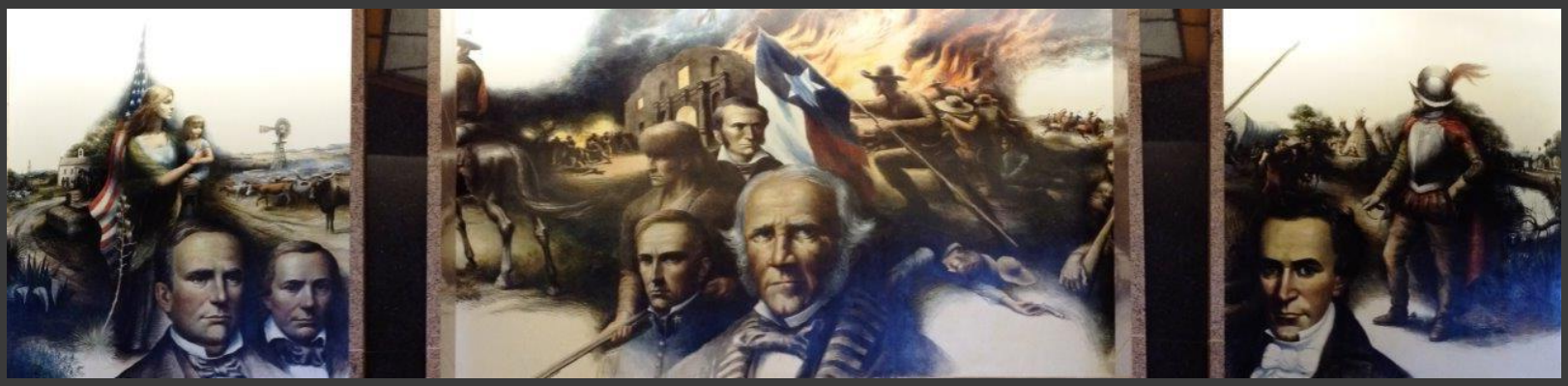
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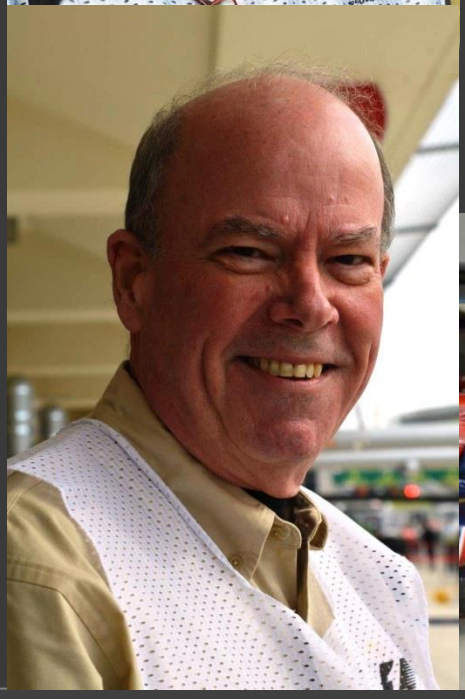




SCRUTINEERING, F1 STYLE

SUSAN ROYCE from Detroit MI has been the F1 Chief of Scrutineering for most of the United States Grand Prix's. She started with the first Detroit GP F1 and was Chief for all of them as well as for the races in Long Beach, Phoenix, and Indianapolis. She also worked at F1 races in Dallas, Canada and Las Vegas, and was Chief for the F3 race in Curacao, which had 98 senior SCCA officials to train the locals.

As part of her preparation for this weekend, Susan worked other COTA races this year including Australian V8 Supercars, MotoGP and the FIA World Endurance Cup. This year at COTA Susan has a team of 30 F1 Scrutineers - two per F1 garage, five at the scales, and three Rovers. Because of the technical expertise and experience required in this position, the Scrutineering crew has remained static for the most part. Marshals who have worked on her team in the past have right of first refusal before a position is opened up to someone new. This year the team has 28 American and the two Spaniards - DIEGO and MARCO MARINO - who work as Scrutineers at other international F1 races including Australia, Spain and Europe.



Longtime F1 Scrutineer, DENNIS DEAN, has been the McLaren Scrutineer for the past eight years. This year he will be working with Red Bull Racing. Dennis is also on the FIA Commission for World Land Speed Records, having been appointed by FIA Senate President NICK CRAW. This means Dennis is one of the FIA officials requiring an international license when he's observing attempts at the US Bonneville Salt Flats. As a Commissioner, Dennis was able to secure direct FIA funding approval from FIA President, JEAN TODT, to bring the international Commission members to Bonneville for its annual meeting.

Dennis is also active in the SCCA Stewards Program, and will be the 2014 Chief Steward for the SCCA National Runoffs at Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca.






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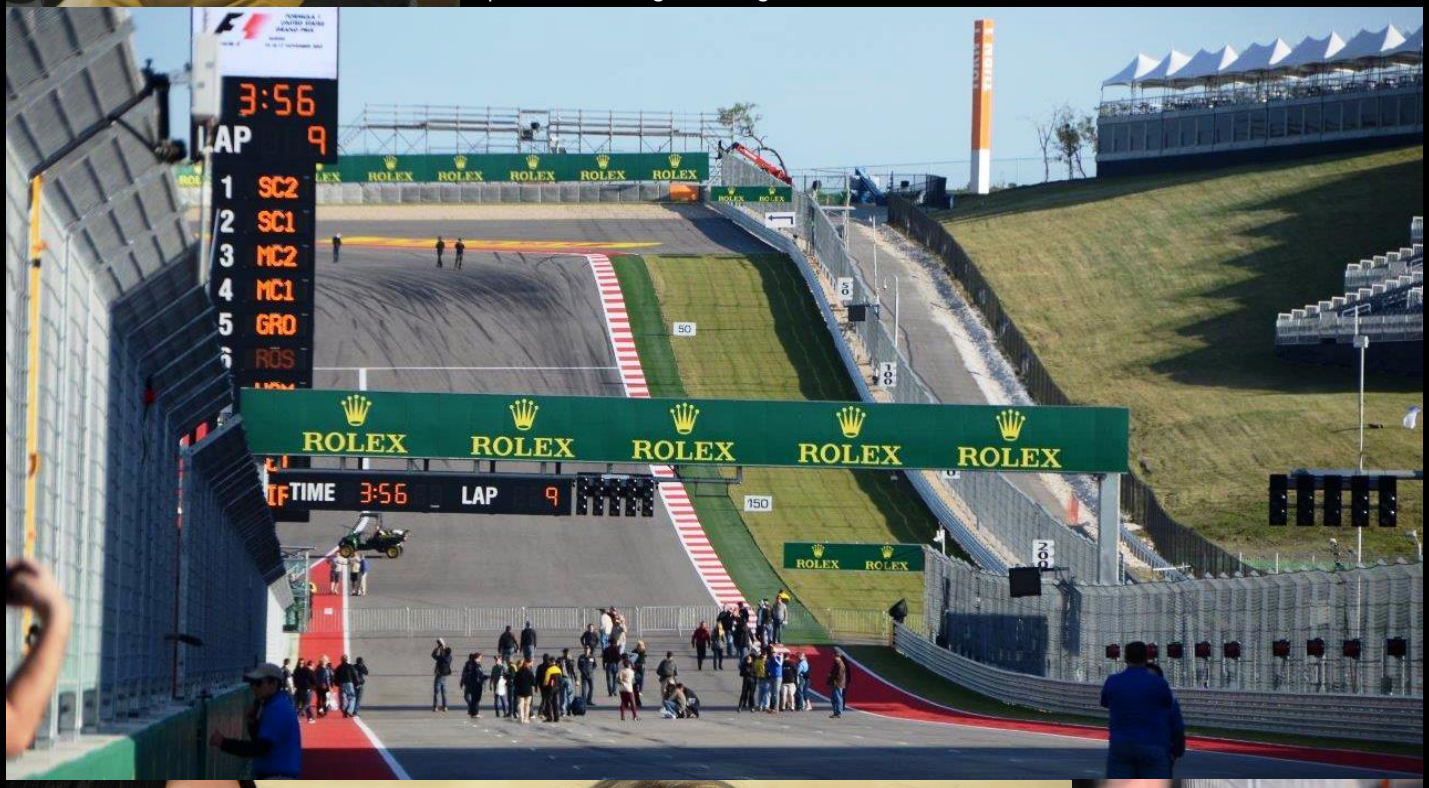
ACCUS AND FIA SENATE – PRESIDENT NICK CRAW

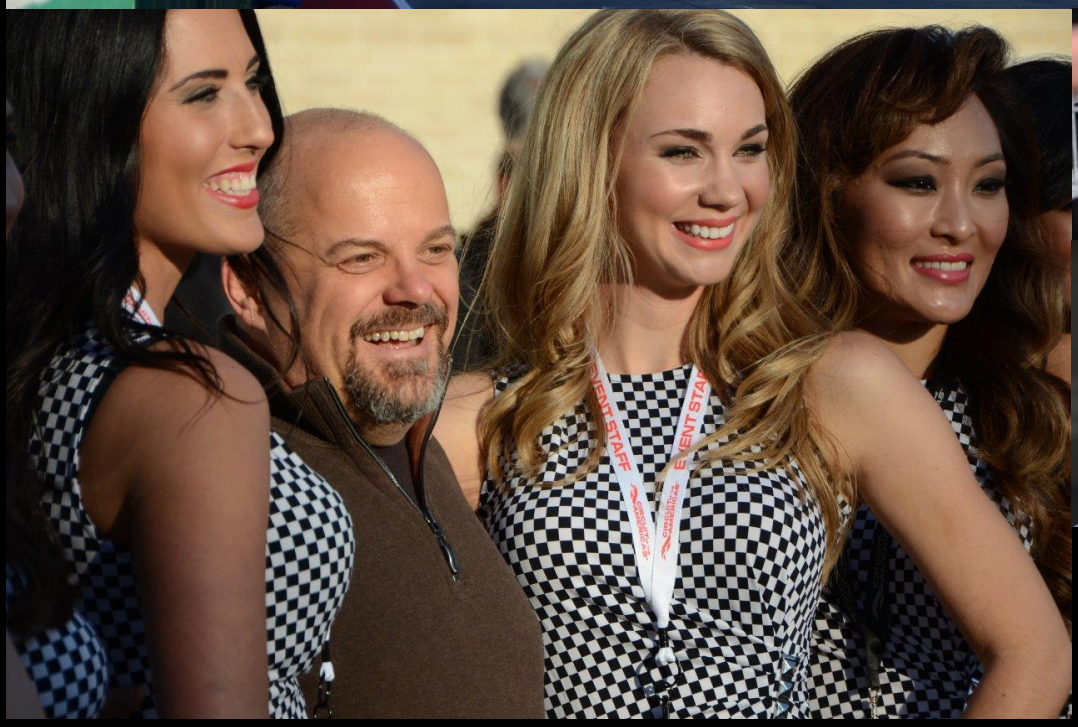
NICK CRAW is the President of ACCUS - American Competition Committee for the United States - the official American arm, or ASN, of FIA. It's the umbrella organization for the auto racing sanctioning bodies in the US and processes the international competition licenses for drivers in the US. Nick is also president of the FIA Senate. As such, he will be involved when the 2014 F1 calendar schedule is finalized.

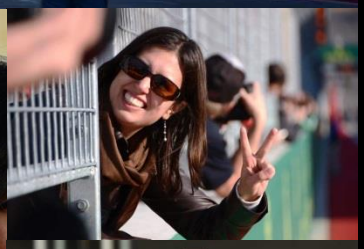
He has this to say to all the USGP marshals: "Thanks for being here!"

At other FIA international world championship events, marshals need an FIA-issued international license to work.

However, for the USGP, the only officials who need such a license are the Clerk of the Course, Stewards, Senior Marshals, Race Control and Specialty Chiefs. Nick said that because of their depth of experience, time, effort, and longevity in F1 and other professional racing, the US marshals' qualifications are good enough for USGP.













FIA GRADE ONE

COTA, aka Circuit of the Americas, is currently the only FIA Grade One certified track in the United States. The standards to reach this rating are not easy to meet. Barber Motorsports Park had been a Grade One as a test track for IndyCars, but now is Grade Two.







THURSDAY'S TEMPO

Thursday's tempo at Circuit of the Americas picked up as the day progressed in the Formula One pits and paddock, getting ready for Friday's first day of the USGP. Race cars were unveiled, went through Scrutineering, were worked on, tweaked, and spiffed up. Several teams, including Sahara Force India and Sauber, practiced pit stops. On course Medical 1 & 2, Safety 1 & 2, and Test Cars 1 & 2 & 3 chased each other around the course doing hot laps during the Track Systems Check. One car, which shall remain nameless, spun out. All in good fun. No harm, no foul.
Weather was still a consideration. The sun played hide and seek with the heavy cloud cover, but the weather was (slightly) warmer than Wednesday. And the promises just keep coming for warmer, dry weather.

The big news of the day was the sighting of HEIKKI KOVALAINEN in full Lotus Team gear in the Lotus Garage. Still no sign up, but it's only Thursday.

After days of speculation, the Caterham team with whom Kovalainen had been contracted as a Reserve Driver, agreed to release the Finn so he could race the remaining two F1 races with rival team, Lotus. Caterham's other Reserve Driver is young American, ALEXANDER ROSSI, who will run the first Friday F1 practice.

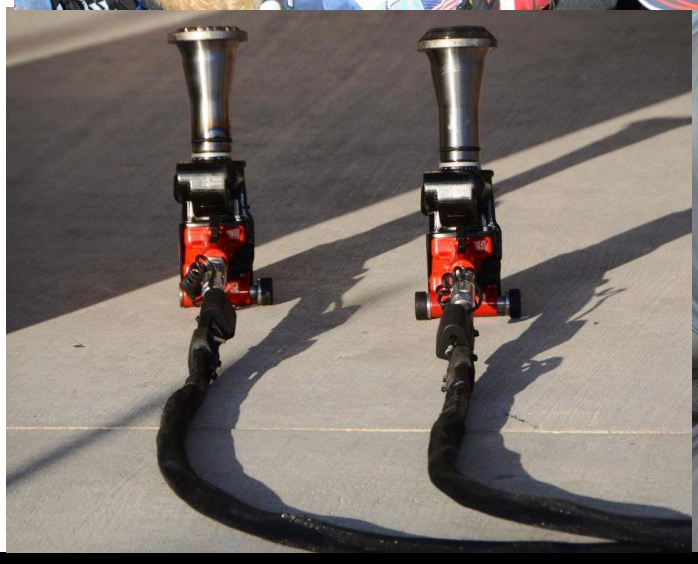
Caterham Team Principal CYRIL ABITEBOUL said "We were asked by Lotus F1 Team if we could release Heikki from his contract with us for the final two races of 2013 and we are pleased that we can help to give him the chance to race again in 2013. He is a valued member of the Caterham family and we're sure that he'll do a good job in the USA and Brazil."

SERGIO PEREZ/McLaren was one of the several F1 drivers in the Thursday afternoon Press Conference. He was questioned about the timing of the news he wouldn't be returning to the team next season. "Yes, it was kind of a shock because I was not really expecting that this would happen, as the team signaled that I was going to stay with them and I myself only found out that they were signing somebody else just days before the news broke. But that's life: sometimes it doesn't go the way you would like it to go. For me that decision means that I have to change my roots now. Unfortunately the decision came very late, so I really have to focus now on my future."

Perez's future? "Well, there are options that I have, but I will never take an option just for the sake of staying. It really has to be a good option."



















COTA STATS

COTA has some interesting stats and here they are:

On Track:

- Number of laps 56
- Circuit length 3.43 miles
- Race distance 191.63 miles
- Lowest apex speed at Turn 11 is 44mph
- Highest apex speed at Turn ¾ is 171mph
- Top Speed 196mph
- Fuel Consumption 6.35 pounds
- Lap record 1m 39.347s
- Number of pit stops in 2012 was 24
- Number of overtakes 45
- Safety Car probability 0.00%
- Winners from pole 0
- Distance from start line to first corner 1641ft
- Longest full throttle burst between Turns 11/12 is 3281ft
- 3.5G for six seconds through turns 17/18
- 16% of the lap is spent braking
- 42% of the lap is straight
- 54 gear changes per lap
- 63% of lap at full throttle

Off Track:

- More than 200,000 people expected at COTA
- 2012 saw 265,000 people at COTA
- Circuit cost was $450 million
- There are 20 million people within three hours of Austin
- 2012 saw 60% of attendees come from outside Texas
- 20% came from 40 countries around the world







