

Fourth ROA Southeastern Regional Meet Asheville, NC

Once again this year ROA members from the eastern states, mostly southeastern, came together in Asheville North Carolina for our 4th ROA Southeastern Regional Meet. The weather did not cooperate to start with, dumping over 2" of rain in Asheville on Thursday, but the forecast looked promising for the next few days.

We started our brisk sunny Friday morning with a short trip from the hotel to the North Carolina Aviation Museum and Hall of Fame. After arrival we milled around in the parking lot talking Rivieras, and then continued into the museum. There 32 members and guests were treated to a guided tour by the curator of the museum, he was very knowledgeable about most of the aircraft and displays located there. There were several stories of the Piper J-3 Flitfire located at the entrance of the hangar; it had once been flown by Orville Wright!



From the museum we went on a scenic drive down two-lane rural roads through the country side to Seagrove, NC. We located a spot for lunch and settled there. After lunch a few members went on to look at the pottery producers in the area and some returned to the hotel for the opportunity to wash Thursday's grit & grime off of their Rivieras. The afternoon turned out to be an excellent day weather wise!

Friday evening's events included light hors d'oeuvres, refreshments, and door prizes. We started passing out the door prizes by drawing the members ROA number and letting each one pick what prize they wanted. Then, because we had several more door prizes, we finished passing them out with a few Riviera trivia questions thought up by your friendly Regional Coordinators. We also discussed our plan for our Saturday morning trip to the Richard Petty Museum, since it was right up the road we decided on using the most direct route possible.

Saturday morning was a brisk sunny morning, started with getting everyone together for our drive to the Richard Petty Museum. After arriving at the museum we decided on a location to take our pictures of all the Rivieras. Once pictures were taken we lined



them up for our show. We had 21 very nice Rivieras ranging from 1963 to 1999. Everyone looked, discussed, and voted for their favorite Riviera in

each class. At noon our brown bag lunches were served by the folks at the museum and after lunch we toured the museum where we were given a guided tour by Bonnie, the manager of



the Petty Museum. Bonnie has been with Richard Petty for right around 40 years so she had lots of stories to tell about him from all those years.





Fourth ROA Southeastern Regional Meet Attendees

The banquet on Saturday night was a hit with numerous members, many commenting on how good the food tasted. After our enjoyable meal we handed out the awards and thanked everyone for attending and we look forward to seeing them and **YOU** at our next Southeastern Regional Meet in **Savannah, GA** next year!

Along with our appreciation of the members that attend our meet, who without their participation there wouldn't be a meet, we would also like to thank everyone involved in making this meet a success. First I would like to thank Gwyn for dealing with everything I do working on these meets, if it were not for her patience it would not be possible. Keith Felderman, of course, who was the mastermind of these SE Regionals, it was Keith's idea to organize them to begin with, and he also takes care of the registrations and most things involved with getting the members taken care of. Andy Anderson, Ray Knott, and the ROA for supplying us with our registration bag items. Larry Lovell, Bob Wannall, and Ray Knott for getting/supplying our numerous door prizes. BUT, we definitely want to thank those members that do attend that make these meets worthwhile. As is said on numerous occasions in the ROA, the first time you attend for the cars and you return for the friends you have made.

Randall Crain
NC Regional Coordinator

The Riviera's honored at our Saturday evening Awards Banquet were:

1963 – 1970



- **1st Place ... Gold 1966 ... Doug VanKalker ... NC**
- 2nd Place ... Regal Black 1964 ... Richard Joy ... NC
- Class Award ... Silver 1965 ... Frank O'Donnell ... VA
- Class Award ... Desert Sand 1963 ... Glen Roberts ... NC
- Class Award ... White 1966 GS ... Wayne Updike ... NC

1971 – 1993



- **1st Place ... Diamond White 1993 ... Randall Crain ... NC**
 - 2nd Place ... Arctic White 1991 ... Wayne Pilkinton ... TN
- Class Award ... Red Firemist 1982 Conv. ... John Schrapper ... GA

1995 – 1999



- **1st Place ... 1999 Silver Arrow ... Chip Ackerman ... KY**
 - 2nd Place ... Black 1995 ... Randall Crain ... NC
- Class Award ... Platinum Beige 1999 ... Ralph Eckert ... PA
- Class Award ... Dark Jadestone 1995 ... Dan Gunter ... SC

Custom/Modified



- **1st Place ... Purple/Cream 1964 ... Ray Rapuano ... NC**
- 2nd Place ... Atomic Orange Sunburst 1968 ... Steve Brisbois ... FL
 - Class Award ... Black/Cream 1965 ... Larry Lovell ... TN
 - Class Award ... Black 1965 ... Larry Stamm ... NC

Long Distance



- **Burgundy 1997 ... David Messinger ... 659 miles**

Judges' Choice



- **Twilight Aqua 1963 ... Jerry Bodden**

Best of Show



Blue Modified 1967 ... Keith Felderman



We would like to say thank you again to the members and guests that attended, if not for you these meets would not be possible!