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CORVAIR ALLEY NEWS, by Rick Norris



Here's the 2017 Mitty Provisional Schedule of 1-4-2017. I notice some changes like the Bob Woodman International Challenge race which used to be a free for all is now divided in to a two part affair. There will be a Race "A" for Group 5 cars and now a Race "B" for Group 2 and 3 cars. I have never run this race before but now that I would be out there with cars of matching speed I may have to give it a go. Corvairs could do well.

Also this is the 40th year for the Walter Mitty Challenge, better known as just The Mitty and to commemorate it they are requesting photos and some verbiage of favorite past events. In our case that would have to be the 2012 gathering when at the Racers Reunion we had 15 race prepped Corvairs show up. That was the high water mark in vintage or any other type of racing with Corvairs involved ever, even from back in the D Production heydays.

It's been two years since I last turned a lap at Road Atlanta. I may have to sign up for the Test and Tune sessions on Thursday. Although I have more laps at this facility than any other track, it would probably be a wise move except that sucker is up to \$300 over the entry fee!! That's half a set of race tires! I also need a whole new set of race tires so it looks dim for the test and tune day.

Hey, it just occurred to me that the old 65 Ragged Red Racer has never been to Road Atlanta! After selling the Sunoco Corvair back in December of 2014 and

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shipping it off to the UK, I was in need of another race car. After finding the old red war wagon, I began the task of trying to duplicate the Sunoco car in time for the 2015 Mitty. I picked up the car on 11 February from David Clemens after he installed the roll cage. I had a little less than three months to do it. Needless to say I am not 20 years old with limitless energy anymore so I did not finish the car in time. Its actual debut was at the HSR 2015 Savannah Speed Classic where Bob Coffin also debuted the Dennis LeForge tribute car which I helped prepare.

The 2016 Mitty was planned for a Corvair Alley appearance but as the old saying goes, the best laid plans of mice and race car drivers often go askew or something like that. As you all know the Corvair Racers Reunion was planned for Road America at the biggest vintage racing event in the US and a Corvair only race! It was a chance in a lifetime for me to be part of it and I wasn't going to miss it.

The old girl acquitted herself very well at that bucket list venue with a new best engine to boot. I am now looking forward to introducing her to my favorite track and see what she'll do. Ya'll are invited. Who's with me?

PERFORMANCE CORVAIR GROUP WORKSHOP

Tracy sez: Tracy LeVeque, President Performance Corvair Group

Well group, the Corvette Plant has once again canceled our tour! BUT, don't worry, the date remains as MARCH 10-11! On Friday, March 10 we have 2 tours set up in place of the plant tour! Listed are the details.....still sound like a great day!

RC Components: This company makes racing wheels for car and motorcycles and they have invited you to tour their plant. This company was formerly featured on the reality show "Orange County Choppers". When was on the tour, I mentioned I felt like we were watching them make jewelry. Our guide laughed and said, "that's what we call it, jewelry for cars and motorcycles!"

Historic Railpark and Train Museum: This Museum is just a few minutes up the road from the Museum and is located in the beautiful 1925 Train Depot. The guides are excellent story tellers and take visitors through seven restored cars,

including the Locomotive, Presidential Office car, Pullman Dining Car (the Duncan Hines Dining car), a luxury Pullman sleeper, a 1921 Post office Car, a Caboose, a Jim Crow segregation car and a hospital car. The rail cars are not handicap accessible, however, the Museum portion is.

These two tours and the Corvette Museum plus lunch are \$25. Lunch includes (Pick one) a turkey on wheat wrap, chicken salad on wheat wrap, ham on spinach wrap, and chips, cookie, and EITHER Pepsi, Diet Pepsi, or water.

I currently do not have the times for these tours as I just found out the latter part of last week! I will post as soon as I know. I'm guessing the first tour (not sure which tour is first) will be around 9:00am.....just a guess. Sorry for all the changes....they are out of my control. Hang in there.....it'll be a fun weekend!

I now have six speakers.....so unless you want them to speak a long time; I need 5-6 more! I'm sure there is a few of you out there that has done, or is going to do something great with your car! We want to hear about it!

The total cost for Saturday is \$50/person which includes lunch of pulled pork, baked beans, potato salad, apple pie ala mode, and a drink, Pepsi, Diet Pepsi or water. So far, Friday night and Saturday night dinners will be on your own. I'm not familiar with the area enough to book a large enough place. I will post some local restaurant ideas as I find them.

You may make payment to my PayPal: Libgan2004@yahoo.com Mark it as a gift so there is no fee I'll have to pay. Total bill is \$75 for both days. \$70 if you pay before MARCH 1.

A few photos by Rick Norris from the first workshop back in 2004



Gary's shop: Vintage Motorsports



Gary Funkhouser



Dan Giannotti sells the No.3 racer



Dan's new purchase, the GT-3 car



Dave Diedrich's restored Yenko



Dave Diedrich



The line up outside



Rob Fike talks about racing his car



Vendor table



Vendor goodies



Jim Schardt



Food n fenders

Itinerary from the very first performance workshop held at Gary Funkhouser's shop in Dayton OH. Photo from Dan Giannotti.

Performance Workshop Schedule
Feb. 28, 2004

- 9 a.m. Registration, continental breakfast, performance product review.
- 10:00 Introductions – Dan Giannotti, Gary Funkhouser
- 10:30 “Diedrich Yenke” – Gary Funkhouser
- 11:00 “Midwest Council Racing” – Ken Hand, Rob Fike
“Driving Lime Rock” video – Rick Stansbury

Lunch Break

- 1:30 “Drag Racing” – Brian Siebenick,
Ray Clayton/Ray's Dyno
- 2:30 “Driving Techniques, Set-Up Tips” – Jim Schardt
Nick Olsen

Break

- 3:30 “Pig Racing” – Warren LeVeque
- 4:30 2004 Racing Schedule, Group Event Planning,
Questions and answers



MITTY SCHEDULE FOR 2017



2017 The Mitty Provisional Schedule – 1/4/17

Presented by:
HAGERTY.
3:00 Group 6

Featured Marque:



Wednesday, April 19

12:00 – 5:00 Registration
1:00 p.m. Load-In/Rig Parking

Thursday, April 20

7:00 – 5:00 Registration
7:30 – 5:00 Tech
7:30 Test Day Driver's Mtg (In Chalet)
8:00 – 5:00 Test Day/Track Orientation

Friday, April 21

7:00 – 2:00 Registration
7:30 – 4:00 Tech
Qualifying Session 1 (20 Min Session)
8:00 Group 9
8:25 Group 8
8:50 Group 5
9:15 Group 3
9:40 Group 2
10:05 Group 10
10:30 Group 6
10:55 Group 7
11:20 Group 4
Qualifying Session 2 (20 Min Session)
11:45 Group 5
12:10 Group 3
12:35 Lunch/Track Touring/Parade Laps/VIP
12:45 Mandatory Driver's Meeting (In Chalet)
Qualifying Session 2 Continued
1:30 Group 2
1:55 Group 9
2:20 Group 10
2:45 Group 7
3:10 Bob Woodman Int'l/Amer. Challenge

Friday, Continued

3:35 Bob Woodman Int'l/Amer. Challenge
RACE B – Group 2 & 3 Cars (limited)
4:00 Group 8
4:25 Group 4
4:50 Group 6
5:15 Classic RS Cup Race
5:40 Global GT Race
6:15 Porsche Tour Laps
6:30 Event Social (In Chalet; Driver/Crew)

Saturday, April 22

8:00 – 1:00 Registration/Tech
Qualifying Session 3 (20 Min Session)
8:00 Group 9
8:25 Group 10
8:50 Group 5
9:15 Group 3
9:40 Group 2
10:05 Group 6
10:30 Group 8
10:55 Group 7
11:20 Group 4
11:45 Lunch/Track Touring/Parade Laps/VIP
12:50 Porsche Feature Race Thru 1974
1:20 Porsche Feature Race 1975 - Present
WeatherTech Sprint Race 1
1:45 Groups 10
2:10 Group 9
2:35 Group 5

Saturday, Continued

3:25 Group 2
3:50 Group 8
4:15 Group 7
4:40 Group 3
5:05 Group 4
5:30 B.R.M H/P/GTM Enduro Challenge
1 Hour w/ 1 mandatory 5 min pit stop

Sunday, April 23

8:00 – 10:00 Registration
8:00 B.R.M Vintage Enduro Challenge
1 Hour w/1 mandatory 5 min pit stop
WeatherTech Sprint Race 2
9:05 Group 8
9:35 Group 9
10:00 – 12:00 Quiet Time
Lunch/Track Touring/Parade Laps/VIP
12:15 B.R.M GTC Enduro Challenge
1 Hour w/ 1 mandatory 5 Min Pit Stop
WeatherTech Sprint Race 2, Continued
1:20 Groups 4
1:45 Group 3
2:10 Group 2
2:35 Group 6
3:00 Group 5
3:25 Group 7
3:50 Group 10



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