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Dear Locke,



CSRG's 11th Annual Charity Challenge, October 3-5 at Sonoma Raceway

Entries: Hopefully you and your mechanic have been working at a feverish pace to prepare your car for CSRG's showcase event, The 11th Annual Charity Challenge. As you all know, this is our big event and we expect a lot of cars---perhaps more cars than ever before. The point is: Don't get left out. Please get your entry in immediately by registering here: csrg.motorsportreg.com.

Motel Accommodations:

I've found that some of the usual motels, Marriott and Best Western have already run out of rooms. I'm sure that they will suddenly find some additional rooms as the race weekend approaches, but be forewarned, space will be at a premium.

Paddock Space:

With the number of spectators we've been getting at the last two Sonoma events, and the number of tickets to the Charity Challenge that have already been sold, we expect a lot of spectators. Our aim is to give them a good

show, from paddock presentation to the race track.

Obviously spectators come to see your exotic historic and vintage race car, but they have minimal interest in your transporter, trailer, motor home, tow vehicle, or your street car. So, this year, we have designated the area across from the garages (marked in yellow, below) as a "race car only" area.

Essential support vehicles may be parked behind the race cars. We're trying to avoid the appearance of compounds that make people reluctant to enter and look at the race cars. We want to make the paddock really spectator friendly and ask for your help in achieving this aim.



Formula 1:

As previously mentioned, we will have Masters-HGP joining us at the Charity Challenge with 23 of their Formula 1 cars being entered, which should make for a great show. Additionally, we will have our F1 regulars like Chris Locke, Dr. Nick Colyvas & others. Even occasional F1 competitor, John Anderson, might have a surprise up his sleeve.



Charity Rides:

Those of you who are sitting



around, either because your car is already prepared or because you have lots of helpers to do it for you, you might consider joining in the spirit of the event by offering to provide charity rides during the weekend. We always have a lot of good-hearted members who volunteer, but we can never have too many. If you are interested, please contact CSRG Race Director Tom Franges at: race_director@csrgweb.org

Food, Glorious Food

Back by popular demand will be the food and goodies that were a success at the Love Memorial. We're trying to make the race experience better in all ways and apparently this was well received. An effort is being made to expand selection and to reduce the amount of time waiting in line, so hopefully this will make the weekend even better.



Charity Challenge Ladies Lounge

The popular Ladies Lounge, in one of the Hospitality Suites atop the Grand Stands, will be open from mid-morning to mid afternoon on Saturday and Sunday of the Charity Challenge. The Lounge is sponsored and operated by the ladies of the Sonoma Raceway management team, and serves a variety of teas and cookies, and other refreshments. Any lady with a Crew wrist band, available in Registration, is welcome to take advantage of this relaxing, air conditioned facility with a fine view of the race track from four stories above the Start/Finish line.

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.

Associate Member Benefits: At its July meeting, the CSRG Board of

Directors agreed to the suggestion that currently registered Associate Members should receive **two complimentary gate tickets** for CSRG race events (face value \$160 a year) and should have the opportunity to purchase additional tickets at the Guest of Entrant price, which is currently \$10. Two tickets will be mailed to all registered Associate members prior to the Charity Challenge. Additional tickets can be ordered from Registrar@csrgweb.org. If you are not certain whether you are registered as an Associate Member for 2014, e-mail either race_director@csrgweb.org or Registrar@csrgweb.org.

FYI, the difference between an Associate Membership and a full Racing Membership is that an Associate Member can't enter a race, can't get a CSRG Medical Card (Vintage racing license) and can't vote for Directors or bylaws changes.

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

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 excellent 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!

So bring out that Tipo 151 or Railton that's been sitting in your garage all these years collecting dust and come to Thunderhill---remember, Thunderhill is a use it or lose it situation. If you don't support it and the club, you may lose it.

Enter Thunderhill now at: csrg.motorsportreg.com

Miata Time: After a small group of long-time CSRG members lobbied for a Thunderhill-only Sealed Spec Miata run group, the Board approved a test at this Fall's Season Finale, with two rules: the car must be a Sealed Spec Miata, and the driver must have an AARP or Medicare card. The 47th Fall Finale information on the web site and motorsportsreg.com talks about this,

and a previous Patch mentioned it, yet entries, or even questions about the Run Group, have been ZERO.

If we don't have at least ten entries by the end of the day October 12, the project is dead.

New CSRG Web Site Has Gone Live

Visit it here:
CSRG Web Site

Yes, it's worth the 20 pt. heading. The new site is up and running, but it will always be a work in progress.

Thanks should go to Mike Vogel & his company DCSPG, Design Center Solutions Partnership Group. We hope you like it, but let us know either way.

I would suggest you have a look at the Gallery section and be a regular visitor to "Latest News". That's where you will find the.....well, latest news. No better way to put it.

Please know that 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.

SVRA Adds Sonoma & Portland Historics

This is old news but I mention it for those few who have not heard. SVRA will be bringing a new type of vintage racing to California, for it is now the organizing body for what were previously General Racing's Sonoma Historics and HMSA's Portland Historic Races. It will be interesting to see what happens, but I think the CSRG race dates are far enough apart from Sonoma and Portland to avoid conflict. Moreover, the CSRG approach to vintage cars and racing is fundamentally different than SVRA's. Ultimately the success of our races, particularly the May Thunderhill race will depend upon the members. As I've said many times; Use it or lose it.

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 & Safety Handbook under "**Classification**" in **Section III, Paragraph B** here: [Rules & Safety](#)

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. 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 September 24th, Location TBD:

The next CSRG Board meeting will be September 24th at 5PM & the meeting will begin at 6PM. The location is TBD, so check with the Tom Franges as the date approaches. If someone who does not attend the meetings regularly plans to come, please notify Tom: race_director@csrgweb.org

To Good Cheer,

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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](http://CSRG.MotorsportReg) 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 on the "Event Schedule" button on

our home page at www.CSRGracing.org or by clicking on this link: [Event Schedule](#). 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.

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 organization members of the Vintage Motorsports Council.

2014 Schedule:

- 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:

- April 10-12 David Love Memorial Races, Sonoma Raceway
May 1-3 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

race_director@csrgweb.org or go to www.CSRGracing.org.

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