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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear FCA Members:

When this *Sempre Magazine* arrives, the 2007 election will be over and the new Board of Directors will be formed. From this Board, and per our By-laws, the Election Committee will put forth their recommendation for the new Regional Officers, which requires a vote of approval from the new Board. The Officers positions are President, Vice-President, and Secretary. The new Board will start with this very important task. With the approval of the Officers my two year term as President will come to an end and I will move on to the position of Chairman of the Board. It is my opinion that this is essentially an honorary role with my vote being cast only in the case of a deadlocked tie vote by the Board – should that ever happen.

It has been an honor, as well as a terrific experience, to serve as your President and Regional Director. I have been supported by an outstanding group of Officers and Board of Directors. Together, as a team, we have attempted, and I believe succeeded in pushing our organization yet further ahead in providing the services, and events to be enjoyed by all. I strongly encourage our membership to become more involved in the monthly meetings, develop your own position in the group, and run for office as a Board Member. Our Directors and Officers are diverse with varying skill sets and personalities. They have created a dynamic environment from which our organization has prospered. In short, we have had fun in the development of our growth.

I would like to thank my fellow officers Carlos Amato (Vice-President), Doug Prestine (Secretary), Demetri Zafaris (Treasurer), the Board of Directors and Chairpersons who served in 2005, 2006, and 2007. Also, my thanks to all the Regional Members who participated in our monthly meetings and contributed to the accomplishments during my Presidency. As I reflect on the past two years some achievements that stand out in my mind are:

- The drafting, development and adoption of our Regional By-Laws.
- The creation of the Area Coordinator program.
- The re-birth of the Giant Sequoia "Mad Dash."
- The Gourmet Ride and Drives.
- The ongoing refinement of our *Sempre Magazine* and web site.
- Our first annual FCA/CHP 11-99 Foundation Golf Tournament.

These are but a few of the achievements that many of you have worked on so diligently to create, and maintain the quality of this organization that I have become so proud of.

Since I started attending the Board meetings in the last decade I have gained life-long friendships, many good memories of ride and drives, and a great sense of accomplishment. Serving as President is a truly rewarding experience that I would recommend to my fellow Ferrari enthusiasts.

In the future, I hope to see many new faces participate in the meetings who develop into the next generation of Directors and Officers.

Once again, thank you for allowing me the pleasure of serving you!

See you on the road or autostrade!

Walter B. Meyer

Regional Director / President

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FCA Southwest Region events in **bold**

July

- 14th** **Southwest Region Board Meeting** 9:00AM.
- 15th** **FCA SW Ferrari Corral at the Art Center Car Classic '07** Sunday. 100 rare and exotic vehicles on display including classics, sports cars, racecars and hot rods/customs. Special opportunity to park your Ferrari on-site in corral. Limited space available. Info: Peter G. Kudrave - 213-955-0005, kudravearchitects@yahoo.com. Event Information page **R2**.
- 21st** **Tech Session at The Auto Gallery's new Service Facility** Saturday, 9 AM. Event Information page **R1**.

August

- 11th** **Southwest Region Board Meeting** 9:00AM
- 16th** **Ride & Drive to Monterey** Thursday. Meet at The Auto Gallery in Calabasas 8 AM for a Hot buffet breakfast. Depart 9 AM, lunch at the Shore Cliff. Info: Jim Bindman - cool4re@hotmail.com. Event Information page **R3**.
- 17-19th** **Monterey Weekend Pacific Region** Vintage Ferrari Concours, Saturday dinner and Corral & Tent at the Monterey Historic Races. Event Information page **R4**.
- 18th Khaki's 9th Annual Barnyard Ferrari Event in Carmel. Exotic cars, food & wine. Info R3.
- 29th - Sept 2nd** **FCA National, Watkins Glen, NY** The Ferrari Club of America Annual Meet is a 5-day, national event surrounded by a renowned track, concours and hospitality center.

September

- 4-8th Ferrari Challenge Rally of Virginia
- 8th** **Southwest Region Board Meeting** 9:00 AM
- 23rd** **Sherwood Country Club Show & Shine** Sunday. Picnic and car show at exclusive Westlake Village country club with golf courses designed by Jack Nicklaus. Box lunch/drinks and awards presented. Rick Principe. Event Information page **R5**.

October

- 7th Concours at Strawberry Farms
- 13th** **Southwest Region Board Meeting** 9:00 AM
- 26-28th** **Avila Beach Concours Weekend** Ride, Rally and Concours. Friday Ride & Drive to the Central Coast with evening Reception Dinner. Saturday Rally with evening Gala Dinner. Sunday Concours at the Avila Beach Resort. Event Information page **R6-7**.

November

- 3-4th Ferrari Drivers Invited to Open Track Event at Willow Springs Raceway. Safely run your car at speed on a road-racing course. Instructors for beginners. Info: Jim Saxton 818-755-9555.
- 4th Best of France and Italy Car Show, Woodley Park, Van Nuys. Featuring a Ferrari swap meet. Sunday. Info: Wally Clark - 714-630-9202, clarkinc@pacbell.net.
- 10th** **Southwest Region Board Meeting** 9:00 AM

December

- 8th** **Southwest Region Board Meeting** 9:00 AM
- 8th** **Christmas Party at the Jonathan Club Santa Monica** Details TBD.

FCA Southwest Region Board Meetings - All Members Welcome!

Held the second Saturday of each month at 9:00AM at the Petersen Automotive Museum, 6060 Wilshire Blvd (at Fairfax), Los Angeles CA 90036 unless otherwise specified.

OTHER AUTOMOTIVE EVENTS

August 12, 2007, Sunday afternoon FCA member, Robert De Pietro, is organizing a display of Ferraris on the tennis court as part of the Patrons of Italian Culture Ferragosto Event at Villa Francesca in the Los Feliz Hills. A buffet, entertainment and fashion show will be part of the garden festivities. If you are interested in displaying your Ferrari, please contact Robert De Pietro. Office: 323-257-4253, Cell: 323-314-0068, email: rdp.fdpands@sbcglobal.net.

IN YOUR AREA MONTHLY EVENTS HELD BY REGION AREA COORDINATORS

Meet Ferrari friends at a designated spot each month for an informal gathering. Everyone is welcome.

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FIRST SUNDAY EACH MONTH

On the first Sunday of each month you can enjoy a buffet style brunch with an ocean view with fellow Ferrari owners and host Tom Brockmiller at the Dana Point Yacht Club. The price is only \$15 payable at the door with preferred parking allocated for your Ferrari. Arrive between 9 – 9:30 AM. The Dana Point Yacht Club is located at 24399 Dana Drive in Dana Point.

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SECOND SUNDAY EACH MONTH

Join host Mark Process and fellow Ferrari owners on the second Sunday of each month for an informal "Show and Shine" at the Village Coffee Roaster in Woodland Hills. Breakfast is available at Labels Tables as well as a fine selection of coffees and teas at the Roaster. Interesting and rare vehicles are always the attraction as well as the exchange of car stories, racing news and club gossip. Arrive between 8:30 and 9 AM at 23351 Mullholland Drive, Woodland Hills.

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FORMULA ONE VIEWING

MONACO GRAND PRIX AT FERRARI OF NEWPORT BEACH

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Tom Brockmiller
and Wally Clark

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On Sunday, May 27th we were the guests of Ferrari of Newport Beach where we enjoyed their beautiful new Ferrari & Maserati showroom and watched the Monaco Grand Prix.

While all F1 racing is exciting, this particular venue offers challenges beyond the norm with its tight street circuit. The first three grid starters finished in the same order as they started, rather typical for this race. They were Alonso, Hamilton and Massa, in that order with two McLarens and our beloved Ferrari as the podium finishers.

Our gracious host, Bill Story, along with service manager Alan Woodard and Classic manager John Amette were in attendance, as well as over 60 of our own membership.

Ferraris adorned the entire front parking lot from a few vintage to the newest 599 GTB's. Amanda Thompson, marketing and retail director, offered a 10% discount on Ferrari regalia with good success. Our special thanks to her for being our liaison with the dealership. It so happens she had just returned from her honeymoon. We congratulate the Thompsons.

Many members participated in the offer to have a demonstration drive in the newest Maserati Quattroporte Automatica. A stunning automobile with exacting performance.

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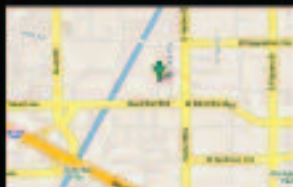
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EARTH DAY DRIVE TO OJAI

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Participants

Event Co-Chairs
Bob Boas and Tino Mingori

The Ferraris performed beautifully during their spirited gallop through the valleys and across the hills to Ojai, our destination for the day. Ferrari windshield wipers are rarely used, but on this day they did turn out to be rather handy. The event was advertised as the first ever Green Ferrari driving event. In keeping with this theme our excursion resembled a wet season drive arranged by the Ferrari Club of Ireland. We had mist, cool weather and some light rain. Nevertheless, our hearty group of participants seemed to enjoy themselves as Ferrari drivers generally do.

After negotiating almost 170 miles of beautiful and challenging back roads, we arrived at the lovely Ranch House Restaurant on the outskirts of Ojai. People found their way to the inviting entrance, and it was time to relax to enjoy the company of the other drivers and passengers. The conversation at our table began to flow, but inevitably the following question had to be asked, "Can you tell us once again about the miles of sun drenched roads that were scheduled for this event?" Actually, some of our pre-drive hyperbole did refer to beautiful sunlight, gorgeous vistas and miles of trouble free driving. So much for truth in advertising. In our defense it would have to be said that there were numerous gorgeous vistas and also many miles of exciting trouble free driving. It was mainly in the sunlight department where we fell a bit short.



Entrance to the Ranch House Restaurant.



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The brunch at the Ranch House must be singled out for special praise. We were allowed to select from among seven tempting entrees, and the staff worked very hard to make us feel welcome. After a relaxing hour or two at the Ranch House, people were ready for a leisurely drive home. The issue of how much work would be required to clean up the cars could be put aside until another day. **SF**



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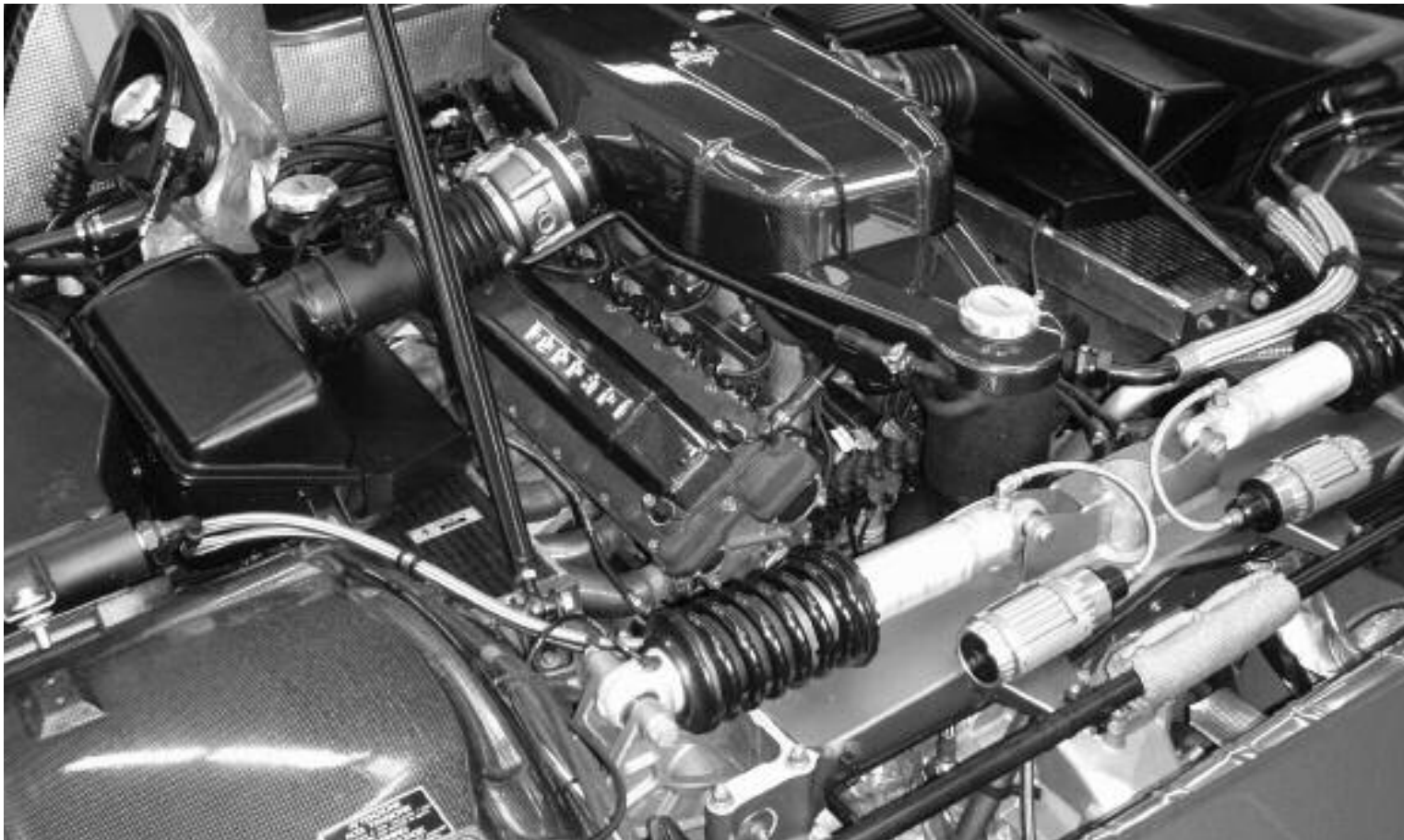


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MAINTAINING YOUR FERRARI

Article and Photo By
Marshall Buck

So you've just purchased a new Enzo, or a nice used 355 and you've been told that the annual maintenance (or every 5000 miles) is \$2,000, and includes engine and transmission oil, cooling system, clutch and brake fluid flush and replace, and appropriate filters. Since you have three Ferraris you figure that you'll only drive the car 1000 miles a year, so you can just defer that service for a few years. Wrong—that could be a mistake.

I discussed the issue of low mileage Ferraris and maintenance with Alan Woodard and John Amette of Orange County Ferrari, Graziano Negroni and Jerry Hicks of Beverly Hills Ferrari, Chuck Houck of the Auto Gallery, and independent Carl Steuer of Blackhorse Motors, and there is general consensus that there are excellent reasons for regular service intervals, with differing opinions based on individual experience.

It is a fact that disuse is not good for a car, as impressive as a low teen mileage number may seem on the counter at auction. Ferraris are meant to be driven, and if neglected there are a variety of issues which arise, in the worst case a used car syndrome Houck called "lot rot." Gas goes bad, oil seals leak, shocks freeze up, tires deteriorate from ozone, and you aren't having as much fun as you should.

There are several issues: first normal usage causes hot air to exit, and colder air to enter the open cavities of the engine and transmission, which adds moisture to the internals. Moisture combines with metals to cause corrosion, especially of the car isn't fully warmed up during use.

The hydraulic fluid in the clutch and braking systems is hydrophilic, that is it attracts and holds water. This water lowers the boiling point of the fluid, and causes corrosion. Thus, brake (and clutch) fluid should be renewed at least every 18 to 24 months, or just before a track event, where brakes will be used hard.

The coolant in the radiator is a mixture of antifreeze and water. If it is tap water it contains minerals which can precipitate corrosion, after the anti freeze has lost its anti-corrosion components due to age. Alan suggested that for a low usage collector car, a mix of distilled water and anti freeze could be left in place for two to four years without worry. Normally, every 12 to 24 months is adequate.

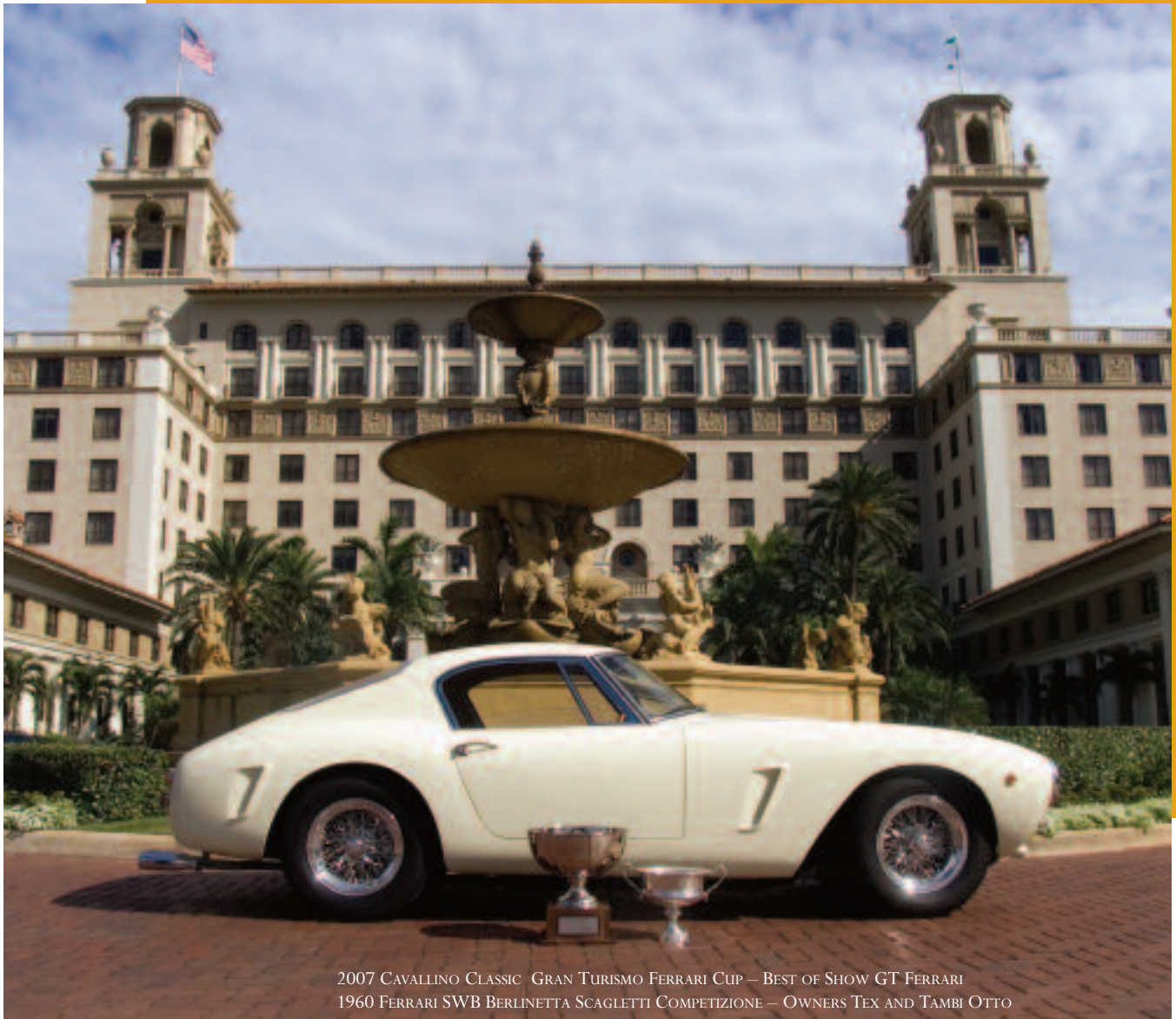
The last point is the benefits of having an experienced mechanic check your Ferrari over top to bottom regularly for other issues which, if uncorrected, could cause expensive problems down the road.

It is important to find a dealer or shop that you trust. Never take your Ferrari to a SleeZ Lube or a Gypsi Lube – there was a sad case of one of those outfits mistaking the transaxle drain plug on a Dino 246 for the engine drain, draining the transaxle, then over filling the engine – resulting in a failed trans.

Your Ferrari can reward you with high performance and satisfying reliability, but only if it is treated to the expert care and fresh fluids it needs to cool and lubricate it properly.

The best advice I can offer is to drive that Prancing Horse often and hard (after it's fully warmed up) – and the Ferrari Club offers great opportunities to do that in the company of fellow enthusiasts. **SF**

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FCA SOUTHWEST GOLF TOURNAMENT

A NEAR HOLE-IN-ONE GOLF CLASSIC

Article and Photos By
Peter G. Kudrave Chairman, Annual Golf Classic

Dampened but not rained out, our first ever FCA Southwest Region /CHP 11-99 Foundation Golf Tournament started on Friday, April 20, as planned with hot breakfast served at The Auto Gallery, then escorted by California Highway Patrol onto Robinson Ranch Golf Club in Santa Clarita. Under unseasonably wet conditions, golfers willingly waited for a break. Then, just 15 minutes prior to the shotgun start, local skies parted and play soon got underway. Moses could not have helped us with greater deft or precision.

One hundred twenty golfers, friends and supporters attended the event, staying for a fun-filled dinner program. At play, one competitor drove his Ferrari logoed ball 195 yards with precision onto the 14th green. According to an off-duty Patrolman, stopping just "one inch" short of winning Auto Gallery's sponsored quarter-million dollar Corso Rosso Ferrari 430 Coupe.

Prior to dinner, golfers competed in our 165 yard shootout onto 18th green for a second bite of the apple, that elusive 430 Coupe. Shawn Parr, KKGO Country Radio's star disc jockey successfully auctioned highly sought



Participants had the chance to win a new F430 from The Auto Gallery.

after prizes including: American Airlines first-class roundtrip to Ritz-Carlton Bachelor Gulch resort; all expense paid US Grand Prix at Indy; several complete golf and city getaways at exclusive hotels, CHP 11-99 Lifetime Memberships and Highway Patrol ride-alongs—grossing nearly \$27 thousand for the charity event. And, more than \$6 thousand was awarded to a lucky participant as his share of our cash raffle drawing.

We were pleased to have several top ranking CHP officers playing along with Dave Helsel, Director of 11-99 Foundation, joining the dinner program. As a manner of course, Robinson Ranch management and staff did a fine job accommodating our every need. With



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strong committee support from club members Marv Landon, Doug Prestine, Tex Otto, Demetri Zafiris as well as CHP Officer John Lutz, this was a pleasant event.

Two golf courses have been reserved at Robinson Ranch for our second annual event to be held on Friday, May 16, 2008. Plans have already been laid for sunny play-

conditions, greater participation of our charity Foundation as well as California Highway Patrol, and producing magic golf balls designed with one additional inch of roll to win the brand new 430 Ferrari or, perhaps, a 599.

Plan on participating in next year's even better and bigger tournament. **SF**



FCA SW CHALLENGES MOTHER NATURE ONCE AGAIN

CORONA AIRPORT OPEN HOUSE

Article By
Don West

Photos By
Wally Clark, Tom Brockmiller and Marshall Buck

Last April, the FCA-SW golf outing started on a miserable day of steady rain. By 10 A.M. the rain tapered off and we started what would become a great day and event.

Our Corona Airport event had a beautiful sunny day combined with a 30 to 40 miles per hour cross-wind coming over the runway. Only 3 or 4 of the heavier planes would chance a take-off or landing. A beautifully restored Piper Cub took off, managing to stay right side up, but we never saw him again. He must have had a destination with a runway sans cross-wind.

As in the past three Corona events, we were hosted by FCA'ers Fred Peters and Charles Betz. Over 45 Ferraris showed up, including several '50s classics and racing roadsters. Almost every model from the 1950's to the current Ferrari offerings were on display in the special parking area next to the runway. Over 85 people enjoyed a homemade Mexican buffet catered by the ever popular "Betsy". There was praise by all for the quality and quantity of the servings.

Several pilots opened up their hangers for us to check out their beautifully restored planes which dated back to the 1940's. The 150 people who attended this event all seemed pleased and asked to do it again in a couple of years.

The FCA Southwest Region wishes to again thank Fred and Charles for making this event possible with the use of their beautiful Airport Terrace Facility with much appreciation for the Corona airport pilots for opening their hangers for the enjoyment of our members. **SF**

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From top:
Corona Airport's front apron was filled with our Ferraris. Charles' and Fred's Airport Terrace allowed members a high-flying vantage point to view the cars.

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Above left to right from top down:
 Tom Shaughnessy's 1954 375 MM. Everyone enjoyed the delicious Mexican buffet on the terrace overlooking the airport apron filled with Ferraris.
 Vintage Ferraris in formation. People milling about the Ferraris and hangars. Jack Curtis' 456 finally made it in print. Don West keeping everyone in line.
 Open and closed Daytonas. Charles Betz's 250 SWB surrounded by Ferrari racing cars.

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2ND ANNUAL

LOS ANGELES CONCOURS

AT THE ROSE BOWL

Article and Photos By
Wally Clark

On Sunday, June 3, 2007, the second annual L.A. Concours was held under beautiful blue skies on the Brookside Golf Course adjacent to the Rose Bowl in Pasadena.

There were over 300 cars on the field and the feature this year was race cars. These included cars that originally ran around the Rose Bowl (midgets) to race cars from every era. Tom Shaughnessey's Ferrari 375MM was a winner in the class along with a spectacular Lola GTP car.

The Ferrari classes were well attended and were split into two classes- early (250/275/330) and late (up to 1984).

CONCOURS WINNERS

EARLY FERRARIS

- 1st - 1964 Ferrari 250 GT/L Lusso, Alan Hart
- 2nd - 1965 Ferrari 275 GTB Alloy, Ken Roath
- 3rd - 1967 Ferrari 330 GTC, Jim Gianopolis

LATE FERRARIS

- 1st - 1968 Ferrari 365 GT 2+2, Anthony Pfannkuche
- 2nd - 1972 Ferrari Dino 246 GTS, Dennis Williams
- 3rd - 1972 Ferrari Dino 246 GT, Akram Awad

Best in Show was split into pre-war and post-war categories:

- Pre-war - 1936 Delahaye Competition Cabriolet
- Post-war - 1964 Ferrari Lusso, Alan Hart

Thanks to all the FCA members who helped with the show and brought their cars. **SF**



From top:
Alan Hart's deep maroon 250 Lusso which was awarded with first place in Early Ferraris and Best in Show Post-war. Early Ferraris. Late Ferraris.



DRIVE FOR CHARITY

DAVID FRIEDMAN MEMORIAL RUN

Article and Photos By
Mark Process

On Saturday June 9th, a caravan of over 80 exotic cars headed up the 101 in a memorial celebration of friend and fellow Ferrari owner David Friedman. Since his passing two years ago Dave's son Justin has taken it on himself to organize this fitting tribute to his father by gathering old friends and sports car enthusiasts for this annual driving event.

This year the day started at the Auto Gallery's Calabasas showroom with a continental breakfast and a sea of red and yellow Ferraris waiting to be unleashed. The drive was escorted by the CHP this year so there were no speeding tickets issued to participants who all displayed a decorative event applique. The weather was sunny and cool driving up the coast and all cars arrived at the Bacara Resort in record time for a cocktail party hosted by sponsors Effin Vodka and Ballz energy drinks. This combination of sponsors resulted in the concoction of the day, appropriately dubbed "Effin Ballz" and yes; it was necessary to have at least two.

Drinks and conversation flowed as people browsed tables filled with sports and Hollywood memorabilia items donated for silent auction by Gallery of Dreams and a shop full of automobile collectibles brought by Ultimate Toyz. A few notable offerings were a Michael Schumacher auto-

graphed helmet, a brake rotor and caliper assembly from Michael's 1999 winning F1 car and a collage of signed photos by the 2006 F1 driver roster. Later, participants were treated to a delicious gourmet lunch served by the resort, elegantly presented with white tablecloths and linens on a grassy plateau overlooking the Pacific Ocean.

Most of the cars participating were late model V8 Ferraris with two new 599's leading the pack; one driven by Justin himself, followed by comedian Chris Tucker who was taking his new stallion on its inaugural run. Accompanying the 60+ Ferraris was a group of ten Lamborghinis, four Maserati Spyders, two Carrera GTs and one original 289 Cobra. Of course all this was for a good cause as 100% of the proceeds generated by the entrance fees were donated to the Santa Barbara Police Activities League, the Our House grief counseling center and Dusty Troyan's Motor 4 Toys.

The turn out for this year's Friedman Memorial indicates that interest in this kind high profile charity event is gaining popularity with the exotic car community. I applaud Justin Friedman in his efforts to expand the quality and diversity of this event and anticipate it will be bigger and better next year, so mark the date on your calendar and sign up early when June comes around in 2008. **SF**



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