



Model Engine Collectors Association

We have planned a special weekend at this year's Expo X for MECA members with an interest in gas powered model race cars.

Working with the American Miniature Racing Car Association (AMRCA) and their club in Anderson, IN, we will be offering a number of activities aimed specifically at individuals with an interest in vintage gas powered miniature race cars.

Beginning on Saturday, September 12, 2009, we have invited Tom Pearson, President of the AMRCA to be one of our speakers at Expo X. Tom raced speed planes and tether cars in the 1950s and continues to build and race tether cars today. His talk should provide an interesting overview of the evolution of tether car racing from its post-World War II heyday to today's 211 mph streamliners.

In addition, we will have a number of gas powered model race cars on display at the Expo X on Saturday and we encourage you to do the same. If you wish to display some race cars or racing memorabilia, please note the directions on the Expo X registration form for reserving a table.

We are also encouraging our members to bring their race cars and car-related parts to the Expo X Collecto on Sunday, September 13, 2009. And don't forget that race car collectors also collect model engines, so don't leave those at home either. We hope to grow this event to become the pre-eminent swap meet for tether car collectors in the country, but we need buyers and sellers...and we need cars and parts and engines for sale...to make it a success.

Following the Collecto on Sunday, we have been invited to attend the AMRCA tether car races being held at the tether car track in nearby Anderson, IN. AMRCA is encouraging its members, and especially its "senior members", to come to the event and to bring along their "old timer" race cars. We will be joining them in setting up displays of vintage race cars, many of which actually raced on the Anderson track and on the mite car tracks in Muncie and Kokomo. In addition, we have been invited to put a few cars on the track if we wish.

The afternoon at the Anderson track should provide an opportunity to see both vintage and modern tether cars being raced, a chance to do a little "bench racing" with some of the fellows who were active tether car racers during the heyday of the hobby, and an opportunity to see a number of the old cars that were built and raced during that era.

All in all, the weekend should prove to be a most enjoyable one for anyone with an interest in vintage tether cars and we invite you to participate in the activities. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact **John Lorenz** at:

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