



Meadowdale International Raceways Preservation Association Newsletter

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Hobbs Dinner Kicks Off 2014 ...A Message from the President

Welcome to 2014! We are excited about this upcoming year. Our 7th Annual Motorsports & Memories will be held September 20. To celebrate their 55th anniversary, an appearance by the entire Meister Brauser Racing Team is planned. Team owner/racer Harry Heuer joined by drivers Augie Pabst, Bill Wuesthoff and our own Don Devine are slated to be on hand to share their stories. Also on the horizon, plans are beginning to form around the future MIRPA National Motorsports Museum and Resource Center.

We kicked off the new year with our 5th Annual Winter Banquet featuring honored guest, David Hobbs. Well, imagine the look on my face when I receive a phone call from David at 8 a.m. Friday morning (I am scheduled to pick up our guest at noon) telling me that his flight from Melbourne, Florida has been canceled.

Flights from Melbourne, Florida – connecting in Atlanta to O’Hare - are not plentiful. This had disaster written all over it. The reason for the cancellation... our record breaking snow, ice, cold (and did I say snow) this past winter. The storm came into the area Friday and the snow did not let up until Saturday night. In spite of it all – David was a very good sport and hung out at the airport just in case. He somehow managed to charm his way onto a flight later that day.

I was worried that we would lose a lot of folks from the McKee tour and brunch as well as the dinner later than evening... but I underestimated the determination of the MIRPA crowd. Just about everyone showed up. And are they glad they did! David was a delightful and witty guest that kept everyone well entertained and enthralled.

At breakfast the next day, I commented to David that I felt sorry for the next group that invited him to brave the Midwest winter... and, to my surprise, he replied that he would come back again in a heartbeat. I am pleased that David enjoyed us as much as we enjoyed him. And David, you can be sure we will hold you to that promise...

Linda Daro



*Meadowdale International Raceway Preservation Association
is dedicated to the preservation and promotion
of the history of Meadowdale International Raceway and National Motorsports.
We have begun planning for our National Racing Museum and Resource Center.
We hope to become the premier facility for the enjoyment and study
of racing venues, teams and drivers.*

We Need Your Donations!

Is your basement filled with old motorsports magazines
that you can't bear to just throw away?

Donate these treasures to us!

We'll add your magazines along with any other racing memorabilia
you choose to donate to our collections for our
National Racing Museum.

We're looking for
photos, programs, souvenirs, etc.
from races and other motorsports events.

Do you have a good story to tell
about a racing event or personality?
Share it with us and save it for posterity!

Contact us at MIRPA1958@aol.com

Meadowdale International Raceways Preservation Association

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David Hobbs Regales Attendees with Great Sense of Humor



Snow, snow and more snow... cold, cold and more cold... with a record breaking winter... what to do to fend off cabin fever? If you attended the festivities on the weekend of February 1, you forgot all about winter... for a little while at least.

David Hobbs, legendary racer, driver in Formula One, Le Mans, Can-Am, 1971 SCCA Formula 5000 Champion, NASCAR, 1983 SCCA Trans-Am Champion, IMSA, 2009 Inductee to the Motorsports Hall of Fame of America, current NBC Sports co-host of Formula One and too much more to mention, was our honored guest of the 5th Annual Winter Banquet.

David, Bob McKee and around 100 MIRPA guests kicked off the day with a brunch and shop tour at McKee Engineering. Don Devine displayed his McLaren M20 driven by Peter Revson and, coincidentally, later driven by David with a Carling Black Label Livery.

Other cars in attendance included Don Devine's 1968 Shelby Indy Turbine that was driven by Bruce McLaren as well as the 1979 M24, the last Indy Car built by McLaren. Steve Steers' 1934 Ford and Paul Dudiak's McKee chassis were also displayed for our enjoyment.



That evening, close to 200 guests gathered to enjoy a silent auction, cocktails, dinner and a great conversation with David hosted by our own Larry Fulhorst. The stories ranged from David's first trip to the U.S. when he and Jimmy Clark drove from New York to Daytona Beach in a rental car. He related how they were stopped for speeding several times (imagine that!) and Jimmy's Scottish accent seemed to create a problem communicating with the southern Highway Patrol! David then shared with us that one of his favorite race cars was the McLaren M20 (currently owned by MIRPA member Don Devine) in which he finished second at the 1973 Watkins Glen Can-Am. He beat **all** the turbo 917 Porsches except Mark Donohue's 917/30.



Famed artist and MIRPA friend Paul Kreutziger once again created a magnificent piece of original art documenting the career of championship racer Hobbs. A sampling of the many cars David piloted over the course of his 30-plus year career are depicted including his 1964 Le Mans Triumph, 1968 Formula One Honda, 1971 SCCA Formula 5000 Championship winning McLaren M10, 1973 Carling McLaren M20, 1974 Carling Indy McLaren M16, 1979 Road America 500 winning BMW 320 Turbo and 1983 SCCA Trans-Am Championship winning Chevy Camaro.

Signed, numbered, limited edition prints were offered at the banquet and are available for purchase through MIRPA.

If you missed this event... well, you missed a lot!

Special thanks to MIRPA photographers Bill Ficht and Carol Johnson.

The Monza Wall Newsletter - About Us

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2014 Meadowdale Event Schedule

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 a.m. and 12:00 noon. Meadowdale memorabilia, photos, and motorsports bench racing is featured.

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

Dana Mecum's 27th Original Indy Auction

May 13-18, 2014

Meadowdale, Motorsports & Memories Car Show

September 20, 2014

After the Show Dinner

at Max McGraw Wildlife Foundation
with Honored Guests Meister-Brau Racing Team
Harry Heuer, Augie Pabst, Don Devine, Bill Wuesthoff

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Web: www.mecum.com

Info: 815-568-8888

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Web: www.nickeychicago.net

Info: 630-377-1222

First Saturday of the Month 8 a.m. - Noon



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