

STEEL CITIES REGION, SCCA

General Membership Meeting August 7th, 2013 at Brewstone Beer Company, 3466 Wm Penn Highway,
Monroeville

Regional Executive Mark Connolly called the meeting to order at 7:33 PM.

A motion (Dave Merritt/Jim Farrar) to approve the minutes of the July meeting as published passed 12-0-0.

RALLY REPORT: Chuck Larouere

We will hold our tour rally August 24/25, starting in the Wheeling WV area.

TRACK TRIALS REPORT & HILLCLIMB REPORT: Dave Merritt

We had 66 entries for the Polish Mountain Hillclimb. Walt Peterson, an ex-member recently rejoined SCCA and ran the event. All told it was a good event.

The next event is 8/25 at PittRace.

Following that is the Horizontal Hillclimb Labor Day Weekend, August 31/September 1 on the Jefferson Circuit at Summit Point. Speaking of Summit Point, Maria has been replaced by Chris White, the new Motorsports Coordinator, and Drew Stolipher as Assistant Coordinator..

The sanction and insurance are ready and posted to the website.

Mitch Wright from PittRace is here tonight. The previously discussed concept for a series of three trials can't work because there is no free time on the schedule at PittRace. We have proposed a trial event Sunday August 25th as a pilot, and then we can run a full series in 2014. PittRace would provide Finances, Emergency Services and transponders; Steel Cities would provide insurance, sanction, stewards, tech, grid and corner workers.

Mitch thinks it can be profitable at 40 + cars. *A motion (Barry Kaplan/Mike Connolly to approve going forward with the proposal passed 9-0-0.*

ROAD RACING REPORT: AJ Anselm

The 61st Cumberland Classic ran well, but we had a light entry. We have no figures yet, but we probably had a loss of between \$1000 and \$10,000. Three new track records were set.

Terry Hanushak from South Jersey Region sent us an email, telling us we did a great job. Terry is running for area director, and has taken a stance opposing the new Majors program, which would help us (since the Majors takes drivers away from our events).

The Shanksville Flight 92 flag was flown at the Pitt Race event, and a short ceremony remembered the two SCCA workers who died there.

Jerry Warnika also sent an email, with his compliments on the Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix. The SCCA presence was noted.

We start work on the 2014 schedule after the miniconvention.

Paula Hawthorne won the Worker of the Event award at the Cumberland National.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Beth Anselm

The current checking account balance is \$48,130.82. A copy of the financial statement is attached to the master copy of these minutes.

SOLO REPORT: Mark Andy

Mark passed out copies of a financial report for the Solo Program year-to-date. A copy of that financial statement is attached to the master copy of these minutes.

Mark also publicly thanked Frank & Kristi for their help with the PVGP events.

This past weekend we had a regular event, but had a low entry of 53 Saturday and 83 Sunday. We made around \$2000, bringing our net income for the year to around \$7500. This total is not likely to change much by the end of the season.

We have been busy with the contract events. Mark explained "Track Crosses" – drivers launch at Start/Finish and race to turn 8. We had 25 at the first one, and 68 at the last one – they are held on Thursdays.

Jim Stout ran his Viper Cup car at 38 seconds – 2 seconds faster than anyone else while just fooling around.

There is a low-key event tomorrow. The Viper club and the Ohio Muscle Car Challenge are both coming up, and we need volunteers for both events.

This will be Mark's last year as Chair. Frank and Kristi will take over next year, and Mark will run the contract events.

9/21 is a points Solo.

10/12-13 is the Wounded Warrior charity event, which had to be moved to Pitt Race. Kristi is looking for swag for the baskets.

MEMBERSHIP: Paula Hawthorne

In December the records showed 397 members, up from 390 last month. New members include Mark Thomas and Thomas Drnevich from Aliquippa, Dru Rezzentano from Gibsonia, Thomas Nagy from Washington, Todd Benne from O Fallon MO, Brian Hixson from Greensburg, Prithviraj Bandyopadhyay from Coraopolis, Gene Opfer from Elizabeth (who attended the meeting), John Ziegler from Monroeville, Bob Bertelsen from Columbiana OH, and Justin Los from Pittsburgh 15209.

HISTORIAN: Don Baker

No milestone anniversaries this month, but several members are recognized for volunteer days, including Jim Farrar, Tom Lang and Keith Manning, and Roger Williams (12-19 days).

Rick Beatty published a picture of Don's van in the rally section of SportsCar, and it blew up on Sunday.

Les Walter talked about the Lambrecht Chevrolet Auction coming up in September.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Mike wants to table paying the bill from Rapid Radio until Barry can review it. Beth doesn't. *A motion (Mike Connolly/Paula) to table paying the bill until Barry Kaplan reviews it passed 12-1-0.*

Paula has a check for \$250 from Western New York Region for the miniconvention.

Beverly Stone sent us some original May 1959 Cumberland memorabilia.

The annual Holiday Party will be at The Chadwick in Wexford, 1045 Perry Highway across from Wright Nissan, on January 18, 2014, from 6-11. No theme this year. Paula would like some help. She has an idea for centerpieces used to dedicate a table with perhaps a photo and a biography, or a "Steel Cities History" book to be passed out.

Walt mentioned that elections are coming up, and he has nomination forms here, and they will also be available off the website.

Jeff has application forms for SCCA PA license plates.

The 50/50 drawing awarded \$42 to Bob Borgo.

A motion to adjourn (Mike C./Walt) was approved 12-0-0 at 8:24 PM.

Respectfully submitted by

Walt Matenkosky, Secretary, Steel Cities Region, SCCA