

MONTEREY WEEKEND NEWS FLASH

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Maybe this is change you can believe in! (Sorry-) Many years after establishing and nurturing the Monterey Historic Races, Steve Earle has relinquished his ownership of the event. It is now being run by SCRAMP as the "Rolex Monterey Motorsports Reunion" and some changes are being introduced. The car club corrals are still being formed but involve changes in pricing which affect us.

The track is now charging \$10 per car for three-day corral pass privileges instead of being essentially included as part of a ticket purchase. **THIS MEANS LATE CORRAL PASS REQUESTS WILL NOT BE READILY AVAILABLE AS IN PAST YEARS.** We cannot obtain extra passes for late buyers as we have previously. Also the corral size will be determined essentially by the number of passes sold initially with tickets so there probably will be little room for expansion. Plan to get your race ticket orders in to me before the deadline (which will be SATURDAY JUNE 19) to be sure to get corral passes. Order blanks will be available in May and June.

The good news is that the price of tickets ordered at the same time as corral passes are essentially \$10 cheaper apiece than previously, so if you are ordering two or more tickets for each corral pass you will actually save some money over previous years. Make plans now to get your orders to me before the June 19th cutoff date.

Another weekend event is Concorso Italiano on Friday, August 13 (La Dolce Vita is no longer with us) and the Alfa Romeo Association (ARA) is once again organizing an on-site social affair after Concorso. It will be a modestly priced buffet dinner at Balesteri's at Laguna Seca Golf Ranch for a low \$35 including tax and tip with no-host drinks only. This is in contrast to the cocktail party approach in previous years but is a worthwhile change. Please plan to join us at this nice event, beginning at 5:00PM thru 10:00PM, to avoid traffic and hassles upon departing Concorso and take care of dinner at the same time.

Delta Sierra AROC is once again blocking out 40 rooms at the Laurel Inn in Salinas for the Alfa clubs reportedly at the same rates as last year and the Saturday night (August 14) Alfa dinner at Gino's is in the works. Ordering information will be available for all of these events including an order blank starting with April newsletters. **DO NOT MISS THE JUNE 19 SATURDAY DEADLINE FOR GETTING YOUR RACE TICKET ORDERS TO ME.** Dinner orders will be accepted after that date but earlier is better.