate a web site. Contact Patch is pretty straight forward and kind of like writing a letter. The reason Patch exists is because there are things the membership and our guests want or need to know or there is information the Board and/or the Race Director needs to disseminate post haste. Those items may not fall into the realm of a club newsletter or they may need to be distributed quickly. You type it up and send it out. Your style is your style so you can be creative or buttoned-down. The Newsletter recaps Board meetings, provides information, and contains features about CSRG events or members. The actual input onto the web site is taken care of for you. You also have the freedom to be creative or straight, your choice. Contact Tom, RaceDirector@csrgweb.org, asap.

We'll be sharing our love of vintage racing at the David Love Memorial...

Manny R.E. Turns II
On behalf of CSRG

Miscellaneous Information

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 in your 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 [Here](#) to be directed to <http://CSRG.MotorsportReg.com/> 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 www.CSRGracing.org. 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. 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 [Pre-Tech Worksheet](#) 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 [CSRGmedform12.pdf](#) to download a copy of the form. Effective immediately, 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 Race_Director@csrgweb.org. 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 Race_Director@CSRGweb.org 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 14-15: CSRG Father's Day 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.

VintageRaceRulesForum...

CSRG has a presence on Vintage Race Rules Forum where many things "vintage" are discussed. Click [VintageRaceRulesCSRG](#), will get you to the CSRG page. Click [VintageRaceRulesHome](#) 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, [CSRG Facebook](#), 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 www.CSRGracing.org under the Membership button. You may also contact Tom if you have additional questions regarding membership or car eligibility at Race_Director@CSRGweb.org. 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 Race_director@CSRGweb.org if you have questions

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