



## CSRG "Contact Patch"



### Thunderhill West June Races

If you didn't go, you missed a super weekend. The races & the track were a delight. We had 65-70 cars entered & it seemed like the majority of drivers polled during the Saturday dinner enjoyed the track & wanted to return.

This is not just a track for smaller club events or driving schools, as some have suggested. Thunderhill West is a very demanding layout & requires some serious commitment in most corners. Perhaps committing your car to a blind, over the crest turn is no big deal for some, but to me it's a pucker moment...or how about threading some esses flat out in fourth with a little less room than necessary to make it a straight shot? The track is mentally exhausting. It's just under two miles in length with elevation changes, fast esses & a front straightaway that just barely gives you time to look at your gauges.

The runoff areas are superb--- smooth, but not so deep that you think you're invincible. There are three very tight corners that have good lead-ins to them. Lastly, the setting is beautiful. At Thunderhill East you just have the track to look at, but Thunderhill West takes in the foothills & farms looking to the West & South. The background in these photos gives you a rough idea of the views.





So why the Peter Darnall toilet photo? Because it reflects the lengths to which Thunderhill's president, David Vodden will go to please customers. When it looked like the buildings would not be completed in time, David brought in BIG air conditioned tents, trailers & even AIR CONDITIONED bathrooms!!!!!! Everbody at Thunderhill went the extra mile to help make the weekend enjoyable for the CSRG members.

### **Help Wanted - Charity Challenge Rides**

After many years of recruiting race cars & drivers for the charity rides in October, Pete Lewis wants time to focus on his own projects. This means a replacement is needed, so would somebody please step up.

You would need to coordinate with Cynthia Torp, the Director of Car Rides, if you will. As Pete points out, recruiting the drivers is lots of fun as you make many new racer friends + there's huge satisfaction in helping raise substantial \$\$ for the Children's Charities. It's the ultimate feel-good job.

For more information please contact Pete at either: [vincraft1@comcast.net](mailto:vincraft1@comcast.net), or at (707) 568-3379

### **The Charity Challenge, October 3-5:**



Since we're already talking about the Charity Challenge, please know that Registration for The Charity Challenge at Sonoma Raceway on October 3-5 is now open at:

[csrg.motorsportreg.com](http://csrg.motorsportreg.com).

This event has become our "showcase" event & based on last year's turnout, plus the presence of the Masters-HGP F1 cars at this year's event, we will probably have a lot of cars at the CC this year. An early entry allows CSRG to get a better feel for the run group size, the schedule & helps determine what cars are available for charity rides. If possible, please get your entries in early & let Tom know ([race\\_director@csrgweb.org](mailto:race_director@csrgweb.org)) if you can provide a car for rides.

Bear in mind that there is an optional Friday afternoon session as well.

As has been the case at the last few events, there will be families spectating with children who would love the opportunity to sit in a race car. If you remember what it was like when you were 10 years old, I'm sure you know what an invitation like that would do for them. Help instill in them the same desire that has kept you in the sport for so many years.

## **Halloween at Thunderhill Season Finale & Dinner Oct 31-Nov. 2--**

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### **Bring a Costume:**

This event, held on the Thunderhill East three-mile track, has seen a steady increase in entries to the point where we got 99 cars at last year's event. It's a wonderful time of year in Willows and the Saturday night dinner held in the Veterans Memorial Building is a chance to have a wonderful, reflective moment that everyone enjoys. This is one of the rare times that you get to relax & talk to friends without the pressure of preparing your car. Those of you who run this event know what I'm talking about. Those who don't need to give it a try.



Track time will be plentiful---not just for the weekend, but also because there's an optional Friday afternoon session, plus the usual Mechanical Picnic during the weekend. By Sunday afternoon you're guaranteed to be exhausted...but well fed!

**I certainly wouldn't want to encourage hooliganism, but since**

**it's Halloween weekend, I would suggest costumes would certainly be in order.**

Enter Thunderhill now at: [csrg.motorsportreg.com](http://csrg.motorsportreg.com)

### **In the Mood:**

If the preceding hasn't convinced you to go racing let's set the mood & get you motivated with Martin Lauber's super CSRG video. It's been out for a few months, but just in case you haven't seen it....



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### **Indy Winners:**

Will Carson had a dream weekend at Indy in June where he won his class & was the overall winner in his race group with his '67 Midget.



Joe Huffaker Jr. did an equally stellar job of winning in his Jensen Healey.

Lastly CSRG's Lyn St. James ran Chris Locke's Atlantic Chevron at Indy. Lyn was the fastest Atlantic qualifier, but had trouble in the race.

## **New CSRG Web Site:**



The new CSRG web site will debut within the next couple of weeks & we're always looking for old or new photos for its "Gallery" page.

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](mailto:csrglocke@gmail.com).

## **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 [CSRGracing.org](http://CSRGracing.org). The section you are looking for is under "**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 July 23rd:**

The next CSRG Board meeting will be at Cafe Arrivederci, 3rd and G Streets, San Rafael on July 23rd. Dinner will be at 5PM & the meeting will begin at 6PM. 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)

Never let them get you down,

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### **Miscellaneous Information**

Membership Renewals: If you can't remember whether you renewed for this season, you can check your Profile at [CSRG MotorsportsReg](#) 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 e-mail 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-TechWorksheet](#) to print your copy of the worksheet.

### **Event registration:**

Click here to be directed to [CSRG.MotorsportReg](#) 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.

### **Entrant Packets:**

All race 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 [CSRGmedform13.pdf](#) to download a copy of the form. You do not need to 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 organization members of the Vintage Motorsports Council.

**2014 Schedule:**

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April 4-6: The David Love Memorial Races, Sonoma Raceway  
June 28-29: CSRG June Races, Thunderhill West  
October 3-5: 11th CSRG Charity Challenge, Sonoma Raceway  
October 31-November 2: 47th Season Finale, Thunderhill East

**Provisional 2015 Schedule:**

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April 10-12 David Love Memorial Races, Sonoma Raceway  
May 1-3 or May 15-17 Thunderhill West 2 mi. Course  
October 2-4 12th CSRG Charity Challenge, Sonoma Raceway  
Oct. 30-Nov. 1 48th Season Finale, Thunderhill East 3 mi. Course

**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).

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