

# FIELD TRIP AND RACER PRESENTATION PROGRAM

## 2010 TOYOTA GRAND PRIX OF LONG BEACH



Theresa Kennedy and a volunteer cinematographer were on hand to interview and film the presentations and tours and interview participants for an (it) Magazine online feature.

THE TOYOTA GRAND PRIX ASSOCIATION OF LONG BEACH DONATED TICKETS AND PRESENTATION SPACE FOR RWC'S APRIL 2010 QUICK TIPS ON WINNING IN LIFE FIELD TRIPS AT THE TRACK DURING RACE WEEKEND.

KING TACO ALSO DONATED TICKETS AND GRANDSTAND SEATING FOR LONG BEACH POLICE EXPLORERS TO PARTICIPATE.

INCLUDED WERE PRESENTATIONS BY RACERS TO LONG BEACH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENTS AND LONG BEACH POLICE EXPLORERS, AND PADDOCK TOURS LED BY THE RACERS, THEMSELVES, TO SHOW THE STUDENTS AND EXPLORERS THEIR QUICK TIPS BEING ENACTED IN REAL LIFE IN REAL TIME.

TOYOTA GRAND PRIX OF LONG BEACH PERSONNEL WHO VERY GENEROUSLY DONATED TIME TO GET TICKETS TO RWC FOR THE FIELD TRIPS, DONATED OUTSTANDING SPACE FOR THE PRESENTATIONS, AND SHARED ADVICE AND POINTERS, WERE: JIM MICHAELIAN, CHRIS ESSLINGER, MIKE McELROY, AND ALLISON WILSON.

RACER/PRESENTERS INCLUDED: LUCKY HUDSON (NHRA), ROBB HOLLAND (SCCA), TIM NICKEL (SCCA), JULIEN PENARUIZ (TEMPORARILY NOT RACING, BUT WORKING AS A STUNT COORDINATOR AND STUNT DRIVER IN A HOLLYWOOD MOVIE PRODUCTION), JULIE NEWELL



The young students had a chance to check out exotic racing machines, talk with racers and race team members, and hear firsthand how important study is!



RWC Board Member and SCCA racer/presenter, Tim Nickel, was a key organizer of the field trip program and insisted on making a presentation, though he was suffering from chemotherapy effects. He died in October 2010, a very big loss to RWC!



Presenter Julien Pena Ruiz, a motorsports transplant from Paris, France, was not actively racing but was a stunt coordinator and driver for a Hollywood movie production.



Racer presenter, Lucky Hudson (NHRA) poses with students from Burbank Elementary School, Long Beach.



RWC's hallway display outside our presentation room. Very coincidentally, the colors on our posters matched the carpeting and lower wall color!



This fine presentation room, located inside the Long Beach Convention Center, was donated for RWC's weekend use by the Grand Prix Association of Long Beach.

AND KEN KOSIOREK (SCORE). GAIL TRUETT AND THE EMERGENCY MEDICAL RESPONSE TEAM WERE ALSO ON HAND TO MAKE PRESENTATIONS.

THE FIELD TRIP PROGRAM WAS ENVISIONED BY NATHAN SWARTZBAUGH (ALMS, A FOUNDER OF ORANGE COUNTY RACE CRAFT, AND DRIVING INSTRUCTOR THERE). NATHAN MADE THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR RWC'S USE OF PRESENTATION SPACE DURING GRAND PRIX WEEKEND.

VOLUNTEERS WHO HELPED OUT THROUGH THE WEEKEND INCLUDED: VICKI JAMES, TIM NICKEL, FRESNO COUNTY SHERIFF DEPUTIES MICHAEL MILLS AND RICHARD SMITH, AMIR SHAYAN AND JENNIFER LINGUA.

(it) MAGAZINE WAS ON HAND TO INTERVIEW PARTICIPANTS AND FILM FOR A DOCUMENTARY THEY ARE DOING ABOUT RWC.

HOST ORGANIZATION PERSONNEL WHO ASSISTED WITH ORGANIZING THE GROUPS WHO CAME OUT WERE DETECTIVE LISA SHUMACHER, OF THE LONG BEACH POLICE DEPARTMENT'S EXPLORERS PROGRAM, AND JOY WARREN AND ANDREW GEKAS, OF THE CITY OF LONG BEACH PARKS, RECREATION AND MARINE DEPARTMENT.

VERY SADLY, TIM NICKEL, WHO ENTHUSIASTICALLY PARTICIPATED IN THE PRESENTATIONS. DIED IN OCTOBER 2010. HE WAS A MEMBER OF RWC'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS.



Robb Holland (SCCA) fields audience questions from Edison Elementary School students while (it) Magazine films.



Andrew Gekas (left), of the Long Beach Parks, Recreation and Marine Department, spent the day with us, meeting students at the gate and escorting them to the presentation room. Here with him is Lucky Hudson, who assisted with unloading the car and dressing up the presentation room as well as making presentations and conducting paddock tours.



Edison Elementary School students posed with Robb Holland after he made a Quick Tips presentation and conducted them on a paddock tour.



Lucky Hudson makes a point to Lafayette Elementary School students.



Grant Elementary School students with Hudson after their paddock tour.



Julie Newell and Ken Kosiorek (SCORE) share a tip during their presentation to the Long Beach Police Explorers.



The Long Beach Police Explorers pose with presenters, Tim Nickel, Julien Pena Ruiz, Ken Kosiorek and Julie Newell.



Robb Holland.



Robb Holland introduces car to kids.



A key volunteer during the weekend, was Vicki James, who visited the pit and paddock areas, talking to a number of racers about making Quick Tips on Winning in Life presentations in the future.



The Long Beach Police Explorers hear Quick Tips on Winning from racer presenters Tim Nickel, a Fresno County Sheriff Deputy, and Julie Newell a police officer, as well as Julien Pena Ruiz and Ken Kosiorek.

## ADDITIONAL MISCELLANEOUS WEEKEND PHOTOS



RWC President, Judy Strawn, sets up RWC'S hallway display.



Tim Nickel shares with Police Explorers anecdotes about his fight against cancer and urges them to treasure life. .



RWC Community Liaison, Amir Shayan, encounters an unexpected perk to volunteering, Patrick Dempsey.



Kids learned and observed firsthand, the importance of study, finding mentors, learning good teamwork skills, taking the long view of things, exploring their talent and abilities. being flexible with their dreams and goals, and avoiding drugs and alcohol abuse.