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Society Provides Preservation and Maintenance Plan Input

Preservation Society Directors Tom Hollfelder and Spencer Chapple met with Traci Schnell from Heritage Research on September 23rd to provide input to the Preservation and Maintenance Plan currently under development. Asked to provide our vision of the best and most desirable outcome for the Plan, the following goals were presented and discussed.

Preservation and Maintenance Goals

➤ That the significance of the 1950-52 Elkhart Lake Road Races contribution to the present day culture and economy of Elkhart Lake and Sheboygan County is embraced by village, town and county government.

➤ That the centerline, grade, paved width, and physical characteristics within the right of way of the Historic Race Circuits are preserved consistent with the nominating documentation and historical accuracy in accordance with State and Federal historic preservation statutes.

➤ That alterations proposed for the Historic Race Circuits that have an adverse effect as determined by State or National law are further considered only in the case of documented compelling safety needs and the exhaustion of alternative solutions.

➤ That the banks that were graded on CTH A in November of 2007 be restored to their original configuration and the trees removed in the spring of 2005 are replaced.

➤ That Historic Race Circuits roads, shoulders and adjacent “mowable” vegetation be regularly maintained and cared for consistent with their significant status.

➤ That certain existing historical markers be relocated into the right of way to improve accessibility.

➤ That the Historic Race Circuits roads be pavement-marked to identify original racecourse path of travel as an aid to visitors.

➤ That a separate path outside of the historic right-of-way be constructed for bicyclists, runners and walkers.

The meeting was conducted in a constructive and positive environment and the Directors were encouraged that a workable Preservation and Maintenance Plan is attainable. The Society continues to work for solutions that meet the needs of all parties and we are looking forward to continued participation in the ongoing process.

Road America Hosts Society's Fall Dinner Social

The Preservation Society held its Fall Dinner Social on Thursday, September 18th at Road America concurrent with the VSCDA vintage race weekend. Fifty-five Founding Members and their guests entered through the participant's gate and preceded under the tunnel and up the pit area to the drivers meeting room where comradeship was shared around a cash bar. A buffet dinner provided by Millhome Supper Club was followed by a program featuring brief film footage from the 1952 Sheldon Cup and Kimberly Cup races plus a feature film covering the 1963 Road America 500 won by Bill Wuesthoff and Augie Pabst in an under 2 liter Elva-Porsche. Eight new members joined the Society at the meeting and a good time was shared by all.

The next Society meeting is tentatively scheduled for May concurrent with the SVRA Spring vintage race weekend. Watch for a detailed announcement on the web site www.historicracecircuits.com.