



## CSR "Contact Patch"



Hello, my name is Mort Canard and I have been given the great responsibility of carrying on the great tradition of my predecessor, Will Carson, as editor of the Contact Patch. He set a standard that will be hard to match, but I will do my best.

For what it's worth, my background has always involved cars. I grew up in Beirut, where my father worked as a private contractor for the U.S. government. You may not regard Beirut as a hotbed of motoring types, but you would be wrong. In fact street racing was the norm in the 50s & 60s with all manner of supercharged Fiat 600s & 1100s, Borgwards & NSUs competing for the fastest car. Unfortunately the government started clamping down on it after a public outcry over the number of cat deaths due to the street racers. Unfortunately my family and I had to quickly depart Beirut for the welcoming arms of Bolivia. In subsequent Patches I will elaborate on the racing scene in Beirut and provide a little more of my background. For now, let's get down to business:

### Thunderhill Races June 28-29



The June 28-29 Thunderhill race on the new, Thunderhill West 2 mile track is on, but more entries are always a good thing. This is a rare opportunity to try out a new track in the mellow atmosphere that is Thunderhill. When you consider how rarely a new track opens (think Thunderhill 20 years ago...) it would not be a surprise to have 80-100 cars show up.

**Formula Junior owners take note:** The new track looks like a wonderful design for your cars, so you Arundell, Whitmore, Raby & Taylor types should sign up!

Don't forget, fellow member, CSR is comprised of rather "mature" individuals, so think about how many more opportunities you will get to learn a new course. And please, don't invoke the old, "you can't teach an old dog new tricks" as the reason for not going, because for every idiom there's another idiom that refutes it. "Never too old to learn" comes to mind.

Members: You have a race car, so get out there and use it...that's what it's for! Throw in the camaraderie and the aforementioned ambiance and it makes for a fun weekend. You may register by clicking [csrg.motorsportreg.com](http://csrg.motorsportreg.com).

### More Races:



Registration for the 11th Annual Charity Challenge and 47th Season Finale opens June 1. Since the Charity Challenge seems to be our most popular event, may I suggest that you sign up early?---we're hoping to beat last year's number of 254 cars. I think the CC might be really special this year with the inclusion of a **Masters-HGP F1** run group, so enter early.

Please note: Though the response from the track survey indicated a good number of members were in favor of running the long course at the

Thunderhill Season Finale, there were still not enough to do so. The best estimate is that it would take about 170+ entries to break even on the 5 mile. **As a result, the Finale will be on the usual, three mile course.**

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 [CSRGGracing.org](http://CSRGGracing.org). The section you are looking for is "**Classification**" and is in **Section III, 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 [csrg.motorsportreg.com](http://csrg.motorsportreg.com). 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](mailto: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](mailto:csrglocke@gmail.com) if you have suggestions, questions or need donation information.

## **CSRG Board Meeting on May 28th:**

In an effort to make the board meetings more accessible, the locale changes every few meetings. To that end, **the next board meeting is on May 28, Arrivederci Restaurant, 3rd St at G St in San Rafael.** Dinner will be about 5pm and the meeting is at 6. It's a small room, but can take a half-dozen more people than the usual Board meeting. If someone who does not attend the meetings regularly plans to come, please notify the Race Director: [race\\_director@csrgweb.org](mailto:race_director@csrgweb.org)

Courage, Mon Brave

Mort Canard

## **Miscellaneous Information**

**Membership Renewals:** If you can't remember whether you renewed for this season, you can check your Profile at [csrg.motorsportreg.com](http://csrg.motorsportreg.com) 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 [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](http://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.

**Important:** Those of you who don't like paying fees with a credit card over the Internet will be able to register on-line for the Charity Challenge and future events, then pay at the track with a card, check or cash.

**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 [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. 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](mailto: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](mailto: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 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](mailto:info@CSRGracing.org) or go to [www.CSRGracing.org](http://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](http://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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:Race_director@CSRGweb.org) if you have questions

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