

STEEL CITIES REGION, SCCA

General Membership Meeting January 8th, 2013 at Aracri's Greentree Inn, 1006 Greentree Rd, Pittsburgh PA

Regional Executive Mark Connolly called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

A motion (Mike Connolly/Merritt) to approve the minutes of the December meeting as published passed 11-0-0.

SOLO REPORT: AJ Anselm

AJ emailed the confirmed 2014 schedule to Rocky today.

PittRace has not sent signed Solo contracts back to us yet. The dates are set.

We are working with PittRace to turn the Trackcross program back over to them in 2015. They would like to grow to 12 events per year, more than we can presently support. We will continue to support them this year, and we will continue to run Test 'n Tune days and contract autocrosses.

ROAD RACING REPORT: AJ Anselm

Dave and AJ are working on the schedule for the race and driver school April 26-27. We expect 15-20 entries from the Vintage racers.

The January FasTrack Announced that IT can also run in new Production and Super Touring classes.

We need to generate a contract for the shared NeOhio Driver School event.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Beth Anselm

It was a slow month financially. We have a checking balance of \$49,120.93.

TRACK TRIALS REPORT & HILLCLIMB REPORT: Dave Merritt

There will be a PHA meeting January 18th that Dave will attend.

Dave is preparing his financial predictions.

Summit Point is expanding the Jefferson Circuit. The fee stays the same, but the sanction goes up from \$100 to \$200.

RALLY REPORT: Chuck Larouere

Our schedule is set:

March 22, 2014 – Steel Haul Course Rally

March 23, 2014 – National Tour Rally, based in Delmont

August 23-24, 2014 – National Road Rally in West Virginia – to be based in Triadelphia at the Holiday Inn.

MEMBERSHIP: Paula Hawthorne

At the end of December we showed 384 members, up 29 in 2014, or 8% growth. In 2012 we ended up with 355, so we are growing over the span of 2 years.

Dave Merritt commented that since there are a lot of activities at PittRace this year, is there any way we can work the NASA events and Vintage group at the Driver School to get new members? Paula thought pairing up a member with a newbie as a mentor might help. AJ & Mark will bring up the issue with Sam Moyer & Dave Royce, both of whom are NASA drivers. Also, since the PittRace schedule shows ALL events, if PR passes out copies of it at all their events and lets the other groups know we accept their licenses - that could help.

HISTORIAN: Don Baker

We have 2 milestones this month, Jim Farrar with 45 years and Don Baker with 50 years, which earns him a free lifetime membership.

Donna Mae Mims appears on the 2014 SCCA calendar in August.

An article on SCCA history in the current SportsCar notes that you had to own a sports car and be sponsored by a member in good standing to apply for membership in SCCA, and you had to be voted in unanimously. In addition, selling or parting out your car was grounds for dismissal.

Dave Merritt pointed out that the current issue of Grassroots Motorsports printed a photo of the Steel Cities Coarse Crew in their "Stuck on You" feature.

OLD BUSINESS:

Who is going to the National Convention? So far, Barry, Mark, Paula Mark Andy, AJ & Beth (Dave Merritt wants to go but has no money...) are going. We should meet after the meeting to coordinate what we're doing.

We still have no one to fill the Activities Director slot.

The banquet reservation cutoff has been extended to next Tuesday, January 14th.

The NeDiv Roundtable is scheduled for April 4-6 in Mount Pocono PA. Barry has reserved 4 rooms off-site.

Rooms at the Manor are \$110 and \$120 double occupancy, Barry's are cheaper and not far away. Mike, Rocky Donna and Mark will probably go. Registration is \$25 per person and includes lunch. Everyone has to pay for his or her own rooms. Deadline for registration is March 4th on the NeDiv website.

The Region received a thank you letter from the Wounded Warrior Project for our contribution.

Last Month Mark C. displayed his car at a charity event for Autism, and raised around \$3000.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Daytona 500 Party will be held at McB February 23rd, 1PM 'till ?

Rick Beattie said that there is a good chance that SCCA will eliminate the Rally column from SportsCar after the March issue. Lisa Noble wants to end it. She may also eliminate Divisional Reports, and Solo and Racing reports.

We don't know why since that is what a lot of the members want to read. Mike C. suggested calling Hanushak.

All Lisa has the power to do is make recommendations to the BOD. Mike advised Rick to send letters t the members of the Board, and to John Walsh & Petula too. Rick said OK, he'd get on it right away. If he gets the RE to cosign it, we'll send the letter to all the members of the Board.

February 14-17 is the car show at the convention center. Rocky needs names by Monday. Jim Locke offered to bring a fresh Spec Miata.

We discussed the new meeting place. *A motion to return here in March (Merritt/Mike Connolly) passed 10-1-0.*

Lets look at who came. We need to ask the same questions of those who attend in Monroeville in February.

Jim Locke told stories about the recent Sebring Majors. He will also be going to Roebing Road next weekend.

Paula received an inquiry from someone in Rochester NY regarding how we use MailChimp software to communicate with our membership.

A motion to adjourn the meeting (Kaplan/Beth Anselm/Paula) passed 11-0-0 at 8:38 PM.

Respectfully submitted by

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