

STEEL CITIES REGION, SCCA

General Membership Meeting May 7th, 2013 Aracri's Greentree Inn, 1006 Greentree Rd, Pittsburgh PA

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

A motion (M. Connolly/J. Farrar) to approve the minutes of the April meeting as published passed 9-0-0.

New member Nick Pekular introduced himself – he is interested in our Solo program. Nick lives in Pittsburgh in Zip code 15211.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Kristi Gaus

We have a checking balance of \$59,892.45. A copy of the full report is in the archives with the original minutes.

SOLO REPORT: Kristi Gaus

Our first event is this weekend, May 10/11. The Saturday part is a National Starting Line Program event, while Sunday is the first points event. Starting Line gives the entrant an EVO school, a helmet, and one year of SCCA membership for \$325.

We will again be selling the annual Solo pass for all nine events for \$240.

Anne & Greg Vincent are working on the Wounded Warrior event.

The low-key autocrosses at PittRace have been rescheduled to Mondays. The first one was last week.

MEMBERSHIP: Paula Hawthorne

Last month we had 384 members, this month we have 387 including Nick. Ten are listed as new members.

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

RALLY REPORT: Rick Beattie

No news on the Rally front. SportsCar is allowing Rick to prepare a 3-page article with pictures for the August issue.

Blue Ridge Mountain Sports Car Club is hosting an event May 18th, starting with registration at 1PM and first car off at 2:01PM. Starting/finishing point is Mr. Big's Sports Bar & Tap Room, 595 Racetrack Road in Washington PA.

HISTORIAN: Don Baker

Bill Emery is recognized as a 50-year member in the current SportsCar magazine, and shown as a member of Glen Region. Bill Kovick (FV racer) is recognized for 35 years.

Cannon Roberts and Steve Mortimer are recognized for 12-19 days of volunteer work.

Yenko Stinger number YS 054, originally sold to Janet Phelps, then owned by Tony Phelps, now belongs to Jay Leno.

There was a PDX at Nelson Ledges on Nelson Safety Day, The registrar, Bill Stewart from Erie, usually signs up non-members to Misery Bay Region, but Don grabbed the Jian Rattenni family from Carnegie and signed them on in Steel Cities.

In Autoweek magazine there is a feature in the back called BWMT (But Wait, There's More). A photo of a Prius repellant diesel truck was taken in Pittsburgh by Don's grandson.

TRACK TRIALS REPORT & HILLCLIMB REPORT: Dave Merritt

The first event is to be on Memorial Day at the Jefferson Circuit at Summit Point. Summit Point is trying to raise prices by 40%, which could price us out. We managed to avoid that increase, but our cost is up from \$5900 to \$6400.

We are trying to move our Polish Mountain event to a holiday weekend to provide travel time and increase participation.

ROAD RACING REPORT: Dave Heinz

Jay won his first race. Eighteen drivers passed the school.

We had 58 entries Sunday. We did a lot to cut expenses and improve the event, and it worked well. Thanks to all the workers who made it happen. We made around \$3000, and split at \$1480 per Region. Over the last three years, we have a net zero result – we made up all our losses.

Registration is open for the June event. Alliance is donating some Brake pads, and an anonymous individual has donated cash for a tow fund to be split \$150/\$100/\$50 for 1st through 3rd.

VRG was amazed that we had seven students because that is more than they usually get. We received their compliments.

The observers report was good except for sound control equipment. We still need to fix that situation.

Terry Ozment liked the letter/press release written by Dave & AJ.

OLD BUSINESS:

The Roundtable arguments continue regarding who gets the double events.

The last minute debates on the Timing & Scoring definition of "finishers" also continues. There is an uprising within T&S because there is now no such thing as a DNF – if you start, you finish. It used to be half the laps of the class leader, now its half the laps of the overall leader.

There have been no changes to the division schedule.

We discussed Thompson, the new old track in East Central New York. It has not been approved for SCCA events yet.

We still need an Activities Director, so we might need a couple of volunteers to set up the annual banquet because some decisions have to be made by July. Walt mentioned former member Dan Ferri's restaurant in Delmont, called The Lamplighter, as a possible location. It is much more convenient than Gianilli's in Greensburg that was mentioned last month.

Joe DiSalvo will be chairman of the June race.

We still have not found anyone to calibrate and certify our sound equipment.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mike C. told us about an old perpetual trophy which had disappeared. It was donated by Tom Robinson to honor Corvette drivers. Last awarded in 1994, it was discovered at a flea market in Butler by someone who recognized the Steel Cities SCCA engraving and called Mike. Nearly 5 pounds of sterling silver, it has been appraised at nearly \$4000. He would like to have it restored, along with the Dasey & Bauchmyer awards. We have dealt with S&S Trophy for years, and Mark C. will get us an estimate.

Paula told us that the former meeting place Gene's Last Chance has been reopened as Street King's Bar & Grille.

We will consider this a possible meeting place. Our next meeting is in Monroeville.

Paula passed out some job descriptions for club officers that she got from someone from Hawaii Region. She would like feedback from the officers who received them as to whether they adequately describe the position.

Walt pointed out that our current bylaws have these positions described.

Barry mentioned that Nelson Ledges opened last weekend for the bikes. Reports are that the surface is falling apart, the water pump is broken, and Dave & Tony's food is gone. Be prepared.

We need to try to get our volunteer workers to use Motorsportsreg.org to preregister for our events. This gives us a count for meals and such.

The 50/50 drawing awarded \$35 to Kristi Gaus.

A motion to adjourn the meeting (Jim Farrar, Mike Connolly) passed 9-0-0 at 8:32 PM.

Respectfully submitted by

Walt Matenkosky, Secretary, Steel Cities Region, SCCA