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LAS VEGAS GRAND PRIX























LYNNE'S WANDERINGS





It was an all-Ferrari front row after qualifying for Saturday's Formula 1 Heineken Silver Las Vegas Grand Prix 2023. Charles Leclerc sits on pole with a lap of 1:32.726. Leclerc's teammate, Carol Sainz was second fastest, but will take a ten-position penalty for changing power source yesterday after his run-in with an uplifted drain cover in the track. This will put third fastest driver, 2023 World Champion Max Verstappen/Red Bull on the front row beside him. American Driver Logan Sargeant/Williams qualified seventh, so now he and teammate, Alexander Albon, will grid sixth and seventh.

All the Q3 drivers ran on softs. All drivers in every session drove on Softs. Actor and racer, Patrick Dempsey, presented the tire trophy to Leclerc, and each signed it.



The weather's crisp but quite tolerable Friday evening preceding FP3. The Pit Lane had its usual ubiquitous Pit Walks and they came from both directions. Prior to the F1 sessions it seems the various crews come in as a group. You see them coming in, two by twos, or in a parade: Scrutineers, Pit Fire, various medical disciplines. The Pit/Grid folks are first and re usually in place, lining the Pit Wall with their bright green caps for cold sessions and white helmets for hot sessions.



I'm learning more about the Medical Inspection Laps taken prior to each session. Evidently some of the stations or corners put on 'skits' or mini-entertainments. Although these talent displays are supposed to be Sunday, or Race Day, some are already previewing. The doctors in the Medical Cars have been treated to a can-can dance and Friday night before FP3 there was another kind of interesting dance. I'd heard about these 'competitions' after COTA when one of my fellow SFR flaggers said his corner 'won' the weekend. Dr. Gregg Summerville, Chief Medical Officer for this event, said the dancers were at least off the pavement, so it was safe. So doctors - I hear Turn 12 has something planned.

Dr. Summerville is the Chief Medical Officer here at Las Vegas GP and the Deputy Chief Medical Officer at COTA and Miami. This is how he trains those who succeed him. Things are going quite well here in Las Vegas. He had nothing but lavish praise for the cooperation he's been getting from the Clark County Fire Department. They are enthusiastic, eager and invested. They want to learn and are soaking up the training like sponges. They bring all the necessary equipment and the staff for it including Medics, paramedics, fire fighters, etc. Dr. Summerville held a full-on Extrication training exercise Sunday of Race Week - an all-day start-to-finish session, going from extrication to transport to helicopter-to trauma center to treatment. Summerville said it went very well.



Clark County Fire is on board with the philosophy of consistent assignments for all four days of a F1 race weekend, for the sake of continuity. The setup for everyone is to have key personnel in Race Control for the race Saturday night. This will include Summerville as Chief Medical Officer, FIA Medical Delegate Jacque Tropenat, The Clark County Fire Chief and the Dispatcher.

LYNNE'S WANDERINGS (continued)





Up and down the Pit Lane, in front of many of the garages are pairs of TV broadcasters, on-air talent with mikes, and producers and camera people directing. To a T, all the pairs were a female and a male. Most I didn't recognize, but it's hard to miss Jenson Button; and he was paired with Danica Patrick. Further on down I recognized IndyCar driver, Conor Daly with a F1 mike waiting for an interview.

I had a chance for a quick chat with Guenther Steiner, as he took to the Timing Stand at Moneygram Haas. I thanked him for the gratitude he expressed and beanies he gave to the marshals and told him the photo and writeup were in today's issue, which would be online within an hour. He thanked me and seemed quite in a good mood.



The Pit Lane visitors seemed to really like taking photos and selfies in front of the F1 NetZero 2030 Backdrop. There were queues to take the souvenir picture. It's located at the far end of the Pit Lane - between the garage for the Medical and Safety Cars and the back door to Race Control.

Saturday's activities include sunset at 5:10 p.m, the Drivers' Parade at 7:50-8:20 p.m. followed by the Pre-Race Show and Medical Inspection. The race starts at 10:00 p.m.

Time for a good night's rest.








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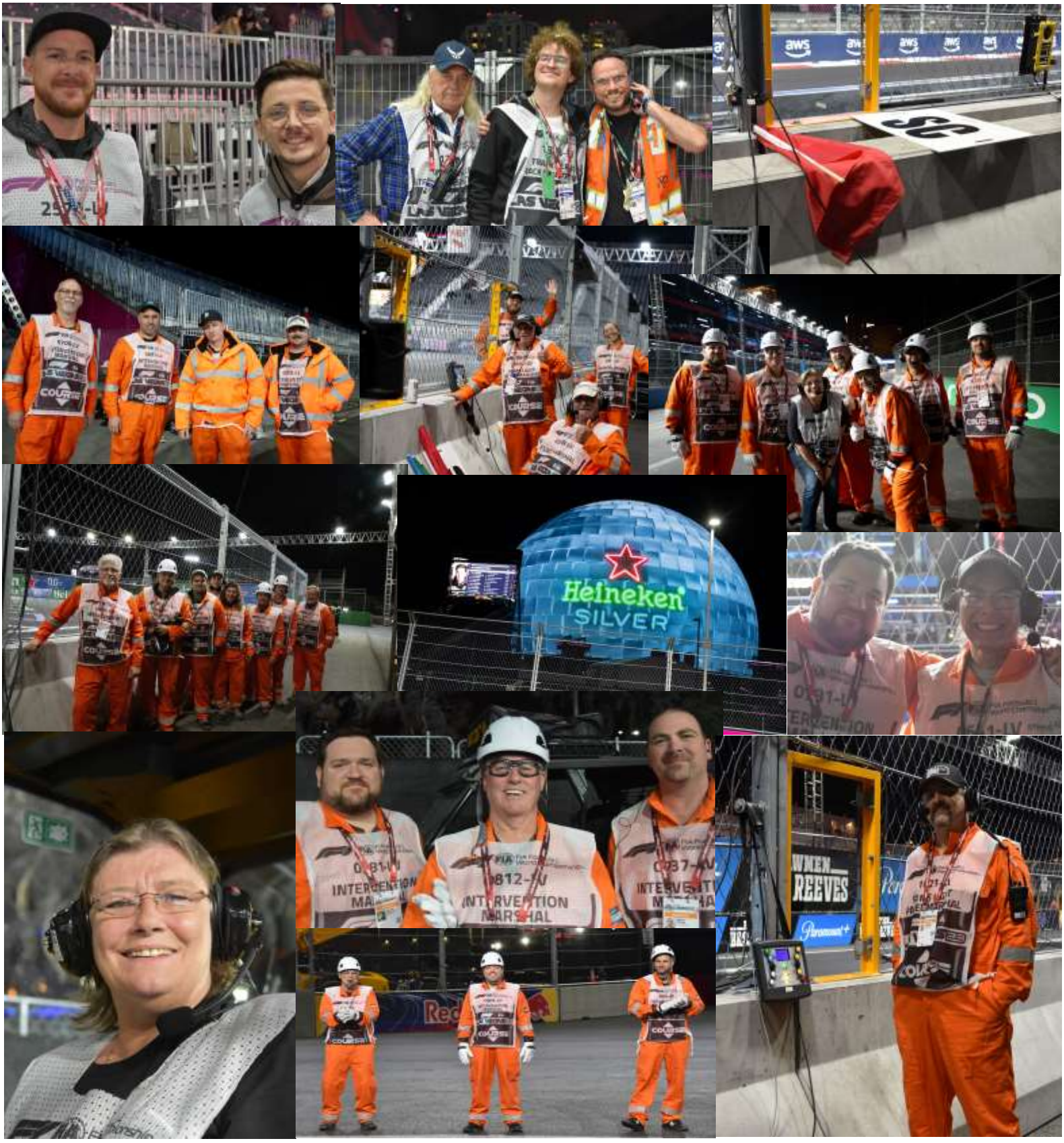
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