

SACC 2011 CONVENTION



On Sunday, Jan 30, registrants and their guests began arriving at the Holiday Inn, East Gate, in Kissimmee for the 2011 SACC National Convention.



After the event registration process, people had a chance to look over the SACC shirt and hat sales counter and the reception gave everyone time to catch up on old times with friends from around the country.



Tuesday morning, early, we lined up for the caravan to the "Big Daddy" Don Garlits Museum of Drag Racing just South of Ocala. It was about an hour and 45 minute ride and no one got lost. "Big Daddy" and his museum is



full of restored drag race cars and passenger cars from the 40s. In addition, there were race cars from other personalities on the racing circuit in the



60s, 70s and 80s – Shirley “Cha-Cha” Muldowney, “Jungle Jim” Liberman, Connie “The Bounty Hunter” Kalitta, and many others.

We departed the Museum for a 40 minute ride through the countryside to Lady Lakes and the Harbor Hills Country Club for lunch. After the



nice lunch, our speaker and guest of

honor – Betty Skelton Erde – was introduced. In 2001 she was inducted into the Corvette Hall of Fame in Bowling Green. Her picture hangs in the great hall along with the picture of Noland Adams. She is a very remarkable woman, and we were honored to be in her company.



Tuesday morning was Tech Session Time. The first presenter was Mike Kokolis from Glassworks, The Hardtop Shop. The Glassworks folks have built a lift system used to remove and store hard tops when they are



not on the car. The system can be – safely – operated by one person.

Next up was Billy Dawson from Corvette Correction. Billy builds a C-1 replacement frame as well as building and selling Resto-mods. His frame is perfect for the C-4 engine, transmission and rear end and fits perfectly under a vintage C-1 body.

The morning sessions ended up with Lance Miller and the Briggs Cunningham #3 '60 Corvette Race Car. The car is beautifully



restored to just the way it was when it was transported to Le Mans back in 1960 where it finished first in class and 8th

overall in the 24 hour race. Nice decal on the windshield, don't you think?



The afternoon session on Tuesday was reserved for the Membership meeting. The SACC Board, headed by Max Brockhouse, met with all interested members to discuss SACC issues. The Arizona Chapter will be hosting the 2012 Convention in Fountain Hills, AZ. The event will be January 15-17, 2012 and will be just before the Scottsdale Barrett-Jackson Auction.



The last scheduled event for the convention was the Banquet on our guest speaker, Lance Miller, treated us to a power point slide show and a



running description of the trials and tribulations associated with the effort to take the #3 car to Le Mans for the 50 year celebration.

Despite the current state of the economy, Karen and Mike Russo had collected a number of



donated items from various vendors and SACC members. The items were eventually sold to Convention Attendees through a silent auction. The proceeds of the auction amounted to \$1,862 and Karen and Mike Russo presented a check for that amount to Lance Miller for the Chip Miller Charitable Foundation for Amyloidosis Research.