

STEEL CITIES REGION, SCCA  
General Membership Meeting January 3rd, 2018, at Tolorico's in Monroeville

Regional Executive Paula Hawthorne called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM with Happy New Year greetings. Dave will be running the meetings, but he is stuck in traffic.  
Walt's PC died, and he has not been able to transcribe the minutes of the last meeting.

SOLO REPORT: AJ Anselm

The Match Tour agreement has been received. Alex is the Chairman and Nick is the course designer. AJ read a list of the 2017 Solo Class winners and the annual "Hot Shoe" winners

TRACK TRIALS And HILLCLIMB: Dave Merritt

We have no contract yet for Fall Jefferson. Polish Mountain is still interested, but they want someone else to run autocrosses at Cumberland.

I'm looking for a Trials co-chairperson. Rick Terrill volunteered. Does it require a motion and approval? Not sure, but he is willing and there are no objections.

MEMBERSHIP: Jeff Hutzelman

We have one new member, and he is at Homestead with Jim Locke and will be running Sebring. Per Kelsey the annual banquet will be held on February 3<sup>rd</sup>. The bar will open at 5 and dinner will start at 6. Entrée choices will be provided in The Tickler. Same location as last year. We're working on Driver of the Year points.

TREASURER: Mark Maehling

We ended last month with \$92,168.52 in the account. With expenses for deposits for PIRC, insurance, and reservations for the National Convention, we ended with \$72,509.28

ROAD RACING REPORT: AJ Anselm

Track contracts are done, and the preliminary supps are out to the comp board. We're working on budgets. For 2018, the comp board is composed of AJ, Barry, Gene, Dave, Mark C., Bob Albert (open wheel) and Spenser Patterson (tin top).

At this point Dave Heinz arrived.

RALLY: Chuck Larouere

We will host two National events April 29 and 30, starting at the Super 8 on 286. Dave Heinz offered region resources if it will help.

Rick Beattie is getting a lot of press in SportsCar. He had 3 articles last issue, and has a regular monthly article.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

SCCA just announced a new grant program. There is a committee that reviews applications with budgets and other specifics attached. Do we have anything? Glenn mentioned the novice hillclimb driver program where we provide a car, using Mike Ankas' old Neon. Maintenance, fuel etc. could be covered. Mike should do an application.

The RE team has set some goals for this year:

- 1) Improve communications – use email cc: to share information with the BOD and chairs. For example, Mark Maehling mentioned that he made an \$800 deposit, but didn't know where the money came from. Jeff & AJ can post to Facebook and the website.
- 2) Improve efficiency of monthly meetings – spend less time off topic during the reports.
- 3) Regain the trust of National. Get involved in new programs.
- 4) Make small operations improvements in Rally/Majors/watching the purse strings.

Ray Colbert does not think we should take over the autocrosses at Cumberland. This should be settled at the Solo BOD level. Cumberland is not run under SCCA Solo rules (it's not an SCCA event). Yes, it's a fast course.

Rick says there won't be any events for 7 years due to a big construction project. It is also in DC Region territory, but WDC is not interested at all in the location. Dave will contact Alex and Nick.

Chris Granche said that this location (Tolorico's) might not be available in March. If it isn't, where could we go? DeNunzio's, Papa Rock's in Haymaker Village, and the Fortune Star in Miracle Mile were mentioned. Kelsey is working on this, so send her suggestions. The Texas Roadhouse and Rivertown Pour House came up. (We later found out we're OK for here in March).

Les Walter said that he sold \$328 in shirts in 2015, \$639 at 2 races in 2016, and \$699 in 2017. He has handled purchases out of sales, so there have not been any expenses. Cotton polo shirts cost us \$14.25 and he sells them for \$15. It was suggested that he look into wicking fabric shirts. Les has some old inventory. Mark will pay the current invoice and we will supplement that with shirts from National. We need the regional artwork. AJ has a .JPG. There may be a vector file somewhere – Dave H will check. Jason Kaplan may have one.

We never completed the inventory. Walt has whatever was submitted for the last couple of years. Jeff will build a new spreadsheet and Dave will put it in Excell and send it to the chairs for completion.

What is our degree of involvement in the PIRC TransAm? F&C only. SCCA Pro is running it August 3-5.

Nelson Ledges is opening back up. There are events scheduled by NeOH June 9-10 and MVR September 29-30. Neither can happen without SCCA approval, and the owners have been given a list of things needed.

HISTORIAN: Don Baker

Bob Criss was recognized in SportsCar for 55 years of membership since 1/1/63.

Don mentioned that the old Yenke Stinger owned by Tony Phelps (and originally by his ex-wife) is now part of Jay Leno's collection.

Also, in Classic Motorsports is an article on the races at Put-in-Bay, Cliff McCandless is pictured in his Devin-C.

The 50/50 drawing awarded \$42 to Jeff Hutzelman.

*A motion to adjourn (Jeff/AJ) passed 12-0-0 at 8:20 PM.*

Respectfully submitted by

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