

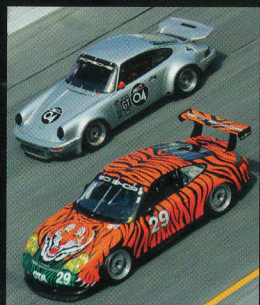
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Jay Embree has good grip with his rare Lotus Europa S2 at Infineon Raceway.



Classic Sports Racing Group

Since 1968, an enthusiastic group of vintage racers have been organizing events with an attitude that has a lot to do with the appreciation, preservation and use of vintage cars and relatively little to do with conventional racing, which defines the car as a tool with which to win at all costs.

CSRG begins its new racing season each year with a membership meeting—a nice way for everyone to catch up and talk over upcoming racing activities or winter projects. That's followed by the annual two-day Driver's Clinic, at Infineon Raceway, where instructors from the Jim Russell Racing Drivers School teach novices the techniques needed for safe competition and experienced racers a way to improve their skills or eliminate bad habits they might not be aware of having developed.

For the last 41 years the Northern California-based Classic Sports Racing Group has always put an emphasis on period-correct cars and racing safety. Its members remain loyal to the organization year after year because they can count on board members to enforce car specifications and eligibility, as well as keeping a lid on over-aggressive drivers. In fact, several original members still participate.

CSRG has also added member driver profiles to its website, a nice way to see who one might be racing with and what cars they race. There is also an informative history section that outlines the early days of the organization.

CSRG racers also take advantage of the great California road race circuits where CSRG holds its events—specifically Infineon Raceway in Sonoma and Thunderhill Park in Willows—both safe, challenging racetracks different in every way but each featuring many amenities for racers and their families or crew members.

The racing begins at Infineon April 3-5 for the Annual 1st Event, then moves to Thunderhill's 3.0-mile circuit May 16-17 for its "Rolling Thunder" event. CSRG returns to Infineon September 25-27 for the 6th annual Charity Challenge, then wraps up the racing for 2009 back at Thunderhill for its Fall Finale, October 31-November 1. 🏁

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