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Board Meeting —March 14th. The next board meeting is scheduled at 6 PM anyone interested is invited. The Board Meeting will be at Carrow's, Wyoming & Montgomery.

2006 SWMS Event Schedule

March 14	Board Meeting 6 p.m.
March 18	"Crash 'n' Burn" @ SMS 9 a.m. till ??
March 25	ANNUAL TECH European Auto Parts(see art.)
March 28	Membership Meeting
April 8 & 9	RACE WEEKEND Sandia Motor Speedway
April 11	Board Meeting

Membership Meetings at Carrows.

Membership meeting at Carrow's Restaurant, 4401 Wyoming Blvd NE on the 4th Tuesday of the month. We'll start at 7:00 PM, so please come join us while we discuss the upcoming events and other Club matters.

Membership

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Rio Rancho, NM 87124-1334.....Include your address and other info. about yourself

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**"Hey, Bud, you know what we get to do
April 8 & 9?"**

We get to go *RACING!* That is about 3 weeks away. Are you *ready?* Are you *registered?* The last regular SWMS meeting was very poorly attended. Janice & Bill Swope agreed to put on the event, however, they expressed needing a promotional partner to go out and get a \$\$\$ sponsorship. Is that You?

Less than 20 days to go. Short notice to get an event together will require a quick response from Drivers and Workers. Jackets and goodies *ONLY* for first PAID 28 drivers and first 12 workers to register before the event.

Drivers—Get your entries in ASAP
Workers, call John Wade @ 344-8207 for sign-up.

To my knowledge, we don't have Chairs for any of the other events—Sign-up now—Time is to your advantage.

by Bill Swope

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February 28, 2006
Reporter, Janice Swope

February general meeting was called to order by President, Bob McNeill. The attendance was VERY small.

- Annual Year-end Banquet held February 18th at the Unser Museum on Montano. Both Ken Adams and wife Viola, Bob McNeill and Michelle did an heroic job of pulling this event off!! The attendees were treated to good food, good entertainment—Paul Gronone put together a video show from photos he took last season—I have been told it is an excellent show of our 'racing' fun—, good fellowship and even heard from Al Unser, Jr. about the facilities. The tour of all exhibits was topped with the 'special area' of Al's in the Museum which brought much attention. Some of the wives were very impressed with the presentation and ambiance of the event and hoped the high standards will continue.

Renewing your COMPETITION DRIVER'S license:

- Provide a current medical on SWMS form or other recognized racing club form, eg. SCCA, PCA Club Racing, RMVR, VMC, etc.
- Provide a current 'Applicant Medical evaluation form'
- Photo, if you wish a change from last time
- Present copy of expiring license and current paid membership.
- Statement or timing sheets of completion of one race during the last two seasons.
- License fee is \$10.00 per renewal

Forms may be obtained from the website www.swms.org phone call to Janice @345-6235; fax request (505)345-1180; or e-mail—william.swope@prodigy.net

PLEASE RENEW YOUR LICENSE 2 WEEKS BEFORE RACE DATE SO THAT IT CAN BE RETURNED TO YOU VIA U.S.MAIL.

Your Competition license is good for 2 years and renews at the expiration of your medical.

ANNUAL BANQUET—February 18th



Dinner is served —'checkered' floor & racing decor

New Unser Racing Museum

Site of Two SWMS Functions in February
 SWMS hosted two events in February at the new Unser Racing Museum in Albuquerque, which opened last September. Our annual winter awards banquet held February 18th drew a record seventy-plus attendees. Al and Susan Unser joined us for the evening, providing SWMS members with a very personal tour of the world class museum that highlights the accomplishments of New Mexico's and America's first family of auto racing. The Unseers have won ten percent of all of the Indy 500s since 1911, and they won one of every three 500s during the period 1968 through 1994. During the heyday of the Pikes Peak Hill Climb, an Unser won the event just about every year, and one section of the museum is devoted to the "Unser Mountain" story. Thanks to Ken and Viola Adams for their assistance in organizing a successful event again this year.

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PRE-TECH

Last Opportunity to get Ken Adams and his dedicated crew to put their watchful eyes on your race machine. **Saturday, March 25th—10 to about 2 @ 4619 Lomas NE at European Auto Parts** next to the closed Taco Bell at Jefferson and Lomas NE).

This season, there will NOT be any Annual Techs on race Saturday morning at the Track. You might get the Annual Tech done on Friday evening with a prior reservation with Ken. Don't miss your change to go racing. Last month's newsletter had your personal copy of the correct Rules & Regulations. Read them. Roll bars, fuel cells, belts, etc. may have changed for your car. Please read R & Rs. No Special last minute deals. Ken has put a lot of personal time into making himself available.

WHEN—SATURDAY, MARCH 25
WHERE—European Auto Parts,
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TIME—10 a.m. to about 2 p.m.



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Here's a great idea!!

"Crash & Burn" School

When—Saturday, March 18th – 9 a.m.
Where—Sandia Motor Speedway

Both experienced and new workers for timing, communication, corner work, safety, fire & rescue, etc. are needed. Come to support 'our' racing habit. YOU may want to try it sometime. Without workers-NO ONE has the **FUN** of competition.

Call John Wade @ 344-8207 for sign-up. He may need a racecar or two to burn or cut-up. Volunteers?? (Cars, that is).

PREZ. SAYS

Starting Another Season with SWMS

By Bob McNeill

I should say that I'm honored to once again serve as president of SWMS, after a year off for good behavior. My election, or more accurately, my selection, was probably more due to my leaving the board meeting early during the election of officers than anything else; however, I will endeavor to show up for meetings and do a good job and increase our membership and participation at race events. I will also ask our Board to address some organizational matters that have been neglected. In that regard, any suggestions would be appreciated.

Albuquerque was the site of a meeting of the Vintage Motorsport Council (VMC) on February 25th that included a reception and dinner at the Unser Racing Museum that evening. Henry Morrison, our long-time vintage racing activist (some would say purist) whose tough tenacity of purpose on the subject of vintage racing has not gone unnoticed, deserves credit for bringing the VMC to Albuquerque. Members of the VMC were extremely impressed by the museum and especially with the presence of Al Unser for the entire evening. SWMS likely significantly rose in stature among the VMC member clubs' leadership as a result of the event, and we can also look forward to a story in Victory Lane magazine about the event and continued coverage of our SWMS race events in the publication thanks to the attendance of Victory Lane Publisher Dan Davis, who some of us lobbied with considerable skill during the function. During the evening, Dan admitted that his publication makes an extra effort to include our events in its coverage, in part due to Henry Morrison's writing talents, but also to help us promote our relatively new and less populated club. We were also invited to submit SWMS workers' names for a free Victory Lane subscription, and that is now in process.

Annual banquet—February 18



Bob—"my camera does not focus well"

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Thanks to Bill and Janice Swope for taking on the newsletter, and to Henry Morrison for so ably handling the task for many years.

Our workers' instruction event, a/k/a the "crash and burn" school to prevent that from happening, will be March 18th.

Our first race weekend at Sandia Motor Speedway is April 8th and 9th.

Jim Kofakis, the new Sandia manager, promises efforts to improve the road course, which he sees as the track's strong point. I have assured Jim that SWMS supports his efforts, especially if they result in moving walls away from locations where my car might come to rest.

by Bob McNeill

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SANDIA MOTOR SPEEDWAY

Has announced they are having open track practicing for the Road Course everyother Friday. Check their website to confirm dates.

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BOB "Bubba" LEE
Vice President

Bob joined SWMS in 2002 as 'new' to racing driver. He built up his — A H Sprite #49 and has participated both in racing and working at our events. He has Chaired several races since becoming a member. Last year he gave us all a 'scare' when he went down the track in inverted position. The car has received a rework this winter and we are told he will be fresh and on track in April. He also has shared offices and positions in the British Automobile Owners Association. We appreciate

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VMC Meeting

Bob McNeill

I attended the recent VMC meeting that our club hosted in Albuquerque, and was struck by the similarity of the issues that sports car road racing clubs seem to debate regularly. I was especially interested in the common experience that about every VMC member club has had when the rules regarding vehicle eligibility were made more flexible in the name of exempting someone from a rule for a seemingly reasonable reason. A rather immediate gain in participation has always more than offset by gradually diminished participation due to a perceived and perhaps actual absence of meaningful standards.

I noted to the group that SWMS is a broad based club in terms of the sort of cars that we seek to attract to our events, and that our small population makes it a bad idea, if not impossible, to be an exclusive vintage club, which we are not. This makes it even more imperative that SWMS have clearly defined rules and standards related to such issues as safety, the conduct of race events, and the grouping of cars during race events.

More importantly, it is also good cause for our club to be reasonably firm in its application and enforcement of those standards and rules. (What is reasonable in a given situation is tough to decide, which is why we have lawyers.)

I'll ask our Board to examine what is now in place and to consider whatever clarifications and revisions might be needed on these issues. My view is that the membership should be afforded an opportunity to review and comment on these

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John Lewinger @ 880-7000

3/06

For Sale:

1985 SPEC RX 7 RX-7 GSL 5-speed posi 4wdb, ready to race, Blue with white stripes Tocico Shocks, TMC springs, 1 1/8 front swaybar, Autopower rollbar, Hasport exhaust, 2 1/8 with supertrapps, window net, recent emissions, streetlegal, Rebuilt carburetor,,new all 4 brake Calipers, new mastercylinder, clutch cylinder, slave cylinder, radiator , etc.

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Jan Hogstrom @ (505) 856 7634

3/06

For Sale:

1971 HAWKE DL5B FC air-cooled 1600 cc SuperVee motor. Sportscar nose, 4 spare wheels, etc. Ready to go Racing--\$7900.00 **C ME GO Racing**, Bill Swope 345-1180F; william.swope@prodigy.net



For Sale:

Jerry Urban, a good racing buddy in Colorado, wants to sell his recent restoration water-cooled FC SuperVee. It is a 1970 Winkelmann with good history. Asking \$17,000. More info at www.jerryurbanracing.com website.

It's a steal of a deal! **1992 Class A Monaco** Motorhome with just 34,000 miles on the chassis and 4,000 miles on a brand-new Cummings diesel. Sleep at the tack. Totally self-contained with all of the bells & whistles of a new coach for just \$45,000. Swope, 345-6235

East-West Triumph Challenge at Hallett, ok Mar 31-April 2

Hot Triumph shoes from all over the US are planning to take on the track at Hallett, Oklahoma the end of this month. Several of our Formula car drivers are going to make the show and bring home 'wins' and stories. CVAR is hosting this event with a low-key atmosphere of the Hallett circuit as the back drop. Camping is easy and free. All vintage eligible vehicles can participate. You can have a great time at these events, learn new driving ideas and meet very interesting people not to mention see the U S A. To get visitors for our races, we need to visit others. Ask Ken, Ron, Denney, Bill, Henry, Ned, etc.



Ken Adams-FV

TRAVELING TO OTHER EVENTS

BY Bill Swope

Visiting other venues maybe one of the greatest benefits of belonging to an organization like VMC.

Remember to check the hosting clubs rules and regulations before you leave town. If you have been doing this travel for a few years, you know you want to keep a copy of everything in that little black case behind the front seat of your truck. No mater that your license has a valid sticker of current medical, you best take a copy of your medical with you because they will/may want to see it. Remember to bring your car logbook. Chances are they are going to find a class and run group for you and perhaps bend a little to make that work. However, you will find that their safety requirements may be different than ours and their insurance will dictate total compliance. Trust me, you are not going to talk them out of it.

Regardless of what their website says, call an official before you leave home! Find out about tire rules, seat belts, roll bars/cages, helmets, fire suits, fuel cells, etc. You will probably find their car eligibility person to be extremely helpful but "Be Prepared". Have fun. Make new friends and it won't be long until you see their smiling faces at one of our events.

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