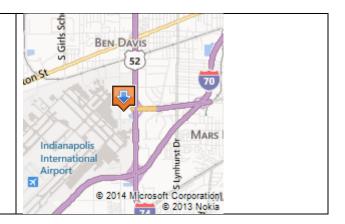


### When

Friday March 21, 2014 at 5:00 PM EDT -to-Sunday March 23, 2014 at 10:00 AM EDT **Add to Calendar** 

## Where

Crowne Plaza Hotel and Resort 2501 South High School Road Indianapolis, IN 46241



Brrrrr. What a winter. It's time to start thinking about racing to carry us into spring. As promised, Bench Racing Weekend 2014 is here and we are pleased to make this information available to help you register for this year's event. We continue the 30 plus year heritage and add some enhancements. This year there are two events that you can register to attend:

<u>First Event</u>: Indianapolis Motor Speedway Tour - this event will include an IMS Guided Tour, sometimes known as "Behind the Scenes Tour". But IMS has added features to make our event more interesting. The Guided Tour includes; Media Center, timing & scoring, Victory Podium, Gasoline Alley Suite, and Yard of Bricks photo op. IMS has added the following features not available on the standard tour; Pagoda upper floors tour, Pace Car garage w/Pace Cars, and a bus tour of the new Indycar Grand Prix road course. We will convene following this to the 4th floor Media Center where Kevin Forbes, IMS Director of Engineering will discuss changes to the facility. Attendees should plan to drive to the IMS Media Center (next to the Pagoda) to arrive between 8:30AM and 8:45AM. The Speedway will have signs to show the way.

Lunch will be on your own as you return to the Crowne Plaza after the IMS Tour. May we suggest three restaurants on Main Street; Lino's Cafe (inside Dallara), Dawson's on Main or Bourbon & Barbeque. Of course the Crowne Plaza restaurant would be happy to see you for lunch as well.

**Second Event**: Bench Racing Weekend Banquet and related activities.

\*UPDATE\* We are pleased to announce that Johnny Parsons has been added to our agenda. He will be in the hospitality suite from 2PM to 4PM to share memories and experiences. As a result, Bench Racing Weekend will now have two areas in which to gather and discuss:

- Bench Racing Area A (2PM to 4PM) Bob McConnell will feature an interesting roadster. We will also feature a 1980 Lightning Cosworth owned by Lindsay Hopkins, built by Fabcar and driven by Gary Bettenhausen. It is in "pre restoration" condition. We will also feature memorabilia and things of interest.
- Bench Racing Area B (2PM to 4PM) join Johnny Parsons for lively bench racing discussion.
- Reception (6PM) cash bar
- Banquet (7:15PM) The banquet will offer a more robust menu.
- Guest Interview (8:15PM) the featured guest is Motorsports Hall of Fame Inductee and Indy 500 driver Paul Goldsmith who will be interviewed by Bob Jenkins and Robin Miller.
- Movies (11AM to closing) Doak Ewing will offer more interesting movies, most of which are not readily available in the marketplace

Hotel: We are pleased that Crowne Plaza has once again held the line on hotel pricing at \$94 per night (plus taxes). You can make your hotel reservations by calling 317-244-6861 and asking to reserve your room with the "Bench Racing" group rate. We ask if at all possible that you choose Crowne Plaza as your hotel to be sure that Bench Racing Weekend 2014 achieves its contracted room-night commitment to Crowne Plaza. DEADLINE for hotel special rate is March 5<sup>th</sup>.

To register online, send an email to **indybrw@gmail.com** and we will send you the invitation by return email. To register by snail mail, please use the attached form.

If you need transportation to IMS from Crowne Plaza, indicate that on the Registration Form. We can help arrange car-pooling as needed.

## Contact

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**Clare Poremsky** 419-861-3416

## **Bench Racing 2014 UPDATE**

Greetings race fans and Bench Racing Weekend enthusiast,

We would like to provide an update on the progress for Bench Racing 2014. Registration is open and registration is brisk. The deadline to register for the event is March 7<sup>th</sup>. We have the following updates to share:

- 1. We are pleased to announce that Johnny Parsons has been added to our agenda. He will be in the hospitality suite from 2PM to 4PM to share memories and experiences.
- 2. you can rest assured that Bob McConnell will delight us with an interesting roadster at the event. We will also have a 1980 Lightning Cosworth that was owned by Lindsay Hopkins, built by FABCAR and driven by Gary Bettenhausen. It is in "pre restored condition" right now.
- 3. We neglected to mention that the special room rate offered by Crowne Plaza will expire on March 5 or while supplies last. So please act soon if you plan to stay overnight. If you can, please select the Crowne Plaza to help us meet our room-nights commitment.
- 4. The IMS Tour is as described previously which includes unique features such as upper floor Pagoda tour, Pace Car garage, bus tour of the new Road Course and a presentation by Kevin Forbes, IMS Director of Engineering.

If you have already registered for Bench Racing 2014, terrific! We look forward to seeing you there. If you have not, please submit your registration by March 7 so that we can finalize details with the Indianapolis Motor Speedway and the Crowne Plaza.

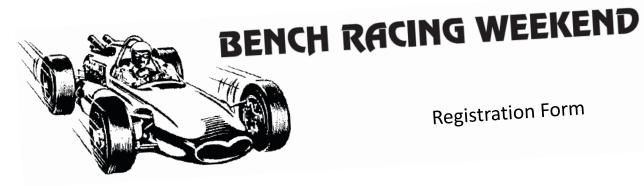
#### How to register?

- Via US Postal Service use the form on the other side of this letter to provide details and send check as described.
- Via the internet cut & paste this link into your web browser select the register button http://events.constantcontact.com/register/event?llr=qotk67iab&oeidk=a07e8bflooqfafebb6
- Via email ask for the registration form and we will send it to you. Email to: indybrw@gmail.com .

Thanks for your interest and support of Bench Racing Weekend. We look forward to seeing you there.

Bob Jenkins Host of Bench Racing Weekend 2014

Chuck Shuman & Clare Poremsky BRW2014 Event Leaders



# Registration Form

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Please identify those that need a ride to IMS on Saturday morning by circling the number next to their name above.  Please provide a phone number or email we can use to contact the primary person for this party.				
Name:	Contact Info:			
Mail your check for the Grand Total payable to:				

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