

CARELLI, NEFF SOLO WHILE KENDALL, EATWELL LANGUISH IN AIRPORTS; FEDERAL JUDGE, PROSECUTOR, PEACE OFFICERS INVESTIGATE; ... KIDS HAVE FUN!



Photo by Judy Strawn

Chief Great Elk, Stefan Johansson (center) and his driver Jeff Ward, sign autographs.

Wind-down of the 1997 PPG/CART series schedule coincided with a key RWC event featuring Formula One Ferrari speedster-turned Indy Lights team owner, Stefan Johansson. With his driver, Jeff Ward, team sponsor, *NTS Computers*, and RWC, his team hosted a field trip to California Speedway for 400 lively and inquisitive Fontana, California high school students.

During PPG/CART practice sessions, race teams provided to the students memorably exciting real-time observation of teamwork in action!

RWC's Chief Great Elk emceed a presentation to the students stressing, during interviews of Johansson and race photographer Phil Abbott, the importance of learning the art of teamwork, being flexible with plans and goals and finding mentors to help learn the ropes in the fields they decide to pursue.

PPG Pace Car Drivers Margy Eatwell, Kellie La Follette, Trisha Hessenger, Terry MacDonald-Cadieux, Gail Truess and Kelly Williams shared with the students what they do as Pace Car Drivers, what other types of racing they are involved in, how they became interested in racing and important things

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BOARD HONORS KENDALL



Photo by Dan Boyd

CAREER HIGHLIGHT: Tommy Kendall (left), along with noted actor/racer Paul Newman, Michael Brockman and NASCAR Winston Cup Champion Mark Martin, celebrate their 1995 GTS class win and Roush Racing's 10th consecutive victory, at the prestigious Rolex 24 Hours of Daytona endurance race won with their *Nobody's Fool* Budweiser/Ford Mustang Cobra.

Racing legend, Tommy Kendall, an IMSA and SCCA Trans Am champion, who was among the first racers to join RWC and serves on its Board, has set a new motorsports record: the most consecutive wins in one race season -- 11 -- in the history of all types of road racing, world wide!

In honor of his outstanding contribution to racing and to RWC, his fellow Board members entered into its official minutes the following tribute to Tom:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF RACERS WHO CARE, INC. DEEM IT AN HONOR AND A PRIVILEGE TO WORK WITH TOMMY KENDALL -- AN OUTSTANDING MENTOR TO YOUTH WHO HAS ACHIEVED UNPRECEDENTED RACING SUCCESS, CARRYING RACERS WHO CARE ALONG WITH HIM. TOMMY IS A LIVING EXAMPLE TO YOUTH THAT THEY CAN REALLY ACHIEVE THEIR LIFE GOALS. RACERS WHO CARE DEEPLY APPRECIATES TOMMY KENDALL'S WORK ON ITS BEHALF. ☺

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BOARD APPROVES SWEEPING CHANGES

In recent meetings, RWC's Board of Directors made radical changes to RWC's organizational structure and short-term plans:



Photo by Barbara Schulman

Chief Great Elk Waters was elected Chair for 3rd and 4th Quarters 1997, in a move that will see the Board's officers rotating each quarter, rather than serving a year, or an indefinite term.

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RWC JOINS SEMA/AI SHOW '97

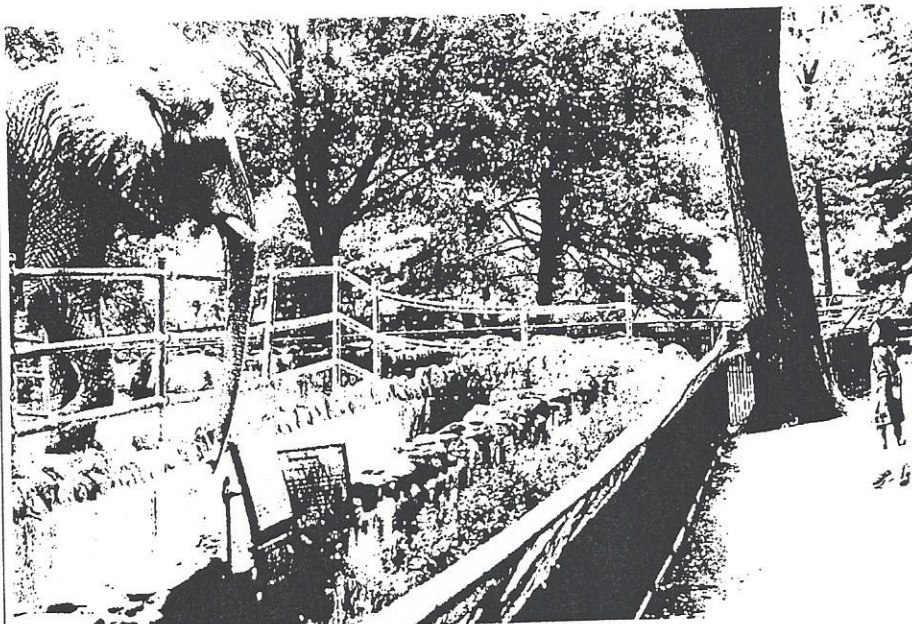


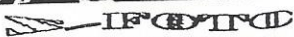
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Last November, SEMA President Chuck Blum, along with SEMA Board members, visited RWC's booth at the Las Vegas Hard Rock (Hotel and Casino) Hot Rod Show, which benefitted RWC, and personally invited RWC to accept a complimentary booth in this year's SEMA/AI Show.

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they have learned during their climb to the top of the sport that helped them succeed and stay successful.

PPG/CART Pace Car Drivers are responsible for slowing down cars on a race track when there has been an accident, oil spill or something else on the track that shouldn't be there -- for instance, once a deer jumped a fence and sprinted along in front of the racers! Each Pace Car Driver is successfully involved in another type of motorsport (see photo captions) and had much to share with the Fontana students in terms of how to learn to work with people, how to be flexible and how to cope with varying demands, as well as with success and failure.

Following their presentation, Chief Great Elk and all the racers signed autographs and answered questions.

"Stefan Johansson was significant with the Formula One Ferrari team and several other teams as a driver during the 1980's and with the IndyCar series more recently," says Chief Great Elk. "His willingness to look beyond his own career demands and goals to serve youth, as exemplified in this field trip and his work with NTS Computers, is most impressive!"

NTS Computers is a Canadian-based company, founded by CEO Jim Tocher to develop "Dreamwriters," educational laptop computers, and make them available to students. NTS plans to integrate into its racing involvement a program to bring students to races, provide them with computers, cameras and scanners and to help them compile newsletters detailing their day at the races.

Tocher and NTS's Nancy Moffatt organized the California Speedway event along with the Fontana, California School District. Most of the students who participated in the field day were from high school shop classes; some, though were considered "at-risk" of leaving school by their teachers and in need of encouragement to develop dreams and goals, and guidelines on how to go about reaching them.

KIDS MEET PAUL NEWMAN

Phil Abbott, who works for *National Speed Sport News*, *On Track* and other race trades, is involved with the Boy Scouts. He showed the students that there are many ways to be involved in most fields, so if one path toward their goals doesn't pan out, goals

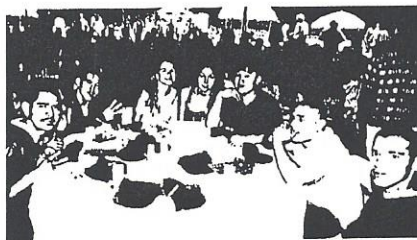


Photo by Phil Abbott

Fontana, California, high school students settle in to hear racers' presentations.

can be reapproached from other angles. Abbott first became aware of RWC earlier in 1997 when contacted, on the advice of Mid-Ohio Race Course PR representative, Steve Bidlack, by Judy Strawn inquiring whether he would like to bring his Scout group to the race track to meet with Tommy Kendall.

Abbott's Scouts, along with the Indian Valley Kart Club, spent most of the day with Tommy, learning his keys to success. Later in the weekend, the group was back at the track watching practice sessions when they spied Tommy, walking along nearby with actor/racer Paul Newman. The kids tasted success first-hand by triumphantly obtaining Newman's autograph!

"It's a worthwhile goal to reach out to kids and give them direction. I encourage people to participate in RWC," says Abbott who plans to work with RWC, as one of its independent contractors, in organizing and coordinating events on the PPG/CART series (see article about Board changes, beginning on page one).

CARELLI LEFT HIGH AND DRY

For PPG Pace Car Driver Patti Neff, and NASCAR Supertruck star Rick Carelli, initial work with RWC at the beginning of 1997, left them high and dry and on their own - victims of an airport mishap and foul weather!

David Liniger, Chairman of Re/Max International's Board and motorsports entrepreneur, arranged for Chesrown Racing Team and its star Rick Carelli, to make an RWC presentation with Tommy Kendall at the Gila River Juvenile Detention and Rehabilitation Center, while in the area to compete at Phoenix International Raceway. Located on the Gila River Community Reservation near Phoenix, the Center houses Maricopa, Pascua, Pima and Yaqui teens.

"We sent introductory information to Rick, assuring him that Tommy would interview him during the presentation and he didn't have to worry about preparing or delivering a speech," explains Judy Strawn.

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Trisha Hesserger is a double gold medalist in figure skating and has coached professional skating for 15 years. She began racing in 1983, driving Formula Fords and competing in the Skip Barber series, winning several events and earning the Simpson "Most Improved Driver" Award. She has raced in Renault Cup and the IMSA Firestone Firehawk series and in Canadian amateur and professional road racing. She is an automotive consultant and principal presenter of new automotive products for many manufacturers and instructor for several racing and driving schools. She is an accomplished equestrian on the dressage circuit and co-host of TNN's "Road Ready" car care show.



Kellie La Follette began racing and took her first championship, Solo II A-Modified, in 1984. Switching to road racing, she won the first race she entered! By 1991, she had won the Escort Endurance Series and the Northwest Regional Championship. A career highlight is being awarded the Jamie Hughes Memorial Cup. Kellie is a driving

instructor at Pitarresi Racing School in Portland and a Fourth Grade Teacher who has been named to *Who's Who Among America's Teachers*.

Terry MacDonald-

Cadieux competes full time on the Professional Sports Car Racing Endurance Championship series. In 1996, she placed 18th out of 103 drivers on the IMSA Endurance Championship series. She has been named the Most Improved Driver of the Year and is the only woman to win the Rookie of the Year Award in professional FIA road racing in Canada and the first Canadian woman to win the Rookie of the Year Award on the Canadian Firehawk series. She was racing go-karts and stock cars before the age of 18. She is a writer who produces and markets her own automotive instructional videos, conducts women's car clinics for GM Goodwrench and instructs manufacturer ride and drive programs.



Kelly Williams is one of Canada's rising stock car racing stars and the first female driver to capture a win in the 14-year history of CASCAR. She debuted in the Challenge Cup series in 1992, and in the following year, claimed eight victories, finishing fourth in the Goodyear Challenge Cup series and was named

Most Popular Driver. She began racing on CASCAR's Late Model series in 1994 and in 1996 took six top twelve finishes, ending the season in 7th place.

Above photos by Judy Strawn

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"However, due to some type of misdirection at the airport, Tommy missed his plane and caught the next one heading for Phoenix," Strawn continues. "He arrived at the Detention Center an hour late, to find Rick holding forth on his own splendidly!"

"He was doing fine, he didn't need me at all," says Kendall. The Detention Center's Mark Senior, says: "Rick came across well to everybody."

The Chesrown team brought their supertruck along, and the wards were being taken out, chained in groups of 20, to take a look at it. Actually, Tommy found just about the entire Gila River Community checking out Rick's truck!

"The whole community came out," says Senior. "They saw the brilliantly-colored trailer, which had somehow miraculously made it out here through a dust storm, driving by carrying the truck. Surprised, everyone came running after it. Once they found out it contained a race truck, they wanted to know what was under the hood. Everyone, including Federal Judge Pedro, the area prosecuting attorney and police officers, were right there along with the Center's wards, checking everything out and listening to the presentation. It was positive for the entire community!"

RWC advises racers who visit Gila River that many Native American youngsters will be very quiet during a presentation. They may not ask questions and it may seem they aren't hearing a thing. They *are* listening, but merely being "respectful," as they are taught from babyhood.

"It is hard though, to know whether you're getting through -- whether they are accepting what you are saying," says Kendall. "I've done several presentations at the Center now, and it's a tough visit. These are some hardened kids who have seen a hard life! I try to connect, to get them to forget hard times for a little while and give them hope and belief in themselves and to assure them there is more to life beyond their immediate horizon. I always hope I'll give them that little nudge it will take to encourage them to begin overcoming. But I always leave there not knowing whether I got through to anyone!"

He needn't worry! According to Mark Senior: "Tommy and Rick gave the kids their race schedules, which are religiously kept track of."

Every Monday morning after they are to have raced, the kids are waiting at my office door when I arrive at work to see how Tommy and/or Rick did! The kids feel like they're part of their teams!"

Kendall and Carelli encouraged the kids to be persistent in pursuit of their life goals. "The kids talk about that, and all the racers have been through to get where they are," Senior comments. "They understand the concept Kendall and Carelli stressed, that they can do what they want, if they set their minds to it. The kids really enjoyed their presentation. It made an impressive impact"

NEFF SOLDIERS ON ALONE

PPG/CART Pace Car Driver Pattie Neff, echoed Carelli's experience. She was to make her debut presentation with Margy Eatwell, to children at the Nazareth, Pennsylvania, YMCA, while they were working at Nazareth Speedway. Margy's plane was grounded by a snow storm and Pattie soldiered on alone!

"She did very well, keeping the kids' attention," exclaims YMCA staffer Susan Lanni. "They talked for days afterwards about the points she made."

Pattie is a registered Occupational Therapist, who manages a hospital occupational therapy department. She began competing in SCCA, BMW and Porsche Club autocrosses in 1996 and participates in high-performance driving events with BMW and Porsche.

PPG REPS JOIN IN

PPG/CART Pace Car Driver Margy Eatwell, began making presentations on the old IndyCar series in mid-1995. She and Gail Truess, who joined her in 1996, invited all the Pace Car Drivers and PPG staffers to make presentations in 1997. These include:

Laura Barnes, who began racing in 1986, competing successfully in Formula Fords and in the Skip Barber race series. She is President of Cross Keys Advertising and Marketing in Doylestown, Pennsylvania, which specializes in business-to-business marketing and public relations.

Joanne Loh, who besides racing, is program manager of a multi-million dollar international remote sensing space instrument program for NASA. She began racing with the Porsche Club in 1990, moved to the Rocky Mountain Vintage Racing series in 1991 and then on to become champion in her SCCA Enduro class in 1992.

Stacy Marchant is an elementary school teacher at Denver's Clyde Miller Elementary School (where she and Tommy Kendall made an RWC presentation late in 1997) and an advanced driving skills instructor. She began racing in 1990, and in 1991, was the first female to win the SCCA Rocky Mountain Region's - Ron Hunter Rookie of the Year Award. She won her first race in 1993 and made six top five finishes in SCCA national events. In 1996 and '97, she competed in the Neon Celebrity series.

Linda Pobst began her racing career with SCCA Solo II time trials, winning five state and two national championships. She moved on to IMSA and SCCA endurance racing. In 1993 she won three SCCA national road races and set three lap records. She co-drove, along with Margy Eatwell, on an all-female team during 1994's 24 Hours of Daytona and 12 Hours of Sebring endurance races. She was the first woman to win an IMSA Endurance Touring Division race.

Paul Pressey, is Transportation Operations Manager for the Pace Car Team. He supervises pace car preparation and transportation. He is retired from 26 years in PPG Industries' glass division.

Jennifer Tumminelli won seven autocrosses in her first year of PCA competition and three in her second year, along with a PCA club race win. She won the 1996 SCCA Semi-Pro Star Formula Mazda "Hard Charger Award". She is an accomplished motorsports marketing executive, representing CART drivers Richie Hearn and Jeff Andretti. Additionally, she is public relations manager for KOOL/Toyota Atlantic series drivers Chuck West and Mark Tague.

Caroline Wright is a track orientation and safety instructor for Ferrari of Houston and Ferrari of Dallas, as well as a media consultant for Texas Hearing and Service Dogs. She began racing in 1992, winning SCCA regional championships in SSB and GT2 competition. She has posted 12 career wins, set two track records and earned 23 podium finishes. She competed in the 1995 and '96 Neon Celebrity Challenge series and was 1996 SSB Southwest Division Champion. She is a retired major-market broadcast veteran.

Other PPG Industries representatives who have participated in RWC presentations and/or helped procure goodies to give to

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The youngster had made a complete 180 degree turnaround and is now not only the record and score keeper, but is also the star player! Unfortunately, the same cycle is now evident in her younger sister, who has just started coming to the Club.

Their mother's response to her daughter's incredible turnaround is: "So?"

And so it goes, that what the world needs now is more love, sweet love!



Kelly Williams (left), Pattie Neff (right of center) and Gail Truess (right), received a warm welcome from kids at Lexington, Ohio's Mansfield County "Y", near the Mid-Ohio race track. Here, they show off their PPG caps and smiles.

GAIL: Every visit we make is as unique as the children and teens we visit. I believe the interaction we have leaves a positive impression, whether temporary or permanent.

FEARS/BIASES OVERCOME

MARGY: On a more cheery note, a very fun event Gail, her husband, Paul, and I did was with the Judson Collins United Methodist Camp located outside Brooklyn, Michigan, where we were involved in the Michigan 500, and involved her Rally Car.

This is an all-night camp at which pre-teen kids from different countries are required to stay up all night and participate in various activities to overcome fears and biases.

We arrived just at dusk and sat around a campfire, complete with Michigan-sized mosquitoes.

After talking with the kids, Gail gave a walk-around talk about her Rally Car and fired up the engine. The kids went nuts and took turns sitting in the driver's seat, revving the engine. Afterward, Gail took me for a little Rally ride through a closed single track dirt road. It was quite a thrill!

We derive a great feeling of personal satisfaction from these programs. We look forward to many more years of active participation in the many wonderful programs RWC arranges for us.

GAIL: I like watching kids' young faces as they start to think when we tell them they have control of what they want to do in their lives. You can actually watch their expressions gradually change to: "You're right, I can!"

Margy Eatwell began racing quarter midget and half midget race cars at the age of 11. She won an SCCA Rocky Mountain Region SSB Championship as a rookie driver in 1990 and placed second in SCCA GT-4 Rocky Mountain regionals in 1991 and '92. She co-drove with Linda Pobst an all-female IMSA GTS Class in the 1994's 24 Hours of Daytona and competed in the Sports division of the IMSA Firestone Firehawk Endurance series on an all-female team. In 1996 and 1997, she ran in the Grand Sports Division of the IMSA Endurance series and competed in Neon Celebrity Challenge races. She is a professional driver/instructor for various auto manufacturers; a member of Lyn St. James Women's Automotive Team and designs and creates racing-related and team apparel.



Gail Truess is a consultant for auto manufacturers, designating and conducting race-track driving programs through her firm, *Rally Dynamics*. She began SCCA Pro Rally racing in 1985. As a co-driver, she set race and qualifying records at the Pikes Peak Hill Climb in 1987. She finished second in the SCCA's 1988 Central Division Pro Rally Championship series and third in the national runoffs. She was a factory driver for BMW for the One Lap of America in 1991, and for Subaru in the Winter Alcan 5000 in 1992. She was class winner for the 1993 Jamaican National Rally and second in class in the Jamaican Esso International Rally. In 1996, she raced the PPG Neon Celebrity Challenge series and in 1997, competed in the Michelin Pro Rally Series.

Photo by Judy Strawn

Scott Horner is President of the American Motorsports Safety Association, a nonprofit community service corporation founded in 1991 by Scott and partner, Mike Carmody. AMSA travels to schools and community groups speaking to children and teens about goal setting and what it takes to win in life. Using motorsports as a focal point, they stress the importance of continuous education and offer constructive alternatives to drug use, alcohol abuse and gang affiliation. AMSA has made over 70 presentations to thousands of young people. Horner is a 12-year drag bike veteran who has participated twice in the NHRA's USA Drag Festival in Japan. He ranked #9 nationally in 1990. He is a private investigator, works at the Mirage Hotel/Casino, and operates his own business, *Heads Up Performance*. He is a former U.S. Air Force OSI Officer and Desert Warfare Instructor.



IN LOUNGE LIZARD COUNTRY, HORNER MEETS WITH RUG RATS, CURTAIN CRAWLERS AND LINOLEUM LIZARDS!

IN AMERICA'S "BOOMTOWN," LAS VEGAS, A LITTLE CITY WITH NON-STOP GROWTH AND BIG CITY PROBLEMS, RWC'S SCOTT HORNER HAS TAKEN TO THE STREETS TO ADDRESS SEVERAL OF THESE PROBLEMS.

ALONG THE WAY, HE DECIDED TO ENLIST HELP AND HAS BEGUN TALKS WITH GORDIE BONNIN AND OTHER REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NEWLY BUILT LAS VEGAS SPEEDWAY ABOUT BRINGING ITS RACERS INTO THIS PROJECT -- WORKING ON JOINT EVENTS FOR KIDS IN THE VEGAS AREA. TRACK REPS APPEAR TO BE ENTHUSIASTIC AND SCOTT, ALONG WITH RWC, IS HOPEFUL THAT 1998 WILL SEE QUITE A FEW PROGRAMS AND EVENTS BEING SET UP IN THE AREA AS RACERS COME IN TO TOWN TO COMPETE AT THE TRACK.

SCOTT, HOWEVER, ISN'T ABOUT TO SIT BACK AND WAIT! HE HAS ALREADY BEGUN VISITING VEGAS BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS WITH EXCELLENT RESPONSE. HE HAS SPOKEN TO KIDS ABOUT TAKING RISKS IN LIFE, A TOPIC THAT FELL IN LINE WITH THE CLUBS' CHOSEN TOPIC TO STRESS - RISKS. HORNER USED HIS MOTORCYCLE DRAG RACING AS AN EXAMPLE OF RISK TAKING, THEN APPLIED HIS POINT TO SIMILAR SITUATIONS YOUNGSTERS MIGHT BE FACING IN THEIR LIVES.

ATTENDEES AT HIS FIRST PRESENTATION SURPRISED HORNER. THE CLUB WAS FULL OF CHILDREN WHO HAD SPENT THE ENTIRE SUMMER THERE BECAUSE BOTH PARENTS WORKED AND NO ONE WAS AT HOME TO SUPERVISE.

ANOTHER CLUB HE VISITED SPORTED A WONDERFUL NEW BUILDING DONATED BY TENNIS ACE ANDRE AGGASI.

"THE CHILDREN THERE WERE LUCKY IF THEY LIVED WITH ONE NATURAL PARENT," HORNER REPORTS. "THEY WERE EXPOSED NOT ONLY TO RACING, BUT TO NEW THOUGHT PROCESSES, FOR THEM, FOR THE FIRST TIME -- I COULD FEEL AN HONEST SENSE OF DETERMINATION DEVELOPING WITHIN THEM AS I SPOKE."

HORNER WILL BE VISITING THESE CLUBS AGAIN AS WELL AS OTHER VEGAS BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS, SCHOOLS AND KIDS' GROUPS IN THE NEAR FUTURE. ♦

EDITOR'S NOTE: THE NEXT ISSUE OF FASTNOTES WILL FEATURE 1997 HILITES COVERING PRESENTATIONS BY BOBBY SCHWARTZ, STEVE JOHNSON AND TOMMY KENDALL AND HILITES FROM RWC'S ARCHIVES.

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kids, include: Donna Fillamon, secretary to Director of Motorsports Mike Sack, Denny Fodor, Gary Geissman, Steve Jagenow and Doug Roberson.

Eatwell/Truess Recap Pace Car Drivers' RWC Experiences

MARGY: I had several conflicts this year and couldn't make all of our appearances, so I recruited new members of the PPG Pace Car Team to fill in. They all did a great job and are enthusiastic about the cause and purpose of RWC.

GAIL: With all of our RWC programs, we start off introducing ourselves and telling the kids why we are in town. The kids are always surprised that there are women who race cars! This is a great lead in, though, to following your dreams, setting goals and staying healthy. We usually ask the kids if they think race car drivers are athletes, which leads to our discussion on substance abuse.

SHELTER FOR ABUSED TEENS

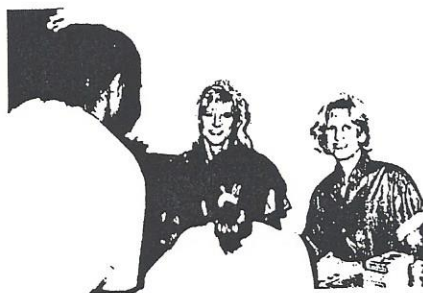
MARGY: Most personally touching for me, is our annual visit to the Jones Home in Cleveland while we are there for the Cleveland Grand Prix. It is a temporary home for kids who have been removed from their homes by court order due to mental and/or physical abuse. Some bore very evident scars, while others obviously bore scars internally.

JOHN DUNNING/JONES HOME: Our agency works with emotionally disturbed youngsters who have a very difficult time trusting adults. Most have not had positive role models throughout their lives. Racers Who Care has become very special to us.

MARGY: We had dinner with 12 to 14 girls and their group counselors - spaghetti and meatballs, salad and bread, with milk to quench our thirst. It reminded me of grade school cafeteria lunches. And, one of the girls confided to me that they get bread and salad dressing when "special guests" visit.

We handed out chapstick and key fobs that PPG Industries had very generously donated.

The girls listened intently, if not with a very distant look that told us we live a life very removed and almost fantasy-like for these kids. They physically clung to us, often competing amongst themselves for our attention and any small outward signs of affection!



PPG Pace Car Drivers Margy Eatwell and Gail Truess sign autographs for Jones Home girls.

It was evident that what was most lacking in these young peoples' lives besides the understandably obvious lack of self esteem, was simple love and attention.

They begged us not to leave. It was difficult to do so that day.

JOHN DUNNING/JONES HOME: When very famous public figures take time out of their busy schedules to spend time talking and interacting with our young people, it is very special! The racers answer all questions, even the silly ones, and make the young people feel very important. They all have a good time rooting for their favorite driver during races. Though they don't always understand the sport, they feel very connected to the racers!

BEAR HUGS DISPENSED

GAIL: Kellie LaFollette, Joanne Loh, Jennifer Tuminelli and Paul Pressey, went along with me to visit St. Louis Children's Hospital while in the area for racing at Gateway International Raceway. This was the first RWC program with the other Pace Car Drivers joining in.

Because of the kids' medical problems, instead of going from room to room, we visited a playroom. There, kids would visit us as their scheduled hospital activities permitted. As they joined us, we split into pairs, or individually, and played with them.

Kellie, Paul and I played a flying monkey game nonstop with a couple of boys until they were worn out. Meanwhile, Joanne and Jennifer were doing some serious coloring, poster signing and chatting about racing.

One young lady showed us how to play computer games. But, the most special moment was when a young boy made his grand entrance into the room with the announcement: "Hi! My name is Marvin and I give hugs!" At this point, he made a beeline for Kellie and wrapped his arms around her in a serious bear hug! We couldn't help but grin from ear to ear at the amount of affection this little guy had!

After our good-byes, we all talked about how gratifying the visit was for us. But all the same, it was painful for us to see such tiny people with serious illnesses.

We did, though, leave smiling faces and perhaps a few hours of distraction from the realities of their medical conditions.

SUICIDE AVERTED

MARGY: Another poignant visit was to the Boys & Girls Club, Mary Ryan Branch, in Milwaukee, while we were there for racing at the Milwaukee Mile. We met with the Social Director, a recent Social Work graduate, who was very proud of the facility.

We made a presentation to 50 boys and girls of mixed ages who were very good listeners as evidenced by their responses when we played a question and answer game based on what we had talked about. They politely raised their hands, took turns answering and behaved well. A new Club highlight was the girls basketball team, which the Director was personally responsible for organizing.

She commented that it is still difficult for young girls to relate to female pro-athletes as role models, as evidenced when we asked the kids who some of their role models were. Much to her obvious dismay, even the young girl basketball players responded with: Michael Jordan and Shaquille O'Neill, either completely ignoring the Pro WBA basketball players, or just not very aware of them yet.

I commented on how being a team member is a very good esteem-builder and elevates social skills and the Director pointed out one little girl, her star basketball player, and told us her story:

A couple of years ago, at the tender age of nine years, this outgoing, determined, young lady came to the Club, a very shy and non-active child. The Director had trouble even trying to talk to her. She had no desire to participate in any Club activities, simply sitting by herself, watching.

One day, she arrived in a state of extreme distress and announced: "I just want to kill myself!"

Quickly collecting her composure, the Director replied: "I'm looking for an assistant. I need someone who will help me organize the girls basketball team and keep the scores and record books. I would like for you to do it for me. If you kill yourself, who will be my helper?"

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KENDALL'S RUN

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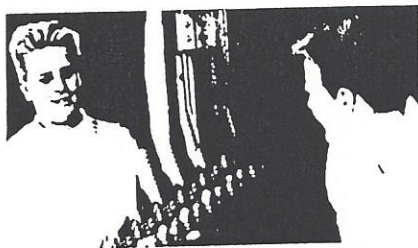


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Kendall, shown here with 13-year old kart racer Zac Ryder, mentors younger racers, as well as young nonspeedsters.

"Let me be the first to predict a world championship for Tommy Kendall!" exclaims fellow RWC Board member J. C. Agajanian, Jr.

The Santa Monica, California-based champion began his racing career at the age of 18 in both the Mazda Pro Series and the SCCA Playboy Endurance circuit. That year, he placed second in the Pro Series drivers' championship and placed second overall in the Playboy Endurance series. It was a busy year! He additionally competed in his first ever IMSA race, a series he was to eventually dominate.

During his second year in racing, at the age of 19, he won the series championships in both the IMSA Firehawk and the IMSA GTU series, making him the only driver to win two IMSA titles in one year and the youngest ever to win an IMSA championship! His Firehawk co-driver, Max Jones, became his team manager.



Photo by Judy Strawn

Kendall shares with a school assembly how to set and reach goals.

Kendall went on to win IMSA GTU championships the following two seasons, for a total of three consecutive driving titles.

In 1989, he tried out the SCCA Trans Am series, finishing third. He took the Trans Am championship in 1990.

He tried out IMSA GTP racing in 1991, capturing an impressive three poles and five top-five finishes in only eight races, only to have his season cut short by a 140-mph crash at the Watkins Glen race track. While still recovering in 1992, he ran only a partial season, but still managed to take home four top-five finishes.

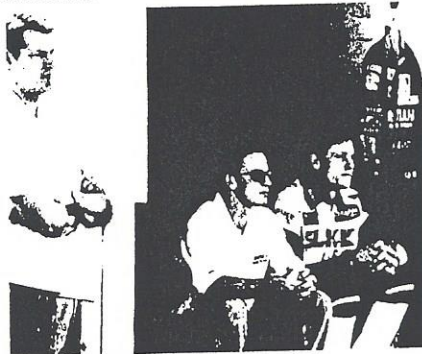


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Kendall, left, IKF/WKA Superkart and Barber Saab champion Aaron Justus, and drag bike champion Steve Johnson, collect their thoughts before making an RWC presentation.

In 1993, Kendall joined the stellar Roush Racing Team for the IMSA Exxon Supreme GTS series. He and his teammates took a ninth consecutive win for Ford and Roush at the Rolex 24 Hours of Daytona (see photo on page one). By season end, he had won his seventh career professional championship, begun competing on the SCCA Trans Am series for Roush and was awarded the prestigious American Auto Racing Writers and Broadcasters Association All American Team honor.

Not one to allow a type of racing to go by unchallenged, Kendall has also tried out with success, NASCAR's Winston Cup series, and has been invited for some years to compete in the International Race of Champions series -- a four-event invitation-only program pitting against each other twelve of the world's top pro drivers from different types of motorsports.

In 1994, Kendall began racing the Trans Am series full time, finishing third in points. He has dominated the series, taking the championship each year.

Observes Jay Agajanian. "It is my wish that he will next choose open wheel racing and some day win the Indy 500!" continues the IRL public relations representative.



Photo by Judy Strawn

Tommy congratulates a young art/essay contest winner.

"I have known Tommy many years," says Agajanian. "One of his first dates with his lovely wife was to a U. S. Sprint Car race at our family's Ascot Park race track. I'm sure she realized at that point, that racing was his life. I know, because I had a similar first date with my wife, Francie!"

"Tommy was one of the first racers to join RWC, along with John Andretti and Page and P.J. Jones, who all joined at the same time," comments Judy Strawn.

"A lot of people don't realize it, but Tommy donates his time and pays his own expenses for RWC events he participates in," Strawn continues. "Additionally, as a Board member, he has played a key role in RWC's success. He speaks to the other Board members from a racer's perspective. And, we continually get reports back that he's far beyond exceptional in his visits with young people." ♦



Photo by Judy Strawn

It's a thumbs-up world for Kendall and young Hard Rock Hot Rod Show attendees.

BOARD REVAMPS

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Each incoming Chair will prepare for the next quarterly meeting. J. C. Agajanian, Jr. and Judy Strawn were named Secretaries for the two Quarters.

There is one exception, Treasurer Brian Tobin, E.A., will keep his post indefinitely.

Chief Great Elk is an United Nations Ambassador and a Chief, spiritual leader and healer of the Shawnee Nation. He is a lecturer, artist, actor (*North*), screenwriter, playwright and producer (Native American voice-overs for Disney's *Pocahontas*). Additionally, he is founder of *Unbroken Cord*, a group seeking to peacefully resolve treaty issues, a professional motorsports photographer and retired Sports Car Club of America racer.

FREELANCE EVENT REPS

Since its inception, RWC has planned to hire at least one full-time representative to serve as a "branch manager," so to speak, on each of the major U.S.-based racing series, such as the National Hot Rod Association, which operates drag races nationwide.

It was projected that these representatives would undertake planning and management of RWC events throughout each year, throughout the U.S., on their respective series. They would be full-time RWC employees who would have undergone a rigorous mandatory training program, would adhere to a strict set of procedures, be able to cover for each other in emergencies and have employee accountability, including daily supervision from the head office.

Instead, for the time being, the Board has voted to hire seasoned motorsports professionals, such as journalists or public relations representatives, who already routinely travel and work on each race series, as independent contractors to be on-site coordinators

and media representatives for RWC, on an event-by-event basis. Unlike originally planned, these independent contractors would not be fully trained RWC employees and would not have the same accountability or undergo the same level of corporate supervision RWC employees would.

Under this new plan, RWC's events would be arranged, and advance publicity would be sent out, from its headquarters. The on-site coordinators would be at each event to make sure handouts are distributed, to make introductions and emcee the events.

They would make sure any forms that have been filled out or photographs taken are sent back to RWC's main office, post a followup news release in the track press rooms and would generally represent RWC in track press rooms throughout race weekends.

Under this regime, RWC's initial overall annual operating budget would be considerably less than originally called for.

ADVISORS' SCOPE REVISED

The Board of Directors has also voted to change the scope of the Advisory Board from being simply a group of advisors called on for their input when needed, to a working group of committees that will be required to take assignments from the Board, meet regularly to work on projects and report to the Board at specified intervals. The name has been changed to the "Board of Advisors."

In order to be considered for inclusion on the Board of Directors, future nominees will have had to successfully complete a minimum one year of active work on at least one Board of Advisors committee.

When the Board of Directors decides to implement this change, current Advisors will be contacted and invited to serve on committees. The Board of Directors will also be nominating qualified, interested, professionals to serve as Advisors.

NEW BOARD MEMBERS



Photo by Judy Strawn

RWC's Las Vegas representative, Scott Horner [above center, with drag racers, Darrell Alderman, left, and Scott Geoffreon, right], was voted to the Board of Directors. He is President of the *American Motorsport Safety Association*, a program for kids, with some similarities to RWC. His previous experience with this type of program and obvious dedication to working with young people led to his nomination to RWC's Board. (See biographical information about Horner on page six.)

Judy Strawn handles most of RWC's organizational and operational details, including event planning and coordination, public relations, publishing and much more.



Her resume includes 27 years' study and work in the areas of public relations, advertising, publishing, photography, special events management and sports marketing. Strawn has also worked a stint as bookkeeper for Young & Rubicam West advertising agency.

She holds a B.A. degree in Public Communication from Columbia Union College, located just outside Washington, D.C., and has continued studies in public relations, sports marketing, special events and other areas at UCLA. Having grown up a preacher's kid, Strawn has been involved with charitable activities and organizations from toddlerhood.

She has been professionally involved in motorsports since 1982, doing publicity and sports marketing for teams: Phipps Racing Corporation, Fast Company Racing and Precision Motorsports. Additionally, she has worked temporarily and permanently in international law firms. Now, Strawn is a legal assistant for prominent criminal defense attorneys Barry Tarlow and Mark Heaney. She has been awarded *Who's Who* recognition in several categories, including *Who's Who in the World*. ©

SEMA/AIA SHOW '97

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Photo by Judy Strawn

Scott Horner sets up RWC booth.

Annually in Las Vegas, the Specialty Equipment Market Association (SEMA) and Auto International Association (AIA) host their Automotive Aftermarket Industry Week, the largest automotive aftermarket trade show in the world.

Tens of thousands of buyers and exhibitors participate in the show known worldwide for showcasing the latest automotive industry technology and the newest ideas. This year, the U.S. Department of Commerce International Buyer Program supported the event, which brought multitudes of new exhibitors from all over the world.

Approximately 6,000 exhibitors and over 70,000 buyers and sellers of a wide range of automotive parts and accessories, from hubcaps to exhaust systems, participated in this year's event.

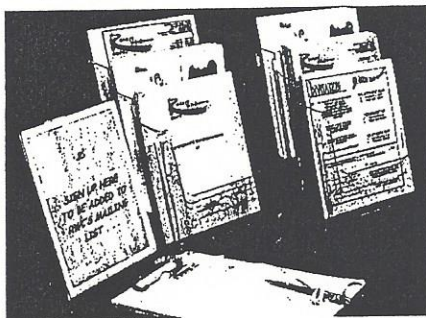


Photo by Judy Strawn

RWC's display of informative handouts.

We were absolutely thrilled to be there," exclaims RWC's Ray Funke. "Thousands of people were in the New Exhibitors' area, where we were, each day. We introduced RWC to quite a few of them and had a totally wonderful time networking! Some of the

contacts we made represented: Petersen's Automotive Museum, National High Schools Car Club, American Racing Custom Wheels, Small Engine Racing Club, The San Diego Grand Prix, Charlotte Merchandise Mart, MufflerTime, Millaco Productions, Clean Air Valve, American Sunroof Co., OCB Trading Post, American Computers, Inc., Indiustudio and QMI-MSRA."

Like the Indy 500 has historically been, the SEMA Show is a primary venue for motorsports networking, so the motorsports industry is a highly visible participant in SEMA/AI shows. Colorful racing machines were on display with well-known racers on hand to show and explain how new technology is being utilized.

Racers aren't *always* peering at asphalt and dealing with high technology though, and RWC's booth portrayed some of the finer activities racers engage in while visiting communities to compete. ✚

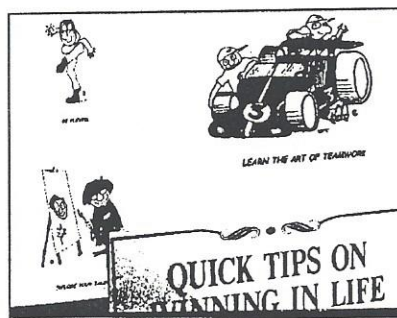


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FAX ON DEMAND IS A VALUED TOOL

Efficiency and speed of service in getting informative RWC-related materials out to participants and the public has substantially improved with the support of RWC's new fax on demand system. General RWC information, our event schedule, lists of directors, officers, racers and advisors involved, forms to fill out to join RWC, and information about making donations, are all available.

Now, quickly and inexpensively, anyone, anywhere who has access to a fax machine, can easily have copies of RWC materials sent to a fax machine of their choice in just the time it takes to dial 818/558-4381, listen to brief instructions, make selections and press the pound key on their phone.

Faxes may also be sent to that number and voice messages left. ☎



Photo by Judy Strawn

Ray Funke, left, with Las Vegas Sun Reporter Nichole Davis and Tommy Kendall, at the Hard Rock Hot Rod Show.

BUSINESS MANAGER HIRED

"Considering the state of the world right now, I am delighted to be working with RWC," says business entrepreneur Ray Funke (*pronounced Funkee*), who is spearheading RWC's fundraising activities with corporate foundations having motorsports industry ties.

"With both parents working in most cases," he continues, "and kids coming home to empty houses after school and often looking in the wrong places for role models, RWC is a program providing an effective influence geared directly toward kids' interests. RWC is particularly good for kids who do not respond well to authority figures as role models."

Funke is a Business Entrepreneur graduate of Los Angeles' University of Southern California and President of *Red Horse International*, an on-line locator, brokerage and sales service for automotive products and aviation collectibles.

"I'm working out a feasible marketing strategy for RWC," he continues. "But, this has been quite an education. Some ideas I originally had, and considered pretty brilliant, wouldn't work for a nonprofit, so I've had to go back to the drafting table and start over often!"

"I've enjoyed contacting various businesses to explore linking RWC's websites with theirs, and I've developed a comprehensive overview of RWC while compiling its business plan. I'm looking forward to finalizing RWC's websites!" he concludes. ✚

RWC JOINS UNIVERSE

"I visualize RWC's Web sites as wonderful tools to encourage, instruct and generally reach out in a positive way to children and teens," says RWC's Business/Fundraising Manager, Ray Funke, who is designing the sites, which are projected to be finalized early in 1998.

RWC has joined America On Line and CompuServe. "As soon as we went online, we began receiving e-mail from Texas and Washington State to Australia," comments RWC President Judy Strawn.

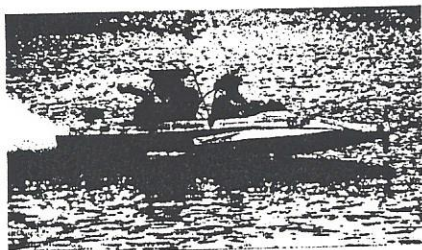
RWC's participants are enthusiastic e-mail fanatics, finding it a fast, efficient way to communicate with each other and with others in the motorsports industry, as well as sending documents they are working on together back and forth, "which is very handy," says Funke, who often trades e-mail with Judy Strawn several times a day from his Houston office.

Traveling RWC personnel and racers are quickly in touch with each other, the base office and with people involved in their events.

RWC also foresees e-mail and Web sites as terrific avenues to communicate with children and teens who have questions, want advice or who simply just want to chat with someone. Interviews with RWC's racers, to be featured on the Web sites, are already being compiled.

Early in 1998, RWC expects to have linked Web addresses with CompuServe and America On Line; though, "with the recent AOL/CompuServe developments, we are waiting to see whether our two memberships, which now include free Web space on each, will be merged, causing our space on each to shrink to the equivalent of just one," Funke comments.

Meanwhile, RWC may be reached by e-mail at: Racerscare@aol.com and 107776,2102@Compuserve.com. ☎



RWC'S landlord, Dale "He Just Went That Way" Jennings.

BURBANK DIGS WITH IMPRESSIVE NEIGHBORS

RWC is beneficiary of terrific office space, at 1613 West Burbank Boulevard, in Burbank, California, near the Disney, Warner Brothers, MCA/Universal and NBC studios, donated by IHBA drag boat competitor and construction contractor Dale Jennings. "On the way to our office, I've passed Jay Leno, puffing along through Burbank in his Stanley Steamer," says Judy Strawn.

"Dale has made more than enough space (organized for RWC by June Saruwatari) available for our office supplies and equipment and our Board meetings. We've been here over a year and a half now and couldn't be happier!" comments Judy Strawn.

Additional donations to RWC include office equipment: "Thanks to the assistance of computer whiz Phil Chu, we have a computer with two hard drives -- a 1.5 gigabyte for working with graphics and an 850 for storing software; 200 MHZ; 64 megabytes RAM; an 800 megabyte backup drive for storing graphics, a 6 megabyte/220 MHZ graphics card and a CD-ROM drive, as well as a *Cheyenne Bitware* fax-on-demand system/multiple fax program that we use for press releases and announcements," continues Strawn.

"To assist us with setting up and publicizing events and getting directions to our racers, we have *Pro-CD Maps* containing just about every street in the U.S., the *American Yellow Pages* and the *88-Million Households* listings on CD-ROM; and, to help with desktop publishing projects, we have *Adobe Photoshop*, an 800 dpi *UMAX* color scanner and a 720 dpi *Epson Stylus Color* printer," Strawn happily shares. Additionally, RWC has a small *Canon* copier, an 11" x 16" laminator, an electric velobinder a 6020 *Xerox Memorywriter* and a full compliment of office materials and supplies. ☺

"UNFUNDED" NO MORE!

For some time, RWC has represented in its promotional materials that it has been "entirely unfunded" since its 1993 inception. "A chance comment someone recently made about fundraising in general led us to realize that using the term 'unfunded' may be a little misleading," says RWC Treasurer, Brian Tobin.

"In fact, one RWC member has contributed approximately \$30,000 in out-of-pocket expenses, and more in the form of office supplies and equipment, over the years. Additionally, nearly everyone in the program contributes in-kind services, which we estimate to amount to approximately \$7,700 per event, or \$177,100 for 1997, not including everyone's out-of-pocket expenses," he continues.

"For instance," Tobin observes, "one of our prominent spokesracers, who has made at least 10 RWC presentations annually since January 1994, generally charges at least \$3,500 each for the types of presentations he donates to RWC! In sum, his contribution to RWC dating to the end of 1997, could well be conservatively estimated at approximately \$150,000!" Tobin observes.

"Subsequently, RWC has begun seeing itself in a new light, and is reevaluating its 'assets'. We will represent RWC's finances a little differently in the future," continues Tobin. This new evaluation (as shown here on page 20) will be evident soon in RWC's fundraising materials.

"RWC's fundraising efforts in general have been pretty much stalled for quite a while," says Tobin, "because the majority of our Directors, a group of racing pros, insist on hiring a fundraiser who will do the work on commission, which is common enough to motorsports marketing, but few in charitable fundraising will do that. As a result, Judy Strawn will be taking over fundraising responsibilities, at no charge to RWC, in mid-1998." \$



Photo by Suze Laner

CHIEF GREAT ELK & TERRY CLANTON

Appearing in full Native American regalia and 1880's period Western gear, Chief Great Elk and Terry Clanton are a popular addition to RWC's roster of presenters.

A Shawnee Chief, United Nations Ambassador, spiritual leader and healer, Chief Great Elk is a direct descendent of the great Shawnee Warrior Tecumseh, considered by many the equal of history's greatest statesmen and tacticians, who figured prominently in America's War of 1812.

Chief Great Elk is a writer, playwright, an actor (*North*), a producer (Native American voiceovers for Disney's *Pocahontas*), an artist whose work is in collections the world over, and a Native American activist who founded *Unbroken Cord*, a group seeking to peacefully resolve peace treaty issues. Chief Great Elk is also a consultant on working with at-risk kids and with environmental issues. He is a professional motorsports photographer and retired SCCA club racer.

Terry Clanton has hosted popular L.A. area radio talk shows featuring sports and baseball cards. He is a professional motorsports announcer who works with the Costa Mesa International Raceway and the Toyota Grand Prix of Long Beach. He was the first announcer for the first IndyCar Gold Coast Grand Prix in Australia. Terry owns an advertising voice-over company, *Clanton's Radioworks*. He is also an actor featured in *Honda* and *Diesel Jeans* television commercials and in *ER*'s recent *Friendly Fire* episode.

Clanton is a direct descendent of the Clanton Gang, infamous for their OK Corral Shootout with legendary Wyatt Earp and his pal Doc Holliday. An historian of the period, Clanton lectures widely on the topic and spends much of his time in Tombstone, Arizona. He received nationwide attention in 1996 for his attempts to have his Uncle Ike's remains moved to Tombstone. He and fellow descendent/actor Wyatt Earp, have appeared together on *Showtime at the OK Corral* and stay in touch.

Clanton is a fast draw expert who has ranked 33rd in world competition, and a retired Speedway motorcycle racer.

As former racers still professionally involved in motorsports and who maintain a wide variety of interests, Chief Great Elk and Terry Clanton stress to kids RWC's "Be Flexible" and "Explore Your Talent and Creativity" key points, showing that there are many ways to be involved in most fields if one path doesn't pan out, and how keeping involved and interested in many areas enriches life. Additionally, the men add cultural and historical anecdotes to their presentations. ☆



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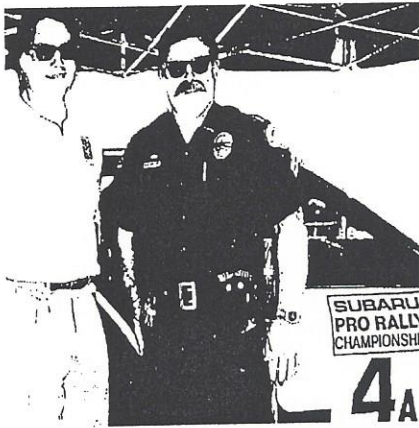


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Huntington Beach, California, Police Officer, practicing psychologist and forensics expert, Mike Corcoran, poses with SCCA Rally (Paris to Dakar, etc.) Champion Chad DiMarco. Corcoran, a former U.S. Secret Service Special Agent who protected four Presidents, is on RWC's Board of Advisors.

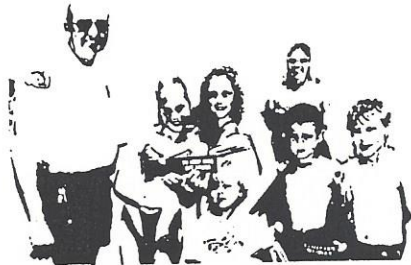


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The Huntington Beach, California, Police Department's D.A.R.E. Program shared RWC's booth and visited with kids at RWC's RAD Beach Party Against Drugs.

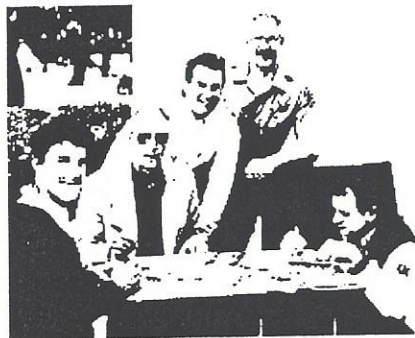


Photo by Judy Strawn

"You may feel helpless about changing the world around you, but you have unlimited capacity to change yourself and how you live in that world," was the message when L.A. County Sheriff Deputy and S.A.N.E. spokesman Richard Wright, participated in an RWC presentation at the Fred C. Nelles School, a full lockdown correctional facility for young men, along with Motocross champion David Taylor, Western Racing Association President Dan Fleisher, RWC Honorary Board member Terry Clanton and NHRA's multi-time Pro Stock Champion Bob Glidden.

RWC'S BRUSHES WITH THE LAW

Not only is RWC very honored to have peace officers from several law enforcement venues as members who have been great advisors, but we often work with even more!

Here, by Officer Mac Sibley, of the Dallas Police Department, is an account of an RWC/Beat the Heat event (Beat the Heat is a group of drag racing peace officers who encourage kids to stay in school and off drugs. Mac Sibley is its President.):

BEAT THE HEAT OFFICERS AND THE DALLAS POLICE DEPARTMENT, WORKING WITH RWC AND THE TEXAS MOTORPLEX'S JASON BAFFREY, PUT ON THE MOTORPLEX'S CHIEF AUTO PARTS "YOUTH IN DRAG RACING DAY" SPONSORED BY MONROE SHOCKS.

THE ORIGINAL PLAN WAS TO HOST ABOUT 600 4TH-8TH GRADERS, BUT BEFORE THE SMOKE CLEARED, THE NUMBER VAULTED TO WELL OVER 1,000!

WHAT A DAY! THE MOTORPLEX ARRANGED TO HAVE TWO DRAG RACING POLICE CARS DO A MATCH RACE FOR THE KIDS. I DROVE A FORD FAIRMOUNT, TAKING ON MIDLOTHIAN, TEXAS POLICE OFFICER JOHN MCCOLLUM, WHO DROVE A CHEVROLET MONTE CARLO. IT WAS A CLOSE RACE, BUT I PREVAILED! THE FORD/CHEVY "THING" DREW A LOT OF EXCITEMENT AND JASON BAFFREY DID A GREAT JOB OF WHIPPING UP THE KIDS' ENTHUSIASM.

EVEN MORE EXCITING FOR THEM WAS THE JUNIOR DRAGSTER RACE WITH EIGHT CARS DRIVEN BY FOUR GIRLS AND FOUR BOYS! AMIDST A DEAFENING ROAR OF CHEERS, THE FINAL ROUND SAW A BOY/GIRL PAIRING WITH JESSICA TEGGE TAKING IT FOR THE GIRLS!

RWC'S ON SITE COORDINATOR STEVE JOHNSON, WAS A HIT TOO! STEVE TOLD THE KIDS TO MAKE THE MOST OF THEIR EDUCATION AND TO STAY AWAY FROM DOPE. HE ALSO BROUGHT OUT HIS PRO STOCK DRAG BIKE SO THE KIDS COULD GET A CLOSE LOOK AT IT.

ALSO, THE WORLD'S FASTEST COP CAR, SMOKEY BEAR, A TOP ALCOHOL FUNNY CAR PAINTED BLACK AND WHITE WITH WORKING POLICE LIGHTS ON THE ROOF, MADE AN APPEARANCE WITH OFFICER TONY LEWIS. SMOKEY'S REGULAR DRIVER, BILL WENDT, HAS BEEN "DOING THE HOT ROD COP THING" FOR OVER 25 YEARS WITH A SERIES OF SMOKEY BEARS, WORKING WITH KIDS ALL OVER THE COUNTRY.

FASTNOTES will feature more brushes with the law in upcoming issues. ❖

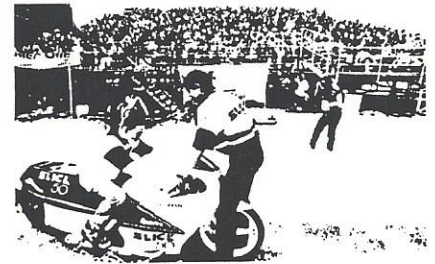


Photo Compliments of Dallas Police Department

Steve Johnson and drag bike are a hit, underscoring the importance of looking for something to do in life that you love!



Photo Compliments of Dallas Police Department

Smokey Bear and a few speedy pals promote safe and sober driving. In 1994, Beat the Heat received the Texas Attorney General's Criminal Justice Award for its work with kids in the area of crime prevention.



Photo Compliments of Dallas Police Department

Dallas Police Officer and Beat the Heat President Mac Sibley, poses with students from Rosemont Middle School who attended the Youth In Drag Racing Day.



Photo by Judy Strawn

Fullerton, California, Police Captain and owner of the Say No To Drugs Top Alcohol Funny Car, Ken Head, makes a point about finding mentors to young students on a field trip to the NHRA Winternationals, hosted by the Southern California Indian Center's tutorial program and RWC. Head is also on RWC Board of Advisors.

ARTISTS SET STYLE

"RWC has been very fortunate to have several artists and photographers working toward setting a visually distinctive and professional tone and style for our publications," comments Ray Funke.

"Photographers Phil Abbott, Chief Great Elk, Meryl Minnier, Barbara Schulman, Judy Strawn and Al Wong have donated time and funds attending and documenting many of our events," he continues. "as you can see here in *FASTNOTES*' pages, they have done terrific work for us and again, we're very, very fortunate to have them with us," Funke declares.

Additionally, RWC's distinctive corporate logo was designed by fine artist/decorative tile artist, Mike Henderson, of Littleton, Colorado. The speedy-looking *FASTNOTES* logo was designed and donated to RWC by Motografix, St. Petersburg, Florida, artists R.H. and Holly Duncan, who specialize in "quality racing graphic design at affordable prices."

"For two or three years," relates Judy Strawn, "I tried to interest several artists in drawing cartoons to illustrate our racers' key instructive points, so we'd have something memorable to leave with children and teens after their presentations."

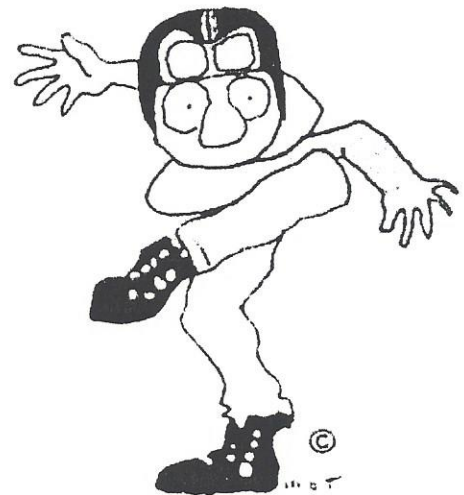
RWC had little luck connecting with anyone who had the time for such a project until early 1995 when Strawn, attending a rock band's performance, spied a poster advertising its upcoming gigs. "The poster had cartoon characters on it very similar to what I'd envisioned using in RWC's materials!" exclaims Strawn. "So I asked a friend of one of the band members, Mike Higuera, if he thought it might be possible to obtain the artist's contact information.

"As it turned out, the artist, Tom Gardner, of Redondo Beach, California, was right there, standing near us!" We exchanged contact information, and he drew wonderful cartoons for us at only a nominal charge!" We plan to have him design coloring books, posters and other materials over time." Here are a few of Tom's cartoons . . .

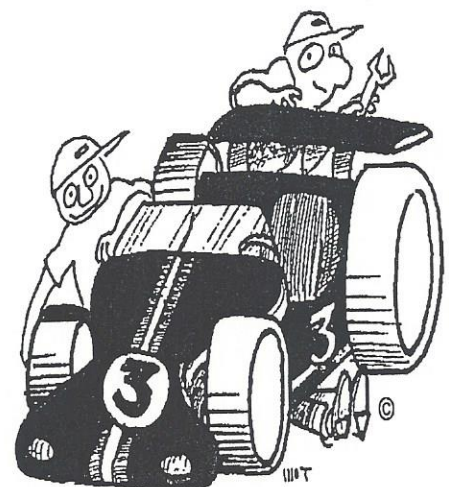
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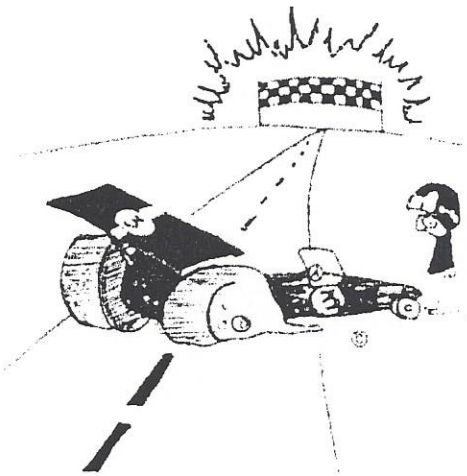
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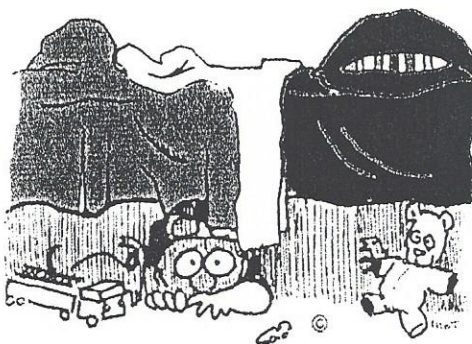
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WINNERS CLUB

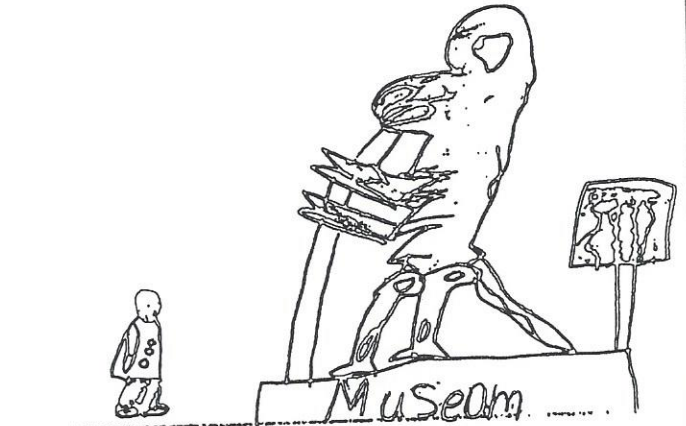
BELOW ARE THE ENTRIES OF ART/ESSAY CONTEST FINALISTS FROM THE VILLAGE VIEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL OF HUNTINGTON BEACH, CALIFORNIA. THESE ENTRIES WERE JUDGED BY CHIEF GREAT ELK WATERS AND TERRY CLANTON. THE CONTEST SUBJECT WAS: "IF I COULD BE ANYTHING I WANT TO WHEN I GROW UP, WHAT WOULD I CHOOSE TO BE AND WHY?"

BY BILL

MY FUTURE

When I grow up I want to be a major league baseball first basemen for the Los Angeles Dodgers. I want to live in Missouri. I want to help kids in Make A Wish program. After I retire from baseball I want to write kids books or be a baseball manager. When I die I want the Dodgers schedule on my grave so people could go to my grave and find out if the Dodgers are playing at home or the road.

BY LARRY



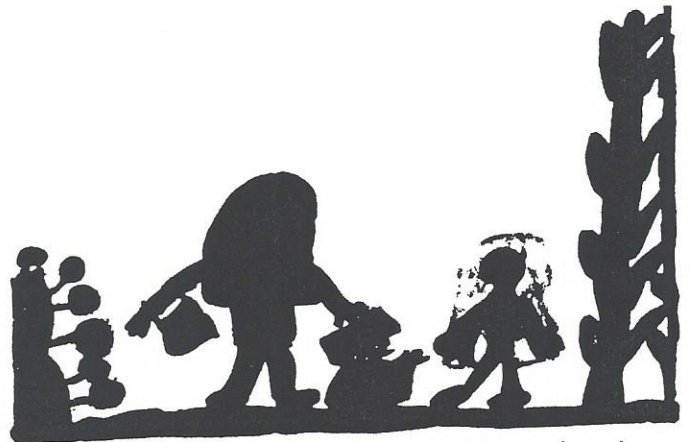
My dream for the future is to be a scientist. I will look for dinosaurs but one thing I will not do is drugs. I want to be healthy. I care about my life.

BY COREY



When I grow up I want to be a cop because they get the bad people off the streets.

BY RENELLE



My dream for the future is to be a farmer. I want to be this because I can help people stay healthy with my crops of veggies and fruit.

CHALLENGERS CLUB

RACING LEGEND DAN GURNEY, WHO OWNS THE PPG/CART ALL AMERICAN RACERS TEAM, RECENTLY RECEIVED A LETTER FROM A CONCERNED MOTHER WHOSE TEENAGED SON WAS UPSET ABOUT HIS PARENTS' SPLIT UP. HE FELT ANGRY AND REBELLIOUS AND DECIDED HE REALLY DIDN'T NEED TO GO TO SCHOOL, ASSUMING THAT SINCE HE WAS PLANNING TO RACE CARS WHEN HE GREW UP, AN EDUCATION WASN'T NECESSARY! HER SON LOVES RACING, SO HIS MOM ASKED MR. GURNEY IF HE WOULD BE WILLING TO WRITE AND ADVISE HER SON ABOUT RACING AND EDUCATION. BELOW IS MR. GURNEY'S LETTER:



**DAN GURNEY'S
All AMERICAN RACERS, INC.**

Dear M ,

Your Mom wrote to me and told me that you are a long time racing fan and hope to drive race cars. She also mentioned that because of your ambition you feel that an education is not necessary or important.

No one person can make another see the value of being educated, (I prefer to think of it as being informed). If you are curious and questioning nothing will stand in the way of your learning. The purpose of being informed is not so that it will help you in one narrow avenue such as a chosen career field. It is so that you are aware of what is going on in the world, your country, your city and your town. The more information you have, the more options you have in life.

There are not that many successful race car drivers as a percentage of people employed. Those who are in that field eventually retire, usually at a fairly young age. What then?

Go to the library, wander amongst the stacks of books, pick up some books in the non-fiction section and see what sparks your interest. Be curious and ask questions. The saddest thing of all is a person who knows nothing and doesn't know that he knows nothing. Watch who people choose as friends, good ones are the best part of life. Your Mom sees your potential but only you can do something with it. Good luck!

All the best,



Dan Gurney

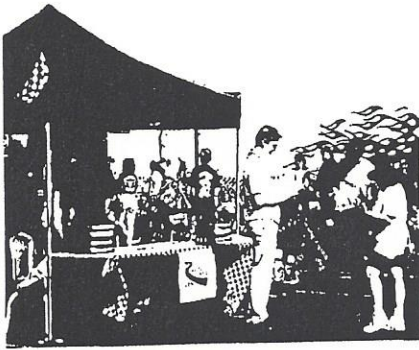


Photo by Judy Strawn

Ray Funke reviews procedures for manning RWC's booth at the Las Vegas Hard Rock (Hotel & Casino) Hot Rod Show with volunteers Nick Grey, a recent high school graduate from San Diego, and Pat Figueroa, an interior designer from Los Angeles, who helped greet the 8,000 attendees. The event was produced by DJ&F International and Jason Sakurai.

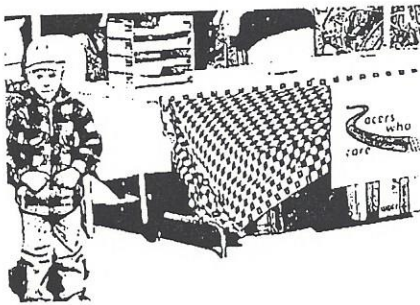


Photo by Judy Strawn

Pint-sized volunteer, Patrick Matthews, takes a breather from setting up RWC's booth and his dad's drag bike at the Hard Rock Hot Rod Show. Straight from the Show, he cheered on his dad, Jay, at a championship bowling competition. Also manning the booth were Tommy Kendall, Scott Horner, Bob Couse, of the Mirage Hotel & Casino, and the Oren Goodrich family who displayed their hot Chevy Luv dragster.



Photo by Al Wong

Beautiful bathing beauty volunteers, Ginger and Christina, representing Bert's Motorcycle Mall, assisted emcee Terry Clanton with door prize drawings during RWC's RAD Beath Party Against Drugs.

PIT CREW CLUB

VOLUNTEERS SOUGHT!

RWC offers fine opportunities for people who routinely travel/work on various racing series, or who live near its Southern California headquarters (or both), to contribute toward encouraging/teaching children and teens to set and achieve positive life goals. People can accomplish this by helping to set up, carry out, publicize, promote and follow up on RWC's events.

"Having volunteers on hand to assist us while we make our presentations would be an immense help!" says RWC Spokesracer and Director, Tommy Kendall. "Volunteers could recruit additional racers at the tracks to work with us, lead or assist with field trips and help at off-site presentations."

In Southern California, RWC plans to be involved with a series of events for kids. "We will need a lot of assistance with planning, coordinating and managing these events," explains Indy Racing League PR representative and RWC Director, J. C. Agajanian, Jr.

The types of events RWC plans will vary. In addition to the annual picnic for L.A. area kids in Griffith Park, mentioned on page 21, RWC has been involved in talks about planning a possible annual street party blocking off part of Hollywood's Sunset Strip, including popular clubs, prominent entertainers and thousands of spectators.

"We would also like to host, along with a local race track, a fundraising barbecue on or near the beach and other similar types of events," Judy Strawn adds. "However, we need many people to help us with projects like this," she continues.

"We cordially invite people who are interested in kids and in working with racers to contact us," Strawn urges.

Equally needed by RWC, but perhaps not as exciting, is a need for assistance in its headquarters office in Burbank.

"We really could use help with everything from addressing our newsletters to desktop publishing, to making media calls . . . filing . . . and far more!" Strawn concludes.

People interested in doing volunteer work with RWC are encouraged to call:

818/558-4381 or 818/558-5214.

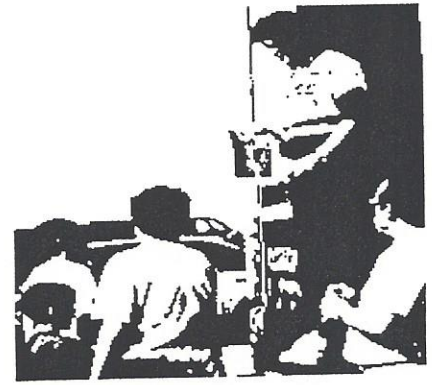


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Volunteers accompany youngsters from L.A.-area homeless and in-transition families on a field trip to the NHRA's Winternationals race. Here, they visit drag bike racer Steve Johnson. The NHRA's Youth & Education Department assists RWC for these events with tickets and general advice.



Photo by Judy Strawn

Volunteer Randy Thomas (center) holds forth with L.A. Police Officer Condon and Chief Great Elk in RWC's booth at the Los Angeles Inner City Games. His sons Brian and Joseph displayed their drag racing machines. Also on hand was the Nighthawk off-road racing team: Felix Giles and actor/racer Christopher Raczynski.



Photo by Judy Strawn

Editor of *Who's Who in Country Music* and Hollywood producer/agent, Kenn Kingsbury, enjoys Stefan Johansson's comments to Fontana, California, high school students on an NTS Computers/RWC field trip to California Speedway's PPG/CART race. Kingsbury was on hand to participate in the presentation.

INVITATION...

JOIN RACERS WHO CARE!



**BE PART OF A DYNAMIC PROGRAM
FOR KIDS AND TEENS!
CONTRIBUTE TOWARD
ENCOURAGING OUR NEXT
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POTENTIAL AND BECOME LIFE'S
WINNERS!**



**KEEP UP-TO-DATE WITH RWC
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**PARTICIPATE IN RWC
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THE WINNERS' CLUB

- * Children to 11 years
- * Annual dues: \$10.00

THE CHALLENGERS' CLUB

- ✓ Teens to 20 years
- ✓ Annual dues: \$15.00

THE PIT CREW CLUB

- ➔ Adults 21 years & up
- ➔ Annual dues: \$30.00

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**YES! I WANT TO BE INVOLVED! PLEASE SIGN ME UP FOR _____ MEMBERSHIP(S) IN RWC'S
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My CONTACT INFORMATION IS:

NAME:



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ADDRESS:

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WHAT IS RACERS WHO CARE, ANYWAY?

Unlike the title suggests, Racers Who Care is not an answer to a *Jeopardy* question. What RWC does focus on answering is the call, or need, for help by many of today's youth. We all hear media horror stories about how youngsters are increasingly violent and malicious. In fact, there are those who feel that many adults of tomorrow should be written off before they have had their chance to shine.

Rather than succumbing to that view, RWC's racers assure kids that they matter, that they can succeed, that they can set and reach fine goals and create successful lives for themselves. Then, the racers share practical, personalized guidelines on how to go about accomplishing such a personal agenda.

RWC brings professional racers to children and teens with a stirring message of positive alternatives to substance abuse and negative behaviors. Using personal observations gleaned from experiences encountered in the School of Hard Knocks on the Road to the Winners' Circle, racers instruct kids on how to avoid life's potholes.

As you may guess, Racers Who Care is a California-based group of motorsports professionals dedicated to making a difference for our next generation. A positive difference! The nationwide program unforgettably impacts children and teens with a variety of exciting motivational presentations. Centered around major motorsports venues, these programs focus on racers as mentors.

RWC is not a religious program and no adherence to a particular religion or philosophy is required for involvement. Nor is RWC in competition with similar organizations. Instead, RWC works closely with them and church groups when possible.

Presentations center on key universal truths applicable to every young person regardless of age, life experience, or cultural background: find something to do in life you really love, study, learn the art of teamwork, find a mentor, explore your talent and creativity, tap your inner strength, be flexible, avoid the path of least resistance, and much more. ☺

HOW DOES RWC DIFFER FROM GROUPS SUCH AS D.A.R.E.?

Professionals from several law-enforcement venues, including the Drug Enforcement Administration, are members of RWC and RWC has worked with D.A.R.E. and S.A.N.E. representatives.

RWC is not in competition with these, or other similar, fine programs. We feel that our program's focus dovetails nicely with what children and teens learn from others'.

Although we share many similar goals, Racers Who Care differs from groups such as D.A.R.E. in key ways: our programs are presented by RWC's spokesracers, who are not seen as "authority figures". This helps delete psychological or emotional barriers some kids may erect toward peace officers.

RWC's message is not limited to the scope of educating about substance abuse, but encompasses a variety of topics: gun safety, gang avoidance, positive alternatives to negative behaviors, widening the horizons of young women, practical things kids can do that will help them reach their life goals and much more.

In other words, substance abuse is just one of the topics covered in racers' presentations rather than making up the bulk of the presentations.

RWC's message is delivered in a mentoring "show me" fashion, rather than a "tell me" fashion. The audience is not told: "do not do this"; but rather, racers share instructive anecdotes drawn from their own experiences on how kids can get along in life and reach their goals.

Included are: learning coping skills, learning responsibility, studying areas of interest and learning how to apply new knowledge and other important life affirming tools.

Further, RWC's programs are not limited to in-school programs directed at certain age groups. We visit not only elementary schools, but pre-schools, high schools, detention centers and full lock-down correctional institutions!

We visit church groups and shelters for runaways. We visit Boy Scouts and children of homeless families who live on the streets, **IN OTHER WORDS, ALL CHILDREN, ALL TEENS, EVERYWHERE!** ☺

WHAT IS INCLUDED IN RACERS' PRESENTATIONS?

RWC's racers usually begin their presentations with: "When I was your age, I REALLY wanted to be a racer when I grew up. I dreamed about it all the time. And now, I'm actually LIVING my dream -- I made it come true!"

I'm going to share with you some things I did that helped make my dream to be a racer come true. You may not want to be a racer when you grow up -- you may dream of being a nurse, a scientist or a basketball player or something else exciting, but if you follow some of the suggestions I'm going to make, it should help you make your own personal dream come true."

Then the racers follow about 8 key concepts:

- (1) find something to do in life that you REALLY love;
- (2) study;
- (3) find a mentor;
- (4) be flexible -- there are many ways to be involved in most fields [This one is important because some may really not be able to do what they want to for one reason or another. By being flexible, they can acknowledge that and still find a way to be involved in the field they like -- an aspiring racer may have poor eyesight and not allowed to compete BUT he or she might make a terrific motorsports journalist or do public relations for a team; someone who wants to be a surgeon may not have good enough coordination to do the work, but might make a fantastic hospital administrator, etc.];
- (5) take the long view (Don't get caught up in sadness or anger over misunderstandings or things that happen not quite right; just practice letting these things pass over while you work hard on an interesting project, and eventually, they won't seem as important);
- (6) explore your talent and creativity (Try a lot of different things: take photos, paint pictures, try singing, act in a play, write a story and send it to a magazine. You might surprise yourself and find out you're very talented! Keep interested in many things -- it will make you a more interesting person and will make life more interesting to you.);
- (7) learn the art of teamwork (Racers don't get to winner's circle without tire changers and mechanics -- having someone to help often makes things easier accomplish.); and
- (8) avoid the path of least resistance like drug and alcohol abuse.

Each racer individualizes these concepts with anecdotes from his or her own experience. ☆

RWC'S 1997 EVENT SCHEDULE

2/13 GREENLAWN, NY
OLDFIELD MIDDLE SCHOOL
KEN CRAFT -- NASCAR NORTHEAST

2/20 ST. PETERSBURG, FL
ALL CHILDRENS HOSPITAL
TOMMY KENDALL -- SCCA TRANS AM

3/10-14 GREENLAWN, NY
OLDFIELD MIDDLE SCHOOL
KEN CRAFT -- NASCAR NORTHEAST

4/17 PHOENIX, AZ
GILA RIVER JUVENILE DETENTION & REHABILITATION
CENTER
TOMMY KENDALL -- SCCA TRANS AM
RICK CARELLI -- NASCAR SUPER TRUCK

4/24 NAZARETH, PA
YMCA
PATTI NEFF -- PPG/CART

5/14 FREEHOLD, NJ
YMCA PRE SCHOOL
STEVE JOHNSON -- NHRA

5/22 ST. LOUIS, MO
ST. LOUIS CHILDRENS HOSPITAL
MARGY EATWELL, KELLIE LA FOLLETTE, GAIL TRUETT --
PPG/CART

5/29 MILWAUKEE, WI
MARY RYAN BRANCH, BOYS & GIRLS CLUB
MARGY EATWELL, STACY MARCHANT, GAIL TRUETT --
PPG/CART

6/5 DETROIT, MI
HOLDEN BOYS & GIRLS CLUB
TOMMY KENDALL -- SCCA TRANS AM

6/10 LEXINGTON, OH
BOY SCOUTS/INDIAN VALLEY KART CLUB
FIELD TRIP TO MID-OHIO TRACK
TOMMY KENDALL -- SCCA TRANS AM

6/19 PORTLAND, OR
HARRY'S MOTHER
MARGY EATWELL, LINDA POBST, GAIL TRUETT -- PPG/CART

7/10 CLEVELAND, OH
JONES HOME
TOMMY KENDALL -- SCCA TRANS AM
KELLIE LAFOLLETTE, MARGY EATWELL, GAIL TRUETT --
PPG/CART

8/7 LEXINGTON, OH
MANSFIELD COUNTY AREA Y -- CHILDCARE PROGRAM
MARGY EATWELL, PATTIE NEFF, GAIL TRUETT -- PPG/CART

8/9 COSTA MESA, CA
BIG BROTHERS/BIG SISTERS
FIELD TRIP TO INTERNATIONAL SPEEDWAY
TERRY CLANTON, BOBBY SCHWARTZ & DAUGHTER -- WSMA

8/13 BRAINARD, MN
FUN 'N FRIENDS LATCHKEY PROGRAM/CAMP VANASEK
STEVE JOHNSON -- NHRA

8/13 LAS VEGAS, NV
BOYS & GIRLS CLUB
SCOTT HORNER -- NHRA

8/14 SHEBOYGAN, WI
REHABILITATION CENTER OF SHEBOYGAN
TOMMY KENDALL -- SCCA TRANS AM

8/19 LAS VEGAS, NV
BOYS & GIRLS CLUB
SCOTT HORNER -- NHRA

8/28 VANCOUVER, BC CANADA
FRASER VIEW BOYS & GIRLS CLUB
MARGY EATWELL, DEREK ROSS, GAIL TRUETT -- PPG/CART

9/26 FONTANA, CA
HIGH SCHOOL FIELD TRIP TO RACE TRACK
STEFAN JOHANSSON, JEFF WARD, CHIEF GREAT ELK WATERS,
PHIL ABBOTT, MARGY EATWELL, TRICIA HESSINGER, KELLIE
LA FOLLETTE, TERRY MacDONALD-CADIEUX, GAIL TRUETT,
KELLIE WILLIAMS, NTS COMPUTERS -- PPG/CART, INDY
LIGHTS

9/28 DENVER, CO
CLYDE MILLER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ASSEMBLY
TOMMY KENDALL -- SCCA TRANS AM
STACY MARCHANT -- PPG/CART

10/16 RENO, NV
YMCA OF THE SIERRAS
TOMMY KENDALL -- SCCA TRANS AM

10/24 HOUSTON, TX
SCHOOL OF THE WOODS
RAY FUNKE

11/4-7 LAS VEGAS, NV
SEMA/AI SHOW '97
RAY FUNKE, SCOTT HORNER, JUDY STRAWN

RWC'S FINANCIAL DATA

	1994	1995	1996
TRAVEL	50.00	247.25	1,073.55
BUSINESS MEALS	279.46	347.17	47.52
AUTO	165.00		790.52
OFFICE FURNITURE/EQUIPMENT	557.92	1,165.47	2,755.45
OFFICE/PHOTO SUPPLIES	978.03	799.46	4,398.48
PHONE/FAX	625.67	324.16	*
POSTAGE/COURIER	442.11	664.42	
REFERENCE MATERIAL/SUBSCRIPTIONS	62.47	278.58	199.74
DUES/FEES	30.00	605.00	155.00
EDUCATION			215.00
GIFTS/CONTRIBUTIONS			41.50
BUSINESS LOSSES	614.00 (OFFICE BURGLARIZED)		
TOTAL OUT OF POCKET EXPENSES PAID FOR RWC BY JUDY STRAWN	\$3,190.66	\$4,431.51	\$9,636.76
DONATIONS TO RWC	250.00	182.00	70.00
PAID TO RWC'S CHECKING ACCOUNT BY JUDY STRAWN FOR PHONE/FAX EXPENSES			643.83*
TOTAL INCOME:	<u>\$3,440.66</u>	<u>\$4,613.51</u>	<u>\$10,350.59</u>

APPROXIMATE IN-KIND SERVICES VALUE RWC PARTICIPANTS DONATE PER EVENT -- BASED ON ONE RACER PER EVENT AND NOT INCLUDING OUT OF POCKET EXPENSES PAID BY RACERS AND OTHERS (NOTE: SOME EVENTS FEATURE MORE THAN ONE RACER):

APPEARANCE FEE NORMALLY CHARGED FOR RACER TIME	2,500.00
ADVISORY BOARD/BOARD TIME AND ADVICE	1,200.00
PUBLIC RELATIONS/PROMOTION	1,500.00
OFFICE ADMINISTRATION/COMPUTER WORK	1,000.00
EVENT PLANNING, MANAGEMENT AND FOLLOWUP	1,500.00
TOTAL PER EVENT:	<u>7,700.00</u>
1997 TOTAL (23 EVENTS):	<u>177,100.00</u>

UPCOMING FEATURES TO WATCH FOR...

RWC'S OFFICIAL MASCOT:



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Dear Ms. Strawn:

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, thank you and Racers Who Care for your gift in the amount of \$ to the Wildlife Savers program in support of Smokey the Jaguar. We are grateful that you have chosen to take an active role in preserving the world's precious diversity of life. Through the Wildlife Saver annual animal sponsorship, each individual becomes a part of the solution to saving rare and threatened species.

As a Wildlife Saver, you have joined others who have already made a commitment to the conservation of endangered animals. We are glad to welcome you to this important community dedicated to the world's wildlife.

Enclosed, please find a certificate honoring Racers Who Care, and we've also included, per your request, information on joining the Zoo.

Again, thank you for your gift, and thank you for the wonderful news that you are planning to make an additional gift of to Wildlife Savers.

Sincerely,

Terry L. Monteleone

Terry L. Monteleone
Vice President for Development

TLM:kmr

P.S. More and more companies are recognizing the positive impact their employees and retirees are making in the community by matching their charitable contributions to the Greater Los Angeles Zoo Association. Please check with your employer's human resources department to see if your contribution qualifies. For more information please call (213) 664-1100 extension 305.

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Nurturing wildlife and enriching the human experience

For several years, RWC has sponsored Smokey the Jaguar, who lives at the Los Angeles Zoo. In upcoming years, RWC plans to host at least one annual, day-long picnic for L.A.-area children in Griffith Park, a beautiful, pastoral area located between Los Angeles and Burbank.

Picnickers will have fun options for varied recreational learning experiences: visiting Smokey and other zoo animals and learning how a kid can help save endangered species; visiting the Gene Autrey Western Museum located across the street from the Zoo to learn how kids can become involved in appreciating and preserving history (includes a horseback riding lesson); a visit to the Griffith Observatory to see what's beyond the horizon and how kids can get into the space exploration field; and, nature hikes to check out flora and fauna and things that go rustling in the bushes and find out how the outdoors can be saved for later enjoyment (includes a mountain climbing lesson). RWC racers will be involved in each field trip. Upcoming issues of **FASTNOTES** will feature photos of Smokey, updates on how he's doing and announcements about picnics. 🌸

CELEBRITY RACERS -- READ ALL ABOUT THEM ON THESE PAGES!

What makes racers tick, anyway? Why do some of them want to drive around in circles for hours on a perfectly good Sunday afternoon? How did they get into this? Do they have sage advice for kids about how to follow their tire treads to the top?

Keep your eyes peeled here for the latest on what the pro-celebs are up to, or wish they were...

GLOSSARY OF RACEY TERMS FOR THE SPEED-CHALLENGED

BARBER-SAAB -- A series operated by the Skip Barber Racing School so its graduates may gain driving expertise.

BRAIN FADE -- Loss of concentration, not using head at all.

CART -- Championship Auto Racing Teams. American-based series formerly known as IndyCar. The cars look similar to Formula One cars.

FLAT OUT -- Taking a corner without lifting.

FORMULA ONE -- European-based car racing featuring small, aerodynamically sophisticated cars sponsored and crafted by leading auto manufacturers.

GTO/GTU -- Grand Touring Over: over 3 liters; and Grand Touring Under: under 3liters. Replaced by Grand Touring Divisions 1 (Porsche, Panoz, McLaren), 2 and 3.

GTP -- Grand Touring Prototype, replaced by World Sports Car division - cars like Ferrari.

HEAD MIST (Taken Over By a) -- Too worked up, taken up in competition. Settles inside visor, obscures judgement.

IHBA -- International Hot Boat Association. Sanctions drag boat racing.

IKF -- International Karting Federation. Sanctions professional go-kart racing.

IMSA -- International Motor Sports Association. American-based series featuring factory prototype cars that annually run the famous 24 Hours of Daytona and the 12 Hours of Sebring endurance races.

INDY LIGHTS -- A series featuring cars that look similar to CART cars but are less powerful.

INDY RACING LEAGUE -- A new American-based race series born from the IndyCar series. Features less speedy cars.

NHRA -- National Hot Rod Association. A sanctioning body for regional and national hot rodding.

NASCAR -- National Association of Sports Car Auto Racing. A sanctioning body for racing stock cars and trucks that look pretty much like the ones you drive.

PPG -- PPG Industries, Inc. A leading manufacturer of plate glass used in cars and trucks. Primary CART sponsor.

SCCA -- Sports Car Club of America. A sanctioning body for national and regional semi-pro (trophies awarded) and professional (cash prizes) racing.

TRANS AM -- Trans American Series. A 30-year old SCCA-sanctioned series. The Trans Am car was named after this series.

WKA -- World Karting Association. Sanctions professional go-kart racing.

WSMA -- World Speedway Motorcycle Association. Features small, brakeless motorcycles and utterly fearless riders. ①

The Generation Of The American Dream

Part I

By Chief Jim Great Elk Waters - copyright '97

Youth at risk - Kids are *At Risk* throughout all levels of our social structure today, not just where it is obvious. Today our nation's youth face challenges that no generation before has experienced to such a degree. They are facing a future of dual societies: one, of the "American Dream" and the other, the "Society That Would Take It From Us." On one side they face lower wages, declining job opportunities, less entry level work, and a perception that "the world is against them." On the other is gangs, drugs, alcohol, crime, fast money, fast crowds and an almost certain early death. What a choice. *No wonder our kids are at risk!*

Identified, apprehended and removed - If we are to turn around this sad state of affairs, we need to face the fact that people - both adult and youth - who are already incorrigibly aflame with social corruption need to be identified, apprehended and removed from our society.

Tough Love - Indeed, we need to do all we can to prevent our youth from *becoming* involved with, or condoning, activities that destroy the basic fibers of our communities. In a recent Anti-Crime presentation, California State Senator Betty Karnette shared that she feels we need to concentrate efforts on children not yet involved in destructive activities, while those already active in crime need our "tough love". I wholeheartedly agree.

Empower our youth - We have seen the continued downhill slide of moral values in this country. We regularly express our outrage and condemnation for this degradation of our American Ethic. However, most of us are merely talkers. The time for apathy is past. The time for action is *now*, if we are to achieve the basic qualities of life we envision when we think of our beloved America. *We must empower our youth!*

Our only future - As a Board member of Racers Who Care and a Native American Tribal Leader, much of my focus is on our young people. I am reminded of the traditional views of the Shawnee relating to our youth. We believe that they are our only future. That without them we will surely die in this generation. There is nothing that we may do that will be more important than providing for their best development. We believe we must do all possible for the good of the Children living and those not yet Born from the Earth. It is our purpose in being. I know that this Shawnee philosophy may be hard for most Americans to understand, let alone implement. However, it is my belief that we all can do much more than we are to create a like environment for our kids.

☛ *"How can I help?" You ask. My mother was always want to say, "Don't complain about a problem unless you have a solution." Continuing her ideals, I will offer points for you to consider in the next issue of FASTNOTES. Some of these points will be designed to be implemented locally, while others are adaptable as national projects. If any of them strike you as doable within your circle of influence, please contact me and/or RWC. I would be pleased to share in more detail how I envision the shaping of such programs. Also, please share with me and our readers your ideas, or tell us about projects you have worked with, or heard about, that you think might be helpful for others to consider. ☛*



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A youngster, who along with children from Los Angeles-area homeless and in-transition families, participated in a field trip to the NHRA's Winternationals race to learn about the importance of teamwork, studying and developing coping skills, visits with drag racing star Scott Geoffrion.



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