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MEADOWDALE, MOTORSPORTS & MEMORIES WINTER BANQUET

HONORING GUEST SPEAKER

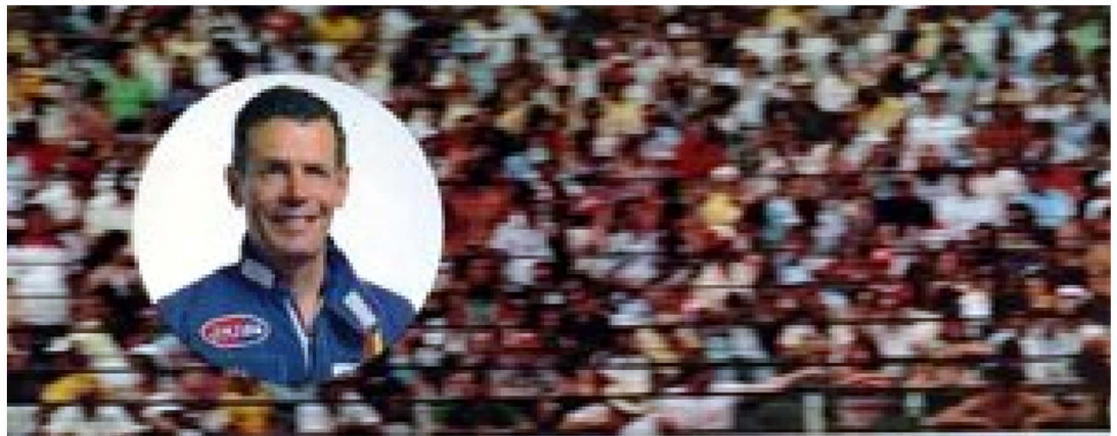
BOBBY UNSER - RACING LEGEND & 3-TIME INDY 500 WINNER

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25TH, 2012 - 5:30 IN THE EVENING

It is impossible to believe another year has flown by. There have been a couple of changes at the Raceway. First the bridge connecting the long straight has been completed and it is great to walk the entire track footprint. CAMBR (Chicago Area Mountain Bikers) is clearing trails in the Little Monza area, north of the silo, which will be available for all to enjoy on foot or bike. You may also notice that the tunnel under the straight is gone...

The exciting news for us is the upcoming banquet honoring guest speaker Bobby Unser. Come out and share in this not to be missed once in a lifetime event that has to be on every race fan "bucket list" Linda Daro

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Bobby Unser, Three-Time Indianapolis 500 Winner

When MIRPA puts together a Banquet it's always the talk of the motorsports community. With past guest speakers like Bobby Rahal, Ronnie Kaplan, Tony DeLorenzo, Jim Jeffords, Tom Stephani and the event is always memorable. Well, the 2012 Winter Banquet is one to be remembered because the Meadowdale International Raceways Preservation Association is honored to have 3-time Indy 500 Winner Bobby Unser as the Winter Banquet Guest Speaker on Saturday Evening February 25, 2012. Bobby's incredible history in Motorsports includes:

- 3-time Indy 500 Champion - 1968, 1975, and 1981
- 2-time National Champion - 1968 & 1974
- 35 Career Indy Car Victories (4th All-time)
- 2-time winner of the International Race of Champions
- 49 Career Pole Positions (3rd All-time)
- Indy 500 Hall of Fame Member
- International Motorsports Hall of Fame Member
- 13-time winner Pikes Peak Hill Climb
- 8 "500" Mile Victories (Indy 500 - 3, California 500 - 4, Pocono 500 - 1)
- 1989 - Inducted into AARWBA's Legends in Racing
- 1993 - Won inaugural Jaguar/Fast Masters Racing Series
- 1993 - Bonneville Salt Flats - set new land speed record - 223.709 mph
- 1999 - Indy 500 Front Row Award. 9-time front row qualifier (68, 69, 71, 72, 73, 75, 77, 80, 81)
- 2003/2004 - Michigan Int'l Speedway renamed the pole for Bobby Unser's 7-time pole qualifying record. It is now known as "The Bobby Unser Pole Award"

Bobby's connection to Meadowdale was a one-time affair at a USRRC Race in 1964 in an Arciero Lotus 19 Monte Carlo Chevrolet. Bobby's only Meadowdale appearance ended in a DNF from an accident 25 laps into the contest. On lap 52 the winner was Jim Hall in a Chaparral 2A-Chevrolet closely followed by his team mate Roger Penske.

Don't miss this opportunity to meet and see Bobby, share his stories of Meadowdale, Indy, Pikes Peak and the many other series he mastered as a driver, commentator and mentor to so many motorsports champions.

Come out and join us for an afternoon at McKee's, an evening of motorsports memories, silent/live auction and autograph session with Bobby Unser. Seats are limited so don't delay ... you won't want to miss this once in a lifetime opportunity right here in our own back yard!

For more information contact Linda Daro at 847-421-2891, ld1enterprise@aol.com, or watch for updates at www.mirpa.org! See you there!

The Monza Wall Newsletter - About Us

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EMBASSY SUITES HOTEL
1939 NORTH MEACHAM ROAD - SCHAUMBURG, ILLINOIS
847-397-1313 - MENTION MIRPA FOR SPECIAL ROOM RATES

COMPLIMENTARY COCKTAIL HOUR & SILENT AUCTION 5:30 PM
DINNER WILL BE SERVED AT 7 PM - DRESSY CASUAL ATTIRE

BANQUET ATTENDEES ARE INVITED TO ...

McKEE ENGINEERING RACE SHOP TOUR AND LUNCH
805 OAKWOOD ROAD # H - LAKE ZURICH, IL
WITH HOST BOB McKEE
AND HONORED GUEST BOBBY UNSER

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25TH 2012 - 10:30 AM UNTIL 1 PM

MEMBERS: \$80.00 PER PERSON FOR DINNER
\$100.00 PER PERSON FOR DINNER AND McKEE GARAGE TOUR & LUNCH

NON-MEMBERS: \$100.00 PER PERSON FOR DINNER
\$125.00 PER PERSON FOR DINNER AND McKEE GARAGE TOUR & LUNCH

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LIST NAME OF ATTENDEES, MENU CHOICE (BEEF OR CHECKEN) AND ANY SEATING PREFERENCE ON BACK

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2012 Meadowdale Event Schedule

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First Saturday of Every Month - Join us for Coffee & Cars

Join MIRPA members and guests in sharing a donut and discussion at Driveable Dreams in Cary, Illinois between 8:00 and 12:00 noon. Meadowdale memorabilia, photos, and motorsports bench racing are featured.

Please check our website for up-to-date information: www.mirpa.org

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