

## STEEL CITIES REGION, SCCA

General Membership Meeting March 5th, at Aracri's Greentree Inn, 1006 Greentree Rd, Pittsburgh PA

Regional Executive Mark Connolly called the meeting to order at 7:31 PM.

*A motion (M. Connolly/J. Farrar) to approve the minutes of the February meeting as published passed 11-0-0.*

### ROAD RACING REPORT: AJ Anselm

Copies of the Driver School budget were passed out. Supps have been approved, registration is open, and promotion is underway. Rocky is emailing Vintage groups, and Beth is doing a MotorsportsReg email blast. Inquiries have started coming in.

### TREASURER'S REPORT: Beth Anselm

We have a checking balance of \$43,718.88. A copy of the full report is in the archives with the original minutes.

### TRACK TRIALS REPORT & HILLCLIMB REPORT: Dave Merritt

There will be a National Road Autosport meeting next Tuesday (3/11/14).

The March issue of SportsCar, page 62 has a Lotus 7 Hillclimber story in the NeDiv report.

Grassroots Motorsports will carry a hillclimb story in their next issue. Also, on page 16 of the current issue, "Starting Line" has a story about the program featuring our Mother's Day Solo.

### MEMBERSHIP: Paula Hawthorne

At the end of January we showed 382 members, and in February we have 384. The new members are Colin McKee from Hopwood, John Hrabik from Homestead, Jay Manno from Export, and Cynthia Pistella from Pittsburgh 15216. Christopher Evans from Indiana PA joined in January but wasn't listed last month. New members Jay Manno and Dave Jendza are here tonight.

Paula's report is in the archives with the original minutes.

### HISTORIAN: Don Baker

Annette Patterson passed on recently. There will be a memorial service at the Homewood Cemetery this Saturday, March 8<sup>th</sup>.

Edwardine Saul, a long time member, was featured in a Tribune Review feature about her Amphicar.

### RALLY REPORT: Rick Beatty

Our double National event is coming up at the end of the month. March 22 is the Steel Haul Course Rally, and March 23 is our National Tour Rally, both based in Delmont at the Holiday Inn Express. Registration is open through Saturday. Currently there are 5 or 6 cars registered and we are told there are 2 or 3 more in the mail. Volunteers to work controls are welcome.

There was an email today from John Marsh regarding the new SportsCar magazine. Rick is going to the National Convention to talk about it.

### OLD BUSINESS:

Our representatives are leaving tomorrow for the National Convention.

AJ, Beth, Barry, Donna, Paula and Rocky will be going to the NeDiv Roundtable.

The Daytona party went to 5:30PM despite the weather. There were lots of leftovers because there was food for 40, but only around 25 came. All the kids got prizes. No race, so there was a lot of talking and eating.

The new car show went well, our volunteers did a lot of talking. Walt signed up a couple of new volunteers for the Grand Prix.

We still need an activities director. There are only a couple of events left to plan.

There was a bit of email exchange and discussion regarding meeting locations. The Spaghetti Warehouse can't do separate checks, so we eliminated that possibility. Brewstone is changing their menu, including more simple stuff like sandwiches. They will try to keep the noise down by not scheduling anyone in the other half of the dining room. *A motion (Senkovich/Haus) to have a vote on meeting locations passed 11-0-0.* OK, now that we have agreed to vote, what will we vote on? *A motion (AJ/Jim Farrar) to vote for alternating meetings between Monroeville and Greentree, odd months in Greentree, even months in Monroeville passed.* The entire attendance was allowed to vote, and the result was 16 for, 1 against, 3 abstaining.

SOLO REPORT: Frank Gaus

We had handouts and a display car at the new car show.

Frank passed out copies of the proposed budget. We had good support from folks from Ohio in 2013, and hope they will return this year. We are not expecting to see losses on any events this year. The eight contract events could grow by a couple more.

We are trying to get Mike Roman to sponsor the trophies again this year that would save us about \$700.

All the numbers on the budget are conservative and could get bigger if the turnout is good.

Barry Kaplan added that the BMW car club is having an "introduction to autocross" series. Kristi says they will use test & tune days. There is some confusion that we need to get cleared up regarding times & places, whose equipment and people, etc.

Frank & Kristi asked about letters of thanks for donations to the program. The Secretary (Walt) can compose and send those, but needs names and addresses. Frank will send him that info.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mark C. and Paula went to the NeOhio banquet. Paula says she learned a lot there. Most important is that we need to keep the website up to date. Pete went to AJ's home to learn how to use WordPress.

We need a Chairperson for the June event – any volunteers? We will put this on the website and Dave said he would do it if nobody steps forward.

Barry asked Les, Vicki and Jeff if they are familiar with the new changes to Timing and Scoring, and they answered yes.

One of our Regional Chiefs memberships has expired, and we have had a hard time getting in contact with him.

Gary Bargerstock lost his job and couldn't afford to renew. He does want to work our events. *A motion (Matenkosky/ Kaplan) to pay his membership dues this year passed 12-0-0.* We also need to make sure he enters his worker history.

We also need to have the sound control equipment recertified. Ray Senkevich may have a connection to get that done. Mark will also do some investigation.

Ray was at PittRace for a meeting on Friday. The Stouts are serious, have contracts signed and equipment on site for the new part of the track. Access may be ready by the PVGP event, 1.7 miles of new surface should be ready by the end of summer because the new surface needs time to cure. They want PittRace to be the premier small racetrack in the east, and they want it to be golf course quality.

Don Baker talked about the recent resurgence of slot racing in Pittsburgh, and about how it was at its peak.

The 50/50 drawing awarded \$27 to Bob Borgo.

Marked offered his thanks to the new people for coming.

*A motion to adjourn the meeting (Kaplan/AJ) passed 12-0-0 at 8:50 PM.*

Respectfully submitted by

Walt Matenkosky, Secretary, Steel Cities Region, SCCA