

THE TELL TALE

AUGUST, 1983

Wow! When I grow up I wanna race the Renault Cup! TC'ERS DANE PITARRESI AND KEN FAIRLEY HAD TO HAVE HAD THE MOST EXCITING RACE OF IMSA WEEKEND. DANE, RUNNING THE "MEDIA" CAR, QUALIFIED AND FINISHED VERY RESPECTIBLY WITH A PACK OF THE DRONES ON HIS TAIL, WHILE SERIES RUNNER FAIRLEY LOOKED AS THOUGH HE HAD 2ND PLACE LOCKED IN TILL THE VERY LAST LAP WHEN THREE OF HIS COMPADRES DRAFTED BY, LEAVING HIM WITH A FIFTH. FAIRLEY WENT ON TO SEARS THE FOLLOWING WEEKEND, FINISHING SECOND AFTER CAPTURING THE POLE IN QUALIFYING. RUMOR HAS IT THAT DANE HAS YET TO REMOVE HIS RENAULT RACING POLO AND PRODUCES A SOMEWHAT GLASSYEYED GRIN IN RESPONSE TO QUERIES ON HOW HE LIKED THE RACE. SLOW MOTION FF, HUH, DANE?

NEXT MEETING IS, OF COURSE, THE PICNIC! PICNIC CHAIRMAN'S REPORT FOLLOWS, SO I WON'T GO INTO THAT TOO MUCH HERE, EXCEPT TO SAY THAT, ONCE AGAIN, THE EFFORT HAS BEEN TREMENDOUS BY ALL INVOLVED AND IT SHOULD BE ANOTHER FUN WEEKEND THIS YEAR.

IN CONFERENCE, THERE ARE ONLY THREE WEEKENDS LEFT WITH THE ENDUROS AT WESTWOOD AND PORTLAND FOLLOWING IN OCTOBER. WE HAVE A DRIVER'S TRAINING ON THE 27TH OF AUGUST AND, AS USUAL, NEED ALL YOUR HELP AND SUPPORT. GET IN TOUCH WITH ANDY PAZZ FOR DETAILS.

SEE YOU AT THE PICNIC!

AUG 27 TC DRIVER TRAINING, PIR
SEP 3-4 ICSCC, SPOKANE (DOUBLE)
SEP 10-11 SCCA REG'L/NAT'L, PIR
SEP 17-18 ICSCC, PIR, WEST COAST RUNOFFS, SEARS POINT
SEP 24-25 ICSCC, WESTWOOD

Dear TC Picnicers, .

If you missed the TC meeting in July, the decision not to provide steaks was overturned, so . . . TC WILL PROVIDE STEAKS ON SATURDAY NIGHT!!! The steaks will be in addition to corn on the cob and baked potatoes. We'll also provide hot dogs, hamburgers and chili for lunches. BRING YOUR OWN STEAK KNIVES - LABELED WITH YOUR NAME. We will have plenty of beer (8 kegs) and a limited amount of wine (white and rose) but please remember, THERE WILL BE NO POP FOR KIDS AND/OR HANGOVERS.

About Salads . . . TC has traditionally sponsored a salad contest for Saturday night dinner and this year will be no exception. We are judging in two categories this year. One for fruit salads (or any "sweet type;" one for vegie salads (tossed green, potato, let your imagination go wild!). PRIZES WILL BE AWARDED FOR EACH CATEGORY. If your salad calls for a dressing, please bring the dressing, as no other will be available.

About dogs . . . In years past, dogs have always been a part of our picnic. The trouble is, in years past dogs have also created a certain amount of havoc at the picnic. If you do plan on bringing Fido, please keep him/her under control. We don't want any dog fights, and we don't want any hurt or angry feelings on the part of Fido's owners. DOGS MUST BE CONFINED AT MEAL TIMES AND MUST NOT BE ALLOWED AROUND THE EATING AREA.

About life jackets . . . I cannot stress too strongly that life jackets are not only a smart safety idea, they are mandatory when on the river in rubber rafts. There is a stiff fine for not having a life jacket for every person in the boat, and the river is heavily patrolled.

About personal property . . . TC cannot be responsible for lost or stolen property. Last year we had several incidents of people "borrowing" rafting equipment that didn't belong to them. We also had incidents of people lifting other people's food from the beer cooler. Please, folks, let's keep this an honest, no-hard-feelings type of event!

About cost . . . Traditionally the club has always provided all the food you can eat and all the suds you can drink. Also traditionally we have asked our group to help cover some of the expenses. Members and spouses (and/or "significant other") are free. Children under 12 are free. We will charge \$5 per person for children 12 and over, and all other guests. If you have a question about this policy, please call me or ask me at the picnic.

About Clean-Up . . . One of the reasons McIver State Park lets us come back every year is our clean-up effort. We have always left a cleaner camp than what we found. (Who is it that keeps nagging, "A clean camp is a happy camp?") Smokers, please bring (labeled) ashtrays. It sure makes "butt patrol" easier. Everyone, please pick up after ourselves!

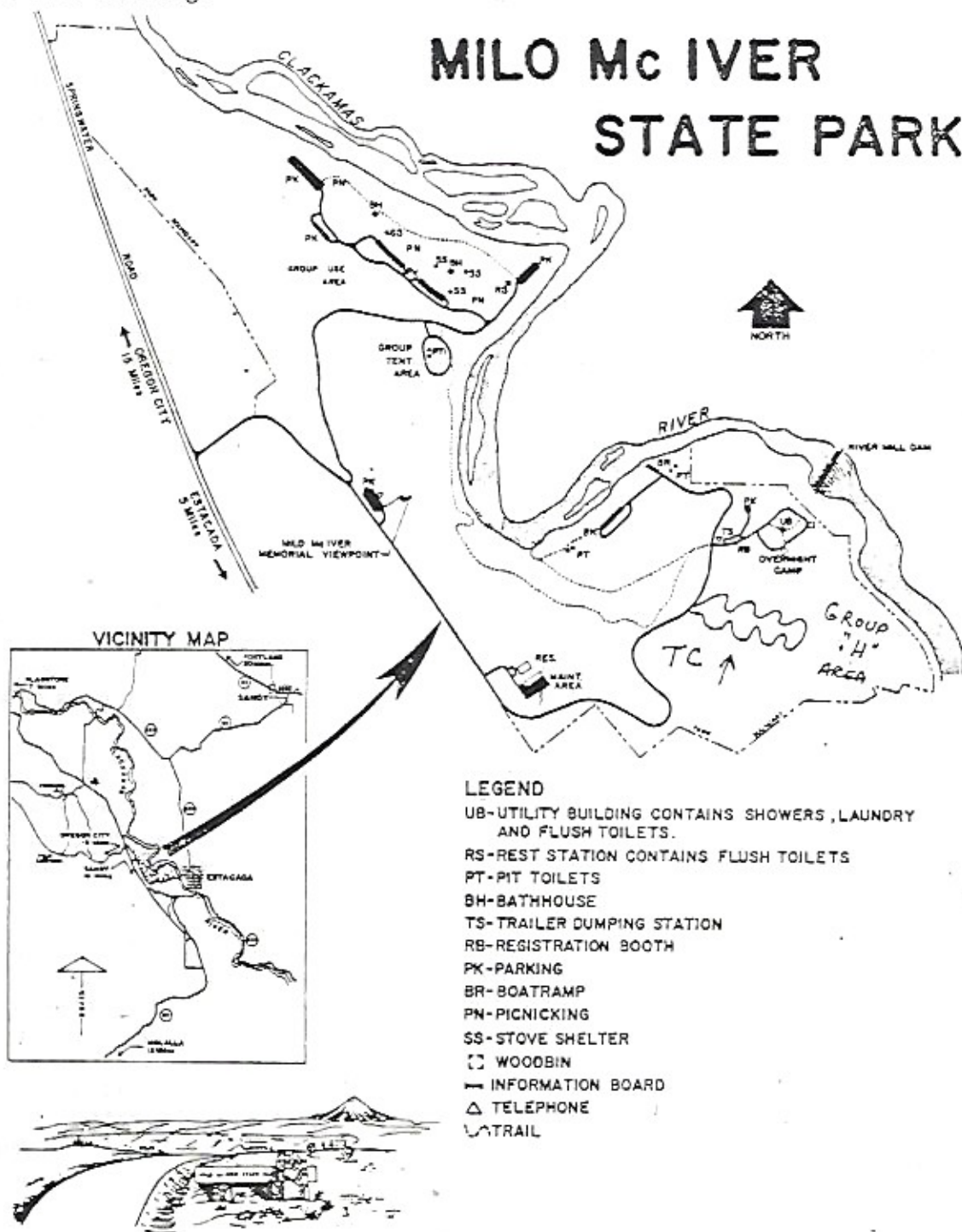
Miscellaneous details . . . TC is missing numerous picnic items (hot pads, tongs, barbeque forks, etc., etc.) If you know where any of this stuff is, please let me know as soon as possible. TC is again running our shopping cart races "under the lights." Trouble is, we need lights to run under, so bring your camping lanterns. (These lanterns also come in handy when it's time to retire from the campfire!) Saturday and Sunday mornings coffee will be available, but don't chance running out - bring some of your own. Otherwise, breakfast is on you and none will be provided. (Aspirin will be made available for those who look like they need it - check with Nurse Dixie!)

The Gate Situation . . . Appears to be no problem this year since we will be in a camping area. However, if you find the gates locked Friday night (only) we will check the gates every half-hour and let you in. Also in talking with McIver people, it appears that since no groups are immediately following ours, we don't need to be out of there by 2:30 p.m. as originally thought. They will extend that for several hours (probably 6:00-ish).

A Special Thanks . . . To Ann, Dixie, Betty, and Melanie for their help as a "picnic committee" - to Bill Craine and his sister, Judy, for obtaining so many of the supplies (at good prices) - to Gordon Barron for his yummy chili - and to each of you who will make this the best TC Picnic ever! My thanks.

Rob

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IMSA WEEKEND - PIR

The rain Gods took the weekend off and gave us some unusually sunny skies, with some little white clouds to filter the rays on Sunday, great for racing and race-watching.

Regional action brought out a gang of TC'ers, some to race, some to enter for the four free tickets included with the entry, and some to check out the half-life aging process of re-tired race cars and drivers.

The Showroom Stock/RS race was run on Saturday, with several TC'ers as usual in this group. Jennifer Haglund continued her string of 1st place finishes, although this time had no one to play with in SSC. It's always a problem when you become dominant in your class - everyone stays away. Elsewhere in the group, the RS guys were trying to keep Win Casey in sight, with Ed Shobert finishing 2nd, and co-Mazda Arlen Stanek battling Dave Gentzler's 510 for 6th place. Dave Junkin ran the regional in DP, then went on to co-drive Sunday in the IMSA.

Bill Craine showed up for practice, I think it was Friday, but looked at the competition and ran away to hide. Seriously folks, BC doesn't run IMSA, but was just out practicing.

Sports Racing group brought out a couple of TC'ers, El Presidente' Bud and our aged McLaren being prep'ed for Monterey. Bud had mechanical woes most of the weekend and finished 3rd in C S/R. The McLaren did right proud, for a 17 year-old, with 1st in A S/R. Who said you can't put a gallon-per-lap through one of these things without fouling the plugs?

The Formula Ford race continues to be another TC show, this time with four drivers and one busy wrench, Norton Gaston, carrying the TC banner. Nort really had his hands full this weekend, cause Ron McCay stuffed his FF into the tire wall on Friday, removing most of the essential parts. Not to worry, Nort put 'er back together (sez he's good for one of these crash programs per year) and Ron finished 2nd in the race on Sunday. Congrats to Nort & Ron. Incidentally, Ron is in 3rd place with national points to date. Bill Shields finished 3rd in the regional, behind Ron. Don Crawford was 6th, and Tom Hekker finished down after turn 7 spin.

Rob Rissberger wrenched on Richard Gordon's Volvo, finishing 3rd in the Champion Sparkplug Challenge race - good goin' Rob.

In the big one, three hours of grinding up \$200k cars (none seriously) TC was also represented by the Murphy's Law Corvette, being co-driven by Doug Taylor and Jim DuBois, and Nick Feoderhoff's Porsche 911. All was not great - must have been the weekend for gear boxes - as the Corvette retired with gear box failure, then Nick's car developed a one-speed forward problem about 2½ hours into the race. Nick finished the race though, stuck in 4th - pit stops really work a hardship on the clutch.

It was rumored that Daric Nellis could not run hard because he lost his panty-hose - not sure why he needed 2 pair - one for the carburetor ??

ICSCC NEWS

Be thinking about ICSCC rule changes - coming soon - and we need a Driver of the Year nominee. FF?, Worker??, Super-wrench? Thanks!

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