

Brickyard Notes from the SVRA Competition Director

(2015)

Welcome to the SVRA Brickyard Vintage Racing Invitational at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway. SVRA thanks you for joining us for the 2nd year of this Historical event. A few reminders before I address the main topics of this paper:

- **Entrant Information Guidelines and Updates**: these have been provided to you via the SVRA website starting April 1, 2015. Staging and Paddock Rules are included along with photos and maps of the facility. If you have not read these, you need to. The Guidelines will help you get around this huge facility efficiently and answer almost all FAQ's regarding the event.
- Credentials: <u>Road Racing Competitors</u>: Make sure you have your Competition License or copy of the License plus an ID with you at Registration. No License means you don't drive. It is your responsibility to have all paperwork in place by the time you get to Indy. Some organizations such as the VSCCA use an "Approved Driver List". These drivers have already been cleared but you should make sure the Registrar is aware of this.

<u>Oval-Only Exhibition Drivers</u>: your credentials are already cleared through your submitted paperwork. It is at this point you will be issued your Car Pass Parking Permit (1). (please see the Event Guidelines). An I.M.S. Pit Vehicle Voucher would have been emailed to you only after you submitted the proper Commercial Insurance documents and other paperwork per the Pit Vehicle Packet or via the SVRA Pit Vehicle Insurance program that was part of your Entry. You will receive your Pit Vehicle Sticker only if this has been completed.

- **Rules**: Everyone at this point should realize that this event is run under SVRA Vintage Rules. The driver is responsible for reading and understanding the SVRA Rules **prior to entering the Event**. There is no reason at this stage to show up with a car that is not compliant to this rule set and then complain. There are some cars that have been Invited to run at this Event that do not meet normal SVRA Group/Class regulations. These car are not eligible for an Overall Win Award but are eligible for a Class Award if applicable. The Brickyard Vintage Invitational is a "non-points SVRA Event".
- **Transponders**: no transponder means no times and no scoring. Please have the TX number available at Technical Inspection to confirm your number. A limited number of rentals are available via Timing and Scoring, located on the 2nd floor of Pagoda Tower Race Control. Please send a request for reservation of a rental transponder to: timingscoring@svra.com.
- **Race Fuel:** VP Racing Fuels is the official racing fuel of the SVRA and the only fuel brand available at the Speedway. Please contact VP at: jamesforrest@vpracingfuels.com or call 1-812-466-1175 to place orders for special fuels, including Methanol. Any type of oxygenated fuel is prohibited.

IMPORTANT NOTES:

Driver's Packet: will be presented to you at Registration. Please review all items in your packet as there will be documents that many of you have never seen. In this packet will be your:

a. **At-Track Medical Form**. Complete this form, take to Tech to release your Tech Sheet for your car(s). Tech Inspection for your car will not be completed without the fully completed At-Track Medical Form. Please confirm that the At-Track Medical and your Tech Sheet have the properly assigned Car #, Group and Class.

b. SVRA Standard Operating Procedures-Brickyard Invitational: since some of you have not raced with SVRA, it is imperative that you read this document. <u>This is an "event specific" document.</u>
c. SVRA Red Flag Procedure and SVRA "2-Off/4-Off/Spin Rule: these will be covered in the Driver's Meetings but you still need to read these important documents.

Technical Inspection: The Tech Sheet (see above) will remain with your car so the SVRA Inspector can complete it and issue your On-Track Stickers. Please have your assigned car number on your car when you get to Tech. Letters designating duplicate numbers will be distributed at Tech at no charge. Confirm your transponder number and make sure it is correct on the Tech Sheet. Bring your **Log Book**. Driver's gear, including Head and Neck Restraint System (excl. Pre War and Oval-Only Exhibition) must be with the race car for inspection. Arrangements have been made to inspect the Oval-Only Exhibition Cars in their paddock areas or garage during the times posted on the Official Schedule.

There will be multiple Tech Lines during Tuesday and Wednesday Tech Inspection and an SVRA Inspector will assign you a position when you bring your car to Tech. During late-day Tech on Wednesday and also Thursday morning, priority will be given to the first Run Groups of Thursday Practice. Cars may be required to do a live test of the kill switch (if feasible). Please inform Tech if your Master is wired into the Fire System. Your car does not need to go through Tech for Test Day, but it is strongly suggested that you do get through Tech early to stay out of the rush. SVRA East Annual Tech., if current, is accepted for this event. Note: <u>Tech will move Wednesday night from the Primary</u> <u>Tech location under the Pit Lane Grandstand to Gasoline Alley Garage C32</u>. This will allow Inspectors to be readily available in the Grid Area for multiple tasks.

Driver's Meetings: There will be (2) two <u>Road Circuit Driver's Meetings</u>: Location: IMS Media Center.
 a. <u>Tuesday @ 5:00pm</u> for Test Day & TOP Drivers along with any other drivers that have arrived. You will be issued a helmet sticker for the Event.

b. <u>Wednesday @ 6:30pm</u> for all other drivers entered for the Event. Helmet stickers will be issued. **If you have attended the Tuesday meeting, you do not have to attend the Wednesday meeting.**

c. Thursday @ 7:15am--Last Chance Meeting in Competition Directors Office.

d. Thursday @ 6:30pm--Oval-Only Exhibition Drivers Meeting--: Location: Media Center. Helmet stickers will be issued.

We strongly suggest that a member of your crew come with you to the Drivers Meeting. If you will not be able to make any of these Meetings, you need to meet with the Competition Director. Locate any SVRA Staff member and they will radio Ray Snowdon. We will arrange for a Meeting at the Comp. Director Office in the Pagoda Plaza when Ray becomes available.

- **Pit lane/Access and Egress**: Race cars may only enter the race circuit via the Gasoline Alley Gate. Race cars may not access the pit lane via the garages....garaged race cars can only enter the racing circuit via the false grid. Pit crews/pit carts/pit equipment will <u>enter/exit the pits via Gasoline Alley Pass-Thru Gate</u>.
- Race Car Return: <u>Road Circuit cars</u> return to the paddock from the race circuit via gates before Pit Lane Garage # 1, Gasoline Alley Gate and Gate 43 at the far end of the Pit Lane. <u>Oval Circuit Participants</u> (including the SVRA Groups on the Oval) will return to the paddock via the Gasoline Alley Gate and the gate at Pit Lane Garage # 1. (see the Event Info and Guidelines Maps).
- Speed: Pit lane speed is 35mph-- radar guns will be in operation. Paddock speed is 10mph-anything on wheels.

Grids: All cars will be gridded at the Gasoline Alley Grid location. (see "SVRA Standard Operating Procedures--Brickyard Invitational" --Race Procedures).
In order to provide an orderly start to each session and to prevent the desire for someone to get to the grid long before the designated time, all cars for all sessions will be gridded by their times from the previous on-track session. Then: Feature Race will be gridded by the best time from both Qualifying Sessions for all Race Groups. Enduro grids will be gridded by the best time from both Qualifying Sessions for all Race Groups.
Indy Legends Pro/Am: grid will be set using the Qualifying times of the SVRA participating drivers. If you do not have your HANS device on, you will not be allowed onto the race track. Late arrivals to the Grid will be placed at the rear of the grid and not allowed to take their normal grid position. Most SVRA race cars are required to have an operational reverse gear. If for any reason your race car cannot operate reverse, you will need to have crew available to back the car into Grid position for races.

- The Indianapolis Road Circuit, in the 2015 SVRA configuration, is 2.43 miles long and runs clockwise. <u>The Inner White Line on the left side of the race track on Hulman Straight between T6 and T7 defines the</u> <u>"Racing Surface"</u>. A 2-off or 4-off is "over that white line"---you need to remember this. Any advance of position by using this area will result in a Black Flag.
- **The Indianapolis Oval Circuit** is 2.5 miles long and runs counter-clockwise. Rules and Procedures for all Oval Exhibition Sessions are in your Driver's Packets and have been mailed and e-mailed to Oval-Only Entrants. Copies will be available at your Drivers Meetings.
- **Race Procedures**: you are responsible to read the **SVRA Standard Operating Procedures-Brickyard**. Race length is set by " time plus 1 lap " (ex. 20 minutes + 1 lap) rather than just number of laps.
- **On-Track Incidents**: any/all drivers involved with any incident or instructed by the Black Flag Marshal<u>must</u> report to the Competition Director. Failure to do so will mean disqualification. "At-Fault" contact or serious driver issues WILL affect future invitations to this event and other SVRA Invitationals. The SVRA Competition Office is located just past the Cafe in the Pagoda Plaza. If no one is present, a log sheet will be in the office or the Competition Director or the Assistant Competition Director can be contacted by calling or texting Ray Snowdon at 203-556-8833.
- **Time Sheets and Results**: will be available in the SVRA Information Office in the Plaza area. (see the SVRA Race Control Map listed in the Event Information and Guidelines document).
- Live Timing, along with other race information, is available via <u>Race Monitor</u>. Race Monitor service will be provided by SVRA for the Event. Information on the <u>Race Monitor</u> app. for smart phones, ipads, etc., can be found at <u>www.race-monitor.com</u>.
- Race Information and Updates will be available via Race Monitor, SVRA Radio, 1700 AM and the IMS PA System.
- **Scaling/Weighing**: will be done at the discretion of the Technical Director. Failure to immediately report as instructed will result in disqualification.
- Welding Services: will be provided by Lincoln Welding and Indiana Oxygen at the Welding Building in the Grid Area starting on Thursday. Emergency number: 317-695-9675 (Brock Miller).
- **LOCK THINGS UP**: this a huge event with many spectators with paddock access. Please lock up your rigs, trailers, motor homes, generators, etc. when you leave your paddock area.

Paddocks must be cleared by Noon on Monday, June 15th.

This Event was a huge success in 2014. We need your help and co-operation to make this unique Vintage and Historic event a bigger and even better success. We will do our best to ensure that you have a great experience. This is not just another Vintage Event...this is History....

"Go Kiss the Bricks" Thank You.