There has been a lot of moisture this winter and there is still water on the salt. The weather station was set up a couple years ago and you can see a picture of the flats at about the 3 mile: http://meso1.chpc.utah.edu/station_cameras/bflat_cam/bflat_cam_current.jpg

There is also a link at www.saltflats.com under weather resources.

The picture regenerates several times an hour. I just checked again and the camera is currently offline.

It is with a heavy heart that we have to share with you that Chuck Whiteman, Chief Safety Inspector for the USFRA passed away on Monday (2-17-2020) evening. He was admitted to the hospital the week before and suffered a severe stroke. The injury to his brain was extensive and there was nothing more the doctors could do.

Anybody who has raced at the World of Speed and gone through safety inspection would have met or been helped by Chuck’s hard work and dedication. Chuck also served as the USFRA liaison to the SCTA Rules Committee. Each year he would put in hours and hours of work long before the races were scheduled. He serviced and kept our old drag trucks running when they should have long been hauled off to the scrap yard. Serviced the generators, and kept most everything that had an engine running and capable of doing the work we needed them to do. He would also come down to the starting line each year when the school buses showed up with all the school kids and help wrangle the hordes and keep the peace with all those crazy teenagers.

Chuck was also a racer. He ran a beautiful 67 Pontiac Tempest in B/Classic Alt. I remember his excitement years back when he went fast enough to use the parachute for the first time. He had a huge smile as he told me all about it. There was also the time at the starting line when the engine cranked and cranked but would not fire. I finally opened his door and said “turn on the mag!”, it fired right up. We always got a laugh out of that story.

His passing leaves a huge hole in our hearts and our organization. Chuck wasn’t just a member of USFRA, he was part of the family.

At this time, plans are to have a celebration of Chuck’s life this September at the World of Speed.

We are excited about the progress of the Save the Salt project. An MOA (memorandum of agreement) has been written. The mining company wants to do the salt reintroduction program and is looking forward to getting started. They will continue to pump like they have been in the past as the upgrades are being done so the amount that is pumped can increase to the 1.5 million tons per year goal.
2020 Calendar Poster 17 x 23 with event dates highlighted Item: $3.00 each + S & H

BOYD BONNEVILLE DVD $20.00 + S & H

U.S.F.R.A. LOGO WEAR
Full color logo on back and single color small on front

T-SHIRTS W/POCKETS
LT. GREY or GOLD: sm, med, lg, xl, 2xl, 3xl $20.00 EA + S & H

ZIP-UP & PULL-OVER HOODIES ARE BEING PRINTED!
They are Charcoal or Pink color and I have some of each in sizes small thru 3XL. (some 3xl will be navy). Price $28.00 each + S & H + tax if you live in UT.

CAPS
Embroidered USFRA logo on front World of Speed around opening in back. lots of colors, most have accent flames on sides $20.00

2014 World of Speed 2014 World of Speed 2018 World of Speed 2018 World of Speed $10.00 $10.00 $10.00 $10.00

BOYS OF BONNEVILLE DVD $20.00 + S & H

Bright yellow speed sticker 6” across $1.50

100 years bumper sticker $3.00 ea + S & H

Got Speed Get Timed Bumper Sticker
$3.00 ea + S & H

**Special Close out Sale**
On past event T-Shirts for a Limited Time
3 t-shirts for $25.00 plus S & H
Sizes: Sm, Med, Lg & XL
I pick the year and color. some have pockets, some are printed both sides, some long sleeve

19 post cards in book, incl. Teague streamliner #76 and the Mormon Meteor 4.25” x 6 3/8” $3.50 ea + s&h

International Shipping/Handling call or email for additional cost

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Greetings from Pittsburgh. Here’s an update on Rob Freyvogel. If you recall, he had a terrible crash on September 15th. You can follow the story about his journey to consciousness on the Carbinite LSR Facebook page.

But this is a fast forward update as of Sunday the 26th. He is awake and alert and currently undergoing rehabilitation at UPMC Mercy Hospital in their Neuro Rehabilitation Facility. His body and brain are slowly improving. He is putting in a lot of hard work as well as his wife Sue, family members and friends.

Some observations:
* He is awake and aware. He is Rob.
* He doesn't remember the event of the crash, but he remembers the drive out to Bonneville. His long term memory is good, short term, not so good yet.
* He is frustrated with the inability to do certain tasks, his body isn’t keeping up with his mind.
* He REALLY is interested in what happened at the event and the accident.

We explained what happened and he was sorry that it was a scary incident.

He wants to know who was there and he wants to thank everyone who helped him survive: USFRA, crew, other racers, spectators, EMS, hospital staff etc.

He really wants to eat, but he needs to improve his swallowing, but it is coming along. Same thing with his speech. He is a rascal, and can get into trouble if you don’t watch him. If he doesn’t like a brace or support, he will find a way to get out of it like Houdini!

His wife Sue is amazing.

That's the update for now, he is changing and improving daily, so we will look forward to Rob himself updating you when it’s time.

Thanks, The Carbinite Family

Update on Lee Sicilio

I’m slowly recovering. My left hip still hurts a little because of the fractures I had there. The fluid on my brain is mostly gone as well as the fluid in my left lung. X-ray results will be coming in again shortly, so I’m not there yet. My concussion is basically gone according to the people I speak with. I am still on anti-seizure medicine until all my sub-epidural fluid is gone. My left leg and arm are back to normal size. My left eye still gets bloodshot now and then. In the hospital in SLC the whites of my eyes were all red. My vision is still OK for a soon to be 74 year old. The ten broken ribs(two from the hospital reviving me when my blood pressure went to zero and my heart stopped) no longer hurt, but there are bulges in my torso that were not there before the crash. I walk slowly and with a limp and am still seeing a physical therapist plus three different doctors. I am real lucky to be here! Monty strapped me in real good and that probably helped save my life. The EMS guys were great. All I lost was my Hans device and of course the fire suit they had to cut off. My crash helmet had a small crack or two so it’s going in the shop with my other wall-hangers.

I like to race and am not afraid of rolling the dice. Sometimes snake eyes come up, but I love challenges, always have, and after a day in the hospital I decided I’m coming back to Bonneville. Right now I’m totally but slowly rebuilding an older car to run maybe in 2021.

Thanks for running a great organization and will see you someday in the future. Take care.

Lee Sicilio
World of Speed  
September 11 - 14, 2020

SCHEDULE
Setup: start 9-8  
Inspection: start 2:00 on 9th go through morning of 14th, (get there early as only half day to run)!  
9-11 drivers meeting @ 8  
racing starts right after normal racing 11th, 12th, 13th and til mid day 14th  
14th Cleanup starts mid-afternoon until complete.

Entry forms are at:  
https://www.saltflats.com/registration.html

Drivers & Owners must be U.S.F.R.A. members.  
$50.00/year  
Entry, including course prep fee,  
prior to July 15th $530.00  
after July 15th $700.00  
class change cost will be $300.00

April 1st is the deadline for locking in your existing vehicle/entry number if you have not ran for the last 3 years you need to contact JoAnn at the SCTA office. This list is posted at:  
http://nebula.wsimg.com/f957cb5a92f1b031a67a225d07c74d74?AccessKeyId=1B489604A3781742F233&disposition=0&alloworigin=1

Starting this year you may need to be a member of an SCTA club or BNI to retain your number.

We appreciate your patience and the folks who have sent your membership renewal in. Those will be sent out in the next couple weeks.

Your 2020 membership is due. You can renew online but will need to use microsoft edge or one of the other browsers, NOT GOOGLE CHROME. We are working on a glitch but haven’t fixed it yet.

Several of you have sent your membership renewal. It was due the end of last year. You may have noticed the advertising flyer I put in your envelope. It keeps the patch and card located and gives a little structure to the envelope. Of course we use it to promote Salt Flats Racing. If anyone has a counter in their business or an event coming up and would like to pass these out, let us know. I am happy to send you some. Just let me know how many.

We hope all our members and your families are staying safe and healthy. We have not had to face a wide spread threat as the Covid 19/Corona Virus before. We are hoping that within the next couple months the health officials will be able to get a handle on it. The thought of not being able to unite on the Salt Flats is very upsetting!!!!

U.S.F.R.A. would like to let you know that we could be short handed at World of Speed. We just lost our Chief Inspector and have some workers that are active military. If you are an S.C.T.A,-B.N.I. inspector and coming to World of Speed please keep in mind that B.J. could use your help. If you are local and would like to learn to be an inspector please come to the meetings and/or let us know. Also if anyone has extra crew, at the event, that could pitch in as course stewards you need to contact Dennis Sullivan. He can put you in touch with our Course Steward Chief, Vern Taylor. Thank you for your help and support.