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Spring Dinner Social a Great Success

Thursday, May 17th - More than eighty members and their guests attended the Spring Dinner Social held at Siebkens concurrent with the Spring Vintage Weekend. The cash bar was open from 5:50pm during which, thanks to Scott Larson, a 1937 Bugatti type 57 was on display for all to see and admire.



The 1937 Bugatti Type 57.

The T-57 had been raced at Bugatti Grand Prix 2003, Laguna Seca, Lime Rock Vintage Festival 2003, Watkins Glen Grand Prix 2007, and Monterrey Historic Races 2010 by drivers: Madeleine Larson, Andrew Larson and Scott Larson, respectively.

Promptly at 7:30 the Siebkens staff served a pork tenderloin with garlic mashed potatoes and asparagus followed by a rich chocolate dessert. The meal was delicious as usual.

The feature program was presented by Michael Argetsinger member of the Governing Council of the International Motor Racing Research Center at Watkins Glen. Mike did a great job of integrating the street race years at Watkins Glen and Elkhart Lake including the similarities of

the two areas as small seasonal resort communities still recovering from the aftermath of WWII and the Great Depression. His presentation highlighted many of the same



Mike Argetsinger used more eighty slides to highlight his presentation.

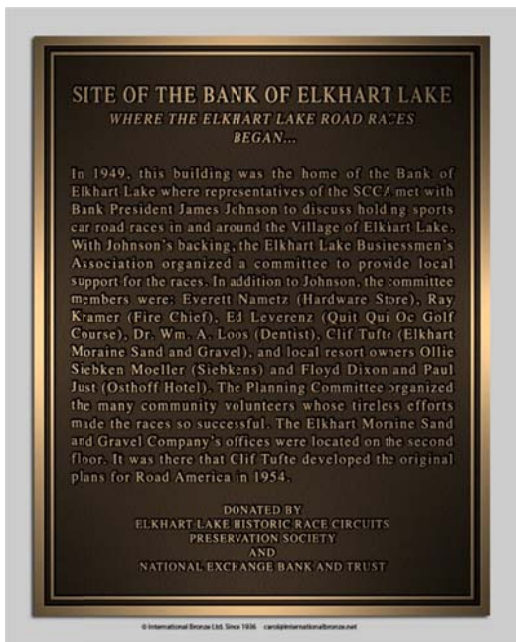
people who raced at both locations as well as the involvement of community leaders in the birth of the races at both sites. He lent a personal perspective to the Watkins Glen portion and had well researched what he had to say about Elkhart Lake.

HRC Make Two Charitable Donations

HRC announces two charitable donations: One is to a \$500 donation to The International Motor Racing Research Center at Watkins Glen. The Center is dedicated to collecting, preserving and presenting the heritage of motor sport. You can learn more about the Center at www.racingarchives.org. (This donation was made independent of Michael Argetsingers appearance at the Spring Dinner Social.)

In addition, The Preservation Society has joined with The National Exchange Bank to create a marker to be erected on the outside of the bank building on Lake Street. It was here that the

Bank of Elkhart Lake was located in 1949 when members of the SCCA met with then Bank President, Jim Johnson and where the concept of community supported road races in Elkhart Lake was born.



The Bank Marker to be installed at a later date.

The marker was manufactured by International Bronze at a cost of \$1,500 of which HRC provided \$1,000 and The National Exchange Bank provided \$500.

Lifetime Membership Announced

Several of our members have requested that the Preservation Society offer a Lifetime Membership, so that they would not have to remember to send in their annual dues. The cost of a Lifetime Membership is \$1,000. Lifetime members will receive a Limited Edition Print of "The Last Race" autographed by John Fitch and in addition will receive an HRC Logo polo shirt with "Lifetime Member" added to the logo at no additional cost.

Plans for the Summer Dinner Social

The summer Dinner Social is planned for Thursday, July 12th concurrent with the Hawk Vintage Weekend with Brian Redman. The event will again be held at Siebkens. The cash bar will again begin at 5:30 but this year the dinner served at 7:00. This is 30 minutes earlier than in past years so be sure to mark your calendar accordingly. The guest presenters will be Augie Pabst and Bill Wuesthoff with comments by Tom Schultz, Road America Historian. Watch for more details in future bulletins. This is bound to be a popular event with limited seating so you will want to make your reservations early.