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5/5/02 -

We will celebrate the life of Bill Salmon for many years to come.
Bill passed away on Sunday May 5, 2002 after a battle with cancer.

Bill mentored many marshals and was a true support and friend. There will be many fond remembrances of what he did and what he taught. Whether it be "Here's to Brian Redmond's Cat ...", the kidnapping of the entire field of a Formula Vee race or a kind pat on the back to you as an individual. He was always memorable in his presence. His sense of humor never wavered no matter the circumstances.

His love of cars went beyond the track and his family of marshals. He was a docent at an automobile museum. His beloved wife Ann would feed the corner crew at the chicane or "Bus Stop" of the Rolex 24 Hours of Daytona. Her home baked ham and turkey was always a treat. She has been a marvelous support to Bill in his passion. At the Rolex 24 Hours of Daytona Bill became affectionately anointed and named Yoda. A true term of endearment.

Bill was honored as Sports Car Club Of America Flagging and Communications Worker of the Year in 1999 as noted in this media release from SCCA:

"FLAGGING & COMMUNICATIONS

Some things get better with age - wine, music, memories. But who would have thought that after 40 years, maybe more, a corner worker would still be at it and improving.

In this case, most folks thought there was nothing left to accomplish for this individual. A founder of one of the most respected groups in motorsports, mentor to hundreds, he has never stopped learning and applying new ideas to his specialty. With the respect of his peers a given, there were even nominations received from drivers and other officials to recognize BILL SALMON as the F&C Worker of the Year."

A memorial service will be held Wednesday May 8, 2002 at 5:00 pm

Hodges Funeral Home
2772 Santa Barbara, Ave.
Naples, FL 34102
(239) 261-1237

The family has requested no flowers but if you wish to make a donation in Bill's name, the chosen charity is:

Hospice of Naples
1095 Whippoorwill
Naples, FL. 34105

Cards of fond memories, celebration and gratitude for having shared in the life of Bill Salmon may be sent to:

Ann Salmon
4285 29th St. S.W.
Naples, FL. 34116

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4/23/02 - John Firment has been doing a fantastic job recruiting members, but recruitment is a team effort. Please print a few copies of the new Offline Membership Application (right click and choose Save Target As) and take them with you when you travel. Remember \$20 will get them a lifetime membership, 1 shirt, 1 pin, 1 patch and 1 decal. Please turn the money in to Tim Martens and the application to Melissa Wojciechowski. Thanks and get out there and increase our active numbers!

4/16/02 - WHITES are in season at Sears, Old Navy and Walmart!

4/9/02 - THE ALMS RACE IN WASHINGTON DC

Information is starting to firm up about the July ALMS race in DC. The specialty chiefs met with RE Don Caldwell at the Drivers School. He gave us an update of the event and the status of the Region's negotiations with the organizers. Here are the things we know, things we don't know and things we're working on. Some of this we already covered at the Advanced School several weeks ago, but we'll repeat some of it for those that weren't there.

The course - was designed by the same individual who designed the courses in Vancouver and Toronto. It's 1.7 miles long and 45 feet wide. There are seven numbered turns, but one of them is a "double" and the front "straight" is actually curved so we believe that there could be up to 10 or 11 actual flag stations. It will be a "street course" in that it will be totally bordered with jersey wall and chain link fencing. This will all be inside of a totally fenced in site.

The schedule - The event is THREE days only. The schedule includes Speedvision (now called SPEED since the network changed names) World Challenge Touring and GT, Trans-Am, Star Mazda, American LeMans GTS/GT and LMP, and a Celebrity Pro-Am. We have been given two separate schedules. One shows Friday and Saturday starting at 8:00am and running until 5:10pm. The other shows those two days starting at 9:00 and running until 7:00pm. The Sunday schedule shows the day beginning on track at 9:00 with a 30 minute warm-up. This is followed by a "pre-race show" from 9:30 to noon and then lunch until 1:00pm. We do not know what this morning "show" is. Sunday afternoon racing is then scheduled to last until 5:20. Regardless of which schedule is right, they will be long days since flag meeting and organizing will take at least an extra hour in the morning (especially on Friday). None of this should come as a surprise to anyone who has worked any pro-races.

Friday is all practice except for one Trans-Am qual session. Saturday morning will be qualifying except for one ALMS practice session. The afternoon will be the 45 minute Star Mazda race, 125 mile Trans-Am race, 50 minute World Challenge Touring race, 30 minute Celebrity race and two ALMS qual sessions. Sunday will have the 3 hour ALMS race and 50 minute World Challenge GT race.

Information you want - And now comes the stuff you want to know about. Please note carefully when we have used words like "probably", "possibly", "working on" etc.

- We will be able to register up to 75 flaggers. There will be a small number of people needed from T&S, Tech, Pit, Grid, Start, and Registration. The city will be handling fire and medical. However the promoters will likely want one of our EV

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people on each tow and wrecker vehicle. There will also be a need for up to 50 "course marshals". These people will "patrol the area between the spectator fence and the track fence doing "access control", credential checking," etc.

- There will probably be a large tent under the Capitol Street Bridge for worker activities such as the morning gathering and Flag Meeting and possibly worker registration. This is where shuttles from parking and motel is planned to operate.
- The Region is working on a hotel with reasonable rates for workers. It will PROBABLY be in the Greenbelt vicinity where travel time to the site would be 15 - 20 minutes. Shuttle service is being worked on. They are trying for rates in the \$69 and \$89 per night range. We also want Thursday evening pre-registration for workers to be held there.
- There will be on-site parking for workers. We are trying to get parking for self contained RV's, but I wouldn't bet on it. However, it is NOT a closed issue.
- All workers will get one and probably two event shirts.
- There will be port-a-pots at and strictly for the use of each flag station.
- Continental breakfast, box lunches and dinner will be provided.
- Beverages and ice will be provided to corners and other worker stations.
- There will be no discount tickets, but it is possible that we will be able to secure a small number of guest passes.
- Insurance - Peter Lyons who was formerly SCCA's insurance guru is the insurance rep for the event. He has stated that the insurance coverage is at the same level as SCCA's current insurance.

Training - Working a street course is significantly different than working a road course, even if you have worked road courses which are heavily equipped with jersey wall and chain link. Many of our people travel a lot but haven't worked street courses very often. Therefore, we plan to have a training session covering the basics of working street courses. We have several individuals within the region who are very experienced, and one or more of these people will conduct our training session.

2/23/02 - The new Board of Directors was voted in and the new supporting officers were appointed at the February meeting!

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