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In The Marbles...

by Rick Morris, President

Summer has finally gotten here! Unfortunately, so far it has been a Pacific Rim summer with almost nonstop rain that makes it really tough to get out and enjoy a top down drive in our cars, but I'm sure that will change before long. At least we all hope so! I'm really looking forward to some of those nice summer evening drives, when you can get out of the city a little ways and see the stars over your head as you make your way to the nearest dairy bar for a nice cold chocolate shake. If you are like me, evenings like that take me back to high school days when we couldn't wait to become adults so we could always do just what we wanted. Little did we know.

We have lots of interesting club events coming up this summer, including the Longest Day rally this month, the annual Fussin' and Cussin' event (also known as the Relationship Test) coming up in July. There's a special Wash and Wax mingle also coming up in July where we will be able to get together, get our cars sparkling clean and then have a cookout afterwards. I'm looking forward to all these events and we hope to see you there. You can register for all of these events and others at the club web site. Speaking of the web site, you can also see pictures and a full report from the Post Tax Blues and Picture This II rallies.

Editorial Comment:

For the first time since 1947, there were no cars bumped from the field for the Indianapolis 500 and they just barely got enough cars together to fill the field. There were only 34 cars entered for this year's race and there was actually some concern as to whether there would be a full field of 33 cars. Tony Junior tried to put a brave face on it by saying that the track wasn't concerned whether they had a full field or not, but we all know better. A lot of the club members can remember when the month of May was a very special time that we all looked forward to for a whole year. It wasn't that long ago when just going to the first day of qualifications was almost as big a thrill as going to the race itself. I can remember being in line at five in the morning on Pole Day and racing up the stairs to the upper deck just to get one of the prime seats in the first turn.

Now the Indy 500, and open wheel racing in the United States in general, has almost become an afterthought for the race fans. I am certainly aware that there is more than enough blame to go around between the two championship car organizations and that there are compelling arguments on both sides of the fence. None of that matters now. It's like to doctors arguing about the correct course of treatment while letting the patient die of neglect. It's past time for both sides to put an end to their foolishness and get United States open wheel racing back on track before it's too late to save it. It's possible that it's too late already.

On that cheerful note, I'll get down from my soap box.
Until next time.