

Formula One Dinners are Off to the Races

By Jim Heimer – Food Critic

For the second year Craig Tiras, our Social Chairman, has organized dinners around the theme of the Formula One races that are run around the world from April to October each year.

As the venue for the races change, Craig selects a restaurant appropriate to the race location. Attendance is open to all Lone Star Region members, and they are proving popular with the more discriminating Porsche owning gourmands (and gourmandettes) – yeah, and a lot of people who like good food and getting together to talk about their cars, Grand Prix racing, food, hobbies, and just about anything else. All it takes is to RSVP to Craig and show up. Details are on the web at http://www.lsrpca.com/misc_events/2007%20F1%20Dinners.html.

Last Saturday, July 21st, the dinner was held at Karls on the Riverbend in Richmond. This restaurant used to be a long drive down either I-10 or 59 to Richmond, but with the completion of the Westpark Tollway, which ends about a mile from the restaurant, it's now only a half hour from downtown. I wish I had known that before I drove the 59/Richmond route. But it helped on the way home.

Karls specializes in European Cuisine prepared by its Swiss Owner, Karl Camenzind, and his wife, Susie, so it was an appropriate venue on the evening preceding the European Grand Prix at the Nürburgring in Germany.

Twelve persons attended with an impressive display of Cayman S's parked near the entrance to the restaurant.

Inside the group gathered around a long table in a corner of the cosy restaurant overlooking Smiths Creek (the origin of "Riverbend" in the Restaurant's name).



The world's stock of flounder took a pretty good hit, a couple of lambs will no longer be frolicking in the fields, and some unknown creature which is part cow, part shrimp, and part quail will be in short supply as well.

This turned out to be a great event for the husbands and wives – we don't just talk about Porsches and racing – so consider attending a future event.

BTW – World Champion Fernando Alonso finished on first in his McLaren Mercedes.

