

Year End Banquet 2022 report  
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A good time was had by all! At least that's how I am reporting it! In all there were 94 people registered and only 7 of them did not attend. Sorry the rest of you didn't get to come for an evening of fun with your fellow competitors and friends.

We did a few things differently this year. We would love to hear any feed back that can help improve our next year-end awards banquet.

We did have a nice bartender to over see our drink requirements and that did include soft drinks. She did comment that she was impressed that she sold more soft drinks than she did the stiffer drinks. Maybe it's car/driver/drink limit? We did not offer the snack plates this time, instead put snacky bits at every table to hold folks over until the meal was served. This was a cost saving decision.

The Emerald Empire MotorSports Park Foundation put on our second silent auction with donations coming from some of our club sponsors and some fellow racers. We had some incredible door prizes to boot.

We played a couple of games and watched some amazing driving on the big screen. There were trophies handed out to both sponsors and drivers. There were some special awards given to a select few including the IROC video and count down.

The evening ended as it began, amongst friends looking both forward and back at another year well spent, doing what we love!

Wait, there's more.....

We did a few changes to the program this year, starting with the cover. There was an artsy photo of our President' car, very nice. One of the inside pages was completely dedicated to acknowledging our sponsors. They need to know that we appreciate their support. There was a game on the facing page. And on the back an easy to follow along program highlighting the evenings progression.

Here's what I wonder, do you save these programs like I do? I have a small collection from over the years that I have been going to this event. A wonderful piece of memorial detritus proving my love for this event or group of people, who knows? I do know that every year when I help put away stuff at end of the banquet, I pick up the left -over programs. This is not a selfless act, I learn so much from what can be gleaned from your left behind programs. This is what I have learned....

Some of our friends are quite artistic, with great works of art left sitting on the tables in hopes of being discovered, and some are just doodlers.

Some of you worked tirelessly on the silly game included with the fold. I bet most of you could not have answered all of those without the help of your smart phone, you know who you are! Some of you honestly answered the ones you knew and skipped the rest. Some of you didn't play at all, I mean that's okay, I did spend hours coming up with some tough ones (you know I'm kidding). I figured "My Hooptie" was going to stump a few of you!

Last but not least, I love how some of you would put check marks in our easy-to-follow schedule, keeping up as we progressed through the evening.

I hope you found these observations somewhat vague as I am not one who points a boney finger and laughs. Nope I just Laugh, see you again soon, Licia