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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Hello FCA Southwest Region Members,

This year is just flying by. Here I'm writing the May/June message.

What a beginning of the year it's been. In the first 4 months of this year, we have had 16 FCA events. In the eleven years I have been a member I have never seen such a diverse and full schedule. This is happening because of an amazing Board of Directors, coupled with an amazing group of engaged members who are all working above and beyond of what is expected to bring our members outstanding events at a great value, focusing on Ferrari fun, knowledge, and camaraderie.

Coming up will be the Supercars & Supersonic Jets tour of Edwards Air Force Base, hosted by Jim Bindman, the Ojai Silver and Away Tour, hosted by Bob Boas, the Palos Verdes Botanic Garden Car Show and Picnic, along with the monthly "In Your Area Drives" and Car and Coffee" get together socials.

In this issue you find our continuing spotlight on members. This Issue features our racing member "Lisa Clark" an amazing woman, a great driver, a lover of Ferrari, and soon to be Ferrari Challenge Team Driver. Read the story, I'm sure you will be impressed.

We have great events upcoming for the balance of the year, and we will soon start putting 2017's calendar of events together. If you have an idea, or would like to put an event on, please contact me, or one of the Board members so you can come and present your idea. We will be happy to help you through the process of organizing an event.

You are certainly invited to come down anytime to a Board meeting to check out how we run the club. They are on the second Saturday of each month at the Petersen Museum in Los Angeles.

Lastly, don't forget, you are a member of the best car club anyone could be a member of! It's your club, make the most out of it.

Have fun, and I'll see you on the back roads.

Sincerely,

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FERRARI CONCOURS AT THE BREAKERS

CAVALLINO CLASSIC 25



Article and Photos By
Bill Makepeace

The Cavallino Classic is an annual gathering of Ferrari owners and enthusiasts at the world famous Breakers Resort in Palm Beach, Florida. This year, the 25th annual event was held from January 20th to the 24th. The multi-day event included vintage racing, the "Cavallino Classico Competition" (CCC), at Palm Beach International Raceway (PBIR) in Jupiter, Florida on Thursday and Friday. The track was about an hour's drive from the host hotel. After lunch at the Breakers on Thursday, there was a 2 1/2 hour driving tour of Palm Beach. The final stop of the tour was the "Private Jet Reception" that evening. It was held at Palm Beach Airport where Ferraris were parked on the tarmac surrounded by private jets. Guests enjoyed good food and wine while enjoying the beautiful Florida sunset.

The Breakers Hotel hosted the "Galleria D'Arte Ferrari," one of the largest showing of original Ferrari related art each year. The "Classic Symposium" was also held Thursday morning at the Breakers. The three guest speakers spoke in depth about three rare and fabulous Ferraris on site. Friday evening was reserved for the CCC "Awards & Beach Club Party" held around the several pools at the Breakers Beach Club overlooking the Atlantic Ocean.

The main event was The Palm Beach Cavallino Classic held on Saturday. The Breakers golf course was a fitting venue for the approximately 150 Ferraris on display. It was not just the quantity of cars on display but the quality and rarity was simply amazing. The organizers tried to get as many of the "best of show" winners from the past 25 events as possible. That evening there was a gala awards victory party held at the Breakers hotel.

Sunday was a charity concours held at Mar-A-Lago, the former home of Marjorie Merriweather Post, now owned by Donald Trump. "Classic Sports Sunday" featured Alfa Romeo, and Ferraris and other marques such as Bugatti, Talbot Lago, and Delahaye were on display.

There are the facts about the event, but the facts do not do the event justice. I arrived at PBIR at 9 am on Thursday and was immediately struck by the quality and rarity of the cars in the paddock. There were three 250GTs on the track at one time and over a dozen multi-million dollar vintage competition Ferraris. I enjoyed seeing the cars simply parked near their trailers or at speed on the track. PBIR offered several great places to photograph the cars on the track and when the cars were not on the track it was possible to get up close and personal. Nothing was roped off, and the owners of the cars were very friendly and allowed almost unfettered access to their very expensive autos. The weather was great on Thursday, however, it rained most of the day Friday. Despite the inclement weather I was able to get some pretty neat photos of the drum-brake cars Friday morning before it started raining too hard. It is not too often one can photograph Ferraris at speed in the wet.

I would recommend this show to any Ferrari enthusiast. Florida is beautiful that time of year and one does not have to stay at the Breakers or participate in all the events. The event can be a bit pricey if one insists on doing everything, but everything is priced on an ala-cart basis. The best value is the event at PBIR and the concours at the Breakers is a must. Try and stay a few days before or after the event in order to enjoy the Palm Beach area of Florida. All in all a great experience you may want to put on your bucket list.



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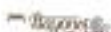
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BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION AT THE PETERSEN

ENZO CRUISE IN

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On a beautiful warm February morning when half the country was buried in snow, over 200 amazing Ferraris met for the annual Enzo Ferrari Birthday Cruise-In at the newly renovated Petersen Museum. 200 Ferraris gathered is far from a world record, especially compared to our 1000 cars in October 2014, but still an impressive collection. Terry Karges and Sandy Scott from The Petersen were our hosts and they were thrilled with the turnout which provided a lot of publicity for the club.

Cars from virtually every decade were on display, and there were especially some outstanding Enzo era cars. An interesting comparison was the new F12 brought by Ferrari of Beverly Hills parked next to Marshall Buck's Daytona, like grandfather and grandson. The size difference of the front engine V12 cars was astonishing.

The museum provided coffee and thousands of bagels for the car owners and all spectators. The museum also signed up some new members, and many people stayed to visit the museum and join the outstanding Vault Tour.

The event posed a perfect venue to announce our club's 2015 Engaged Member Award to Richard Kidd, for his outstanding contributions as Treasurer, website coordinator and Executive Editor of our magazine.

This has proven to be one of our most popular events, and the museum greatly appreciates the collaboration. This year's event also fell on the same month as our board meeting's return to the Petersen as our official monthly meeting venue.

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MULLIN MUSEUM TOUR

Article and Photos By
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It was warm and sunny and proved to be perfect for a driving event on Saturday, February 27th. Despite the traffic issues, 23 members participated in the 2016 edition of the FCA-SW Mullin Museum event. The club membership was well represented with a wide cross section of people. I saw some familiar faces and made some new friends as well. Two new members participated, Ed and Marie Lewis, who drove their beautiful California T on their first FCA-SW driving event. At the other end of the membership spectrum was Bruce Lavachek who joined the FCA in June 1973!

After the drivers meeting, we left Starbucks in Malibu and drove north on PCH, enjoying views of the beautiful California coastline, then turned to tackle the twists and turns of Decker Canyon Road. After the beautiful scenery of the Malibu coast and climbing the nearby foothills, we stopped for a quick photo shot on Portero Road in Thousand Oaks. After everyone in our group caught up, we continued through the Santa Monica Mountains past farm fields into Oxnard where the Mullin Auto Museum is located. The relaxing but fun drive took just over one hour. Upon our arrival, the Mullin staff assisted us in finding parking spots for our member's cars.

The Mullin Auto museum was founded by businessman and philanthropist Peter Mullin in 2010. The museum is housed in the building formerly occupied by the Chandler Vintage Museum of Transportation and Wildlife. The 50,000 sq./ft. building was remodeled incorporating elements that use the Art Deco style and motifs in order to match the era of the cars, many of which were built in the 1920s and '30s. It is reminiscent of the grand auto salons held in major cities in



the early 20th century. Our docent was FCA member Ken Sacks who volunteers at the Mullin as well as the new Petersen Auto Museum. Ken did a fantastic job explaining not only the nuts-and-bolts engineering of the cars, but delved deep into the history of not only the cars but the people who designed, sold, drove, and owned these fantastic machines.

Most would agree that Mr. Mullin's collection, of which we saw a small fraction, are more than mere automobiles. They are works of art perfectly restored, and the many concours awards he has won will attest to this. Ken also shared information on Mr. Mullin's art collection and his antique furniture.

After the 90 minute guided tour of the Museum, we drove a short distance to the Waterside Restaurant overlooking Channel Islands Harbor in Oxnard. The owners of the restaurant, Steve and Maria, provided a special parking area right in front of the glassed-in dining area where we enjoyed a delicious lunch and enjoyed the camaraderie with fellow FCA members. Before we knew it, it was time to say goodbye and go our separate ways. Don't miss the fun at the next Mullin event.

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17TH ANNUAL ORTEGA RUN

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It was a shame our hosts for the Ortega Run at the Ponte Winery and Vineyard Inn were unable to attend, but Claudio Ponte and Leah Schmitt still put on an incredible party. It seemed like everyone of the 93 attendees said the same thing, "What a fabulous place. We love it here and don't change a thing!"

The drive was rather uneventful this year (not a single officer). Upon arrival in the hotel courtyard, we were greeted with a glass of sparkling wine. After a short walk to the Vineyard Pavilion, we enjoyed a delicious Italian lunch with complimentary wine. Next we visited the barrel room.

As the sun went down, the lucky members who opted to stay overnight were treated to wine and hors d'oeuvres in Claudio and Leah's suite.

If you went home Saturday afternoon, you had a beautiful sunny day to fight the traffic. But if you stayed overnight, you awoke to pouring rain. Never fear, Ferraris don't melt.

How long has it been since you drove your Ferrari in a rain storm? It's probably been a long time. Maybe never. Because of the wet conditions, everyone slowed down on the I-15 to about 55 mph. Thinking that there's no way I'm going to get pulled over in the storm, I sped up. After the wipers quit squealing (about 3 miles) it was a blast.

The next time it rains hard, take your Ferrari for a long drive. You'll really enjoy it. Also it's great therapy when you get to your garage, put on your favorite music, and clean up the old gal. Maybe if we're lucky it'll rain again next year.



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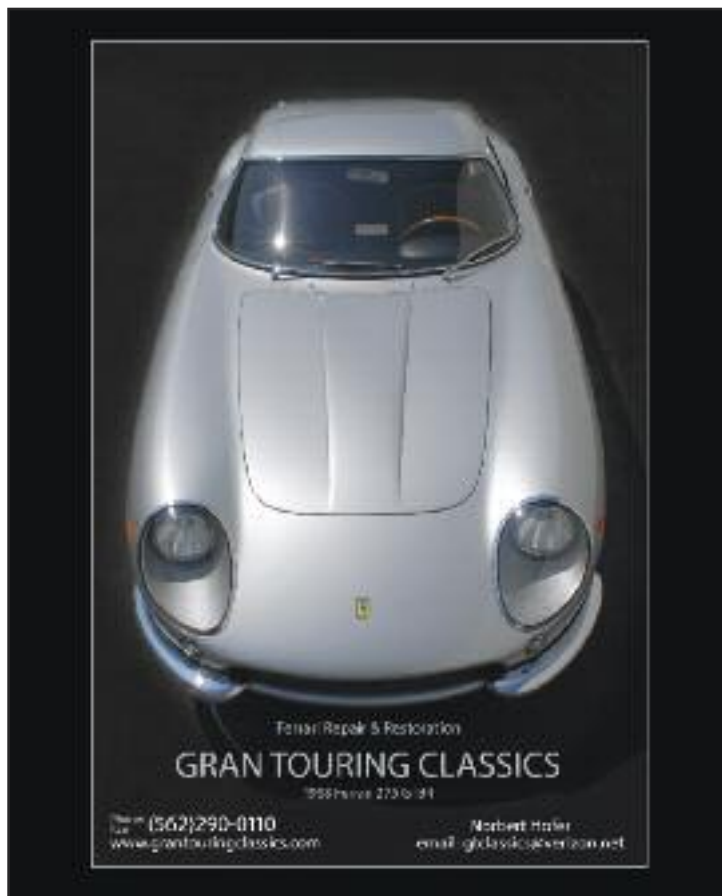


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Professional photographer Royce Rumsey offered automotive portraits of your Ferrari in the majestic surroundings of the Ponte Winery, plus captured many participants during the drive. Model Brandy Banks joined Malcolm Schnee's 458 Spider.

Fearless leader of The Ortega Run – Peter Riley.

Many thanks to the Ponte Winery & Hotel for their gracious accommodations to our group.

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PRESENTATION OF GUIDELINES

JUDGING SEMINAR

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On Saturday, March 12, we hosted a judging seminar for our members to bone up on judging criteria, learn how to be a judge, and find out what happens when you have your Ferrari judged.

We had 27 people attend the seminar which was held at the Ford Design Center in Irvine, CA in their large conference room. We showed the DVD judging presentation that is on the FCA national web site and handed out copies of the judging sheets we use when the cars are judged. We went through each sheet on what is to be judged, keeping in mind that the car should be presented as it came from the Factory. Guidelines were handed out on what deductions to take when judging the car for items that either are not correct, worn to a degree that they need to be replaced, or incorrect items added to the car since new. The guidelines help to standardize the points taken off for the items, with minimum and maximum points allowed. This is to keep the deductions in line and to help the entrant correct things for another show. Many questions were asked as to what would be deducted for certain items and a discussion was had as to replacement parts that were allowed without deductions.

There have been some recent changes in the scoring totals as outlined in the latest *Prancing Horse* magazine and in the *National News Bulletin*. Basically, all cars start with a 100 point total, and deductions are taken off that in 1/2 to 1 point increments. Previously, cars judged between 100 and 95 points, would have received a Platino (Platinum) award. There could be many of these in a class, rather than just one first place. The next Oro (Gold) award was from 90 to 94.5 points. There could only be one of these awards



per class. The last Argento (Silver) award was for 85 to 89.5 points and only one of these is awarded per class.

The new guidelines adapted by the Ferrari Club of America National Board are now Platino awards will be a maximum of 97 points, Oro awards a maximum of 92 points and an Argento award a maximum of 87 points. These will now be used for the FCA National meet and for Cavallino Classic in Florida. In my understanding that the Regions can still use the old system, which we will continue to use for our local concours events, because Ferraris are meant to be driven!

I would like to thank John Clinard for letting us use the Ford conference room and to Tom Brockmiller and Peter Riley who helped me with the presentation.

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Wally Clark presents the guidelines for Ferrari judging at the Ford Design Center's conference center's rotunda.
John Clinard with others in attendance.



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MCDONALD'S TO MCDONNELL- DOUGLAS

Article and Photos By
Bill Makepeace

On March 19th just over 20 FCA-SW members met at the oldest existing McDonald's restaurant on the corner of Florence Ave. and Lakewood Blvd. in Downey, CA. The owners Ron, Nancy, and Steve Piazza graciously provided our group with reserved parking spots and even bought us breakfast. Thank you Piazza family!

After everyone arrived, we left the McDonald's restaurant and avoided freeways by taking back roads through neighborhoods and canyons through parts of LA, Orange, and San Bernardino counties. We arrived at Yank's Air Museum about one hour later. The drive was especially picturesque due to the recent rain and the resulting green hills that unfortunately are all too often brown.

Our destination was Yank's Aircraft museum located at Chino Airport where Yank's provided special parking for our group. James our very knowledgeable docent, related the detailed history of only a few of Yank's 170+ aircraft and provided an informative and interesting tour of the museum.

The collection started with, and was supposed to be limited to, three aircraft. Because of the advanced age of the aircraft, parts needed to restore them can be difficult to find. Yank's restoration team has to travel far and wide to find what they need. James related a story about the need to locate a float for a seaplane Yank's was restoring. They finally found one in Alaska that was filled with dirt and actually used as a planter box! The perfect condition it's now in is a testament to the restoration team at Yank's who take such good care of the museum's collection. In fact, James was so thorough that we ran out of time and had to go to lunch. I had been to the museum before and knew how much there was still left to see. James allowed any of us to come back after lunch and continue our tour.



We enjoyed a delicious lunch and visited with old and new friends at nearby Flo's Airport Café, a tradition at Chino for over 50 years. Some members had other commitments, but most of the group returned to Yank's and many stayed till closing at 4 P.M.

We got to visit the restoration hanger and the "boneyard." James even allowed the group to ride an airplane themed carnival ride. He told us it was suitable for everyone age 8 to 80.

Thanks to all the members who participated in the McDonald's to McDonnell-Douglas event.



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WILLOW SPRINGS

Article By
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Caliphotography

The weatherman threatened us with rain this weekend, so I left the full tread street tires Continental DW Extreme Contact on my instructional vehicle. I actually enjoy driving in the rain, but it is more fun when there is some tread in the contact patch. As it happened, there was very little rain - the weatherman moved it to Monday at our request.

There were quite a few Ferraris, a Lambo and a couple of McLarens, driven by FCA members signed up for the event. Caliphotography was there and I was able to obtain a nice set of high quality on track photos of most of the marque cars. This really helps to celebrate and memorialize the occasion. Anyone who wishes copies of their own can go to the Caliphotography site and order them.

The fact that this event is organized as a High Performance Driving Experience, with qualified Instructors included in the entry fee, means that it is one of the safest ways to enjoy your sports car at speed. If you have the right street insurance policy, such as AAA, you are also covered in the off chance that there is an issue on the track.

All of the Ferraris and McLarens are extremely capable sports cars, which means they can be driven quickly even if the driver has little or no experience taking the optimum line through the corners. This can lead to a cavalier attitude towards learning the correct lines. The Instructors work hard to show the students that the correct line is Smooth, therefore Fast. Once the line is well learned, speed naturally increases, with less stress to both car and driver. Less stress means bigger grins!

In addition to on-track instruction, there is a book by Edwin Reeser, III *Race Track Attack*



Guide -Willow Springs, which is a turn by turn guide - Turn Nine is the most challenging and has eight pages devoted to it. Also, check out the youtube videos by Jack Olsen - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fLCpHnA54cQ>

The next West Coast Racing, Inc. track event with Ferraris welcome will be October 1-2, 2016.

BTW, a street speeding ticket at 100 MPH in California now carries a \$1000 fine! That money would get you to four track weekends, which I highly recommend, and you can go 150 MPH.

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Gary Davis F430 followed by Steve Schwartz McLaren.
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FERRARI SHOW & INSURANCE FORUM RANCHO LOS ALAMITOS

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On March 26th almost 40 FCA-SW members met at the historic Rancho Los Alamitos for a docent led tour of the beautiful adobe house, dramatic gardens and enjoyed an informative talk by noted auto appraiser Lance Coren.

We enjoyed a docent led tour of the adobe house built by the Nieto family between 1800-1834. The old adobe still forms the core of the house that has seen many additions over the years and, the rooms are decorated with period furnishings. The existing gardens were created between 1920 and 1936 and while notable designers were involved the guiding influence is clearly that of Florence Bixby.

In spite of the beautiful setting and knowledgeable docents, the main attraction of this event was our featured speaker Lance Coren who was accompanied by his nephew, Max. Lance and Max spoke for about an hour about the financial facts-of-life relating to owning an exotic car. They provided examples of potential pitfalls relating to insurance coverage and how to avoid them. After Lance's prepared talk, FCA members asked questions relating to their personal cars. Lance is arguably the preeminent appraiser in the exotic car community and several members asked Lance for advice on the values of their cars.

After Lance and Max spoke, we enjoyed a catered lunch under the shade of the Rancho's stately trees. Members also enjoyed views of friendly farm animals, the beautiful weather and visits with friends. As each member arrived in the morning, there were photographs taken of their cars with the vintage gas pumps from the Rancho in the background. At lunch, framed photographs of the member's cars, printed on site, were given to each member as a souvenir of the day.



Thanks to David Mains for bringing the Rancho to the attention of FCA-SW. It should provide a great place to hold future events. Tom Brockmiller also deserves praise for coming up with the concept for the event and providing invaluable advice and help. Last but not least, thanks to all the members who participated in the Rancho event.

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AARON'S FLYING A AND BEN'S RACE

PASADENA GARAGE TOUR

Article By Jim Bindman Photos By Bill Makepeace

On a beautiful spring morning, 60 people were treated to two exceptional private collections: Aaron Weiss' Flying A Garage in Pasadena and Ben Reiling's Race Garage in Arcadia. Both Aaron and Ben were on hand to give us insight into their amazing collections and had some entertaining, informative and often hilarious car stories.

The Flying A Garage has over 40 cars, mostly pre-war convertibles including some very rare V16's. Some notable cars are Aaron's six V16 Cadillacs and two V16 Marmons (very rare), 1931 Duesenberg Model J, 1929 Auburn Boattail Speedster and a 1937 Supercharged Cord. All the cars are Pebble Beach quality. When Aaron is in the mood for a little more modern ride, there are the E-Type Jag and Speedster Porsche and several exceptional Mercedes-Benz. The restorations are world class and all the cars would be welcome in the finest automotive museums. The attention to detail on the pre-war cars is the most impressive element, definitely lacking in modern mass produced cars.

Ben Reiling's passion is SPEED! Virtually all his cars are race cars or track stars, and Ben drives ALL his cars! Some especially wonderful examples are the 1966 Lola T70 Can Am car, the 1966 Shelby GT-350 Supercharged (1 of 52) the 1955 Devin Chevy racer, and the Bonneville 1929 B Gas Roadster which was clocked at 222 MPH when Ben last did a Bonneville run. His nearing completion racer on a fire-engine chassis with fire-engine engine is totally unbelievable! There are vintage Sprint cars, motorcycles and go-carts and a 750 HP Chevy pickup truck... ..everything Ben has is FAST!



Both Aaron and Ben were very generous to welcome us on a Saturday and especially to share so many interesting facts with our members. This is a popular event and we have been invited back by both Aaron and Ben. Thank you Aaron and Ben!

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SANTA ANITA THOROUGHBREDS

CAVALLINO CLASSICO II

Article and Photos By
Bill Makepeace

The weather forecast was for heavy rains the Saturday night before and the morning of our event at Santa Anita Racetrack. The horses run in the rain and we had covered seating, but we had a drive planned through twisty mountain roads of Angeles National Forest. I kept checking the weather reports hoping for a break in the rain. Fortunately, the weather cooperated and we had almost zero rain for our event.

More than half of the participants met at Sergio's Mexican Restaurant on Historic Route 66 in Glendora for the 90 min. scenic drive to the track.

Almost 40 FCA-SW members participated in the event at the world famous horse racing venue in Arcadia, CA. The park provided a special parking area for our "thoroughbreds" and a docent led tram tour of the beautiful grounds. We learned a lot about the history of the track, the jockeys, and the horses who competed there.

Our group then went to the "Director's Room" overlooking the track with a beautiful view of the local mountains. The room's fine carved pine paneling, designed by the renowned architect William Kent, was crafted in the 1740s for Lord Rothschild in Suffolk, England. The Los Angeles Turf Club brought the interior from England along with a pair of English Regency cut-glass chandeliers circa 1820. It proved to be a beautiful and elegant setting for our time at the track. It was a great place to enjoy our buffet lunch.

We had a "betting Ambassador" named George who guided members through the wagering process and explained the racing jargon. Some members actually won money! The third race was dedicated to



the FCA and all of us were allowed to go to the winner's circle to meet the winning jockey. There, photos were taken of the entire group in the winner's circle. A very appropriate setting for our own group of winners. Everyone who works at the track went out of their way to accommodate our group in a friendly and professional manner.

Santa Anita is a beautiful venue and Cavallino Classico II proved to be a great event. Everyone I spoke to seemed to be enjoying themselves. Good food, good friends, and good weather conspired to provide a long but fun-filled day at the races. Thanks to Dennis Levine for co-chairing the event and interfacing with the people at Santa Anita. Dennis and I would like to thank every member who participated. Without your participation the FCA-SW would not be the great club that it is.

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MEMBER PROFILE

LISA CLARK RACER AT HEART

Article By Jim Hunter Photos Courtesy Lisa Clark

"I would say definitely it's that intense focus, at the same time being able to make decisions quickly, not anxiously." Lisa Clark is gentle, cordial, collected. Making her acquaintance, few would likely fathom her behind the wheel of a 560-hp Ferrari Challenge racing car.

"I was raised by just my Dad, so I grew up as a tomboy. Dad was really into dirt bikes, so at ten I got my first dirt bike. Growing up in Arizona it's all about desert and throwing the bikes in the back of the truck. That was our weekend ritual, just spending time in the desert having fun on dirt bikes."

"I learned to drive in the desert in a Ford F-150, standard shift. I had to learn how to come out of those hills and valleys, let the clutch out to get back up and not stall." By the time Lisa got to high school, her Dad helped her into her first car. "We got a CJ-5 Jeep that didn't run. We towed it to the house and he had me watch him take everything apart and I had to put it back together! My whole summer was spent rebuilding a Jeep engine. It was a great bonding experience, and it all kind of revolved around an engine that just fascinated me."

In time, I bought my first sports car - a Porsche 914. I started doing autocross with the Porsche club and having fun there." Lisa later acquired her first Ferrari, a 348 and it was "amazing." "I loved the sound of that car. I just loved the manual shift and listening to my music. I would put on Bocelli and run through the mountains. I loved it so much, just that organic Ferrari feel."

Lisa, however, would soon face a somewhat unexpected dilemma. "I always wanted a brand new Porsche, but the deal was, as my husband said, 'keep the Ferrari for a year and when the Porsche comes in you'll sell the Ferrari.' I was like, 'Yeah, definitely!'"

"Well, a year later they called. 'Your Porsche's here and its beautiful,' but I didn't want to sell the Ferrari. I handed them the keys and my husband was looking at me like 'isn't this the greatest-what you've always wanted?' I was trying to be happy because he made it happen for me but at the same time I was kind of disappointed. It was a real bummer because the Ferrari was just so fun."

Lisa never lost sight of her desire for another Ferrari. "That's when I hooked up with Beverly Hills and ordered a California. I joined the FCA and started doing some canyon runs and became friends with a few of the guys. I started taking it on very casual track days but felt like I wanted more." She soon learned of Ferrari's Pilota program.

"I went through Corsa Pilota and Evoluzione, and set my eye on Ferrari Challenge. I went to Sonoma, watched a race and really networked, started working with an instructor in a track car and started racing go-karts. If I can do that at my stage in life, Challenge would be great."

Lisa will start Ferrari Challenge next year after getting a little more time on track with the EXR series. "I'm going to do the first race at CoTA." Her plan is to complete the EXR season and continue in karting.

She will also soon enjoy another Ferrari experience, the May arrival of her 488 GTB. "It's yellow, black interior with yellow, bumble bee-like. It's very exciting, going through the motions, picking everything out."

Given Lisa's composure, it's not surprising that she's going racing after all. "I absolutely think it's focus, being on your game in the moment, in the actual second, being further ahead than that at the time."



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