

The Preservationist

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Preservation Society Planning 60th Anniversary Celebration

2010 marks the 60th anniversary of open road racing in Elkhart Lake (1950-2010). To commemorate the event, the Preservation Society, in conjunction with the Vintage Sports Car Divers Association, is planning a grand celebration concurrent with the VSCDA Vintage Race weekend September 10 thru 12. Although plans are still in the formative stage, the tentative schedule calls for a very special HRC Preservation Society member/guest Dinner-Social featuring an "Old Timers Reunion" honoring and recognizing original car owners, drivers, team members and spectators from the 1950-52 races on Friday evening the 10th. Saturday events will include a "fun" sports car rally through the beautiful Kettle Moraine countryside; a "Gathering on the Green" Car Show (in front of the Osthoff Resort) with a special "Concours de Provenance" group of cars with historic racing provenance (the C-type Jaguar driven by Phil Hill in the 1952 Sheldon Cup and Elkhart Lake Cup races will be one of the featured cars in the Provenance group); a mock tech inspection and a police escorted "reenactment" tour of the historic circuits. A banquet will be held Saturday evening. It is hoped that John Fitch who raced Cunningham's to victory in both 1951 and 1952 will be present as an honored guest. We urge all Preservation Society members to make plans to attend and participate in this once in a lifetime celebration.

Participate in the Old Timers Roundup

Our Society is trying to identify and locate as many organizers, entrants, drivers, crew members, and spectators and race cars from the 1950-52 races as possible. Your help is needed in trying to locate these old timers. Perhaps you or your friends can help us fill in the blanks. Contact Old Timers Reunion Committee

Chairman Conrad Barrows with any information you may have. Email cabarrows@hughes.net or by phone at 920-876-5083. Attached with this email is a listing of the original entrants, drivers and cars to help in locating Old Timers.

Progress Slow on Preservation and Maintenance Plan

Slow progress continues to be made toward the development of a Preservation and Maintenance Plan for the historic circuits. In mid-December, Heritage Research submitted its initial draft of the plan to the Wisconsin State Historical Society for comment. The Historical Society returned the draft earlier in January with its comments and suggestions for modification. John Vogel, who is preparing the plan for Heritage, has promised to submit a revised draft within the next several weeks.

This is a difficult time for the Preservation Society as the drafting and commenting process is confidential between the Historical Society and Heritage Research and we have no visibility to the draft contents or the related comments. The development process is now in their hands exclusively. However, the Historical Society has assured the Preservation Society Directors that all of the many and varied inputs to the plan provided by the Society have been or will be incorporated in the drafting process. In the meantime, we continue to submit input to the process and trust that the Historical Society will look out for our common best interests

Preservation Society 2010 Dinner Social Schedule

Spring Dinner Social Thursday, May 13th

Summer Dinner Social Thursday, July 15th

Fall Dinner Social and Old Timers Reunion
Friday, September 10th