

WITHIN THE PAST 4 MONTHS, SUNCOAST PCA HAS INCREASED ITS MEMBERSHIP BY 20 PERSONS. THE NUMBER OF "OLD MEMBERS" REMAINS CONSTANT. YET, IN SPITE OF NEW MEMBERS AND OLD MEMBERS STAYING IN THE CLUB, THE LEVEL OF APATHY ON THE PART OF THE ENTIRE MEMBERSHIP IS DISGUSTING. A CLUB SHOULD BE MORE THAN AN IMPRESSIVE NUMBER OF MEMBERS. A ROSTER NEVER MADE A CLUB! IT SEEMS THAT FOR MANY MEMBERS, THE CLUB IS A CONVENIENCE. IF THERE IS NO GOOD TV, IF THE WEATHER IS NICE AND IF THE STARS ARE IN THEIR PROPER RELATIONSHIP, THEN SOME WILL ATTEND. PERHAPS THE WIFE FORGOT TO GET SOMETHING FOR SUPPER SO A FEW SHOW UP FOR DINNER (AFTER ALL, YOU HAVE TO EAT SOMEWHERE). THEY JUST "SHOW UP". THERE IS NO PERSONAL INVOLVEMENT WITH THE CLUB.

IF THE CLUB IS TO BE ENJOYABLE, THEN THERE WILL HAVE TO BE A GREATER INTEREST SHOWN BY ALL MEMBERS AND NOT JUST THE USUAL HARD CORE THAT SEEM TO PLAN AND PARTICIPATE IN EVERYTHING. LAST MONTH THE CLUB PUT ON A RALLY BY POPULAR DEMAND. THE NUMBER OF ENTRANTS IN THE RALLY EQUALED THE WORKERS. THE ONLY BIG DIFFERENCE WAS THAT THE WORKERS ARE THE SAME WORKERS WHO HAVE DONE JUST ABOUT EVERYTHING ELSE, THIS TIME AT AN EXPENSE OF SOME 60 HOURS OF THEIR OWN TIME AND \$18.00 OF THE CLUB TREASURY FOR TROPHYS. LAST MONTH AT THE MEETING, THE CLUB HAD TO BUY 6 DINNERS FOR THOSE WHO, AT THE PRECEDING MEETING RAISED THEIR HANDS INDICATING THAT THEY WOULD BE IN ATTENDANCE, BUT MUST HAVE FOUND IT INCONVENIENT.

THIS MONTH WE START A SERIES OF MEETINGS AT A NEW LOCATION. WE WERE TO HAVE MET AT GENE'S LOBSTER HOUSE, BUT THEY SEEMED TO HAVE MISPLACED OUR RESERVATION AND BOOKED A LARGER CLUB THAN OURS FOR TUESDAY NIGHTS. IF WE ARE TO HAVE DINNER MEETINGS, THEN THERE MUST BE A MORE CONSISTENT AND A DECENT TURNOUT FOR DINNER. IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO OBTAIN A DECENT RESTAURANT UNLESS WE CAN DO THIS. THIS MONTH'S MEETING IS A TRIAL - IF WE CANNOT GET A GOOD TURNOUT FOR DINNER AS WELL AS THE MEETING, THEN WE WILL RETURN TO MEETING IN A PUBLIC MEETING ROOM WITH A WATER FOUNTAIN AS THE ONLY SOURCE OF REFRESHMENT. THE CHOICE IS YOURS. YOU CAN VOTE BY EITHER SHOWING UP OR NOT SHOWING UP!

THE MAY MEETING WILL BE AT MOOCK'S TAVERN, CORNER OF 16TH STREET AND 7TH AVENUE NORTH, ST. PETE IN THE PORCH ROOM, 2ND FLOOR. MOOCK'S IS AN OLDER, WELL ESTABLISHED RESTAURANT SERVING A GENERAL MENU. HOWEVER, THEY SPECIALIZE IN STEAKS AND SEAFOOD. MY PERSONAL EXPERIENCE WITH THE RESTAURANT FOR 6 YEARS HAS BEEN EXCELLENT, BOTH FOOD AND PRICE WISE. THE ONLY STIPULATION MADE IS THAT THOSE WHO EAT ORDER SOMETHING STARTING AT \$2.50 (THIS, OF COURSE, IS EASY TO SEE WHY). THERE IS NO MINIMUM FOR THOSE WHO DO NOT EAT. I THINK IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO EAT ANYWHERE ELSE FOR LESS AND GET GOOD FOOD. IT IS NOT AN EXPENSIVE PLACE. DRESS FORMAL OR INFORMAL AND COME EARLY FOR A DRINK AND TALK BEFORE DINNER, THE MEETING AND THE FILM. Starts 7:30 p.m.

WE'LL HAVE THE SECOND FILM IN THE SERIES THE GOLDEN AGE OF RACING. THIS FILM SHOWS THE GREAT INTERNATIONAL RACING EVENTS OF THE 1920'S AND THE LATTER PART OF THE FILM RECORDS THE RISE OF SPORTS-CAR RACING AND ATTEMPTS TO ESTABLISH LAND SPEED RECORDS. I THINK EVERYONE WILL AGREE THAT THE FIRST FILM IN THE SERIES WAS OUTSTANDING.

RALLY - PICNIC

SUNDAY, MAY 26: KIND--- STRAIGHT FORWARD WITH COUPLE SPEED CHANGES-NO GIMMICKS.
START-- MONKEY WARDS PARKING LOT, DALE MABRY JUST OFF I4
TAMPA, FLA.

LENGTH-- 2 HOURS.

TIME:--- FIRST CAR OUT 1:30 P.M.

TROPHYS-- 1ST & 2ND DRIVER & NAVIGATOR.

\$\$\$\$ --- \$ 1.00 PER CAR.

THIS IS AN EVENT-SOCIAL FOR MEMBERS AND GUESTS. WE'VE TRIED TO SET UP ANOTHER ONE LIKE THE LAST AS FAR AS SCENERY GOES. THE MEMBERS WHO RAN THE LAST RALLY REALLY ENJOYED IT AND WE THINK THIS ONE WILL BE EVEN BETTER. THIS IS A SIMPLE RALLY DESIGNED FOR AN AFTERNOON OF FUN, ENDING AT A PLACE WHERE WE CAN SWIM AND HAVE A PICNIC. BRING OWN FOOD, CHARCOAL, BEER, AND SWIM SUITS. REMEMBER, EVERYONE HAS TO START SOMEWHERE, SO IF YOU HAVEN'T RALLIED BEFORE, DON'T BE A COWARD.

CONGRATULATIONS TO STEVE HOLM: 1ST OA & 1ST CLASS C, USF AUTOCROSS AND 2ND OA AND 1ST CLASS C MSCC AUTOCROSS

GARY CURTIS: 2ND CLASS A MSCC AUTOCROSS

USF NIGHT AUTOCROSS - MAY 18 PRACTICE 3:30-7:30 P.M.

SEE Y'ALL THERE.