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# 2017 CALENDAR

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## **NOTICE TO MEMBERSHIP** SOLO SITE PROJECT

BY MEGAN ANDERSON

Back in the 1990's, the Solo Steering Committee started a site fund for the purpose of obtaining a permanent autocross site in the Bay Area. Dubbed 'the region that knows how', San Francisco Region was no stranger to pioneering new roads for the future of solo racing.

To this day, we are the only region with a large fund to secure our future. Solo has saved \$5 of every entry fee in an escrow account that may only be used for the purchase or long term lease of a long term autocross facility. However, as years have passed, the Bay Area population and development have continued to grow at an astounding rate. The price of real estate is astronomical, and Solo had feared that the dream of a permanent site would never become a reality. Until now.

For many years, the Sacramento Chapter has held events at the San Joaquin County Fairgrounds in Stockton, but SFR Solo has opted out due to a small course area (about 5 acres). However, there is a great deal of unused, graveled parking surrounding the current autocross pad. In early 2015, SFR board member, Blake Tatum contacted the fairgrounds to see if they would be interested in partnering with SFR SCCA to improve their parking lot, and they were elated. So began the last year and a half of planning.

The current Solo site situation: In the mid 2000s, we were fortunate to have four autocross sites within a reasonable distance of the Bay Area. Currently, we only have two. Candlestick Park was very bumpy and unsuitable for modified cars, making it difficult to garner the attendance needed to pay the high rental fees. We stopped running there a few years before the stadium was torn down. We also had Golden Gate Fields; conveniently located but badly decayed. Eventually, the lot was too far gone to be of use.

This left us with the Oakland Coliseum and Marina Municipal Airport. When the Coliseum found itself under new management, we were no longer able to book events there. This hurt our club, as Oakland consistently had the best attendance, allowing us to financially make up for low

attendance events at other sites. Marina Airport continues to be our primary site, but is currently on a year to year permit with the FAA who is wary of Motorsport use of the airport. We have no guarantee that Marina will continue to be available in future

The best thing for Solo in years was the reintroduction of Crows Landing in Patterson. We have been able to hold National Tour and Pro Solo events, attracting entrants from up and down the west coast. However, Crows Landing is extremely costly to run at and the county is not interested in offering us a long term lease.

The SFR Autocross Park at San Joaquin Fairgrounds offers a unique opportunity for San Francisco Region and SCCA National to come together for a common goal: a guaranteed site for autocross in northern California for the next 40 years.

As seen in Figure A, the current autocross site is roughly 5 acres. In Figure B, you can see how much larger the SFR

Autocross Park will be. We will have 15 acres of dedicated autocross surface, offering us limitless course design options. In addition, we will have a dedicated grid and paddock area, also shown. We will put a 6-foot chain link fence around the site for safety and security.

To complete this site, we propose to spend the Solo Site Fund and will also be obtaining a \$400,000 loan from SCCA National. In lieu of interest, the Fairgrounds will be provide SCCA National with three rent free weekends per year, for the life of the lease - 40 years. The fairgrounds will also assist





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### CONTINUES FROM PREVIOUS PAGE Solo Site Project

SFR in the repayment of the loan.

In return of the investment of the site fund, SFR SCCA will have 14 rent free weekend dates at the Autocross Park per year for 40 years. Other autocross clubs will be able to rent the site from the Fairgrounds for a reasonable rate set by their management. SFR will have no responsibility for managing the site.

This project will have no negative impact on the SF Region. Solo will be using the Site Fund for its intended purpose. Solo requires no spending of money from the Road Racing Program or Thunderhill. It will be paid entirely from the site fund and from the loan from SCCA National. As for Solo, we plan to continue to save \$5 of every entry fee to maintain the autocross park at the fairgrounds. When the site needs resealing or repair, we will invest again in exchange for extensions of our lease.

At completion, SFR will be the only region in the nation with a dedicated autocross facility guaranteed to host multiple national level events every year. Considering that we also have our own racetrack with Thunderhill, San Francisco Region proves to still be 'the region that knows how' by ensuring the future of motorsports for bay area enthusiasts for decades to come. Club, the BMW Club, and American Autocross will be able to rent the site. All of these clubs benefit from the increase in size.

One of the reason's this plan works is the way the San Joaquin County Fairgrounds has positioned itself. Most fairgrounds were built All the Great Volunteers



### **WHEELWORKS**

#### BY **BLAKE TATUM**

San Francisco Region of the Sports Car Club of America has been around for almost sixty years. With its roots formed in the forest of Seventeen Mile drive and it's following cemented at places like Cotati, Golden Gate Park, and Stockton Fields, we have earned the moniker of "the region that knows how." We earned that moniker because many innovative firsts have come out of this region.

Improved Touring did not exist until Clint deWitt decided there needed to be a bridge between showroom stock and the production classes. Being able to run the same car in another class was not heard of until the San Francisco Region offered dual entries.

The Runoffs existed for years but a large portion of the SCCA community was underserved with the Runoffs and it's limited classes and mostly east coast base. As a result the Pacific Coast Road Racing Championships (PCRRC) was invented and things like tow money, media coverage, and contingencies were offered to racers that were ignored by the National Office.

Obviously we were the first region ever to build and own their own racetrack. When the idea of building a racetrack was seriously considered we had the privilege of being able to race at two premier racing facilities. But the people in charge saw the writing on the wall. Things like getting race dates were already getting hard to come by. At that time auto racing and in particular NASCAR was experiencing an unprecedented growth. The fear was that our two tracks would be so consumed with professional events that there would be no dates available to us. The decision to charge a surcharge on every entry fee allowed the region to build a state of the art racing facility that is the envy of the entire racing community.

I am proud to say that our region is on the cusp of another historic precedent. Everyone knows the gateway into the club is through the SOLO program (aka autocross). But I do not know if everyone knows that the SOLO community has been taxing itself a \$5 surcharge on every entry since the mid-eighties. They have accumulated

a substantial pool of money however the pool is not deep enough to dive into the ever-increasing real estate market that is the Bay Area.

Because of the costs associated with the Bay Area the idea of purchasing a site seemed to be fading into the sunset. Many a possibility was explored. Google maps were scoured. Hot tips were followed up. Long-term deals with existing partners were discussed. But every time a wrench was thrown into the deal that negated the idea. Just when it seemed all hope was lost an obvious solution was discovered sitting right under our nose.

The parameters the solo community wanted it's new site to fit under were as follows:

- 1. Within an hour's drive of the Bay Area
- 2. Large enough to allow for great variance in course design
- 3. Tolerant of the racing community
- 4. Affordable

A lot of the current or recent sites fit some of these criteria. The best most recent site the Solo community ran at was the Oakland Coliseum. When San Francisco Solo held events at Oakland the turnout was good, the courses were large enough and they were able to pay the bills. However holding Solo events is not the Oakland Coliseum's primary business. In fact it is more of a nuisance to them then a profit center. The people in charge at the Coliseum have not been returning our phone calls.

Most of the current Solo events are at the Marina Airport, which is located off of Reservation Road near Monterey. This site does a very good job of fulfilling the needs of the SOLO community and the SOLO people plan to use it as long

as they are welcome. Two big sticking points is this site is not for sale and it is managed by the FAA.

Although the Marina Site currently works for the SOLO community, the idea of securing their future just as with Thunderhill cannot be overlooked. So the location that was sitting right under our nose is the San Joaquin County Fairgrounds in Stockton. I say that because the Sacramento Chapter of SOLO currently uses it. The reason it was never considered is because as it currently sits, it is too small to allow for much variance in course design.

The other parameters it meets without a problem:

- 1. Hours drive from the bay area
- 2. No sound restrictions
- 3. Affordable

San Joaquin County Fairgrounds paved parking area is only five acres, however the unpaved parking area is rather large. The plan is to spend the site fund money and some additional money borrowed from SCCA National to pave the remaining sections of the parking lot. Once this project is completed the San Joaquin County Fairgrounds will have over 15 acres of usable Autocross surface. In addition the fairgrounds will be offering up an adjacent area that will allow for paddocking of competitors' cars so that the Autocross surface is not encumbered.

All of the details of the plan are outlined by Megan Anderson's notice to membership article that is printed in this months WHEEL. Lots of thought and lots of hard negotiations have gotten the project to this point.

The San Joaquin County Fairgrounds solution provides us with a pre-paid 40-year lease. The San Francisco Solo group gets first right on 14 dates per year. The SCCA National Office gets six dates per year. From that point on the other clubs are free to rent the site from the San Joaquin County Fairgrounds. The Sacramento Solo group will be able to rent the site, the Porsche Club, the BMW Club, and American Autocross will be able to rent the site. All of these clubs benefit from the increase in size.

One of the reason's this plan works is the way the San Joaquin County Fairgrounds has positioned itself. Most fairgrounds were built with the idea of hosting the County fair and they used the popularity of horse racing to make the event profitable. Unfortunately horse racing has seen a massive decline in people willing to run the fair circuit. With horse racing gone fairgrounds across the state have looked for ways to re-invent themselves.

The San Joaquin County Fair is lucky to have a CEO named Kelly Olds. He is the Dick Mudd of fairplexes. Kelly is in charge of making the fairgrounds a profitable facility which he has done for the past several years. His plan is just to substitute one type of racing for another. Instead of horse racing he is selling horsepower. The San Joaquin County Fairgrounds is already the site of a go-kart track. They have a 1/8th mile dirt oval for mini-sprints. They have taken the horseracing complex and made a 3/8's mile dirt oval that hosts the Northern California visit of the World of Outlaws. In short they have become a motor racing facility. Kelly sees the value motor racing has to offer and is willing to make his site the hub for all things motorsports in the Central Valley.

It is because of our history with the National Office that they are willing to loan us \$400,000 interest free. It is because of the hard work by Megan Anderson, the Solo Steering committee, and Clint deWitt that we have arrived at this point. Most importantly, it is because we are "the region that knows how" that our future will be secured.

# DRIVER AND WORKER OF THE WEEKEND AWARDS

# DOUBLE REGIONAL 13 &14 AT THUNDERHILL

The Driver of the Weekend and Worker of the Weekend Awards are given to an individual or crew who shows outstanding performance in their role during that weekend's event.



# Ed Railton DRIVER OF THE WEEKEND

It was up to Worker Transportation to pick the Driver of the Weekend at the Season Finale at Thunderhill Raceway Park on October 21-22. They chose Ed Railton, #01, Spec Racer Ford. Gen2.

After only completing six laps in Race #1 on Saturday afternoon, suffering from mechanical issues, he came back strong in Race #2 Sunday morning, taking the class win by passing four cars aAlong the way.



# Steve Jaroch worker of the weekend

During the Season Finale Double Regional #13 & #14 at Thunderhill Raceway Park Race Administration chose Steve Jaroch as Worker of the Weekend. Steve has more than earned this award, not just this weekend, but all year-round. Steve is more than willing to offer a hand to anyone who asks. Steve is a great announcer, writer, and all around great guy.

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# NOTES from the Archive

# PETER CULKIN'S 300SL/SLS BY GARY HORSTKORTA

In 1954 Mercedes Benz introduced the 300SL Gullwing Coupe which would become on of their most iconic cars. The 300SL was an engineering marvel for the time with features like a tube frame chassis, independent suspension, dry sump lubrication, fuel injection and a 3.0 Liter straight-six cylinder engine capable of achieving a top speed of over 150 mph making it the fastest production sports car of its day.

Once cars began to arrive at dealers in the U.S. they were snapped up not only by discriminating Mercedes enthusiasts but by amateur race drivers looking for a car that would give them the competitive edge. Several Californians plunked their money down at Mercedes dealers to buy one of these wonderful cars including Lance Reventlow, Tony Settember, Rudy Cleye, Terry Hall, Stan Sugarman, John Edgar and Peter Culkin.

As the cars began appearing on race grids, they also began to take home trophies. Reventlow and Terry Hall sat on the front row in the 1955 race at Salinas with Hall taking the victory. Tony Settember and Rudy Cleye raced at Pebble Beach in 1956 with Settember winning the Cypress Cup ahead of Dr. Dick Thompson in a Corvette.

In Northern California, Bill Sturgis raced a 300SL at Cotati in 1957; Bob Winkelmann raced Natalie Brown's 300SL in May 1958 at Cotati and in June at Laguna Seca, then along came a new name - Peter Culkin who would really put the 300SL on the racing map. With a background racing hardtops on oval tracks, Culkin became interested in sports car road racing watching his good friend Dan Herman compete in his Porsche 356. Switch to sports cars, Culkin purchased a new 300SL from the Mercedes dealer in Santa Rosa and went road racing. His first event was the Nevada



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Road Races at Minden where he finished outside the top ten followed by Palm Springs where he finished first in class and third overall in his race group.

Culkin had good success through the 1959 season but really took off in 1960 and 1961

winning multiple races in his class along with some overall victories. He accumulated enough points to be the SFR champion in his class both years. Since Culkin raced up and down the west coast, he also scored a "double championship" winning the Cal Club C Production Champion in

1961 plus was the overall winner in the Portland Rose Cup and at Westwood in Vancouver (B.C.).

After one more race in the SL at the Rose Cup in Portland in early 1962, Culkin retired the car having purchased a Southern California special, the ex-Porter Mercedes Corvette. An enterprising Hollywood (CA) body shop owner and hot rodder by the name of Chuck Porter bought a wrecked 300SL with the idea of turning into a race car. Several months were spent complete restoring the cars mechanicals which were covered with a new, roadster style aluminum body. He called the car the 300SLS with the second S standing for "scrap". Porter raced the car from 1955 through 1959 achieving numerous class wins and top ten finishes. Under his ownership, the car was updated first with a supercharger, then a Buick V-8 and finally a Chevrolet Corvette V-8 engine to keep pace with the competition.

Into the early 1960's Porter's SLS was driven by a variety of drivers including Johnny Parsons, George Amick (at Vaca Valley), Billy Krause, Johnny Manz and Ken Miles. At the end of the 1961 season, he sold the SLS to Peter Culkin. Living in the small town of Cloverdale (CA), Culkin stored the SLS and his SL at is home and would regularly test both cars on the surrounding public roads. Whenever he would start up the SLS, the noise was so loud, neighbors would go outdoors to watch the show as Culkin zipped through town. Of course the noise also alerted local law enforcement who would escort the car back to its home.

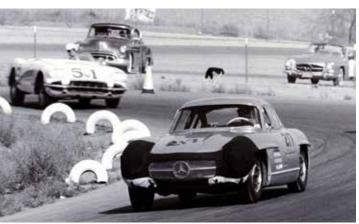
1962 was the last racing season for the SLS since the car's chassis wasn't capable of handling all the Corvette engine power. As a result reliability suffered and there were too many DNFs so at the end of the season, Culkin sold the car minus the engine and returned to oval track and the engine lived on in championship winning super modified and sprint cars. Culkin was looking for a suitable car for the 1963 season but that all came to a halt when



Culikin's 300SL passes another car at Vaca Valley 1960



Reventlow's 300SL next to Porter's 300SLS in 1956



Peter Culkin Riverside 59



Culkin with 300SL trophy haul, 1961

his wife was killed in a car accident. Culkin abandoned all plans to continue driving race cars and retired from racing.

So what happened to the 300SL Culkin had so successfully raced? It remained in his hands for several years until it was eventually sold to a private collector along with much of his memorabilia. However, like many other well known race cars of that period they live on in historic racing and the Porter 300SLS now resides in Europe where it is regularly raced.

My thanks to Peter Culkin's son William, Roy Spencer and the Revs Institute for Automotive Research for photos and information for this article.



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### IN MEMORY OF BRYAN NEMY

BRYAN NEMY EULOGY
BY ROB BOYNTON, FRIEND AND FELLOW RACER WITH BRYAN

It is with great sadness and a heavy heart that we share the news of the passing of Bryan Nemy. The SFR SCCA has lost another wonderful autocross father. He was doing something he loved, out riding his bicycle on Thursday, October 13 when he collapsed. By the time emergency services arrived he had already passed.

I heard Bryan before we met. I'd entered my Porsche at a SFR SCCA event and as I prepared to run, I heard Bryan's voice over the loud speaker system announcing times. It was apparent he was the man in charge that morning as the sound of engines prepared for their first run. He was organized, passionate about racing and devoted to the success of SFR. His love of the sport was energizing and we became fast friends

Bryan had a number of passions but what I most enjoyed about Bryan was his love of community, whether it be his family or his racing community, his partner Gretchen of ten years, his biking adventures, sailing, and working on his race car.

We quickly became buds, and traveled to auto crosses all up and down the west coast. To Nationals, Topeka, Kansas and Lincoln Nebraska in which Bryan was my co-driver (and the "story of the battery.")

Bryan was very dedicated to the SCCA: He joined in 1987 and served as:

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at the sudden loss of our friend Bryan. He will be sorely missed by the SOLO Community, his friends @ SCCA and A.A.S. (American Autox Series)

I personally enjoyed my friendship with Bryan over 14 years. I loved working with him. He was the brains, I was the brawns. Working on projects was not only a commitment of time it was a pleasure. We became close buddies. Going to Nationals.....running out of gas.....setting up, breaking down events and enjoying that cup of coffee together in some hide away café before heading to the event location. We got so we could think like each other and I enjoyed him like a brother.

Over the past few days, I've had the pleasure of sharing stories about Bryan with his racing friends. Here are a few comments I thought I'd like to share today.

"Bryan is loved and appreciated @ SFR Headquarters". Sherry Grantz

"He will be missed by everyone's lives he touched with his contagious happy nature." Sandie Brown, Nationals General Manager.

"Always the first to arrive and the last to leave. There aren't any Bryan Nemy stories the way there are Larry Park stories. No tales of daring do....But he was the hardest working, quietly competent guy who made things happen for the betterment of the sport." Charlie Davis.

"A most friendly, generous and easy going guy. Loved racing his VW R32. It was unbeatable in the rain!"

Bryan, we will miss you!

#### More thoughts about Bryan

Leslie Francavilla - Bryan was our long-time friend, back to the years of the RX7 club in 1983. An autocross father to our kids and a proud attendee at our daughter's wedding. He had a laugh and a smile that we will never forget. His love for all things cars and in particular SFR SCCA autocross will never be forgotten. Please raise a glass of red wine to him as you remember all the work and love he put into his favorite sport. It was his life, it was his passion. We love you Bryan. You will never be forgotten!

Lisa Noble - I'm saddened by this news. It was an honor to work with Bryan during his time on the SEB. A first class guy all the way. Rest in peace.

Gary Corsiglia - Saw Bryan last weekend at the Pirelli World Challenge event. He was the usual smiling, cheerful person I met while sharing a Miata at the 2012 SFR Drivers School, RIP

Helene Gevertz - Thank you for your beautiful thoughts about my cousin. His smile was contagious along with that special squeaky voice .... When we were children we would meet at our grandfather's and take a bag lunch to the Fruitvale Theater for Flash Gordon or Gene Autry. He is missed by many!

*Jerry Mouton* - Bryan was really one of the leaders of SCCA Autocross. And he led always laughing with kind and gentle persuasion. It is really sad to hear of his passing. I'll miss him a lot.

Jojo Corrales-Kean - We met Bryan in 2012 when the D Stock car broke and my husband needed a ride. Bryan offered his R32, showing his generosity and support of other competitors. He was a great contributor to SCCA Autocross and will be missed.

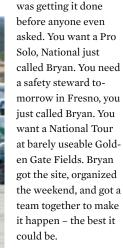
### WHO WAS BRYAN NEMY?

BY SHERRY GRANTZ



For at least 15 years, Bryan Nemy was the go-to guy in Solo. If something needed to be done, he was getting it done before anyone even asked. You want a Pro Solo, National just called Bryan. You need a safety steward tomorrow in Fresno, you just called Bryan. You want a National Tour at barely useable Golden Gate Fields. Bryan got the site, organized the weekend, and got a team together to make it happen – the best it could be.

For at least 15 years, Bryan Nemy was the go-to guy in Solo. If something needed to be done, he



It took years, but he finally got Stanislaus County and NASA (the real one) to let Solo back into Crows Landing, one of the best autocross sites in the state. It wouldn't have happened without Bryan's friendly persistence.

His pet project was the Solo motorhome that housed all the equipment and served as the timing platform. The only time I ever saw him mad was when he

again found the motorhome in a big mess – dirty without things put away properly. He solved that problem by setting up clean-up days at Rob Boynton's shop and cajoling the solo people to come out and do the work.

If you're a road racer you may think "yeah, he was just a solo guy", not important to me. Think again. Bryan designed and upgraded the road racing points program we 've used for the past four years. We had plans for him to upgrade the system and make it easier for anyone to use over this winter. That's one project he didn't get completed.

He came up to the Thunderhill and helped Mike Smith set up the current office computer system we've used for the past nine years. He was always happy to drive a couple hours and spend a day helping someone out.

At his memorial service, many of us discussed how Bryan always took care of us: he fixed his aunt's computer; he helped his nephews buy their first cars, he kept some of the solo programs running – almost everyone got Bryan's help with something or other.

Bryan was always cheerful, always had another adventure planned – a trip to the Amazon or Washington state, crewing on a sail boat, training for a long-distance bicycle ride with family or friends. The weekend before his sudden departure he was in the SFR membership booth at Pirelli World Challenge.

For his 70th birthday – a few years ago now – he went to the SFR driver licensing school and easily kept up with the 18 and 28 year olds. One thing Bryan didn't do – he never grew old.





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# **SLUSH SERIES ROUND 1 AT MARINA AIRPORT**

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#### BY RYAN PANLILIO PHOTOS BY RYAN PANLILIO

Round One of the Slush Series started with a moment of silence for two longtime members who recently passed, Pat Kelly and Bryan Nemy, at the drivers' meeting.

The course design was a collaboration by the Tsang brothers, Mack and Justin, and the autocross started promptly under clear, sunny skies.

Steve Smith was .09 seconds faster than Mary Pozzi in AS. Smith was in a '02 Corvette, while Pozzi was in a '04 Corvette. Dusty Perryman finished third in his '08 Saturn Sky Redline.

Youmna Zalzal, in a '04 Honda S2000, came in first in BS. Zalzal was closely followed by James Moss in a '16 Focus RS in second place, with Hugo Diaz rounding out third in a '17 WRX Sti.

CS was a Toyo-baru twins affair, with Jonathan Stroud taking first place in his '13 FRS. Tony Rodriguez, in a '13 BRZ, came in second, and Eileen Blando coming in third in a '13 FRS.

Craig Boyle led the drop-tops in ES in his '91 Miata. He was followed by Ryan Cirillo in a '01 Toyota MRS. Dennis Hubbard took the last podium spot in his '03 Miata.

Stefan Taylor, in a '16 Mustang GT, took first place in FS. Gary Fazekas came in second in his '12 Mustang, with Joe Mercado finishing third in his '05 BMW 330i ZHP.

It was an all-Focus ST contingent in GS, with Howard Yang taking first place in his '16. Christopher Smith followed in his '13 model, and Yang's co-driver, Kevin Bui, rounding out third.

Ed Runnion, in a '15 Fiesta ST, easily grabbed first place in HS over David Haight and his '00 Camry.

Joe Weinstein put his '16 Cayman GT4 through its paces, taking first place in SS. He was followed by Boris Elpiner, also in a '16 Cayman GT4, with third place going to Leann Pomellitto in a '15

Richard Rossmassler ran uncontested in ASP in his '09 370Z. Also running uncontested was Ryan Panlilio in his '89 240SX in DSP.

Rob Boynton took first place in SSP in his '02 911

GT2, and Jeff Eikenberry in second in his '15 Corvette.

John Paulsen, in a '09 Beril Kart, ran uncontested in JB.

John Payne ran alone in CAMC in his '10 Camaro.

Cliff Wong took first place over his co-driver Dennis Armstrong in CAMT in their '70 Chevelle.

Chris Warner, in a '91 Swift FB91, ran uncontested in CM.

Greg McNair easily took first place in DM in his '69 VW Dune Buggy, Jason Garcia finished in second in his '64 VW Buggy.

Bill Charron, driving a '72 Porsche 914-4, took first in EM. Gary Ratliff was right behind in his '69 Dune Buggy.

Karlton Lew, in a '84 Supra, easily took first place over co-driver Donald Lew in SM. Robert Petz rounded out the top three in his



Joe Weinstein took first in SS in his Cayman GT4.



Ross Maguire takes the apex in his AMG Black Series.



Mack Tsang rounds the showcase turn on his way to first place in STX.

Michael Gardner was the lone competitor in SSM in his '12 Mustang GT500. Ross Maguire also ran alone in SSR in his '08 MB AMG Black Series.

Troy Jennings, in a '14 Mustang, took first place

in STP over Glenn Bennett, who was driving a '16 Mustang GT.

Kim Jennings took first place in STPL in a '15 Mustang turbo. Colleen Echter, in a '16 Mustang GT, came in second.

Todd Winstanley, in a '08 S2000, took the top spot in STR over James Laeno in a '13 Miata.

Iakona Simpliciano took first in STS in his '97 Miata. He was followed by Anthony Nicolas in a '91 Miata.

Jimmy Au-Yeung took the top spot over co-driver Richard Jones in STU. Both were driving a '06 Lancer Evolution, Hal Dorton came in third in his '03 BMW M3.

Brothers Mack and Justin Tsang took first and second, respectively, in STX in their '13 BRZ. Eric Lam spoiled the otherwise Toyobaru field with a third place finish in his Mini Cooper.

Sean Dyer ran uncontested in N in his '14 Focus ST. Also running uncontested was Jourdan Risoen in T2 in his '11 WRX.

John Leckrone, in a '16 Focus RS, finished first in NS. He was followed by Yongzhe Wen in a '07 WRX wagon. Jamie Leckrone rounded out the top three in a '16 Focus RS.

Darrel Lunge ran uncontested in DP in his '75 BMW 2002.

X-class saw Justin Moore wrestle the top spot in his '05 WRX Sti over Grant Keyser in his '10 Cayman S.



Darrel Lunge puts his 1975 BMW 2002 through its paces in DP.



Cliff Fong manuevers his 1970 Chevelle to first place in CAMT



Youmna Zalzal looks through the next corner on her way to first place in BS.



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# FIVE RUNS AND NO RAIN

SLUSH ROUND 2, NOVEMBER 19, 2016

#### BY RYAN PANLILIO

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Steven Smith led Dusty Perryman by over a second in AS. Smith was in a '02 Chevrolet Corvette Z06 while Perryman was in a '08 Saturn Sky Redline.

Youmna Zalzal squeezed out first place in BS in her '04 Honda S2000. She was closely followed by John Leckrone in a '16 Ford Focus RS. James Moss, in another '16 Focus RS, rounded out the top three.

Tony Rodriguez led the mostly Toyo-baru CS class in his '13 Subaru BRZ. Jonathan Stroud, in a '13 Scion FRS, was a close second, and Fred Campbell took third place in the only non-Toyo-baru twin, a '99 BMW M3. Katherine Flater was the lone competitor in CSL in a '13 Scion.

Ryan Cirillo barely took first place in ES in his '01 Toyota MR-S. Following close behind was Craig Boyle in a '91 Mazda Miata, who barely edged out third place finisher Edison Tran in his '99 Miata.

Soyun Lee enjoyed a big lead in ESL in a '00 Miata over second place finisher Gabrielle Adelman in a '93 Miata.

John Lawrence, in a '15 Chevrolet Camaro SS, took first place in FS. Stephen Hare, in a '02 Camaro, was not that far behind in second place, and Gary Fazekas rounded out the top three in his '15 Ford Mustang.

GS saw the most diverse group of cars yet, with Christopher Smith taking first place in a '13 Focus ST. Al Anderson, in a '03 VW GLI, took second place, and Jason Kuang taking the last podium spot in a '05 Acura RSX Type-S.

Ed Runnion handily took first place in HS over second place finisher David Haight. Runnion was in a '15 Ford Fiesta ST, while Haight was in a '00 Toyota Camry.

Monty Pack, in a '14 Porsche GT3, finished in first place in SS. Joey Jarosz, in a '15 Corvette Z06, came in second place, while Jeff Eikenberry rounded out the top three in his '15 Corvette.

Micah McElravy ran uncontested in CSP in his '91 Miata

Bryan Sih finished in first place in FSP in his '04 Mini Cooper. Glen Cortez took second place over co-driver Trung Nguyen. They were driv-

ing a '87 Toyota Corolla sedan.

Sahana Radhakrishna, in a '04 Mini Cooper, was the lone driver in FSPL. Hector Curiel also ran uncontested in his class, OSP, in his '96 Pontiac Trans Am. Jacob Dawson, in a '06 Lotus Elise, also ran uncontested in SSP.

Robert Marcy took first

place in DP in his '73 Datsun 1200. Howard Wolf took second over co-driver Dwayne Komush, who were sharing driving duties in a '82 Toyota Starlet.

Curtis Yamanaka barely took first place over codriver Cliff Wong in EP in a '87 Corolla sedan. Marielle Cortez ran uncontested in EPL in her '87 Corolla sedan.

Robert Petz easily took first place in SM over second place finisher Kyle Christie. Petz was in a '16 Focus RS, and Christie was in a '11 Subaru WRX

Glenn Bennett, in a '16 Mustang GT, ran alone in STP. Colleen Echter also ran uncontested in STPL in a '16 Mustang GT.

The all-Miata field in STR was led by James Laeno in a '13 model. He was followed by Edison Ong in a '96 model, with Kendall Barr rounding out the top three in a '94 model.

Jimmy Au-Yeung took first place over co-driver Richard Jones in STU. They were splitting seat time in a '06 Mitsubishi Lancer Evolution. Aaron Dawson came in third in a '04 WRX Sti.

Jonathan Cadiente, in a '04 Mazda RX8, took first place in STX. He was followed by co-drivers Glen and Megan Anderson, who finished in second and third, respectively. The Andersons were driving a '14 BRZ.

Patchara Charoensiri ran alone in NS in a '12 Honda CR-Z.





Brandon Griggs

# FRESNO SOLO ROUND 9 & 10

BY AUDREY TAN, PHOTOS BY AMY ARMES & JIMMY AU-YEUNG

The last two events, November 19 and 20, were held at the Fresno Fairgrounds, nd determined several of the trophy spots for the 2016 season.

With no threat of rain, and the last regular event of the season, Event 9 had 50 competitors.

Taylor LaMascus ran uncontested in AS in his 2006 Chevy Corvette.

ES had 7 competitors, all in NA Mazda Miatas. Brandon Terry took top honors, with Josh Cadiente in second place. Brandon's dad and co-driver, John Terry took third place, followed



in second pla Sanjay Singh (in action)

by veteran Gary Lieb in fourth place. Josh's dad and co-driver, Richard Cadiente placed fifth, with Aaron Carter in sixth and Dennis Feasel rounding out the class.

Keith Bullock, Event 9 chairman, took the top spot in FS in his 2014 Ford Mustang, followed

> by Corky Schroeder in second in a 2006 Ford Mustang. Leon Weinroth placed third, in his 2014 Ford Mustang, with newcomer Nathan Castle placing fourth in his 2010 Chevy Camaro.

STX winner was Reace Fisher in a borrowed 2012 Subaru BRZ, followed by Jerry Kell in second place in his 2002 Subaru WRX Wagon. Clint Bustamante placed third in his 2013 Scion FRS, and Eric Gillis in fourth in his 2016 Scion FRS.

Brandon Griggs took the top spot in STR in a 2002 Mazda Miata, with his co-driver, Robert Carstens in second place.

STU winner was Andrew Bossler, in his 2004 Subaru Impreza WRX STi. James Clenney, in his BMW, oops, I mean, his 2014 Mitsubishi Evo, placed second. Third place went to Matthew Vu, in his 2005 Nissan 350Z.

Trever Dykstra took first place in STP, in his 2014 Ford Mustang GT, with Jeffrey Jantz in second place in his 2006 Ford Mustang GT.

Ming Tang ran uncontested in CSP in a 1986 Toyota Corolla.

Jim Tikijian ran uncontested in DP in his 1972 MG Midget. Steve Carlson ran uncontested in FP in his 1971 Nissan 240Z.

Sanjay Singh ran uncontested in DM in his 1972 Triumph Spitfire 4.

Gary Ratliff ran uncontested in EM in his 1969 VW Dune Buggy.

Richard Jensen took the top spot in SMF in his 2004 Mini Cooper S, with Dustin Mitchell in second place in his 2006 Mini Cooper S. Ryan Zelinski placed third in his 1994 Honda Integra.

SM winner was Rufus Connell, in his 2001 Subaru Impreza, with TJ Villareal in second place, in his 1990 Mazda Miata.

Ahla Yang ran uncontested in SSM in his 2014 Subaru Impreza WRX.

Novice class had two competitors, with Austin Borba charging to the top in his 2015 Ford Mustang GT, and Dennis Conner in second place in his 2015 Dodge Challenger.

Pamela Schroeder took top honors in Ladies class, in her 2006 Ford Mustang. Erin Hobbs and Karrie Bullock co-drove their first event in a 2014 Ford Mustang, and placed second and third respectively. Newcomer Susan Conner placed fourth in a 2015 Dodge Challenger.

Index class winner was Paul Newton, in his CS 2013 Mazda Miata. Steven Bradford took second place in his STS 1991 Mazda Miata. Justin Tang placed third in his FSP 1986 Toyota Corolla, and Ron Branam took fourth in his CS 2006 Mazda Miata.

Event 9 Top 10 PAX

- Paul Newton
- Andrew Bossler
- Reace Fisher
- 4. Trever Dykstra
- 5. Keith Bullock
- Brandon Terry
   Steven Bradford
- 8. Brandon Griggs
- 9. Justin Tang

Austin Borba

The last event of the season, Event 10, was an enduro format. The weather forecast was for rain in the afternoon, but mother nature let almost everyone have a dry run.

Robert Porter ran uncontested in SS in his 2014 Porsche Boxster S.

Larry Kirlin ran uncontested in AS in his 2008 Porsche Boxster S.

CS winner was Kurt Wong, in a 2013 Scion FRS. Co-drivers Rob Krider and Addy Krider took second and third place respectively, in a 2008 Nissan 350Z. ES had 8 competitors, most driving NA Mazda Miatas. Brandon Terry took top honors for the second day in a row, with Josh Cadiente in second place. Brandon's dad and co-driver, John Terry took third place. Josh's dad and co-driver, Richard Cadiente placed fourth. Dennis Feasel took fifth place and Gary Lieb took sixth place. Co-drivers Dave Nannini and George Eason, finished out the pack in a 1990 Mazda RX7.

Leon Weinroth ran uncontested in FS in his 2014 Ford Mustang.

Eugene Cole ran uncontested in STS in his 1999 Infiniti G20.

STX winner was Jerry Kell, in his 2002 Subaru WRX Wagon, with Jonathan Cadiente taking second place in his 2014 Ford Focus ST.

Brandon Griggs ran uncontested in STR in a 2002 Mazda Miata.

STU winner was Jimmy Au-Yeung in his 2006 Mitsubishi Evo, with Andrew Bossler placing second in his 2004 Subaru Impreza WRX STi, and James Clenney in third place in his 2014 Mitsubishi Evo.

Trever Dykstra ran uncontested in STP in his 2014 Ford Mustang GT.

Dave Warner ran uncontested in FSP in his 2006 BMW M3.

SMF winner was Richard Jensen in his 2004 Mini Cooper S, with Ryan Zelinski taking second place in his 1994 Honda Integra.

Rufus Connell took the top spot in SM in his 2001 Subaru Impreza, with TJ Villareal in second place, in his 1990 Mazda Miata.

Ahla Yang ran uncontested in SSM in his 2014 Subaru Impreza WRX.

Austin Borba ran uncontested in Novice class in his 2015 Ford Mustang.

Katherine Flater ran uncontested in Ladies class in her 2013 Scion FRS.

Index class winner was Paul Newton, in his CS Mazda Miata, with Justin Tang taking second place in his FSP 1986 Toyota Corolla. Paul's codriver, Audrey Tan, took third place.

Event 10 Top 10 PAX

- 1. Kurt Wong
- Trever Dykstra
- 3. Brandon Griggs
- 4. Jimmy Au-Yeung
- Andrew Bossler
- 6. Brandon Terry
- 7. Rob Krider
- Rufus Connell
- . James Clenney
- 10. Josh Cadiente



Rufus Connel



Kurt Won



Richard Jensen



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Trever Dykstra



Sanjay Singh (at rest

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# **DOUBLE REGIONAL 13 & 14**

## OCTOBER 21-22, THUNDERHILL RACEWAY PARK

BY STEVE JAROCH

Our Season Finale was held on Friday and Saturday prior to the annual awards being given out at the Willows Veterans Memorial Hall. Congratulations to all the drivers for their class wins, as well as the various volunteers for their recognition in the efforts they put forth supporting club racing in our Region, as well as at the "Pro" events.



#### RACE 1, GROUP 7 SMT, SSM, SM

Friday afternoon started with 48 cars taking the green flag in the 13 lap, 30-minute contest. On the opening lap, Cynthia Torp, #15, pulled off at T11, driver's right, mechanical, with front damage. Both Tim Auger, #07, with electrical issues, and Sushanth Sureshkumar, #99, retired prior to completing the first lap. The Safety Car was deployed to allow the tow crew to retrieve the #15. Seems there was body contact between the #15 and #99 in T9. T8 reported a couple of passes

under the caution laps. T9 reported a few more, for good measure. After the restart, in T11, more pushing and shoving took place as T15 reported the #89 of Scott Carter came through missing his rear bumper. The #53 of Cole Gibson was involved. Both Kirk Uhrlaub, #84, who went off in T14,

driver's right exit in an unsafe location, brought out the Safety Car once again, and the #89 retired after completing 8 laps. T11 had more action when Tupper Hull, #50, ran into the back of Brent Hatchet, #1. There was a fair share of off and ons, as well #52 Manuel Leonardo and #71 Aaron Meyer



#61 Denny Renfrow and #5Allan Svela

as spun and continued calls, as you would Tommy McCarthy,

#23, SM, took the overall win with a 1.449 margin of victory over the winner in SMT, Phillip Holifield #44. Tommy also set the fastest lap of the race. Two point five



#22 David Pope, #5 Sean Bradley, #86 Michael Detmers, #05 Alberto Goncalves

seconds behind the #44 was fellow SMT driver, Tao Takaoka, #72. Since October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month, Starter Marcia Ulise displayed the Pink & White checkered flag during all the weekend races, as well as the traditional Black & White checker. Back in the SSM ranks, David Allen, #61, held off the #97 of Gregory Hoff, but not by much, as .293 seconds



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separated those two. "Hard Charger" award was given on the RaceHero app., to the #17 of Rees Todd, who gained 13 spots, finishing 31st overall. He qualified 38th but started 44th. (Must have been late for the grid.)

#### RACE 1, GROUP 6 SRF, SRF3

Twenty-nine cars made up the field for the second race of the afternoon. On lap 2 the double yellows came out, as multiple body parts were lost by Joe Briggs, #9, and J. D. Barnum, after having body contact. T14 reported the #69 of Don Landers passed the #41 of Michael Woolley. The Black Flag All was thrown by all turns, bringing the field to the pit lane. The #9 retired prior to going back "green". After completing only six of the 13 lap contest, Ed Railton would retire the #01. On lap 10, Anthony Tabacco, #20, pulled off in T3, showing smoke. Brandon Lewis, #66, mixed it up with Andy Hetrick, #1, in T5,



#40 Rob Conrad, #9 Ritchie Hollingsworth, #88 Andy Juner

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#73 Peter Gregor, #98 Charles Chi, #61 Denny Renfrow

but both continued. In T3 on the last lap, Umberto Milletti, #34, spun off and on, turning the lead over to race winner, Robert Breton, #51.

Robert's margin of victory over John Black, #17. was .095 seconds, but the #34 did set the fastest race lap, as well as setting a new track record of a 1:58.694. Third in Gen3 was Mike Smith, #64, .1 second behind John. Michael Boyle, #53, was victorious in Gen2, finishing 10th overall, just ahead of Hank Raymond, #12. Eight seconds separated the two, while the #32 of Andrew Cook was 1.2 seconds behind Hank. "Hard Charger" award was given on the RaceHero app., to the #46 of James Chartres, who gained 8 spots, finishing 13th overall in his Gen2.

RACE 1, GROUP 2 FA, FM, FB, FS, P1, P2, FE, S2, DSR,

Saturday's final race of the afternoon had 18 cars make the grid. On the opening lap, Kurt Ladendorf, pulled off, showing smoke from

> his #97. DSR. Randy Cook, #19, FB. made a call to the pit lane, went back out on course, and retired after 9 laps of the 17-lap affair. The #23, P1, of Jim Devenport, was hit for sound at a plus one, as was the #40, P2, of Rob Conrad. Brandon



#63 Steve Toth, #88 Joe Montana, #45 Frank Emmett



#33 Jeff Page, #63 Helmuth Jones

Aleckson, #83, FE, made a pit stop and went back on course. In T7, Robert Christensen, #66, DSR, was observed by the Emergency Crew as showing smoke. He ended up pulling off in T3. Second place qualifier, Jeff Lederman, retired his #55, P1, after 13 laps.

The #23, who set the fastest race lap was victorious over the P1 of Charles Chi, #98, to the tune of 18.188 seconds. Only three cars were on the lead lap, as coming in 3rd was the sole FA, Steve Baumhoff, #61. Placing 4th was the only FS of the group, Robin Riner, #91, as Jeff Read, #18, was the top FE, finishing 5th. "Hard Charger" award was given on the RaceHero app., to the #18, who gained 6 spots. Right behind the #18 was Ritchie Hollingsworth, #9, who gained full points in FM. DSR spoils went to the #88 of Andy Juner, finishing 8th, while the only S2, was the #79 of Jeff O'Callaghan. The sole P2 was the #40 and the sole FB was the #19.

RACE 1, GROUP 5 AS, ITS, ITA, ITB, ITC, ITX, ITR, FP, HP, GTL, STL, STU, SMG, E30, B-Spec, T3

The grid had 41 cars which competed in the 15lap contest, first thing Saturday morning. Numer-



#41 Michael Woolley, #87John Arscott, #28 JD Barnum, #1 Andy Hettrick

ous drivers experienced difficulty keeping their cars on the racing surface, as evident by the calls from the corners. Most notably was Yehia Eissa, #55, ITX, who had an O/O in T15, again in T3, before pulling off on the bypass road at T7, after completing 6 laps. Brendan Hermalyn, who was late to grid in his #16, ITX, retired after 8 laps. Anthony Bonino, #90, SMG, was slow through T9 and pulled off, mechanical in T11, driver's right apex, considered "safe". Terry Gibson, #56, ITA, pulled off at T4 prior to the last lap.

The fight for bragging rights would pit polesetter, Sean Wheeler, #06, SMG, against fellow SMG, #87 of Addison Lee. Although Sean had the fastest race lap, it was Addison who saw the checkered flag first, with a .286 second margin of victory. Bob Bradfield's #36, STU, claimed the class win, finishing 3rd. While finishing 6th, but 1st in STL, was the #1 of David Vodden. It was a dog fight between ITA winner, Tao Takaoka, #72, finishing 10th, and the STL, #07 of Tim Auger, as only .4 seconds separated the two at the stripe. ITS spoils went to Ben Brandt, #57, who finished 12th, while in 21st was the winner in ITX, Gregory Hoff, #97. The only E30 in the group was Mark Dragonette, #17. "Hard Charger" award was given on the RaceHero app., to the #46, ITX of Memet Aytolu, who gained 10 spots.

#### RACE 1, GROUP 4 FF, CF, FV, FST, F5, FC

Twenty-one cars made up the field for the second race of the morning. The 16-lap event had not even seen the green as pole-setter, Ken Rozeboom, #81, FC, S/O/O in T2 on the pace lap. Once the green came out, Michael Edick, #36,



#1 Joseph Hopkins and #27 Tom Duncan

Also on lap 9, T15 reported the engine sounded like it was running rough on the #66, FC of Troy Tinsley. He retired after 13 laps. Last lap, last turn both Paul Rodler, FC, #45, and race winner, Ken Rozeboom, had their S/C.

CF. S/C in T3, while Daniel Wise, #77, CF, went

issues throughout the race, as he had an O/O in

T15 on lap 6, and a S/O/O in T2 the following

#50, FF, retired after 9 laps.

lap. A lap later, he had an O/O in T2, made a pit

Ken had a 1.349 second margin of victory at the checker and he also had the fast race lap. Third overall and 1st in FF was the #54 of Chuck Horn, who also set a new track record with a 1:53.052. The competition further back in the field was much tighter as evident between 6th and 7th place, where the #48, FF of Steve Meyer, was only .1 seconds ahead of the FF, #44, of Jon Brandstad. It was no different right behind them, as Joseph Hopkins, #1, FF, was only ahead of Tom Duncan, #27, FF, by .3 seconds, while back in positions 13 and 14, Daniel Wise was separated by FV winner, Scott Meyer, #49, by a mere .1 second! "Hard Charger" award was given on the RaceHero app., to the #49, who gained 5 spots. The sole FST was Aaron Meyer, #71, who finished 11th, and right behind him was the winner in CF, Michael Edick, #36. Great race!

#### RACE 1, GROUP 3 ITE, GT1, 2, 3, PC, GTA, SP, EP, SS, T1, 2, 4, E46, N3, NL

Twenty-one cars made it to grid for the 17-lap event. On the opening lap, Behram Soonawala, #81, ITE, was slow out of T9 and would go back paddock on lap 1. The SP, #21 of Chris Anderson had his problems start on lap 6 when he had an O/O in T15, a S/O/O in T2, made a call to the pit lane and go back on course, to ultimately complete 14 laps. Lap 9 had Robert Davis, #8, GT1, have an O/O in both T11 and T15. With under 5 minutes remaining, in T5, the #30, ITE, of Brian



Son, Rob Davis, followed by dad, Robert Davis



#1 Brent Hatchett, #72 Tao Takaoka, side by side



#46 James Chartres, #28 JD Barnum, #37 Gary Umphenour, #32 Andrew Cook

Anderson, had an O/O & O/O. On the last lap, Rudy Peters, #64, GTA, had an O/O in T11 and retired with a flat tire prior to the checker.

Pole-setter, Spencer Trenery, #1, set a blistering pace throughout the race to take the overall win by one minute, five point eight one two seconds! He set a new track record in his Riley DP MK XI with a 1:41.912 seconds. Coming in second was the winner in ITE, Cameron Rogers, #67, who also set a new track record with a 1:50.753. Placing 3rd overall was the top GT1 of Frank Emmett, #45. The GTA winner Steve Toth, #63,



#66 Robert Christensen, #91 Robin Riner, #83 Brandon Aleckson



Group Five opening laps at the Eagle's Nest

finished 7th, .3 seconds ahead of the winning #88, SP, of Joe Montana. Clark Nunes, #79, was victorious in T2, finishing 10th, .1 seconds ahead of the #82, ITE of Bob Murillo. The sole EP of the group was Wilson Powell, #77, while the only T4 was the #34 of Michael Olivier. "Hard Charger" award was given on the RaceHero app., to the #18 of Jeff Hoffmann, who gained 5 spots in his T2 Mustang.

#### RACE 2, GROUP 7B SMT, SSM, SM

Forty-four cars made of the field for the 14 laps of hard racing. Opening lap had James Waller O/O in T2, while after only completing that lap, Lawrence Murdter would retire the #94. Rees Todd, #17, has his O/O in T3 while there was body contact between the nose of Toa Takaoka's #72 into the tail of Roland Kamber's #90 in T11. On lap 3, Brendan Hermalyn, #16, had an O/O in T2, while a lap later, Jeff Page, #33, had his in T15. The following lap had Taylor Vance, #51, S/O/O in the same turn, while T11 had the #91 of Brian Duddy, O/O, and the same fate was had by the #78 of Rob Coneybeer in T15. Lap 6 had an O/O by Sushanth Sureshkumar, #99, in T15 and Chris DePuy, #82, had his in T6 the next lap. (And that was only during the first half of the race!) Same lap, Yoni De Beule, #11, had an O/O in T5, and the #76 of Rob Fuller pulled off on the T5 bypass road with a mechanical issue. Ray Meister, #38, S/C in T5 on lap 8 and on the same



Pole-setter, Tommy McCathy, #23, went back paddock on the same lap. T9 had body contact between the #1 of Brent Hatchet. and Tao Takaoka, #72, on lap 9. T1 had more B/C between the #90 and the #44 of Phillip Holifield. T9 had the #07 of Tim Auger pull off, mechanical, at the right exit. David Allen, #61, S/O/O in T15, while over in T2, Frank Russell, #34, suffered the same fate. T3 had the #11 off in T3 on lap 12, while T15 saw the #82 again have an O/O. On the last lap, T15 had both Alberto Goncalves, #05 and the #71 of Robert Irwin have O/O's. Bernie Novak, #39, took her car back paddock and in T15, the #17 had another O/O.

lap, had an O/O in T2.



#75 Don Van Nortwick, #8 Robert Davis, #67 Cameron Rogers



#1 Spencer Trenery, #21 Chris Anderson, #71 Igor Lyustin

Now for the outcome after all the mayhem. For the second time this weekend, the #44 was victorious in SMT, but this time he was the overall winner by 2.847 seconds over the #72 SMT. The #1 finished 3rd and took home top honors in SM, while his nearest competitor was back in 7th. Turn-around was fair play in SSM, as the #97 of Gregory Hoff beat out the winner of the first

race, David Allen, #61, by 8.2 seconds. Roland Kamber, #90, set the fast lap of the race, finishing 5th, and walk away with the Championship in SMT. He held off a relentless Marco Gallaher, #8, by a mere .3 seconds. David Allen was the Champion in SSM and Tommy McCarthy did the same in SM. "Hard Charger" award was given on the RaceHero app., to the #92, Sharpie car of Brandon Miller, who gained 16 spots. Further back in the field, the #06 of Ward Rose beat Robert Irwin, #71, to the stripe by .1 seconds,

> while Brian Duddy, #91, was ahead of Ray Meister, #38, bv .5 seconds, and .3 seconds behind Ray was the #82 of Chris DePuy. Tight racing throughout the entire field.

RACE 2, **GROUP 6B** SRF, SRF3 Sixteen Gen3 cars

would make up the field for the 12-lap

On the pace lap, Andy Hettrick, #1, went

off in T11 so the start was waved off. He continued and started at the back of the field, but decided to make a stop in the pit lane. After the green was thrown, in T5, John Arscott, #87, was hit from behind by James Chartres, #46, but the corner worker could not asses fault. The #1 went back on course, when on lap 4, Hank Raymond, #12, S/C in T3. Lap 5 had Michael Woolley, #41, have an O/O in T15. T9 had side-to-side B/C between Michael Boyle, #53, and the #46, faulting the #53 for an aggressive pass. The Safety Car was called into action on lap 6 as T14 right side of the course was blocked due to the #9 of Joe Briggs spinning and was hit by Jon Mc-Clintock, #07. A delayed call came from T5 report a S/O/O by the #41. T9



#51 Robert Breton and #17 John Black



#18 Jeff Read

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reported a S/O/O by Andrew Cook, #32, also delayed. Under the full course yellow, the #39 of Steven Grandin was found guilty of passing the #58 of Tim McMann. With under five minutes remaining the green flag again was shown. T15 had the #1 O/O, while on the final lap, in T5, the #42 of Rick Wright had body contact with the #87. forcing the #87 O/O. The #42 spun out of T15, forcing the #4 of Frank Valente O/O, evasive, while in T11, the #32 had

side-to-side contact with the #46. (Well, that was sure action packed!)

The dog fight up

front was settled by a

mere .302 seconds, as

Robert Breton, #51. beat out John Black's #17, but in the process the #17 laid down a new track record with a 1:58.524. Third in Gen3, only .3 seconds behind was our Season Champion, Umberto Milletti, #34, who started from the pole. The top 10 cars were all Gen3 machines and were only separated by 11 seconds! In 11th, but 1st in Gen2, was the #01 of Ed Railton. who was also picked by Worker Transportation as the "Driver of the Weekend". "Hard Charger" award was given on the RaceHero app., to the #01, who gained 4 spots during the race. Michael Boyle, #53, was 3.9 seconds in arears, while .5 seconds be-



#91Brian Duddy, #38 Ray Meister, #82 Chris Depuy



#15 Stephen Temple and #56 Lyn Greenhill



#07 Tim Auger, #33 Jeff Page

hind him was the #12 of Hank Raymond. Congratulations to the Champion in Gen2, Michael Boyle. As a side note, Michael Keller, during a "Meet the Team" interview, said "In this group there is always a rabbit to chase". As I looked at the results, it was very true, as many two place battles throughout the field were decided in the .xx second ranges.

RACE 2. GROUP 2B FA FB, FS, P1, P2, FE, FM, S2, DSR

The first race of the afternoon had thirteen cars make up the grid for the 19-lap event. On the opening lap, Lars Jensen, #63, S/C in T5. After 2 laps,



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Peter Gregor, #73, retired his P1 machine. After completing 6 laps, Robin Riner, #91, went back paddock with his Formula Sport. Lap 8 had body contact between the #9 of Ritchie Hollingsworth, FM, who spun in T5 and was hit by the #40, P2, of Rob Conrad. Debris was left, but off course. T3 reported that the #9 dropped some sort of metallic piece just off the line on lap 12. The #40 made a pit stop after only completing 10 laps. The #79 of Jeff O'Callaghan had an O/O in T9 just prior to the last lap. On the last lap, the #63 S/O/O in T5.

Well, what can I say when race winner, Jim Devenport, #23, not only led flag-to-flag, set a new track record with a 1:35.626, but clinched the Championship in P1. Margin of victory? What margin of victory, as he lapped the EN-TIRE field! Denny Renfrow, #61, brought home the bacon in FA, being the sole entry, in class, finished 3rd. "Hard Charger" award was given on the RaceHero app., to the #61, who gained 9 spots during the race. Finishing 4th but top dog in FE, was Brandon Aleckson, #83, while Lars Jensen, #63, finishing 6th, was the winner in FM. The #79 won in S2, while the #40 gained full points in P2, and the #91 of Robin Riner, not only was the only FS, he was the season Champion! The #5, FE of Allan Svela took the Championship with a solid 9th place finish, while the #9 was Champion in FM. Those who were not in the Group 2 race but were crowned season ending Champions included, Aaron Bailey in P2, Steve Baumhoff in FA, and Andy Juner in DSR. Congratulations!



#38 Roger Hett

#64 Mike Smith, #57 Bill Booth, #5 Jim Murray



Alberto Goncalves, #05, S/O/O in T11, while the #19 of Anish Ramrakhvanl, S/C in T8. The #31 of Leroy Lacy, S/O/O in T2, made a pit stop, then retired after completing 9 laps. A lap later, in T15, Brendan Hermalyn, #16, had an O/O. Brian Duddy, #91, made an unscheduled pit stop. With under five minutes remaining, Tim Sullivan, #56, had an O/O in T15 and on the last lap, the #50 of Tupper Hull, did the same in T8.

Addison Lee, SMG, #87, led flag-to-flag with a 9.216 second margin of victory over fellow SMG driver, and this year's Champion, Sean Wheeler, #06. Addison also set the fastest lap of the race and picked up his second checkered flag of the weekend. Coming in 3rd, but 1st in STU, for the second time this weekend, was Bob Bradfield, #36. David Vodden, #1, finished 6th but was the

> top STL, setting a new track record with a 2:02.563, picking up his 2nd win of the weekend also. The Championship, though, went to Tim Auger, #07, who finished 11th. In ITS, it was Ben Brandt, #57, taking the win for a second time, finishing 9th. Tao Takaoka, #72,



#45 Mark Means, #47 Justin Cone, #71 Robert Irwin

was victorious in ITA, beating out the season Champion Tupper Hull, #50. Gregory Hoff, #97, took the win in ITX for a second time, but the season Champion was David Allen, #61. "Hard Charger" award was given on the RaceHero app., to the #03 of Leeson Grant, who gained 16 spots during the race. Those who were not in the Group 5 race but were crowned season ending Champions included, Terry McHerny in AS, and Patrick Casey in GTL. Tao, who ran as an ITA in this race was the season Champion in ITS. Congratulations to all!

#### RACE 2, GROUP 4B FF, CF, FV, FST, F5, FC

The grid for the race consisted of 19 cars for the 14-lap event, but only 14 would finish the race. After 3 laps, Troy Tinsley, #66, retired his FC. On lap 6, Blake Tatum, #3, pulled off at T7 with a mechanical issue, and was considered "safe". Lap 7 had the Safety Car called into action as while the #5 of Ben Ford S/O/O in T2, over in T5 the #75 of Alan Dezzani, spun and was hit by David Jalen, #50, ending their race. The #5 made a pit stop, and after the restart, pulled off, driver's right in T2 after completing 9 laps.

Ken Rozeboom, #81, FC, led flag-to-flag, but Paul Rodler, #45, FC, set the fastest race lap. Ken picked up his second win of the weekend with only .491 seconds separating the two. Season Champion in FF was the winner in class, for a



#44 Jon Brandstad, #1 Joseph Hopkins, #27 Tom Duncan



#17 Mike Dragonette, #88 Mark Gordon



second time, Chuck Horn, #54, who finished 3rd. In CF, Tom Duncan, #27, took the win, finishing 7th. "Hard Charger" award was given on the RaceHero app., to the #27, who gained 12 spots during the race. Aaron Meyer, #10, was the sole FST, finishing 10th, while Scott Meyer, #49, picked up the win in FV. Both garnered two checkered flags from the weekend. Those who were not in the Group 4 race but were crowned season ending Champions included, Richard Mc-Closky in CF, and Scott Vreeland in FC.

#### RACE 2, GROUP 3B ITE, GT1, 2, 3, PC, GTA, SP, EP, SS, T1, 2, 4, E46, N3, NL

Eighteen cars made up the field for the 16-lap event which would finish with six different class winners. On lap 7, Clark Nunes, #79, S/C, in T11. Roger Hett, #38, had a roof hatch open, as reported from the turns. After T7 reported the #8 of Robert Davis off the pace, he retired his #8, GT1, after completing 10 laps.

Cameron Rogers, #67, ITE, led flag-to-flag, setting the fastest race lap, and had a 5.256 second cushion over the GT1 winner, for the second time this weekend, Frank Emmett, #45, "Hard Charger" award was given on the RaceHero app., to the #66 of Sean Wheeler, who gained 2 spots during the race, fin-

ishing 3rd overall. Season Champion in GT1, finishing 4th, was the #95 of Rob Davis. The ITE Championship went to the 6th place finisher. Brian Anderson, #30. The winner in GTA. going two-for-two, was Steve Toth, #63. finishing 7th, but the Championship

went to 9th place finisher, Rudy Peters, #64. T2 Champ, Clark Nunes, #79, finished right behind Rudy, also bagging his 2nd checkered flag of the weekend, while the lone T4 was the #34 of Michael Olivier, also receiving his second victory lap. In SP, total points, for a 2nd time, went to the #88, Joe Montana finishing 8th. ALL the SCCA volunteer workers would like to send a very BIG THANK YOU to Joe for the NUMEROUS boxes of SEE'S candies and all the lollipops he provided. And, by-the-way, he had a very successful novice season. Those who were not in the Group 3 race but were crowned season ending Champions included, Bruce Trenery in SP, Matthew Insley in EP, and Mitch Marvosh in GT2.

I would like to thank Chuck, Don, & Kathy of Chuck Koehler Photography for SEVENTEEN years as the official photographer of the San Francisco Region of Sports Car Club of America. It has not only been a pleasure, but an honor to work alongside you all for the past years. Enjoy retirement. You will be greatly missed.

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### PAT KELLY AND THE LOTUS SEVEN

EXCERPT FROM WWW.SIMPLESEVENS.ORG PAT KELLY'S 1960 LOTUS SEVEN

I had been going through British cars at a pretty good rate,

starting with the traditional MG-TD, graduating to an MGA (1958), and then to a big 1960 3L Healey. I had a lot of fun with the Healey. I was mostly interested in autocross as a safe way to have fun, and the Healey was satisfying in that regard, even when the

289 Cobras came along.

I had considered buying a 289 Cobra, but it meant, because of its expense, it would be the only car I'd have -- not very practical. I was envious of the Lotus Super 7s which were prepared by Walt for road racing, but it never occurred to me to own such a small, and again impractical, car.

One day in the spring of 1965, Walt told me of a Seven America that was available at a fire sale price. He told me that the car was the woman's version of the Seven! Its owner needed some money to pay taxes, and unfortunately for him, it had to sell quickly. He didn't really believe a woman wanted one, and it took some convincing that this was a very real sale.

The Seven was stunning compared to the Healey. The purchase of this little car meant I could keep the Healey (which I used to flat-tow the 7 for a period of time!) and still have fun with the Seven. I even tried road racing it; after all, Jerry had a very successful road racing career in it, I think placing as high as fourth in F Production at one of those USRRC Riverside races, though I don't have any documentation.

Autocrossing is where the car really shines, small, agile, highly maneuverable. AND, you don't have to worry about being hit by something bigger. :) A comforting thought. And we always know it'll most likely finish.

John and I were wed in 1967 and some teased him he married me for the 7A. I still road raced the car, but once I was pregnant with our first child, Katie, that stopped. However, we both continued to autocross it. Over the years the Seven has brought us much pleasure and four national championships for me (in a Ladies class), and three for John. Katie, when she was

16, won her first national championship in the same car.

I have used the Seven continuously, except for a 4-year rebuild period. In about 1980, we named the Seven "Li'l Stroker" because it became the first car to have an engine tear down under a protest at the National Championships. There were so many rumors floating around about how we were cheating, including stroking, that someone finally bit, and we pocketed the tear down fee quite happily. The car was totally legal.

I originally tried driving my 7 on the street, but getting to the good roads involved using freeways, where no one knew I was there! It got kind of scary... now we trailer it wherever we go, and get lots of thumbs up! Both my hubby and I still autocross it. Wish we could reconstruct ourselves like we did Li'l Stroker.:)





### PYLON PIONEER PAT KELLY DIES AT 83

#### BY KATIE SARACHELLI

Pat Kelly, known for her decades of contributions to SCCA, particularly in the form of tabloid newspapers showcasing their road race and autocross subjects as rock stars, died early Friday morning, October 14th, in Kaiser Hospital of Walnut Creek. Her family sang her lullabies as she drifted into outer space. The cause was severe complications of emphysema. She was 83.

Together with husband John, Mrs. Kelly spearheaded the merging of SCCA with what was then local niche autocross clubs within the greater San Francisco Bay Area. The mission was to develop the San Francisco Region's fledgling autocross program.

The result of this merger in 1969 was the formation of one of the most competitive regions in the history of SCCA National Solo II competition. Since that first national in 1973, no other region in the country has produced as many national champions.

"I knew how competitive our area was," she would later reflect. "I just wanted everyone to see just how good they really were."

San Francisco Region membership exploded in the 1970s, coinciding with the pair taking on the publication of the region's The Wheel. In this new endeavor, they transformed what had been up until then a monthly newsletter into an award winning tabloid, reaching subscribers worldwide.

What began as a kitchen table operation in the evening hours became a full time family operation, with Editor John recruiting the talents of professional journalists and photographers, all willing to contribute their work without pay.

Mrs. Kelly was also a four-time Solo II National Champion (1975, '77, '81, and 82) in her Lotus 7A.

Of the two, contrary to conventional assumptions on gender and interests, Mrs. Kelly joined the SCCA first, in 1966, when she'd first set her sights on road racing.

"And somehow, John got all the credit for that," she'd later complain, referring to Mr.
Kelly's many pins and watches and other knick-knacks the clubs awards members after achieving annual membership milestones."I was the 'spouse," she'd say, with a roll of the eyes.

In 1989, the Kellys began their most significant work: the publication of North American Pylon, the only monthly publication devoted entirely to the sport of autocross. They would produce this for more than twenty years.

The Kellys' many awards over the decades include the Solo Cup in 1991 for their outstanding contributions to the Solo Events Program; induction into the first annual San Francisco Region Hall of Fame in 2006; and most recently, an award named in their honor, the Kelly Cup, for their extraordinary contribution and dedication to their Regional Solo Events Program.

But it was Mrs.
Kelly's encouragement
of those she saw as
possessing a talent or
a spark in the sport
of autocross that is
perhaps what she'll
be best known for.
Her belief was that

putting oneself in the middle of the toughest competition was the best way to learn, and she encouraged drivers to take risks as a means of self discovery.

"I didn't know which class to run in, Rookie or Open," related Navid Kahangi of his early days in the sport. "So I asked on the local autocross e-mail list what I should do."

Mrs. Kelly's response was swift: "I've seen you run. You'd be wasting your time in the Rookie class."

"I told her I'd be crushed by Tom Elam," said Kahangi, referring to the then national champion in his class who'd just moved to the area. "But she told me I'd learn a lot running against the best"

Kahangi opted to stay in the Rookie class nonetheless. The next event was in monsoon



conditions. He took the class by more than two seconds.

"Pat was handing out the timing slips," said Kahangi. "After each of my runs, she would say, 'I told you so!"

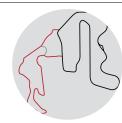
Patricia Jean Gibson was born in Detroit on May 5th, 1933, and grew up on Jersey Street in Marblehead, MA. Her father Verne Cyril "Gib" Gibson, having left the doldrums of a life on a dusty farm in Nebraska, was an aspiring Coast Guard Captain. Her mother, the former Catherine Rademacher of Minnesota, was a watercolorist.

It was an idyllic childhood in an old colonial fishing town along the Salem Harbor. Nearly every citizen was related in some way to a signer of the Declaration of Independence or the Constitution or had warned of an impending British

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### THUNDERHILL REPORT

BY DAVID VODDEN



I would like to start this column with a big thank you to the Hall of Fame Committee for our Club including: R. J. Gordy; Mary Lou Robinson; Bruce Brunner and Gary Horstkorta for their kind inclusion of yours truly into the esteemed place of honor. It was a big surprise.

The SFR/SCCA Hall of Fame has some really-great people ensconced in its membership with the promise of many more to be included down the road. Thank you. I am truly honored.

The SFR/SCCA 2016 racing season is done which

means to us drivers that the SFR/SCCA 2017 racing season has begun. Four of the early Club weekends in the 2017 season will take place at Thunderhill. Yeah! The drivers school is February 24-26. We are one of the last regions to put this much time and money into the old-style SCCA driving school. You can get an SCCA license through a host of alternative ways. Most such opportunities are one day. I mention this because the SFR/SCCA school in February is quite good and offers cheap track time. If you want to refresh your skills and get on track in February, sign up now! More importantly, however, is the responsibility that befalls us all in these changing times to recruit new drivers into our Club Racing program. Think about it. Who do you know that would love to become a licensed SCCA road racer? Who have you met at Open Track events such as NASA or NCRC or HOD that only needs to be asked and guided into the process of signing up for the February school. We only do this once each year so take the time now to identify and reach out to those wanna-be-like-you, SCCA regional road racers. Sherry, in the Club office, will help you get through the maze. BTW- I believe that the days of our exceptional three-day SCCA race driver training school are numbered. "Get while the getting is good." What does that mean? Remember, if we have more racers, you have more drivers to beat and we will all have more drivers dividing up the pie of the ever-increasing costs. It is in your best interests to get out there and cause one, two or three friends, acquaintances, team members, co-workers, [you fill in the blank] attend the February SFR/SCCA driving school. Do it now and often.

The first four point-earning regional races begin at Thunderhill Park with a weekend in March [11-12] and a weekend in May [3-4] We saved April for the spectacular MAJORS racing series. A Those dates are April 1-2. Never forget,

Thunderhill offers cost-effective test days before each of these race weekends. This allows you to enjoy a three-day therapy session in pursuit of that all-important 2017 Drivers Championship in your regional race class.

Unfortunately, the next race after the May event at Thunderhill is the last race in the championship contest - October 27-29. Please note there is a Sunday in this schedule which begs the following questions: 1- Will the RDC enduro return to that Sunday; 2- Will the banquet continue to be on the Saturday night of that same weekend in Willows; 3- Is the Club booking the Sunday for Reno Region; 4- Is there more? Plan now to run all the Thunderhill Park, SCCA Regional and Major racing events. You will be so glad that you did. I will do my best to make it worth your effort. Stay tuned.

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emblazoned on the hardware. You will be able to set up a KIOSK and sample your products or distribute company flyers plus other information. Pace-car rides will be made available for your use. The SCCA officials, workers, drivers and stewards will thank you in a big way. Your effort will stand out big time! We can also arrange additional benefits that meet your needs, add value to the weekend and make you and your race team the pride of the paddock. There are only four weekends available for this opportunity at Thunderhill and the season-ending weekend is a slightly more valuable at \$3,499. Call now to secure your weekend title sponsorship and all the benefits that go with it: 530-934-5588 Extension 101. You will be glad you did. If you want to do this at Laguna Seca or Sonoma Raceway we can discuss that too.

While we await the 2017 race season to start do not forget the FREE THUNDERHILL TEST DAY set for Saturday, December 31st. It is FREE to all card-carrying SFR/SCCA members. We will have a run group for street cars for SCCA members without a racing license to enjoy the benefits of their membership on track. Guess what? You could sponsor this day too for \$1,999! You would be the hero of the year for providing the FREE test day for all. Imagine the Christmas cards you'd get and the thank you notes all year long. Call me – 530-934-5588 Ext. 101.

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invasion, or so people talked. It was also a town of snowy adventures in winter, of hiding in cemeteries, traversing fenceless neighborhoods, and getting lost in the woods. Nearly every adventure involved the magical family dog Jeep. These were stories Mrs. Kelly never tired of sharing with her two young daughters. These were tales they never tired of hearing.

During the tuberculosis epidemic, young Pat spent three years in a sanatorium, starting at age 6.

"I will never forget feeling so angry," she'd later say. "I looked out the window, and I saw my mom and dad and sister getting in the car and driving away. I couldn't understand why they were leaving me. But it's also how I became so tough."

While attending Queen Anne High School in Seattle, WA, where Gib was later stationed, Mrs. Kelly became infatuated with downhill skiing, a passion that she cultivated as an undergrad at Western Washington University in Bellingham. Upon graduating, she took her passion to Aspen, and then Denver, where she would work as an elementary school teacher by day, and ski in the afternoons.

Before long, however, a thrown rod in the family Cadillac she'd inherited would spark a new interest; it was simply a matter of procuring a loan.

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Gib wrote back: "My recollection of [our past correspondence] indicates that you absorbed no part of it except that I'm apparently loaded."

In this exchange, Gib reminds Pat of how she has so far proven herself as "mature and wise for her age," perhaps a gentle dig into this sudden lack of rational decision making. Even in the 1950s, MG TDs were not exactly heralded for their reliability. He agrees, nonetheless, to write her a check for \$500.00, with the expectation that it will be paid back, with interest, in monthly installments of \$42.50.

"I have one final thing to say," Pat writes back, in a lengthy, and typed, thank you note. "Please do not use the word 'mature' again when referring to me. I am not, and never have been, mature. Everything I have done has been motivated by childish motivations and desires"

Years later, with most of the family now in Northern California, her mother Cathy beamed about her daughter diving into first place in the first turn of an SCCA racing driver's school. This time, she was in her Lotus 7A, a car that would become synonymous with her identity for the rest of her life.

"It was the one time I ever saw Gib cry," Cathy said.

When this reporter was questioning the logic of flying to Iowa to buy a used '96 Miata R for autocross purposes, and then driving it home to California, in the dead of winter, Mrs. Kelly assured her, "Do it. You'll never have this kind of freedom again."

In 1965, at an autocross in Pleasanton, the future Mrs. Kelly, now flat-towing her Lotus 7 behind her six-cylinder Austin Healey, would meet a man with an Austin Healey of his own.

"He was a grouch!" she would recall of her first impressions of him, in one of her last interviews.

"But he was very nice to you, wasn't he?" asked this reporter.

"Yes. Yes he was."

In 1966, while driving her home from a monthly NCSCC (Northern California Sports Car Club) meeting, Mr. Kelly proposed to her in his other car, a red '66 Shelby Mustang.

"There was a full moon, I remember that,"

he told this reporter during one of his many interviews at his paste up table by the window in the living room. "We were driving down the Dublin Grade."

"Was the radio on? Was there romantic music?"

"Don't be ridiculous. Let me tell the story." "Okay."

Mr. Kelly went back to his paste ups. "So what'd you say?" begged this reporter.

"Oh, right. I said, 'I think we should get married."

"And? What'd she say?"

"She said, 'I think so, too."

And so John Kelly and Pat Gibson were married in December of 1967. Their first daughter, Katie, was born in 1969. Maggy followed in 1972.

Last April, Mr. Kelly died of a brain aneurism. In her last interview, Mrs. Kelly was holding photo of John in her hands, one from his early Autoweek days, before this reporter was born. His white shirt is crisp, he's holding a phone by his ear, he is sitting at his desk with a typewriter. This black and white was taken when Mr. and Mrs. Kelly's future wasn't The Wheel or North American Pylon or everything we've known it to become, but, instead, possibilities. The excitement of the unknown.

During this interview, there appeared a formation of a teardrop in one of Mrs. Kelly's eyes. It was, perhaps, the only time this reporter ever saw her cry.

"Oh Mommy," this reporter said, taking her

Mrs. Kelly took a deep breath and sighed. "Your dad would have made a great lawyer."

There will be a Celebration of Life for Pat Kelly in May, most likely in Pt. Reyes, near the lighthouse, where John and Pat's ashes will be scattered. More information to come.

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