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REGIONAL DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE



A Sense of Thankfulness

As we were putting together this edition of the News of MARanello, I really began to feel a sense of thankfulness.

Looking over the amazing events we have had this summer, the great friends I have made, and the amazing and interesting conversations we

have shared caused me to really reflect on what the MAR is all about.

The club was founded on the idea that we should bring together people passionate about Ferrari, maintain the legacy and history of Ferrari in the USA, and pass along knowledge and information on to future generations. That is an inspiring mission for any organization to fulfill. What naturally also happens when you set out to do the above, is you bring together passionate, interesting, and exciting people as well.

As I look around at our club events, I see accomplished members of the community living a life of passion, people who inspire me and those around them. Being able to spend time with all of you is a great pleasure and certainly has allowed me to grow and I am certain has helped others as well. So, as I reflect on all

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of the events the MAR has done this year it makes me thankful to know you all and to learn from each of you.

It also makes me grateful to be surrounded by such an incredible Board of Directors that do a spectacular job running the club and not only making these memories happen but also documenting them for all of us to enjoy for years to come.

Gratitude is contagious and so I encourage you all to reflect on your lives and find those great moments that you can appreciate, maybe one is a MAR event, if one isn't, I hope I will see you at one soon because I know you will feel what I feel when you're surrounded by the amazing members of this club!

Forza Ferrari!



NEW MEMBERS

A warm welcome to the following new members:

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Editor's Notes:

I want to thank our first-time contributors to this issue of *News of MARanello:* Lexi Goodman, Deep Sran and Mark Sookdeo. The unique perspectives they provide by describing their experiences at the MAR events adds to the richness of the magazine.

I hope you enjoy the article by Anne Owen about the recent trip she and David Wheeler made to France in David's new-to-him F12. It is always a pleasure to hear from Anne and David!



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UPCOMING FCA-MAR EVENTS

Sunday, September 3, 2023 Grand Premio D'Italia Viewing Party Ferriari of Washington, Sterling, VA

Ferrari of Washington is hosting the FCA Mid-Atlantic Region for a Formula 1 viewing party at its dealership showroom in Sterling, VA. These viewing parties are a great way to meet fellow club members in a casual setting!

Saturday, September 30, 2023 Treasured Motorcar Fall Open House New Freedom, PA

FCA-MAR Sponsor, Treasured Motorcar Services once again opens its doors for their annual Fall Open House! TMS will showcase restorations in-progress along with completed projects. This is a fun event and a car-lovers paradise.

Sunday, October 7, 2023 - New Date FCA-MAR Fall Autocross Summit Point, WV

Join the club to properly exercise your prancing horse (or other car) in a controlled environment at Summit Point Raceway in West Virginia. Registration includes food and a relaxing post-autocross happy hour!

Date TBD - This event is being rescheduled FCA-MAR Fall Karting United Karting, Near BWI Airport

The karts provide top level performance for the veteran pilot, but are also easy to drive for the beginner. This will be a fun event for anyone learning competitive driving and a natural complement to our Club autocross events!

Sat-Sun, October 21-22, 2023 Endless Summer Beach Cruise Rehoboth Beach, DE

Quickly becoming one of our most popular events, this single overnighter provides spirited drives on country roads, a nice hotel in Rehoboth, great food and drink and gets you home in time for your Sunday evening.

Event details are preliminary and subject to change. Please check email and FCA-MAR Website for updates!

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FCA-MAR Spring Autocross



As a kid I grew up around a family that has always loved track and autocross events. Numerous times a year my dad, Barrett Goodman, would go to track races, autocrosses and even Formula One races. It is most definitely safe to say that we are a car-loving family.

When I was finally old enough to join my dad at the FCA-MAR (Ferrari Club of America Mid-Atlantic Region) autocross events, I was ecstatic with joy. His love of cars influenced my passion and interest in cars. He always has taught me so many valuable lessons, but the several stories and teachings of cars have stuck with me the most. I have always wanted to join him in his passion and be able to feel the adrenaline rush from these cars.

Although I had always only been a passenger, the experience of feeling the

car whip through turns at what felt like 80mph, when really only about 35mph, was a feeling I knew I had always yearned for. It had forever been a small dream of mine to get behind the wheel and drive these cars around an autocross like this.

This year I was finally of age to drive myself! At first, I was extremely nervous to drive a course for the first time in front of all these incredible drivers, but the second I finished my first run, my confidence rose—I knew I was capable of doing what my dad had always shown me.

I had driven myself to Summit Point Raceway in my Jeep Cherokee, hesitant as to how this would even work in such a large Jeep. In my car, I only got a small snippet of how good it felt to go as fast as I could and hear the car talk back at the same time. As soon as I finished my first run, I knew I needed to try something else. I turned to my dad, who had driven his Porsche GT3 to the track. That car was a dream to drive, and I knew I had to. I was so eager to feel the power of such an elegant car. As I sat at the start line waiting for the signal to go, I could feel my adrenaline rushing through me. As soon as I got the queue to go, I slammed down on the gas and felt the car's speed increase at such a quick rate.

Above: Participants eagerly await the start of the autocross Below, left: Lexi all wound up and ready to

fly in dad's Porsche GT3 Below: Lexi Goodman with her understandably proud father, Barrett, enjoying the sights, sounds and the **driving**!





Being able to finally be behind the wheel in a car at this event was something so monumental to me. It was something I had always wanted to do, I dreamed of driving such incredible cars, and now I was finally in control of something I had only watched from the sidelines my whole life.

I wanted to try any car I could while I was there. Luckily enough, Indy Jabble took me for a ride in her Mustang, which was so amazing! I loved experiencing her car's power and sound, and most of all, driving with another female who is such an astounding driver. Driving with her and I realized that I too, could also fit in here.

Indy being there influenced me to try even harder to accomplish my goals that day. In exchange for her taking me for a ride, I got the opportunity to take her in my dad's GT3. I loved being able to share my new skills with her!

Along with driving with Indy, Dylan Adeli and I drove the GT3 together. Dylan is one of the most impressive young drivers I have ever met. I was so excited to be a passenger in the car with him. After our first run together, we were overjoyed, so impressed with the cars power, but personally I was impressed with Dylan's driving abilities. I cannot wait for him to teach me more!



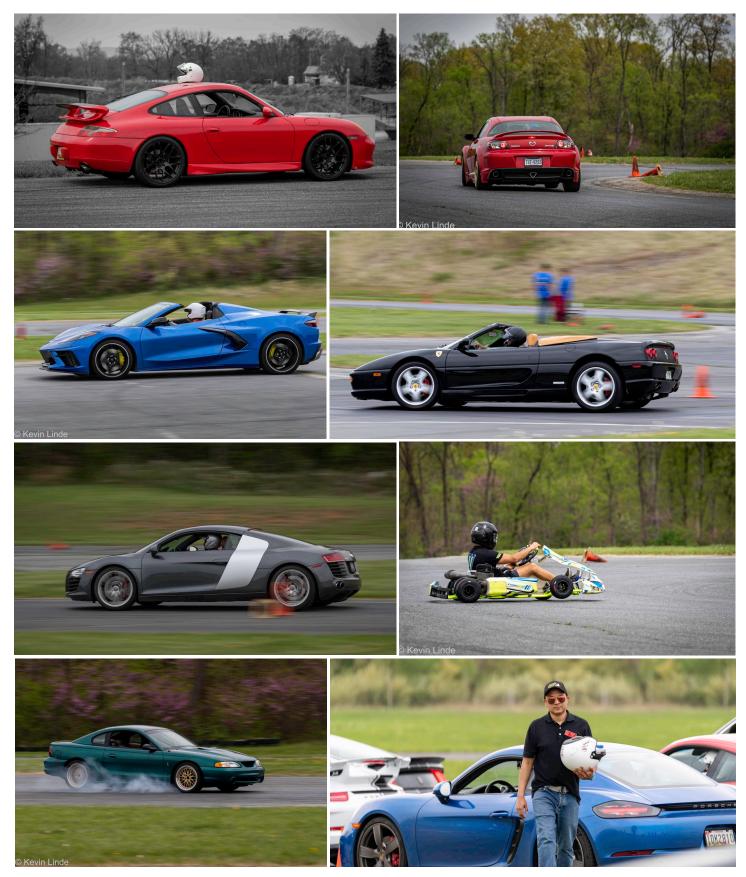
This simple yet unforgettable event was the final 'cherry on top' that completely hooked me on having such an admiration for cars. Being able to safely but intensely drive a car like this showed me just a preview of how amazing the speed of cars can feel. I cannot wait to attend the next autocross event on October 7! Thanks to Lashdeep for organizing such a fantastic event, and Fraser Above: Hamid Adeli gives a few pointers to Lexi prior to her autocross run in a competition kart

for running the course, this autocross has helped enhance my love for cars. I cannot thank all of you enough for making my experience at this event so, so phenomenal.

Lexi Goodman



Spring Autocross continued, Photos by Kevin Linde



Editor: FCA-MAR has several die-hard autocrossers who maintain their memberships just for these events arranged by Lashdeep Singh (pictured above). Thanks to Kevin Linde for his beautiful photography. Also note Kevin's photography in the karting and Canadian GP event recaps.

Virginia Historic Tour 2023



On 29 April several of us Ferrari owners, with our cars, of course, along with one lone Porsche, gathered at the EXXON/Dairy Queen near Varina Virginia to participate in the annual Virginia Historic Tour. My wife, Kathie and I were, once again, pleased to host the event.

As usual, the tour involved a run down scenic Virginia Route 5 which sort of parallels the James River. It is known as the Plantation Highway as several of the colonial era Virginia Plantations are located along it. Rt 5, in addition to being scenic, also provides a nearly 40 mile run unbroken by traffic lights or priority intersections.

At the end of the Rt 5 run, we briefly cruised along the also scenic Colonial Parkway, then jumped onto Humelsine Parkway, then onto Interstate 64 East to Fort Eustis, Virginia. Our objective was the US Army Transportation Museum. We did, eventually, make it to the museum but only after a nearly interminable wait while the MPs at the front gate did a background check on all of us participating: every - single - one - of - us!

Eventually, however, the Military Police determined that none of us posed a significant threat to the Army, or to Fort Eustis, or to the United States or even to the future of Western Civilization and we were permitted to continue our convoy to the Transportation Museum.



Top: The MAR group gathers prior to the start of the Historic Tour Above: The queue at the security checkpoint at Fort Eustis Photos by EJ Wright



Above: Stark juxtaposition of a 'half-track' combat support vehicle and modern Ferrari SF90 attack vehicle. Photos by EJ Wright

The US Army Transportation Museum is the only museum dedicated to preserving the history of US Army Transportation. It tells the story of Army Transportation and of the Army Transportation Corps from horse drawn wagons of the Revolutionary War to the sophisticated (and sometimes armored) vehicles used to support Army operations today. The story is told through exhibits, models, dioramas, and actual vehicles. The museum's artifact collection numbers just under 7000 objects plus another 1000 exhibit props. The collection includes nearly 100 macro artifacts ranging from planes, helicopters, tugboats and other watercraft, to trucks, jeeps, hovercraft, locomotives, and railcars.

We spent nearly two hours visiting the museum. As it happens, both Kathie and I are former Transportation Corps Commissioned Officers. We were able to provide technical and personal experience information about many of the exhibits to the other participants. We had a grand time.

Afterward, we departed the museum and Fort Eustis for a quick drive back up I-64 to Williamsburg, to Antonio's Ristorante Italiano. Antonio's is a small, family owned Italian restaurant which has been in business, at this one location, for many years. The food there is very good and we enjoyed a very convivial lunch.

The tour ended after lunch and we all departed to go our own ways. It was another, agreeable, fun, and interesting Virginia Historic Tour.

Joe Fortner

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Anne Owen and David Wheeler, F12 Adventure

On arriving in England, a little over a year ago, David and I bought two things in short order. Firstly, a house and secondly, a Ferrari F12. We actually took possession of the car several weeks before we were able to move into the house, so it spent its first few weeks in a very well-appointed storage facility, but you do have to keep a sense of priority!

David has now spent over a year learning the car and while it is very tractable, it is also an awful lot of car for our typically narrow, curving English roads, so we decided in April to take the car over to Europe for a few days of more adventurous driving.

The EuroTunnel Shuttle train offers a fast and convenient way to get a car to France, arriving at Calais, with an immediate connection onto

the network of European motorways. The main challenge on emerging from the train is to remember to drive on the other side of the road!

Our first two days had us pass briefly through Belgium to visit two of David's 250GTE Register buddies in the Netherlands, with the chance to photograph our 2015 V12 alongside the 1963 V12 of Dries Jetten in the courtyard of his lovely brick-built farmhouse near the border with Germany.

From there, we breezed down the motorway system to our favorite area of France, Champagne's Cote de Blancs, south of Epernay. At this time of year, the vines have not yet budded out, but there are new leaves on the trees, the wildflowers are blooming and there are few tourists, meaning empty roads!

A 90 minutes' drive from our hotel took us to the atmospheric remains of the Reims-Geux Motor Racing Circuit, which hosted racing up to and including Formula 1 between 1926 and the early '50s on a track made up of public roads. Photographing David





Above: David and his stunning F12 pose in front of their hotel in the Cotes de Blancs

Below, Left: Gorgeous 1963 250GTE parked next to the F12 Below, right: David on board Le Shuttle Train transporting Anne, David and the F12 across the channel to France







with the F12 in the old pit lane meant careful timing to avoid being sucked into the slip stream of the modern fully-laden 18-wheelers that thunder past on the D27.

Our final day saw the F12 put to the ultimate test for a Grand Tourer – could the modest trunk accommodate the 24 bottles of Champagne that we would be allowed to take back into the UK without having to pay Duty....and the answer, fortunately, is yes! Our plan to set out early on our last day was thwarted by a heart-stopping dashboard warning "DO NOT DRIVE". The issue turned out to be a deflating rear tire. The Ferrari pump proved man enough to reflate the tire, but the leak was pretty fast, so we ended up with road-side assistance – two young men who located and removed a 1.5 inch screw from the tread, then plugged and reflated the tire, all without taking the wheel off the car! Google Above, left: David stands at the remains of the pits at the Reims-Geux Motor Racing Circuit Above: French mechanics repair flat caused by offending screw Below, left: The F12 gets one of many fuel stops Below, right: David and Anne manage to squeeze 24 bottles of fine French champagne into the boot for the trip home

and YouTube came to the rescue on how to reset the TPM system, so we were back in business for an uneventful ride home. Overall, a fun and relaxed trip of over 1600 miles, with the car getting a friendly reception wherever we took it. Now to plan our next European outing!

Anne Owen





Maryland Spring Rally...



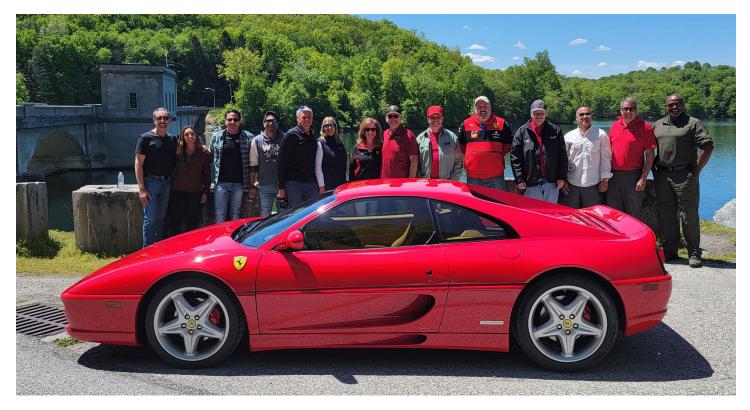
A Scenic Adventure with Some Unexpected Surprises!

This year's Maryland Spring Rally, held on May 6, was a day filled with roaring engines, breathtaking scenery, and a few unexpected twists!

We started the day at MAR sponsor Rosso Service of Forest Hill, Maryland. Scott Lankford and his team generously treated us to breakfast and gave us a personal tour of their incredible shop. We also had a chance to tour Stitcht Interiors next door, and saw some of the amazing custom leather work they had in progress. Scott also – surprise! – had some giveaway items for us. His kids randomly drew the winning ticket – congratulations to Jay Kolb who took home the spoils.

So with full stomachs and revving engines, we set off on a scenic adventure that wound its way through the beautiful Maryland and Pennsylvania countryside. After a brief rest stop, we found ourselves at the picturesque Prettyboy Reservoir and Dam, where we were – surprise! – greeted by Baltimore County Law

Above: Parked alongside Prettyboy Reservoir. Photo by Sonja Tepley Below: Officer joins FCA-MAR group for photo and a few laughs



enforcement! Ah, the joys of fast cars on public roads. The park police had received complaints about "fast-looking cars" circling the reservoir, prompting a visit from the officer. But instead of issuing tickets, this officer embraced the Ferrari spirit and joined the group for some memorable snapshots. Who knew a rally could turn into an impromptu photoshoot with one of Maryland's finest as the featured guest?

Of course, it seems that no event would be complete without a quirky mishap of some sort. As I was leading the rally group towards the rest stop, I had – surprise! – an unexpected run-in with a groundhog, resulting in the unfortunate demise of the critter and some not insubstantial damage to my front bumper. It turns out, though, that new-old-stock (NOS) bumpers for the Ferrari 360 are still available – who knew? So fear not, at the time of this writing my car is being repaired and will soon be restored back to its former glory.

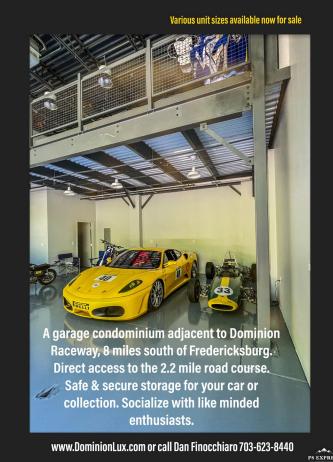
To complete the day, we made our way to The Butler Cabin, a popular local restaurant. Upon our arrival, we found that – surprise! – the proprietors had thoughtfully updated their marquee to display a special welcome message: "Hail Ferrari Club." Feeling suitably honored – and chuckling to ourselves – we headed inside to enjoy a great meal. The laughter and camaraderie that followed were the icing on the cake of an already incredible day.



Eric Tich



Above: Butler Cabin. Photo by Eric Tich Below left: Scott Lankford overseeing the raffle at Rosso Service





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The 296 GTB ushers in an authentic revolution for Ferrari as it introduces a new engine type to flank the marque's multi-award-winning 8- and 12-cylinder power units: a new 663 cv 120° V6 coupled with an electric motor capable of delivering a further 122 kW (167 cv).

This is the first 6-cylinder engine installed on a road car sporting the Prancing Horse badge; it unleashes its massive 830 cv total power output to deliver previously unthinkable performance levels and an innovative, exhilarating and unique soundtrack. The car's name, which combines its total displacement (2.992 I) and number of cylinders was chosen, with the addition of the GTB (Gran Turismo Berlinetta) acronym in finest Ferrari tradition, to underscore this new engine's epoch-changing importance to Maranello. It is not simply the living, beating heart of the 296 GTB but it also ushers in a new V6 era that has its roots deep in Ferrari's unparalleled 70-year-plus experience in motor sports. The very first Ferrari V6, in fact, featured a 65° architecture and debuted on the 1957 1500 cc Dino 156 F2 single-seater.

This was followed in 1958 by bigger displacement versions on the front-engined sport prototypes - the 196 S and 296 S - and F1 cars, such as the 246 F1 which powered Mike Hawthorn to the F1 Drivers' Championship title the same year. The very first Ferrari to sport a mid-rear-mounted V6 was the 246 SP in 1961, which won the Targa Florio both that same year and in 1962, amongst many others.

Also in 1961, Ferrari secured its first Constructors' title in the Formula 1 World Championship with the 156 F1, which was powered by a 120° V6. Ferrari first installed turbos between an engine's cylinder banks on the 126 CK in 1981 and subsequently on the 126 C2 in 1982, which became the first turbo-charged car to win the Formula 1



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Old Town Festival of Speed and Style, 2023



As the busy DC area motorsports calendar takes shape each year, a few notable events provide anchors around which others fall into place. These are functions that deliver a memorable combination of exciting venues, high quality show entries, seamless execution, and enthusiastic attendance. The Old Town Festival of Speed and Style has quickly gained this status amongst many other concours type shows in the Mid Atlantic Region.

Chairman Rick Myllenbeck, a long time FCA MAR member, once again brought his passion for cars and racing to the historic backdrop of the Old Town Alexandria waterfront. A native of Northern California and an experienced racer, his Ferrari 250GTE has graced many of our local events over the years. This year's Old Town Festival of Speed and Style, held on May 21, 2023, also cohesively engaged the local community with proceeds benefiting ALIVE! and the Campagna Center, both local charities benefitting the less fortunate. The theme this year was endurance racing, namely the Le Mans 24 Hours and the 12 Hours of Sebring. With this focus, the entries ranged from classic GTs to modern hypercars, most with a connection to their marque's racing heritage.

I was invited to be part of the judging team and joined an impressive group with extensive experience at the Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance, St. Michaels Concours and Cavallino Classic. Judges evaluated the entries in "French Style" based on their originality, condition, history and elegance, and awarded trophies to the best in each class. Our judges meeting was animated and thorough given the depth of the show field.







Highlights of the show included a Jaguar E Type Lightweight with Goodwood Revival history and a Ferrari SF90 owned by FCA MAR member Bud Moeller. FCA MAR member Ryan Woodlee brought his elegant Ferrari 456GTA once owned by the late Chuck Leutner. A show regular, Ken Bell, brought his terrific 365GT 2+2 and Shane Sonneveldt displayed his stunning 512BB.

As I made my way around the field and completed my judging assignment, the unbridled enthusiasm by the spectators was evident. Many had never seen cars of this type or caliber up close. One of the visions of the event committee was to "Kindle and inspire a love for all things automotive through community outreach." This is a formidable aspiration but one that was keenly and successfully achieved by the event team. Opposite, top: Ken Bell's 365GT 2+2 Above: Ryan Woodlee poses with News of MARanello alongside his beautiful Ferrari 456GTA Top, left: Karen Hayes has found a sweater-matching new ride!

The Mid Atlantic region is a vibrant area for the modern motorsports enthusiast with many event options on the calendar. The Old Town Festival of Speed and Style has earned its place as a regional highlight with its high quality of cars, beautiful venue, and superb organization. I look forward to next year's show and highly recommend that our MAR members attend!

Lashdeep Singh





I feel the need, the need for speed!

We had a great turnout for the FCA-MAR spring karting event on June 4th. Twenty drivers and a handful of spectators showed up at our usual venue, United Karting in Hanover, MD, for some fun (and sometimes intense) wheel-to-wheel action. The karts are gas-powered and feel very fast on the tight United Karting circuit. The grip is amazing, and you can really feel the g-forces in the turns. If your only experience karting is with electric indoor karts, you definitely owe it to yourself to give this a try!

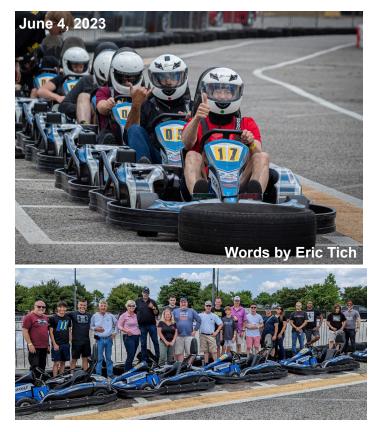
Because of the large turnout, we couldn't all be on track at the same time. The United Karting track staff divided us randomly into two groups of ten for the practice and qualifying sessions. We knew that the day would conclude with A and B final events, with only the ten fastest qualifying times advancing to the A final. The pressure was on to get in a good lap time! Most of the drivers were fairly evenly matched – after qualifying, the difference between making the A or B final was just one tenth of a second.

A few drivers clearly stood out. Playing the role of Max Verstappen was Dylan Adeli. Although still in high-school, Dylan has been driving karts competitively pretty much since he could hold a steering wheel. From the moment we hit the track, we all knew that he would end up on top. While Hamid Adeli (Dylan's dad) and Lashdeep Singh were also very quick, Dylan easily won the A final, setting fastest lap of the day.

Your humble author came through the field to win the B final. Although I was originally disappointed, having just missed the cutoff time for the A group, the dicing in the B race was epic. There were several passes for the lead, with my pass for the win coming on the last lap. With broad smiles inside our helmets, we were fist-bumping each other on the cool-down lap. In addition to the karting, we managed to enjoy some Ferrari time as well. We started the day in Maple Lawn, MD, and rallied together to the United Karting site in Hanover, taking in some of Maryland's finest twisty back roads along the way. After karting, a smaller group of us gathered for lunch and more track talk. All-inall, it was a fantastic day.

Eric Tich





Above: FCA-MAR members eagerly await the start. Bottom: Elbows-out action on the track. Photos by Kevin Linde





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VIRGINIA RALLY



There are very few things in my life that have made me lose sleep. In fact, the only real example I can cite is during the evenings of Christmas Eve as a child when my brother and I would retire for the night only to remain awake, unable to get to sleep due to the immense amount of excitement and anticipation of what would occur in less than 12 hours time.

It never matters where or how long. The night before a Ferrari FCA-MAR driving event will always give me the same and wonderfully familiar anxiety I experienced as a kid the night before the most exciting day of the year. Sure, there are constructive things I can do to pass the time and try to take my mind off of the upcoming drive (pick out my clothes for the day, wash the car, clean the wheels, check the oil, tyre pressure, etc.) but ultimately, these efforts were about as useful as a screen door on a submarine.

At 9:10AM we arrived at Loudoun County Exotics and I was surprised to see that there were already quite a few people in attendance and there were many more to arrive. There were only only a handful of spaces available directly in front of the main entrance so we quickly grabbed it. We headed inside and enjoyed one of the two greatest parts of a FCA-MAR event... Above: Jay Bradley leads an impressive caravan onto the Creek's Edge Winery property. Below: FCA-MAR exotics fill Creek's Edge parking lot. Photos Carrie Neuberger & Pat Transue

the people. Time seemed to fly so quickly as we greeted friends and made new ones as we chatted it up while enjoying some bagels and fluffy croissants. Before we knew it, it was time for the driver's meeting and group picture.

Once the group photo was taken, it seemed like each and every driver flipped a switch in their heads and made a b-line to their cars with almost a LeMans-style sense of intensity. What was to follow is one of my favorite parts of the rally, partly responsible for my temporary insomnia the night prior. I hear an engine start up in the distance... sounds like a 488. Then another V8 fires up... a 360, if I was not mistaken. Then I hear a glorious V12 roar to life, commanding the attention from the rest of the pack, which it did, judging by all of the simultaneous turning heads (including my own) in its direction. Within 3 minutes, a symphony of beautiful petrol-powered instruments were all lined up and ready to play at the behest of the lead car... our conductor.



My wife to be (and co-pilot) had only one mission for me during the drive. Don't slow up the pack so don't lose the FF in front of us. Keep up with the FF... the 650BHP, all wheel drive, V12 Ferrari FF. I'm never one to back away from a legitimate challenge, so gleefully I accepted. The result was a wonderful drive full of wide open straights across several lanes and wonderfully twisty back roads that seemed to egg me on by inexplicably making my throttle foot considerably heavier behind the wheel.

We couldn't have ordered a better day for driving. The temperature was quite reasonable and there was no threat of anything other than 100% sunshine all day. The wonderfully large green trees providing shade on the back roads, made an amazing drive even more comfortable. Better still, with the roof down, we were to hear the wonderful concerto emanating from all the Ferrari exhausts in our group. It was enough to make one pull over and capture this moment digitally or even on canvas... but not me. I had my orders. Do NOT let the FF get away.

We arrived at the Creek's Edge Winery later that afternoon... behind the FF, so mission accomplished. After climbing out of the cockpit and having my obligatory stretch of the back and shoulders, I thanked the FF owner for taking pity on us and not releasing the full fury of that V12 when it could. We headed inside to pick our table with some friends and then went for our celebratory libations. "Give me your biggest, boldest red", said Danny to the young lady behind the counter. Sounds like a great idea to me, so I got the same and was not disappointed. What was to follow was a fantastic display of socializing and camaraderie that until joining FCA-MAR were quite alien to me. Never have I been around such a large group that is so friendly, outgoing and felt I have so much in common with.

As amazing Christmas Day was for me as a child, the inevitable would always arrive... Christmas evening, bedtime. It seemed bitter-sweet as the entire day was incredible but there was the realization that all good things have to come to an end. Fast forward decades later, that same feeling comes over me. However, whether as a child on Christmas evening or as an adult driving home from an FCA-MAR event, the result is the same. That evening I'll go to sleep happy (albeit a little bummed it's over) but would remember this day for years to come.

Jay Bradley





FCA-MAR Trek to Montreal and the Canadian GP



Each June, members of FCA-MAR take a road trip to Montreal for the Canadian Grand Prix. As one of the more recent members of the chapter, I have been participating in events for only about a year. I was looking forward to the trip to Montreal, as I had never attended an F1 race. For reasons I'll share below, the trip turned out to be the perfect combination of motorsports, great driving in cars we love, conversations and experiences with fellow car enthusiasts, and opportunities to take advantage of the rich historical, cultural, and culinary opportunities in one of the world's great cities. FCA-MAR officers organized and delivered a perfect trip.

Two groups headed out from the DC area for the annual event. One group took the two-day path with a stop in Wilkes-Barre, PA, on Wednesday, June 14. The Wilkes-Barre group had members driving their Ferraris and Maseratis from Virginia, Maryland, and North Carolina. Two members trailered their classic Ferraris. The second group pulled an all-day drive from Essex, MD, with a Viper, a new Corvette Z06, a Mercedes AMG, a BMW M5 and other performance cars.

Upon arriving at Hotel 10 on June 15th, at the hotel's request we parked our Ferraris outside the hotel and were treated to jazz, cocktails, and appetizers. Montreal has been hosting an F1 race since 1978, and the city was ready to party. Even though the weather delivered clouds and rain, there were celebrations across the city for car and music lovers.

On Friday morning, the FCA group headed to Mt. Tremblant, for a spirited drive and lunch at the ski resort. The cars drew interested onlookers at the resort, and FCA members were more than happy to talk cars with the Ferrari fans, young and old, who stopped to take a peek. There was also plenty of time on Friday and Saturday for members of our group to choose their own adventure. Some returned early from Tremblant to sightsee in Montreal, while others extended their driving time.

On Saturday, we had a leisurely start to the day. Many in the group headed to the track to watch practice sessions and qualifying. It was a wet day, alternating between clouds, light rain, and downpours. The track and all the fan sites and events around it were muddy. The qualifying sessions moved to later in the afternoon, so we pushed dinner back.

Dinner was at Tre Colori in Chambly, Quebec, where the group also had a great experience last year. We divided up into cars and headed out for the rainy 30-minute drive to the restaurant. The chef and owner, whose family founded the restaurant and has operated it for decades, welcomed us and reviewed the menu









for the evening. Between bites and conversations, we shared our appreciation for all the work that goes into putting together events like this for FCA-MAR members. Dinners like these are special moments that are the product of a lot of advance research and work, and we made sure to let the chapter's leadership team know what a success it was.

Sunday was race day, with the race starting at 2pm. The group I joined decided to head to the track closer to 1pm, which meant fewer crowds and a quick walk from the subway to the track. The weather had been improving in the morning and was ideal as the race grew closer. As we crossed the bridge to reach the track, I could hear the marvelous and enthralling wail of F1 cars circling the track in preparation for the race. Upon the recommendation of veterans of prior Canadian Grand Prixs, I bought tickets in Grandstand 34, inside the hairpin. As 2pm drew closer, the DJ on the big screen set the tone, the crowd was excited, and energy built for the formation lap and the start of the race.

To anyone who has not attended an F1 race I say two things. One, go! There is no way to really experience F1 racing on TV. Two, you're going to fall in love with the sound and the pace. It's breathtaking to hear and see modern F1 cars streak by, and it's unlike anything I–a lifelong car enthusiast–have experienced.

The outcome of the race, however, was just like what we've experienced all season. Max Verstappen dominated the race after starting from pole position, scoring his fourth win in six starts for Red Bull. Fernando Alsonso and Lewis Hamilton dueled for P2, with Hamilton overtaking Alonso early in the race, only to be passed by Alonso on lap 22. Alonso held on to P2 and Hamilton rounded out the podium. They finished the race in the same positions they qualified. Ferrari had a solid race, gaining six positions from qualifying, with Charles LeClerc finishing P4 and Carlos Sainz, Jr., finishing P5.

The FCA-MAR crew closed out the rally with a Sunday dinner in the old port section of Montreal at Vieux Port Steakhouse. We shared stories from the trip, enjoyed conversations with friends new and old, and raised over \$1000 for Jill's House. As part of the raffle, I left with a great bottle of wine, and the winner of last year's best driver's trophy retained that title because there was no karting this year. We left dinner late, but persuaded a shop across the street to re-open its doors so we could take a look at some great Ferrari F1 clothes and collectibles. Many of us found great souvenirs to mark the trip.

Early Monday morning, the group headed out individually and in groups. I spent the day driving back to Virginia, and was able to reflect on what made the trip so memorable. As I shared above, thanks to all the work put in my Lashdeep Singh, Mike Tepley, and other officers of FCA-MAR, the weekend offered the perfect balance of experiences for people like me, who love driving and talking about great cars with people who understand and share this hobby (obsession?). I'm excited to return in 2024.



Opposite, top: Cars lined up prior to drive to Mt. Tremblant Opposite, bottom: The Canadian border, and fuel stop Above: Carlos Sainz and group dinner at Tre Colori Below: Lashdeep Singh at Vieux Port Steakhouse during raffle benefitting Jill's House charity Photos Randy Stone and Lashdeep Singh



Canadian F1, Year Two, by Dylan Adeli

Last year's 2022 Montreal trip was one of the greatest trips I've been on, and race day of that weekend was one of the best days of my life. This year, I returned to Montreal for the yearly trip, this time a little more experienced, but just as excited for the year before. This year however, I was excited for different reasons. At that point, I had my drivers license for almost a year, and my own car, a 2004 Mazda RX-8, for about 9 months. This meant that not only would I be able to drive on the trip instead of being a passenger, but I would also be able to drive my own car to Montreal. The Montreal trip has always been almost a right of passage for new cars with my dad and I, which is why this was so special to me and my dad.

Now before our trip, my dad was having problems with his passport, as it was not renewed. For weeks we struggled to get his passport rushed, to the point where we were afraid that my dad was not going to be able make to it to the trip. However, 2 days before the trip, we got a message saying our passport was ready and being shipped. Thursday morning, while all

of my friends were still in school for the last week before summer, I was driving with my dad to Montreal to see a formula one race, surrounded by different amazing cars. My dad and I were separated from the rest of the group due to use having to pick up his passport, but it ended up working out great. We had about a 10-hour drive to sleep, take turns driving, and just talk to each other about cars, school, and everything in between. After arriving in Montreal, we got to meet everyone at the hotel, seeing new and old faces. After dinner, we went to our hotel room, where a smaller group of our friends came to talk about the trip, cars, and life in general, which became a nightly occurrence over the course of the trip.

The next day was the drive to Mont-Tremblant, which was definitely a highlight of the trip. After breakfast, my dad and I got in my RX-8 and drove to the meeting point for the drive. This is where we got to see each individual car shine. There was any



kind of car, from the new Corvette C8 Z06 to a Ferrari California, and then from a Dodge Viper to a one-of-one Ford GT. Now while every car here was amazing in so many different ways, from their luxury to their speed, to their style, the Ford GT clearly was the star of this trip. The curves of the front end of the car, and the trenches in the rear of the car were like pieces of art. The bright white of the car was contrasted by 2 grey racing stripes down the center of the car. However, these stripes were not painted on, they were exposed carbon fiber, showing how exotic and guick this monster was. The sound of the car was amazing and created a presence that made multiple people say "I can't believe that that is a V6 Turbo, it sounds like a V8". The interior was purposefully designed by the engineers at Oreca and Ford, to make the car feel like it was a Le Mans winner. Finally, the attention it brought from everybody, from a 9-year-old child to an 80-year-old man, was unmatched by any car on this trip.





After a quick drivers meeting, we started the drive to Tremblant, and I did my best to stay as close as possible to the Ford GT, so that I could see it in action. We got on the road, parading our cars through the open roads of Canada. As we approached a stop sign, it was the perfect time for everyone to show off the power of their cars. Everyone turned left at the stop light, slamming on the gas. The deep growl of an 8.4 liter V10 from a viper scared any approaching cars from getting too close. The scream of a the flat-plane crank V8 from the C8 ZO6 grabbed everyone's attention as it drove away. Then finally, it was my turn in the RX8. Off the line and the short gearing caused the car to shoot through the revs in first gear, to second, to 3rd. Then as I looked behind, a huge pickup truck was right behind me, even at our brisk speed. The revs kept increasing as the unique rotary scream from the RX8 continued. 6000, 7000, 8000, 9000 rpm. Even at this speed, the pickup was still right behind me. However, as we approached a slight bend in the road, I stayed on the gas, and the superior handling of my car shown through, as the truck became a speck in my rear view mirror.

After a stop and about 2 more hours of driving, we finally arrived at the beautiful Mont Tremblant. We parked our cars in a line, talking with both people in our group and other visitors just interested in our cars. After photos were taken of the cars, we had lunch, talking about the drive, our own cars, and who would get to drive which car on the way back. After some great food, we had a fun ride down the mountain on a mountain luge. Now this is where the true racing drivers came in, as all the scooters were the same, and everyone was on the same course. Drivers were leaning through the corners, attempting to gain the most grip possible like a sidecar racer. After 3 races of more than 15 people, all the



grown men had our childish fun and we drove back towards the hotel.

After some negotiation, I was able to drive the C8 Z06 on the way to our next stop. I was very impressed with this car, both because of the sound of the car and how hard it pulled in the high revs. While the design of the interior is very divisive, I personally loved the cockpit feel that the driver has, with the consoles and buttons all facing the driver. This made the car almost feel like a single seater while having a passenger with you. Now our final stop was to iCAR a Motorsports park with a kart track, race track,

Opposite: FCA-MAR members arriving at the chic Hotel 10 Above left: Dylan (Gulf T-shirt) enjoying his day with the boys Above & below left: The wildly impressive Ford GT Below: Cars enjoying a respite after the drive to Mt. Tremblant Photos: Lashdeep Singh, Randy Stone





Dylan Adeli Montreal Article, continued...

and drift course. While we weren't able to kart, this place was a hidden gem, with plenty of space, nice facilities, and some fun looking tracks. Afterwords, I got to finally ride along in the Ford GT, and I was just as impressed by the interior as I was by the exterior. The beautiful butterfly doors were more than a foot thick, with carbon fiber making up the entire base of the door. The seats grabbed onto the driver and passenger so that while cornering at the insane G force this car could generate, the driver would be firmly in place. Even the drivers seat wasn't adjustable, instead, the pedals and the steering wheel could move, very similar to the go karts I've driven. The interior was simple, but purposeful, as the engineers at Oreca and Ford wanted to make sure that no extra weight was added. The drive to the hotel was amazing, as I got to talk to Dennis, the owner of the car, about the GT and his thoughts on it. After making it to the hotel, and after dinner, and a very long and eventful day, I finally went to sleep.

This was only the first full day of the trip, but it was already just as amazing as my first year, thanks to the organizing by Lashdeep Singh. I loved this year just like the last, and I am counting down the days until the next trip.

Dylan Adeli



Top: Mt. Tremblant mountain luge Above: iCAR Motorsports Park. Photos Randy Stone

Below: Photos of the weekend's race action taken by FCA-MAR member Kevin Linde



FCA-MAR Rally and Club Picnic



On Saturday, July 8th, the Mid-Atlantic Region gathered for a fun, scenic, and memorable summer picnic. We gathered in Aldie, VA, anxiously anticipating the rally down some picturesque country roads on the way to our FCA-MAR picnic destination.

After arriving in Aldie the first major priority was to find some shade and relief from the beaming hot morning sun. We shared some laughs and kicked off the rally with the usual cautions: have fun but not *too* much, enjoy your cars and keep a safe distance. We also saved a GTC-4 Lusso from a runaway shopping cart headed directly towards the front fender, YIKES! The group tore out of the parking lot giving the local early morning Harris Teeter shoppers quite the roar and had a great little drive from Aldie to Clifton, VA.

The rally took us down some beautiful tree lined roads and ended at MAR member Christopher Reiter's beautiful estate. He has graciously hosted and sponsored our club picnic for the last three years and it gets better every year. Christopher opened up his home, pool, garage, stables, and fields to the MAR family. We toured his garage and saw his collection of cars, met his horses, and parked a massive line up of beautiful cars in his field.

The assortment of cars was eye watering, over 40 cars, with Ferraris in all colors, shapes, sizes, and model years. Along with the Ferraris, we also had participants in Porsches, Corvettes, Lamborghinis and even a rare Detomaso Mangusta! Christopher called it his "Field of Dreams" and I think everyone there could happily share his sentiment. We then all got to rest, relax, enjoy the scenery and partake in the amazing food and beverages provided by Christopher and sponsored by his innovative furniture company, **KENNETHCOBONPUE**.

I spoke with several members that were so excited by the great mix of people that make up the FCA-MAR. The group included several new members and others who have enjoyed our club for decades. We chatted for hours and across the party I heard discussions about local state politics, airplanes, grandchildren, music, hot spots on the DC Wharf, and Biohacking. So to say we are a diverse and interesting crowd of people is an understatement.

The day ended with the sun setting on the amazing event with everyone excited about what we could do to make it even better next year. Ideas are already in the works for an even bigger, better, summer picnic for 2024, so if you missed this one, don't miss the next one! And, thank you Christopher for your generous hospitality!

Frank Privitera

Above: Impressive lineup of cars taking a post-rally breather Below: FCA-MAR members enjoying Christopher Reiter's hospitality. Photos by Randy Stone, Pat Transue and Carrie Neuberger































Aerial photograph of the 2023 FCA-MAR Picnic taken by Takayuki Wakabyashi

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News of MARanello interviews Mark Sookdeo,



winner of the FCA trip to the Miami F1 Grand Prix

Mark Sookdeo, a brand-new FCA-MAR member, has jumped into the world of Ferrari with gusto. Mark took delivery of his first Ferrari, a 458, this past April and since then has made it a point to participate in as many MAR events as possible. To boot, Mark won the FCA/Pirelli trip to this year's Miami F1 Grand Prix in May. The News of MARanello spoke with Mark shortly after he returned from Miami.

News of Maranello: Hi, Mark, and welcome to the FCA. Before we talk about the Grand Prix, let's first hear a little bit about your car!

Mark Sookdeo: The 458 is amazing! I purchased it out of Scottsdale, AZ, and it seems like it took forever to get here. Once it arrived, I didn't really have a chance to take it out much, mainly



due to the weather and then the trip to Miami. But the short drives I did take were great! The steering response is so sharp and crisp, the sound is a symphony to anyone's ear, the leather is some of the softest and smoothest I have ever felt, and I would compare the engine to a moving Picasso. Before I left for Miami, I even held my own cars-and-coffee in my garage. I brought down a lawn chair and had my morning coffee with the car. Needless to say, I love it!



NoM: Moving on to the Grand Prix, this was your first time seeing F1 live. What were your impressions?

MS: Overall, the experience was great. I love F1, and there was so much energy just being in the stands — hearing the crowd's cheers and boos, enjoying the entertainment provided at the stadium, and taking in the entire experience in general. The cars are so fast when you see them fly by in person and, for hybrid V-6 engines, they are extremely loud! If you love F1 and love cars, I recommend going to a race at least once.

NoM: What was the atmosphere like in Miami?

MS: The days leading up to the race were the most fun. Before moving to the hotel Pirelli provided, we spent a few days at a hotel in South Beach where the entire Red Bull racing team and some of the other team principals stayed. I got to meet Christian Horner, his wife Gerri, and Otmar [Szafnauer], the team principal for Alpine. Max Verstappen was also staying there but before I could talk to him, I got shoved out of the way by fans who showed up out of nowhere, even though only hotel guests were allowed there. Lewis Hamilton's dad was there, and Lewis had rented out the entire rooftop pool! All of his famous friends were coming and going. It was just insane!

NoM: Any advice for others who may want to attend the Miami race in the future?

MS: If you go to the Miami Grand Prix, know that it is going to be extremely hot. The Florida heat just beats you down, so you really need seats in a shaded part of the grandstands (like we had) or have paddock/suite access. Also choose your seats carefully. Depending on where you are sitting, some of the sightlines are not the best. We were sitting in the Start/Finish Grandstand, but because of the concrete safety barrier we only had a direct view of the right side of the track. The drivers stay to the left side along the start/finish straight, so we could barely see the cars. But we could definitely hear them!

NoM: What was it like being a guest of Pirelli?

MS: The entire experience was great! Pirelli did a fantastic job with all of the logistics, accommodations, communications and transportation to/from the events and races. It was like a well-oiled machine! We were definitely thankful for the opportunity from FCA and Pirelli. It was extremely fun!



Opposite, top: Mark with Shakti Ramdass enjoying the Miami GP Opposite, bottom: Mark giving some love to his beautiful 458 Above: Scenes from Mark's trip to Miami Below: The Collection, Ferrari of Miami



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