



Happy volunteers, Sybil and Bob Benson during a brief moment of inactivity at the December DE at TWS.

Saint Sybil, Patron Saint of Corner Workers

Once upon a time everyone had to run the short (1.8 mile) course at TWS because the stretch from 3 to 10 was in a really bad condition. There was no club racing in these bad old days. Some really smart and creative people negotiated with the owner of TWS and put a deal together. They (several car clubs including LSR and a number of private individuals as well) would loan TWS the money to fix up the back course and take some of their loan payments in reduced track rental fees.

If you have ever driven the long course (or worked corners 4,5,6,7,8 or 10..;-) you are aware that this plan worked out really well!

Paul Margaritis was President of LSR during this time period (just after he was DE Steward) and Paul and Sybil had a lot to do with making all this happen. And with bringing Club Racing back to LSR and TWS.

Sybil was the first person to win the LSR "Volunteer-of-the-Year" award back then and she certainly earned it.

The famous Blonde Flag is fashioned after a self-portrait of Sybil that she drew when she was 12 years old. She has forbidden me to say who was

President of the United States that year, and that is fine, since I can no longer remember that far back anyhow..;-)

We used the Blonde Flag as a "5-minutes-remaining-in-session" flag at corner 2 for several years until we got the purple flag for that purpose.

These days when you see the Blonde Flag during a session, it means that you have just accomplished something particularly creative and memorable-a triple spin without leaving the track surface would be an example of such an incident..;-)

When I introduced Sybil to the corner workers at the last DE (we of course had the Blonde Flag flying at the meeting) I told them that she was/is "Saint Sybil, the Patron Saint of Corner Workers" who will keep you safe if you heed her wisdom.

Sybil and Paul are world travelers these days, because of Paul's job, so we don't get to see them nearly enough. Sybil worked at Grid and at Control Sunday at the last DE, where these photos were taken, and all the old-timers in attendance were really glad to see her again, this author included.

Respectfully submitted,
George Bigham



The famous Blonde Flag waves proudly in the early morning breeze at TWS.