

Auction Items & Door Prizes

Door Prizes, Auction Items and Important People

For the second time, Mario Andretti welcomed three LOONY members to his office and home in Nazareth, PA to help us celebrate LOG by autographing items to auction to benefit the Grand Prix Mechanics Trust, and to give away as prizes for our LOG 33 guests. The LOG 33 committee would like to thank Mario and his staff for making us feel like we were the most important people in the world. I am simply amazed at with the number of people that go through that office in a week, yet Mario and his staff made us feel like we were honored guests. Truly amazing.

We have 40 bottles of Andretti Wine autographed by the man himself to celebrate the 40th Anniversary of Lotus, Ltd. They will be given away during the weekend to LOG attendees. We also have three models of Mario's Championship winning Lotus Type 79 built by master modeler Jeff Morgan. The LOG committee would like to thank Jeff Morgan for donating the 100 plus hours to build the models. If you look closely at the models you will see the gold lines are all hand painted. Mario was proud to autograph these models, and we hope you bid high for these 'priceless' models. The LOG 33 committee would like to thank Mario for autographing these items, truly a wonderful gesture and a great man.

In addition, Schecter Guitar have designed and donated a JPS Lotus themed guitar. This has also been autographed by Mario (right), to be auctioned at LOG 33. One of a kind, do not let it get away!

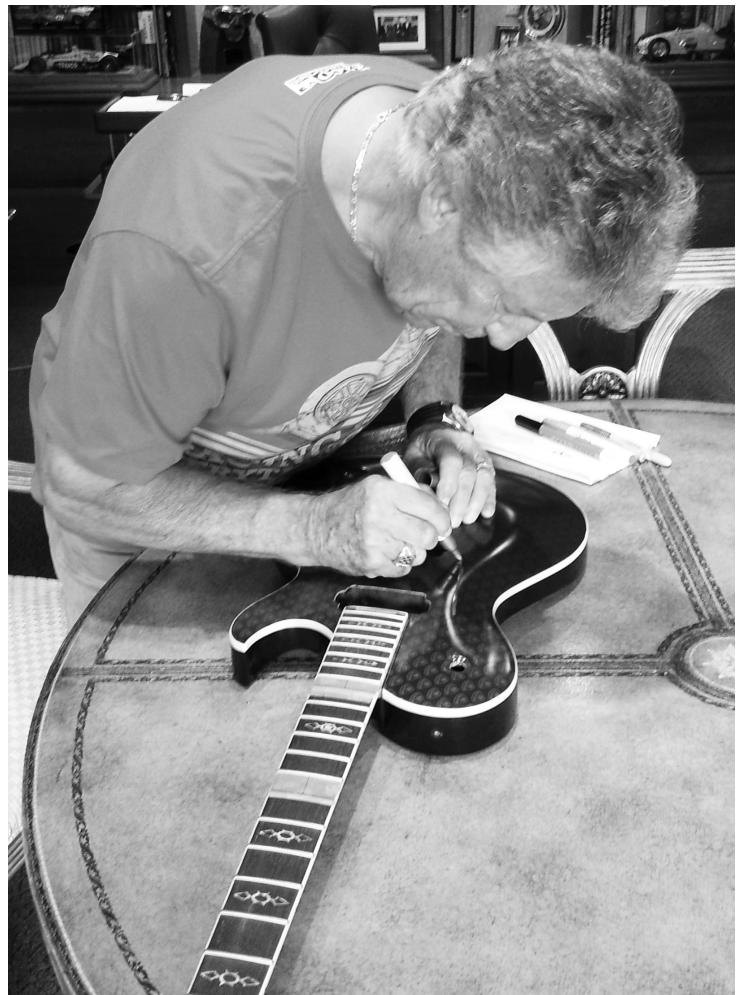
In 2003, the LOG 23 committee asked Dan Gurney support LOG 23 by autographing three models of his Lotus Type 29 Indy car. Dan welcomed the idea and it was done. This year Dan has donated autographed prints from his collection. The prints will be auctioned in with a silent auction. The LOG 33 committee would like to thank Dan for autographing and donating the prints. And also thank you for the T-shirts to be given away as prizes. Thank you Mr. Gurney. 100% of the proceeds from all the auctions held at LOG 33 will benefit the GP Mechanics Charitable Trust. Bid high and bid often!

Coterie Press have also donated so very special items for auction. Just a few weeks ago author and Coterie director William Taylor was invited to a press call at the Lotus Store in London, with Romain Grosjean and Eric Boullier of the Lotus F1 Team. While there he managed to get them to sign a Lotus F1 T-shirt, a baseball cap and some driver promo cards that Coterie Press have donated to LOG 33. Thank you Coterie.

Grand Prix Mechanics Charitable Trust

The Trust was created in 1987 when Sir Jackie Stewart, who was still competing in Formula 1, began campaigning for higher standards of safety in the sport, particularly focusing on the dangers mechanics encountered in a live pit lane environment.

He was also aware that unlike today, many of the teams and the mechanics of that era didn't have the benefit of health insurance, pensions and other necessary financial "safety nets" should the



mechanic suffer a crippling or fatal injury. In then even something like this was to happen, he and his family could be put under enormous financial strain.

In light of this, Sir Jackie set up the Grand Prix Mechanics Charitable Trust with the support of team owners Ken Tyrrell and Jackie Oliver. Then, as now, the trustees worked to ensure the Trust is managed efficiently; currently the cost of generating funds represents less than 1% of the Trust's assets.

The Trust exists primarily to help mechanics who have worked in the pit lane at Grand Prix meetings or test sessions at one stage or another in their career, so the net is widely spread. While the role of a mechanic has changed over the years and the standards of safety improved drastically, the Trust still remains as relevant as ever.

The Trust is important for those who have since retired from the sport, and for those who still work in the pit lane today. Our interest in the charity is fueled by our relationship with Bob Dance and 100% of the proceeds from our weekend auctions will be for the benefit of the trust.

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