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Editor Chris Bonk

Editor's Note: Some of you may have noticed that The Vintage Spirit has not been as regular in release as previously and for that I apologize. Due to ongoing business obligations this publication's release may be sporadic. If anyone in the membership is interested in taking over the editorial role of the magazine temporarily it would be a great help to the club. Thanks for your continued readership.

A Message from President Barb Nevoral

As we approach the beginning of our 2017 race season I wish to thank all of you for your support of our club and ALL our volunteers for the countless hours of help to make us the Best Vintage Race Club in the USA. We know our rules state that your 2005 SNELL SA Helmet in NOT VALID for racing with us this year. We understand that some of the new helmets have been recalled and others are in short supply. We don't want you to miss out on any racing due to the lack of being able to secure a new helmet in time for our season opener at GingerMan May 5-7. Knowing that we WILL accept your 2005 SNELL SA helmet on a race to race basis. Our Tech Inspectors will note your Log Book that your helmet is OUTDATED and you will have to replace it as soon as they are back on the market. You will NOT receive an Annual Tech Pass with an outdated helmet.

Also remember that ALL RACE GROUPS except Race Group 1 must have a head and neck restraint by ELVF 2017. We have a sponsorship deal with NecksGen so please contact the VSCDA office for a Great Deal On a NecksGen Restraint.

We are always in need of volunteers at our school and all of our races. So if you can spare some time to help your club please contact the office.

PLEASE don't forget we have added an additional race at Black-hawk Farms Raceway on October 14 and 15.





ELKHART LAKE VINTAGE FESTIVAL XXXII ® **ELVF**

September 15-17, 2017

Event Chairs - Deb & Mike Korneli

We will have two features for night "Welcome to the ELVF" party Our Saturday evening banquet 2017. Porsche will be one of our featured maraues and Formula mond Jubilee. Two great reasons to make the 2017 ELVF one of your must do events.

We will have the return of our special race series, "The Cup Races". The Kimberly, Sheldon and Elkhart original "Cup" races held from and Sunday. 1950-1952 on the roads around Elkhart Lake. These races have Saturday if your schedule permits, For the past eight years everyone become very popular and 2017 will be the 8th year for the "Cup" races. Your grid position is based solely on times; not your class. do not. It also guarantees close racing. Registration begins Thursday afternoon.

group getting two sesions. That should give you ample seat time to get reacquainted with the longest and fastest road course in North America. The traditional onehour enduro, sponsored by Jeff Porasik/Wells Fargo Advisors. benefiting Disabled American Vetlongstanding race always has a full arid of diverse cars. The Friday

is a favorite tradition.

original Road Course Re-enactment. This will be a police escorted tour of the original public road This gives drivers the opportunity race course, for race and street. The, by invitation only show, beas such. We have been doing the do event. re-enactment tour for twenty-Six years and it can attract up to one The ELVF provides something hundred cars. The cars finish the for everyone both on and off the tour and are parked on part of the track. You cannot find a better valoriginal street course in the heart uein vintage racing. More track of the Village of Elkhart Lake. This time for the money! Put it on your erans, will be held late Friday. This event is thoroughly enjoyed by the calendar! participants and the spectators.

will be held at The Osthoff, which borders the original road course Junior will be hosting their Dia- Saturday we have qualifying ses- and overlooks Elkhart Lake. Vic sions, sprint races and the Formula Elford will be the guest speaker Junior Feature Race. Sunday morn- at dinner. "Gather on the Green" ing the group races begin. Mixed will be on the grounds of the Ostin throughout the day will be the hoff Resort. This is a concours in "Cup" races and the Porsche Fea- a wonderful and relaxed setting. ture race. There is also lunchtime Last year we displayed over 125 touring available to spectators cars and motorcycles. There was Lake Cup races are based on the and racecars on both Saturday an eclectic group of cars, many of which were Pebble beach quality.

> you may want to participate in the has listened to live music while enjoying a cocktail and some conversation.

to race against cars they normally cars. The featured margue cars gins in the mid afternoon and will lead the tour behind the police ends when the banquet starts. If escort! This is open to the public. you would like to display one of These roads are listed as a na- your cars please contact us early tional historic monument. Along with your interest. Don't wait until Friday is a practice day, with each with Watkins Glen, these are the the last minute because space is only two sets of roads to be listed limited. This has become a must

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Race Report - Grattan 2016: Everything We Could Hope for and a Little Bit More by Alex Rorke

record 150 cars to Grattan Raceway.

Racers, family, friends, crew and volunteers all exhibited vintage spirit at this challenging and exhila-rating two mile track. Grattan is loaded with 10 corners, ranging from a sweeping banked turn to an off camber down hill left hander, where a mistake could easily place you and your car in a pond. (Unnamed sources say Burt Levy once had that experience.) The twists, turns, elevation changes and 3200 foot main straight all combine to entertain novices and the most experienced racers. There is always a surprise at Grattan. In 2016 we had a first time ever race stop for a potential tornado. Fortunately, the tornadoes

ast year VSCDA's summer racing party drew a skipped Grattan and touched down in neighboring towns without doing substantial damage.

> As in previous years, all drivers will have more than ample track time and the extra activities that add to VSCDA's summer party. They include:

> The Hagerty Paddock Crawl: This will be the fourth year of the Paddock Crawl, which starts on the upper level paddock with post race refreshments and appetizers and then moves to other areas for dinner and dessert. It is a great way for racers from different groups to share food, beer from a local microbrewery and stories.

> The Saturday evening "banquet" will be catered



again by the Grist Mill, which brings high quality food not usually available at a track event. Adding to the fun that evening will be live music from the acclaimed local band "Six Pack." They will play before and after dinner.

Although Grattan is thought of as a regional track, its draw is national and international, especially for the returning CanAm Challenge with our friends from VARAC. The Challenge has inspired great rivalry and racing. Where else would there be an explanation for a Ferrari racing a Mini?

This year the Sports 2000 Grand Prix will debut. Grattan is the perfect track for \$2000's and it will be a thrill to see them racing three across while entering some of Grattan's entertaining turns.

Other highlights will include the Jeff Porasik/Wells Fargo Advisors Enduro, Trans Am B Sedan Series, Spridget Race Series, Formula Vee Challenge and a different kind of touring. --- On Saturday, there will be the traditional touring during lunch. Sunday's touring will feature Rides for Charity, wherein racers take spectators for rides in their cars. Proceeds raised from those rides go to Disabled American Veterans.

Event Chair Alex Rorke noted the VSCDA event at Grattan has been fortunate to have large numbers of dedicated volunteers and track workers. They join the racers in the competitive side of the weekend through the Badgers VS Spartans/Wolverines Chal-

lenge. To celebrate Badgers rounding Lake Michigan to race in Michigan and Michiganders who travel the other way to Road America, all attendees at Grattan get to vote as frequently as they wish for Michigan or Wisconsin. The event chair honors the winning state by contributing to Disabled American Veterans in the winning state's name and the losing state is recognized with the worst possible beer. Winner and loser are ultimately selected based on the event chair's imperfect judgment after reviewing ballots. Last year a large and motivated turn out from Wisconsin almost tipped a win for the Badgers. However, a pro-Michigan ballot with the comment, "...there is no great Lake Wisconsin," pushed the results into a tie. No one claimed the beer last year. It has been carefully preserved and threatens this year's losing state.

Join a great racing summer party, where you get the most value in terms of seat time, camaraderie and entertainment, (without a tornado) by signing up now at www.vscda.com. As a special benefit to readers of Vintage Motorsport, enter Grattan17VM when registering and you will participate in a raffle for half off the entry fee for one car at Grattan XXXI. The winner will be drawn after online registration closes. (If you registered prior to seeing this article, contact the office through www.vscda.com and give the promotional code and you will be included in the

We look forward to seeing you in August.

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Social Media: Stay Connected!



Don't be Afraid!

In this day and age social media is everywhere, but many people are concerned about privacy issues. Not to worry, there are ways to ensure your privacy.

The VSCDA has two Facebook pages and they are quite active. We have our formal page with announcements and event updates and we have our "club" page where anybody can post photos of their car or photos from previous VSCDA events, make comments, or ask questions.

It's been brought to our attention through our recent survey that many of our members aren't aware of our Facebook page or just don't care to be part of it. As time rolls on more and more new members will be "social media savy" and Facebook will become more and more integral in the clubs communications.

Some of the advantages of belonging to our Facebook community is that communication is instantaneous! If your are driving to an event and you have a blow out or need help you can post up on the Facebook page and and somone will be able to assist you. Do you have a question about an event? Need a hard to find part? Post up and ask away!

Privacy: You do need to have a Face-book account to connect with the VSCDA page, but you don't have to "friend" (connecting with someone) anybody if you don't want. No one sees your personal information. Come join the conversation!

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The VSCDA Annual Meeting & Banquet

new board and executive commit- Bly, who was a "charter member" a "scruffy" Porsche 911 that was tee were announced as well as the of the club and a dedicated VSC- very fast. John died of cancer in recipients of this year's awards. DA volunteer. Art was a contem- 1992 while still in his 30s. This The executive committee for 2017 porary of Hal Ulrich, with his race year the John Bowlander Award is Barb Nevoral, president, Jim driving going back to the 1930s. was presented to Mike Pranka. Donato, vice president, Steve Art retired from professional driv- Mike is safe, fast, and talented. Bonk, Secretary, and Jeff Freers ing in the 1950s, becoming a We are happy to have him repre-

and friendly wheel-to-wheel com- does for us! petition. It is named for Joe Marchetti, a long time member of The John Bowlander Award Meadowdale Internation-VSCDA. Joe founded the Chica- for Outstanding Driver of al Raceway Preservation

award was presented to Ron oave for his

SCDA had its annual meet- the second oldest VSCDA award after it was organized and being and dinner February and recognizes outstanding ser- came a sought after mechanic 4th in Schaumburg, IL. The vice to the club. It is named for Art and driving instructor. He raced car owner and VSCDA volunteer. senting vintage racing. His partic-The Joe Marchetti Vintage Dave Young for his work with series elevates the compeition lev-Spirit Award celebrates the in the VSCDA in Tech Inspection el. Mike previously won the Vinspirit of vintage racing with safe amongst many other things Dave tage Spirit Award.

go Historics which is now the RA the Year is VSCDA's oldest Association. Linda Daro of Vintage Races with Brian Redman award. John was an excellent MIRPA and her staff did their usuand is one of the biggest vintage driver and our Chief Driving In- al stellar job! There was a silent races in the U.S. This year the structor during the 1980s. He auction benefiting MIRPA with

This year this award was given to ipation in the Trans Am B-Sedan

We shared our dinner with the joined VSCDA just some racing memorabilia and great opportunities to Chi-

cagoland's available entertainment.

Dinner allowed for some time to catch up with old friends and make some new ones. There was good food and the entertaining dialog of Indy Car Veteran Lyn St James. Lyn discussed the trials and tribulations of getting sponsoship and keeping a career alive in a male dominated sport!



Ron Soave

Lyn St. James

Veteran of 7 Indy 500s

& the 12 Hours of Sebring

Class winner at the 24 Hour of Daytona

ke Pranka









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