

STEEL CITIES REGION, SCCA

General Membership Meeting January 8th, 2013 at Brewstone Beer Company, 3466 Wm Penn Highway, Monroeville

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

*A motion (Merritt/Kaplan) to approve the minutes of the January meeting as published passed 11-0-0.*

We have two guests tonight, Tim & Bryan Wadsworth, owners of Track First in Hudson OH.

TREASURER'S REPORT: AJ Anselm

We have a checking balance of \$48,064.17. A copy of the full report is in the archives with the original minutes.

SOLO REPORT: Frank Gaus

We have the signed contracts with PIRC in hand. We are working on the financial projections.

We have made arrangements to have an Autocross car at the new car auto show. Glen Hoffman is doing trifold fliers for distribution at the show.

TRACK TRIALS REPORT & HILLCLIMB REPORT: Dave Merritt

A copy of the financial projections was distributed. A copy is in the archives with the original minutes.

SCCA National is raising sanction fees from \$100 to \$200. We will only raise entry fees by \$5.

Issues we had with the Track Trials rules have been resolved.

MEMBERSHIP: Paula Hawthorne

At the end of January we showed 382. In 2013 this number was 358 members, and in 2012 it was 379, so we have had limited (about 8%) membership growth. We show 83% retention, which is above the regional average of 76%. Comparing us to the three leading Medium Regions, our growth is lower, but our retention is much higher. Paula's report is in the archives with the original minutes.

RALLY REPORT: Chuck Larouere

Our schedule has a change – the August event has been cancelled.

March 22, 2014 – Steel Haul Course Rally

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

ROAD RACING REPORT: AJ Anselm

We are working on the supplemental regulations for our events with Barry Kaplan. We are also working on the contracts with PIRC because there are some changes needed.

The DC Region driver school has been priced way low at \$199, as is the first MARRS race price. However, the school only provides for 1 & 1/2 hours of track time per day.

HISTORIAN: Don Baker

J.J. Gongaware, who is now in St. Louis, has reached 35 years as a member. He joined Steel Cities Region about 5 years prior to his credited anniversary date.

Steve Mortimer is listed as a VIP with 12-19 volunteer days. Canon Roberts also has 12-19 days.

Bob Nikel, a member since 1971 passed on recently. Details of a memorial service for him will be announced.

Donna Mae Mims' famous pink Bugeye Sprite was recently sold at the Scottsdale auction for \$48,400.

OLD BUSINESS:

Only 3 people are going to the National Convention - Barry, Mark, and Paula.

The NeDiv Roundtable in April has a longer list – AJ, Beth, Barry, Paula, Donna, Mark & Mike C, and Dave Merritt.

Rick Beatty reported that his Rally column in SportsCar is still cancelled, as are several others including Division Reports. They want to save space for advertisers and switch to a better grade of paper. They will keep Solo & Racing and share Pro Racing and SCCA Foundation. We will continue to press for the return of Rick's column.

Meetings: Greentree is a little far and a bit pricey. Monroeville is loud. Chris Granche and Bill Haus suggested the Spaghetti Warehouse in the Strip, where we have met before. We will return to Greentree in March. AJ & Dave are checking out the Rochester Inn on Rochester Road. The original North Park Clubhouse on Route 8 is a possibility as well. Mark C. is still looking.

BMW is holding a Street Survival meeting in Dallas in March. Our event may happen at PIRC in September or October.

We still need an Activities Director (or a committee?).

PIRC is hiring a Safety Director. They are also planning a flagging school for Driver School weekend. Barry talked to Joe & Vicki Ropar, and also to Mike Hawthorne about the differences in bike flagging. We want to train PIRC employees as well as our volunteers. PIRC is accepting applications from SCCA workers to work as paid part-time flaggers. Apps are on their website. PIRC will call one month in advance of the date for which they need you.

NEW BUSINESS:

Aasen Yelkin finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in FA at the Sebring Majors on Saturday, and his son Sadat finished first both Saturday and Sunday.

Mark introduced Tim Wadsworth from Track First, a retail store near Akron OH, for safety gear like helmets, suits, gloves, belts, seats etc. They are offering SCCA members 10% off in the store, and 5% off on orderable merchandise. There will be a PCA Tech session in the store March 14, and they will have other stuff in the store such as new kinds of head and neck restraints that meet SFI.

Kryders recently sent out an email to all racers and officials on their mail list regarding their racing series for 2014.

Don't forget the new car show February 14-17. PVGP and SCCA are sharing space there, and volunteers will be passing out literature and speaking with interested parties.

Les Walter has t-shirts for sale.

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

The 50/50 drawing awarded \$33 to Chris Granche.

*A motion to adjourn the meeting (Kaplan/Beth Anselm/Paula) passed 11-0-0 at 8:32 PM.*

Respectfully submitted by

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