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President's Message

Dear FCA Members:

In the last issue of *Sempre Ferrari*, this column focused upon how you as an "Engaged Member" can make a difference in bringing the best Car Club of them all up yet another notch. And what a difference you have made! When the car hobby typically fades into Fall and the focus turns to the Darkness of Winter now before us, your involvement has failed to wane. But then, this is the land of Eternal Sunshine. In Your Area local rides have reached record levels, participation in the early Fall events has been high, registrations for the late October Avila Beach week end event has exceeded expectations and we are seeing more new faces at our monthly Board of Director meetings at the Petersen Auto Museum by members wishful to increase their involvement.

As Fall moves to Winter, your Club continues to offer a choice of activities for you to enjoy. Among available choices are a Track Event, a Swap Meet which for the first time will be in conjunction with the Woodley Park Best of Italy and France Car Show, a Ride and Drive to visit the Murphy Collection in Ventura County and the Holiday Party which this year will be in Santa Monica at the Jonathan Club at the Beach. These events are in addition to the In Your Area informal gatherings on the schedules set forth in Sempre Ferrari and online at www.fca-sw.org.

It's up to you as an Engaged Member to take part in the fun. So Register Early and Register Often. Take advantage of a life where the sun always shines and fellow members are always ready to enjoy your company.

I'll look forward to seeing you there!



Doug Prestine Regional Director / President Ferrari Club of America, Southwest Region 2007-2009



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- R2 Murphy Automobile Collection Tour & Lunch Demetri Zafiris
- R3 Christmas Luncheon Peter G. Kudrave
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participation

at our

events!



FCA Southwest Region events in **bold**

November

10th Southwest Region Board Meeting 9:00 AM, Petersen Automotive Museum

11th Murphy Automobile Collection Tour Sunday. View over 70 antique and classics

automobiles including a large collection of Packards. Meet at 10 A.M. in Oxnard. Lunch included

after Tour. Demetri Zafiris chairperson. Information page R3.

11th San Fernando Valley - In Your Area Gathering

11th South Bay - In Your Area Gathering
 18th South Bay - In Your Area Gathering
 25th South Bay - In Your Area Gathering

December

1st West Los Angeles - In Your Area Drive

2nd Orange/Riverside County - In Your Area Gathering

2nd Ventura County - In Your Area Gathering2nd South Bay - In Your Area Gathering

8th Southwest Region Board Meeting 9:00 AM, Petersen Automotive Museum

8th Christmas Party at the Jonathan Club Santa Monica Saturday, 12 Noon Reception with

Hors D'oeuvres and Champagne served on balcony overlooking Santa Monica Bay. Gourmet Luncheon with wine in the Catalina Room. Seasonal music. Ferrari Corral. Peter G. Kudrave.

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9th San Fernando Valley - In Your Area Gathering

9th South Bay - In Your Area Gathering
 16th South Bay - In Your Area Gathering
 23th South Bay - In Your Area Gathering
 30th South Bay - In Your Area Gathering

January 2008

5th West Los Angeles - In Your Area Drive

6th Orange/Riverside County - In Your Area Gathering

6th Ventura County - In Your Area Gathering6th South Bay - In Your Area Gathering

12th Southwest Region Board Meeting 9:00 AM, Petersen Automotive Museum

13th San Fernando Valley - In Your Area Gathering

South Bay - In Your Area Gathering
 South Bay - In Your Area Gathering
 Cavallino Classic - Palm Beach, FL
 South Bay - In Your Area Gathering

February

9th Southwest Region Board Meeting 9:00 AM, Petersen Automotive Museum

Tom's Ortega Run - Meet at Ortega Highway for Drive. Tom Shaughnessy's Garage, Oceanside, Open House, Barbecue. Tom Brockmiller: 949-716-2395, ferrariracer@cox.net.

March

9th Southwest Region Board Meeting 9:00 AM, Petersen Automotive Museum

April

9th Southwest Region Board Meeting 9:00 AM, Petersen Automotive Museum

May

9th Southwest Region Board Meeting 9:00 AM, Petersen Automotive Museum
 16th 2008 Annual Golf Classic at Robinson Ranch, Friday, Tournament and Dinner.

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

Sunday, December 2, 2007, 4th Annual Motor4Toys Charity Exotic Car Show 9am-1pm. Attempting to break Guinness Record with over 400 Ferraris in attendance! We need your help to reach our goal. Admission is at least one new, unwrapped toy valued at \$10 or more. Be a part of Ferrari History! Location: Countrywide, 31303 Agoura Road, Westlake Village, CA 91361. Please register at: www.motor4toys.com or www.ferrariworldrecord.com for more details. Contact: Dustin Troyan at 818.516.5053, email: D@Motor4Toys.com.

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.

ORANGE/RIVERSIDE COUNTIES



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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.

San Fernando Valley



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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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Join Doug Prestine on the first Saturday of each month for a scenic drive through the Santa Monica Mountains and the camaraderie of fellow FCA driving enthusiasts. The tour typically ends at a destination restaurant for a no host lunch. Arrive before 9 AM at the Palisades Highlands shopping center located on Palisades Drive 1 block north of Sunset Blvd in West L.A. Coffee, breakfast snacks and rest rooms are available prior to departure.

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PICNIC AND CASUAL CONCOURS

SHERWOOD COUNTRY CLUB SHOW & SHINE Article By Mark Process Mary Landon

It is almost becoming a fact of meteorological science that if southern California needs rain, all you have to do is schedule an FCA event. With a torrential rainstorm the night before, it looked like our inaugural Sherwood Country Club Show and Shine would get washed out. Fortunately, early that Sunday morning the sun came out and the clouds diminished along with any concerns about rolling a freshly detailed Ferrari out of the garage.

To make this more of a driving event we arranged for groups of cars to assemble and depart from our local area meeting points; Orange County, West L.A., San Fernando Valley and Ventura County to converge simultaneously at the Sherwood site. Once inside the gates it was a short cruise through the picturesque grounds of the country club to a large open lawn area adjacent to the tennis courts where over 30 cars were placed on display in a truly elegant setting. Included in our array of Maranello masterpieces were a pair of 330 GTCs, two Daytonas, a perfectly restored 365 GT, a 1961 250 GTE, an argento silver Enzo and a new 599 GTB trailered in by the Auto Gallery who generously allowed everyone a chance to sit in the cockpit.

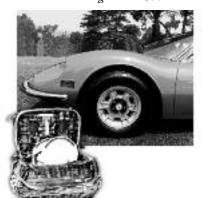
Although our event was not open to the public, the size of the crowd did not seem to matter as the great weather and familiar faces made this event more like an FCA family picnic than a formal concour.

The highlight of the afternoon was the judging for trophies. Each person was given an equal opportunity to vote for the cars of their choice in categories like the oldest and fastest Ferrari. The activity afforded everyone a chance to participate and made for interesting conversations and debates over which car was most deserving, all in all a good time was had by all. **SF**

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Top photos of award winners: Left to right are Rick Principe, Bill Thompson, Mark Process, Bill Kling and Ron Sechrist.



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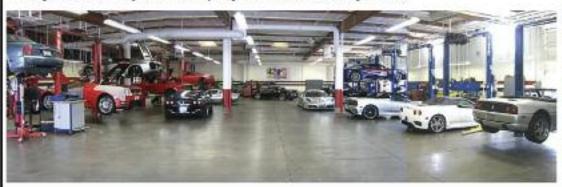




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WEEKEND KICKOFF FROM THE AUTO GALLERY

Monterey Ride & Drive

Article By

Jim Bindman and Mark Process

Photos By
Craig Wentz

It was a beautiful August morning in the San Fernando Valley, but instead of birds singing, the sound of exotic sportscars filled the air as over 40 Ferraris arrived at the Auto Gallery for the annual FCA Ride and Drive to Monterey and the Historics weekend. As the early morning participants arrived and signed in they were treated to a gournet breakfast buffet featuring made-to-order omelets and a huge variety of pastries, fruit juices and coffee. Our thanks to Obi Okeke and his team at the Auto Gallery as they once again exceeded our expectations with this wonderful send-off. At 9 a.m., we began our journey with a TV helicopter hovering above and a CHP patrol car escorting our caravan of Ferraris onto the freeway in a dazzling procession of red, yellow and silver as we headed out on the open road to Pismo Beach.

The CHP escort departed after we crossed the edge of the San Fernando Valley. Beyond that point, drivers of exotic-type vehicles enroute to Monterey were well scrutinized by the patrolling authorities to ensure that the public is not endangered by cars without a front license plate.

With the rigors of the drive behind us, our group settled into the Shell Beach restaurant at Pelican Point for a well deserved rest stop and buffet lunch. While sharing Continued page 12





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Monterey Ride & Drive

stories and eye witness accounts of the morning's law enforcement activities, we enjoyed a wonderfully prepared feast of grilled chicken and roast beef with numerous salads and side dishes as the sun illuminated a picturesque view of Port San Luis Bay. The view of the water and surround beaches combined with the good food and company encouraged most of us to stay longer than the scheduled one hour stop, but that did not seem to matter.

After getting a few navigational tips from one of our members, we all departed for our next destination; the Monterey Peninsula. All in all, a great day of driving and the perfect start to the best weekend of the year for sportscar enthusiasts.

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Our thanks ro The Auto Gallery who catered our participant's breakfasts and provided a great starting point for our annual Monterey Ride & Drive.



F430 Spider arrives at Auto Gallery. Auto Gallery's showroom parking area filled with awaiting Ride & Drivers.







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hard to find vehicle through their connections with dealers and brokers and assist you in negotiating a fair market price. For many collectors, their leasing company is more like their own personal shopping service for locating and acquiring rare automobiles.

If you like to change cars often, a popular new method of creative financing is called the "Substitution of Collateral" program. In this scenario a buyer can lease any classic car or contemporary exotic for a fixed lease term and exchange mid-lease for a different or newer model without having to sell the existing car to purchase the new one. The benefit to this arrangement is that you don't have to wait to get into the new vehicle, and in some cases if the value has risen on previous model, the profit from the sale can be paid back to you or rolled back into the existing lease. The best advantage of any exotic car lease is that you only have to pay for the period of time you actually own the car, this can mean far lower payments than an outright purchase with bank financing.

A popular method for leasing cars today is to assign a



VINTAGE OR NEW VEHICLE LEASING

CREATIVE FINANCING FOR EXOTIC CARS Article By Mark Process

The world of real estate has always used creative financing as a way to entice buyers and make purchasing fit a prospective customer. Today, many of these same principals have become useful in the financing of classic and exotic automobiles as they share a similar quality with real estate, an expanding marketplace and escalating resale values. While many exotic car acquisitions are straightforward and handled by the dealer, we thought it might be interesting to explore some of the possibilities that now exist in today's market for alternative methods of purchasing and financing exotic cars.

As an FCA member you are most likely familiar with the two leasing companies who advertise in this magazine; Putnam Leasing and Premier Financial Services. While both specialize in high end and exotic car financing, they differ in the specific programs and services they offer. If you are considering a new or used purchase it is a good idea to talk with more than one source to get the best deal for your situation. If you are a collector or frequently change vehicles, it can be worthwhile to investigate what these leasing companies can do for you. Developing a good relationship with a leasing company can prove to be an enormous benefit for exotic car enthusiasts as they can smooth the wrinkles out of even the most complex car deals. Programs like collateral replacement plans and pre-qualified funds for acquisitions at auction are a few of the innovative services available through these specialty leasing companies. In fact, in many situations a leasing company can help you locate a

corporation as the primary owner of your vehicle. If you are an owner or are a partner in a business that is incorporated it may be financially smart to lease your next sportscar through a corporation. This is advantageous for two reasons; first, you don't tie up your personal credit with the amount of the lease and second you can write off the lease payments as a business expense. If you do not own a corporation or belong to one, it is quite easy these days to create an LLC, C or S corp. to fit your specific business or personal economic situation. Of course a tax accountant should be consulted in setting up any kind of corporation or tax shelter plan to avoid any conflict with IRS regulations.

You may not realize the real value of your asset if you own an older Ferrari. Just like real estate, the appreciating value of a classic car can be used as collateral to borrow money at a lower interest rate than credit cards or retail credit lines. Classic Ferraris such as pre 1970's models or limited production cars will most likely have resale values substantially higher than their original purchase price. Combine this with a lease back program to your corporation and you can benefit not only from the low interest money, but the re-payment of the loan can also be tax deductible.

Regardless of your financial requirements, a wide variety of options are available today for exotic car customers. Talk with either of the leasing companies listed above before making your next purchase and exercise your best option. **SF**

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AN EXPERIENCE IN ATTENDING

FCA NATIONAL MEET

Article and Photos By Tom Brockmiller

Mary Landon and I journeyed east through the portals of Chicago in route to Rochester, New York, and ultimately to attend our club's International meet. It was held in Corning for the third time, in this quaintly beautiful and historical town. Our intentions were to judge on Thursday, observe the sensational Watkins Glen track facility on Friday, then fly out on Saturday. Our visits were rewarded by gorgeous weather if not a bit sticky.

Thursday's concours was exciting for many reasons, but to top them all was the setting. Ferraris of all vintages were parked on the Main Street of Corning in front of late 19th century architecture. The field was represented by a display of 360 and 430 Challenge cars, understandable with the outstanding reputation of the Watkins Glen track. The early judged cars were represented by such notables as Jon Shirley's 250TR, Peter Kalikow's 250GT PF Series 1 Cab and Brian Ross' 166. There is now a Class 12 "Modern" to include 360s, 550s, and 575s and on down. Class 10 was for "Supercars" and I felt privileged to judge, along with Doug Freedman and Brian Hoyt, a group of five F40s, a 288GTO, a F50 and believe it or not a 333SP, for which we gave a resounding "WOW". We were generous awarding five of the class "Platinos", which were all well deserved.

Can you believe the 333SP went on to win a Coppa GT award? The judging processes of Coppa Bella Macchina on a 333SP were difficult. Adhering to most of the listed

tests was virtually impossible. I never could find the light in the cigarette tray. What tray??

Watkins Glen and the history of racing are synonymous. In my mind, the beauty compares only to Road Atlanta, Elkhart Lake or Circuit de Spa-Francorchamp. The elevation changes are awesome and run-off space limited. I tried for a ride in the 333SP but unfortunately the driver's girth was only exceeded by my own.

Marv and I attended the Friday night "Big Bash Affair" at the Corning Glass Museum. It was beautifully orchestrated with dancing, music and truly delectable food stations.

I would like to thank all of the organizers and specifically the FCA Empire State Region for hosting a sensational and well organized event. Appreciation goes especially to Pat and Chris Current, who without their undying dedication, the judging process as well as all club matters, these National events would not take place. Marv and I had a great time. One more event and one more shirt. **SF**

From top

Marv Landon inspects the row of concours prepared Ferraris on Main Street of Corning, New York. Jon Shirley's impressive 250 TR. Modern lines of Boxer contrast with the historic architecture. Tom Brockmiller in the historied Victory Lane at Watkins Glen raceway.





25TH ANNIVERSARY

NEWPORT CONCOURS D'ELEGANCE Article and Photos By Wally Clark

On Sunday, Oct. 7, 2007 the 25th anniversary of the Newport Beach Concours d'Elegance was held at Strawberry Farms Golf Club in Irvine, CA. There were over 200 cars on the field with about 40 of them Ferraris!

The feature of the event was the last 24 years of Best of Show and Poster cars, with a sub feature of 1932 Fords in honor of the 75th anniversary of the Deuce. The prewar vintage and classic car displays were fabulous with the Best of Show going to a 1931 Cadillac V-16 Sport Phaeton.

The post war classes were well represented, although most were Ferraris. The Best of Show was a 1961 Mercedes Benz 300SL Roadster, which narrowly beat Jack Croul's 1950 Ferrari 195S (the 1950 Mille Miglia winner). And Charles Betz and Fred Peters won "Most Elegant Car" with their 1950 Ferrari 166 Barchetta.

During the festivities the crowd was treated to fly-overs by WWII P-51 Mustang and F6F Bearcat fighter planes.

Thanks to all the FCA members who helped support the show by entering their cars or by serving as judges.

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Jack Croul's 195S Tom Shaughnessey's unrestored 410SA Weston Hook's 500 SuperFast





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3rd 1972 Ferrari Daytona Coupe Simon Car Collection

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Photos clockwise from top: 500 TRC of Family Classic Cars, Ken Roath's 275GTB, Dr. Ron Busutil's TDF, the 275GTB of Don Weber.





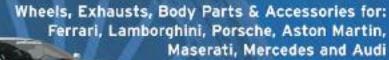






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PALOS VERDES CONCOURS D'ELEGANCE Article By Susanne Andrey Wm. Wm. Craig Hamilton of Craig's Pix

I rump National Golf Club with its magnificent ocean views opened its entire facility September 14-16, 2007 for the Palos Verdes Concours d'Elegance weekend. Events began on Friday evening with the Grand Marshals' Gala, followed on Saturday morning with an early morning breakfast for the Tour d'Epicure Road Rally participants, and Sunday featured the 15th annual Concours d'Elegance classic car show, which both exhibitors and spectators felt was the best ever.

Sunday's Concours brought out the largest crowd ever for the Palos Verdes Concours. Over 5,000 automobile aficionados strolled around Founders Park just below the Trump Clubhouse admiring 200 classic automobiles including a group of vintage motorcycles. The event has signed a five year contract to hold the charity event at Trump National. Contact for 2008 entries is Susanne Andrey @ susan.andrey@gmail.com.

A very special collection of Ferrari's made a showing in this spectacular setting. A 1956 TR 500 (Larry Alderson of Family Classic Cars) was first in line and was the proud winner of Best Sports Car in Show. Given the outstanding competition in this class, the win was quite a feat. Included in the nine car Ferrari Class was a stunning 1965 250 Lusso (Robert DiPietro) a 1956 250 GT Prototipo (Roger Groves), and a Daytona Spyder from the Simon Collection which received the award for First Place. All of the prancing horses in the class were red and an obvious standout in the field.

World renowned race driver and designer of Cobra, Carroll Shelby and Indy Race Car Driver Legend Bill Krause were the event's Grand Marshals.

In honor of Carroll Shelby, the Shelby Cobra was the featured marque at this year's Concours. Other classes included Aston Martin, Jaguar, Lotus, Mercedes Benz, Ferrari, Rolls Royce and Bentley, Corvette and Ford Mustang. **SF**

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Top image: Panorama picture of the Palos Verdes Concours d'Elegance.







Palos Verdes Concours d'Elegance

BEST SPORTS CAR

1956 Ferrari 500 TR

Owned by Larry Alderson, San Juan Capistrano, CA

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1st Ferrari Daytona Spyder #16913

2nd 1956 Ferrari 250 GT Prototype3rd 1965 Ferrari 250 GTL Lusso

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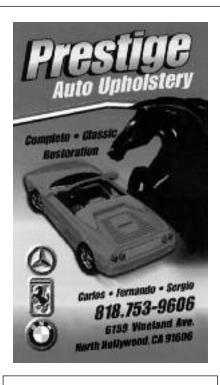
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THE ICE MAN SMILES

Ferrari - World Champions!

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The final race of the Formula One world championship was truly a Cinderella story. With two races remaining in the season's schedule, there was little optimism to think that Kimi could overcome a 17 point deficit to take the title from leader Lewis Hamilton. So many elements needed to happen that were out of the hands of team Scuderia to make it even a possibility: a return of McLaren's unreliability, improbable mistakes by rookie phenom Lewis, continued tension among Ron Dennis' drivers, dependable loyalty by teammate Felipe Massa.... Amazingly, the planets aligned themselves in both China and Brazil with a mix of all of these factors to play into the remarkable finishes, which allowed Kimi Raikkonen to win his first Formula One World Drivers' Championship.

Raikkonen crossed the finish line in Brazil a delighted winner, his sixth victory of the season of his first year with Ferrari. Only Juan-Manuel Fangio had won the title with Formula One's oldest and most famous team in his rookie year with the team.

Kimi Raikkonen: "It is very difficult for me to explain in words what I am feeling at the moment: it is an incredible emotion. I want to thank the team for everything they have done this year. Even when we went through some difficult times and it looked as though there was no way to fight back, we never gave up and this work produced its reward today. Thanks also to my parents, to my wife Jenni and everyone who believed in me. I have achieved what I have been after for a

long time. Now everything else will be an extra. Today, Felipe's help was vital and he was amazing. We had to get a one-two and then see what the others did. This time, things went our way and the unexpected did happen. This has been a very nice year for me during which I have enjoyed Formula 1 like never before. In Ferrari, I have found a great family and I am proud to have won the title with them."

Jean Todt: "A dream that it seemed would be impossible to come true was transformed into reality at the end of a race which the drivers and the team managed superbly, which is self evident from looking at the details of the race. We had to get a one-two and then see what our main competitors could do. We needed a "helping hand" from others, both those in the running for the title as well as those out of the running to bring home both titles. And yes, because not only have we taken the Drivers' title with Kimi, but we also numerically confirmed the Constructors' title that we acquired after the decision of the FIA World Council back on 13 September. Two titles, nine wins, four one-two finishes, nine pole positions, twelve fastest race laps: these are exceptional figures in a season which included some difficult moments, but in which we never gave up the fight."

The 2007 Drivers' Championship is the fifteenth for Ferrari in Formula 1. The Brazil Grand Prix was win number 201 out of 758 Grands Prix entered by Scuderia Ferrari Marlboro and the fifteenth win from 122 F1 races for Kimi.

Congratulations Kimi, Felipe and team Ferrari! SF







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