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Minutes of Special Event

K1 Speed

Thursday, January 24, 2013

Special Event/Special Guests

This was not an ordinary DHSOS meeting, but a special DHSOS event. It grew out of a Christmas gift that was organized and funded by the PoV. The evening consisted of go kart racing, speed, adrenaline, good food, strong drink, and manly friends. It was a DHSOS-style evening!

There were two special guests: Beck D_____ (son of DUH PREZ) and Andrew Rutter (son-in-law of DUH PREZ).

Speed!



We started in South San Francisco at K1 Speed – “The Place to Race.” Their website says it is the “first

choice” for people who want to experience genuine racing in state-of-the-art, electric karts.

This is what the DHSOS stands for! We’re definitely state-of-the-art, and we’re not a bunch of namby-pamby wimps who get drug off by our wives to a night of ballet. We’re men – men who like excitement, action, and speed.

- ✓ Head sock on ... check.
- ✓ Racing helmet on ... check.

- ✓ Belted in for safety ... check.
- ✓ Visor down ... check.
- ✓ Move out, accelerator down, brakes off.
- ✓ Round the first hairpin – sharp left turn, now floor it and try to catch the idiot in front of you. Bump him a few times, just to let him know you’re back there -- now, take the inside track and steer around him. That’s it ... a little more speed ... yes! Around that slowpoke and in the clear. Now floor it!

Fourteen grueling laps with the adrenaline flowing and the sweat pouring. It seemed like just a few minutes.

Duh Final Standings

Racer	Best Lap	Avg.	Place
Beck	32.498	34.385	1
William	32.881	35.542	2
Andrew	33.336	35.297	3
Geoff	33.883	37.142	4
Lee	35.602	37.783	5
Dale	36.857	39.789	6
Ken	38.961	40.750	7

The Winner

We almost finished in age order. The (youthful) guests finished first and third. DUH PREZ cheated and finished second. The Czar, being much younger than the rest of the DHSOS, finished fourth. The PoV was caught in a power/weight ratio and finished fifth. And the cautious ones (the AgendaMeister and AoK) brought up the rear.

The Prize



The DHSOS is accustomed to cheap, plastic prizes from the PoV, but tonight was an exception. Yes, the trophy was recycled, and yes, it was free -- but it was solid, heavy, and meaningful. You see, the PoV won it a thousand years ago for finishing in first place at a go-kart race in Concordia, Missouri. He had built the kart himself. For tonight's event, he pried off the plaque, wrapped the trophy, and presented it to Beck with a great deal of fanfare.

The trophy was accepted in the spirit in which it was given. Beck was humble (thanking the PoV, his parents, and God), yet proud. The trophy spent the rest of the meal resting in the middle of the table, and it now resides in the Beckster's bedroom -- along with his many other trophies.

Bertolucci's



Dinner was at Bertolucci's Ristorante in South San Francisco. Dashiell probably ate there -- at least it's his kind of place -- and it has strong drinks, good, old-fashioned food, and friendly staff.

Bertolucci's Ristorante in South San Francisco was founded by the Bertolucci Family in 1928. It was originally a boardinghouse where Mama Bertolucci cooked family style meals for steel workers. The large Italian eatery soon became an institution that attracted diners from all over the Bay Area. Mama Bertolucci eventually turned the business over to her son, Larry, and her daughter, Lola. They operated the restaurant until 2003 when they retired.

Peter Sodini had fond memories of Bertoluccis. He grew up working for his father's bakery, Cuneo, in North Beach. During that time, he delivered bread to Bertolucci's and he was impressed with it's grandeur. Peter eventually went on to start Golden Boy Pizza in San Francisco, and over the years, he and his father opened several more Golden Boy Pizza restaurants throughout San Francisco. In 1992, Peter and his wife, Victoria, purchased Green Valley Restaurant in North Beach. The Sodini's restored the old building and turned the restaurant into the thriving, popular North Beach establishment it is today.

In June, 2005 Peter noticed that Bertolucci's was for sale. He knew this was the opportunity of a lifetime. He sold Sodini's Green Valley restaurant to his brother and purchased Bertolucci's. The Sodini's remodeled and updated the old building, but they were careful to retain the original style and charm, and they reopened it as Sodini's Bertoluccis on December 3, 2005.

Sodini's Bertoluccis serves traditional Italian cuisine, derived from their Tuscan roots. Their belief has always been to serve simple, hearty and fresh food. The Sodini's have continued their family restaurant tradition. Today, Peter and Victoria manage Sodini's Bertolucci's, their sons manage Golden Boy Pizza.

Toast to Tyree

The DHSOS and special guests raised their glasses in a toast of gratitude to the PoV for procuring this terrific night of manly activities. There were numerous kind words and several clinking of martini glasses.

Other Stuff

There was a lot of other conversation; about a New Year's Day Porsche Rally, promises to take cars to drive the race track at Thunder Hill, stories about 3D printers and bachelor parties, and a lot of bragging about holiday gifts and new years resolutions. But that was just talk. We had come to race, and race we did.

It was a super good gift from the PoV! It was a super good night out for the DHSOS! And it was a super good visit from the Beckster and the Drewster. Good friends; good times!

Adjournment

It had been a very special evening with an appropriate mix of speed, good food, strong drinks, and noble friends.

We issued hearty handshakes all around, got into our various vehicles, and sped off into the night.

That's it for now, man.

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