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# Membership Meetings

By now, you should know that our membership Meetings have a new home this year: Leon's Family Dining on Wixom Road in Wixom, across from the Ford plant (east side of Wixom Road), and just north of I-96. The address is 29710 Wixom Road.

Tuesday, 5/18.... Ian Hawkins from Ilmor Engineering

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# DETROIT REGION SCCA BOARD MEETING

January 12, 1999, Chris Syfert's home, Novi, Michigan

Attendees: Dave Dobry, Bob Goppold, Guy St. John, Kim Lyon, Mike Pickett, Tom Reichenbach, Kevin Royce, Mark Shehan, Chris Syfert

Mike Pickett called the meeting to order at 7:48 pm.

Introductions of new board members were made.

Motion by Kim Lyon to form a committee to study a new format for the How The Other Side Does It event. Seconded by Tom Reichenbach. It was decided that a committee of Kim Lyon and Bob Goppold would come forward with Event Chair and Event Date by the February Board meeting or the event would be a no-go. All voted for the motion, except Tom Reichenbach who voted against the motion.

Motion by Chris Syfert to accept the Secretary's minutes as presented. Motion seconded by Tom Reichenbach.

Motion by Mark Shehan to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. Motion seconded by Kevin Royce.

It was noted that all officer and director budgets are needed at the next (February) Board meeting. The Driver's School budget was presented. Motion by Chris Syfert to accept. Seconded by Kim Lyon. It was commented that we cannot do a double Driver's School in 1999. Were not able to present a final 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary banquet budget. Final budget to be presented at the February Board meeting.

Membership at 2168 members according to the November galley report. 35 non-renewals.

Motion by Kevin Royce for Chris Syfert to call Gingerman regarding the contract for the event in question. Detroit SCCA will send a check to WMR for the deposit unless there is mention of the use of Detroit's deposit towards the WMR/Blackhawk rental last year. Seconded by Kim Lyon.

Motion by Kim Lyon to table the discussion of making the Driver's School one day.

Mark Shehan indicated that there were 130 paid awards banquet tickets to date.

Kim Lyon and Bob Goppold noted they would follow up with the Membership Value effort. Mark Shehan indicated he would send copy of Membership Value meeting minutes to '99 Board.

Tom Reichenbach will investigate use of a Roush facility for future Board meetings. Chris will investigate using the Motorsports Hall of Fame. The fallback location will be a place that Mike Pickett found near 9 mile and Beech.

Solo Director will have '99 schedule, event chairs and Director budget available at the February Board meeting.

The Race Director indicated that he was looking for Region Chairman for the May 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> Double Regional.

The Assistant R.E. discussed the banquet. Mike Pickett's impression were that the tickets sales were not very good. Mike mentioned that Paul Gentilozzi backed out at the last minute as the MC for the event.

Motion by Chris Syfert to adjourn the meeting at 9:35 pm

## Moonlight Monte CenDiv Tour Rally Results

March 13, 1999, 194.581 Miles, 18 controls

Terry Palmer, Chairman/Rallymaster

Scott Harvey Jr., Detroit/Jim Mickle, Detroit	1 E	13
Gene Henderson, Detroit/Bob Martin, Detroit	2 E	17
Dave Parps, LOL/Les Talcott, Guest	3 E	18
Jeff Secor, Detroit/Deb Secor, WMR	4 E	21
Herb Spencer, NWO/Rob Moran, Detroit	5 E	29
Dave Harkcom, Detroit/Daniel Harkcom, Detroit	6 E	46
David Benham, NEO/Thomas Benham, NEO	1 L	63
Todd Achterhof, Guest/Kevin Essenberg	1 S	82
Mark Klecker, Detroit/Brian Scott, Detroit	2 S	207
Robert Kay, Detroit/Michael Bennet, Detroit	3 S	222
Mark Henderson, Detroit/Donna Rinkel, NEO	7 E	255
Tom Woodside, Detroit/Greg Woodside, Detroit	2 L	604
Ron Johnstonbaugh, Guest/Paula Johnstonbaugh, Guest	4 S	682
Hutch Hutchison, WMR/Laura Wickens, Guest	1 N	705
Brian Kennedy, Detroit/Ronal Rizor, Guest	2 N	846
Adam Spieszny, Guest/Wojcich Dlugoszewski, Guest	3 N	896
Wiktor Biegalski, Guest/Darek Peszko, Guest	4 N	998
Ed Burgan, Guest/Aaron Burgan, Guest	5 N	1145
Keith Ramsay, Detroit/Donna Sytniak, Guest	5 S	1218
Theo Hoag, Detroit/Brennan Holland, Guest	6 N	1280
Nathan Fogg, Detroit/Zack Rubin, Detroit	7 N	1472
Katherine McClure, NWO/Brian Knoblauch, NWO	8 N	1683

# DETROIT REGION SCCA BOARD MEETING

February 9, 1999, Motorsports Hall of Fame, Novi, Michigan

Attendees: Dave Dobry, Jim Fekete, Bob Goppold, Kim Lyon, Marcus Merideth, Mike Pickett,

Nancy Reichenbach, Guy St. John, Kevin Royce, Mark Shehan, Chris Syfert

The meeting was called to order at 7:42 pm.

Motion by Jim Fekete to accept the Secretary's report as presented. The motion was seconded by Kevin Royce

Brief discussion of the annual Auditor's report. The decrease in Special Event income was noted along with the large increase in the Open Exhaust publication expenses. Motion by Mark Shehan to accept the Treasurer's report. Seconded by Kevin Royce.

Motion by Kevin Royce to accept the 1999 Driver's School and Solo School budgets. Seconded by Kim Lyon. Motion by Kim Lyon to accept the Rally and Solo Director budgets for 1999. Seconded by Chris Syfert. Motion by Jim Fekete to accept the Regional Executive, Assistant Regional Executive. (with the addition of \$500 for pre-paid postage), Treasurer and Secretary budgets for 1999. Seconded by Kim Lyon. Motion by Jim Fekete to accept the Race Director's budget for 1999. Seconded by Mark Shehan. The Membership Chair's budget was presented. Some modifications will be made and the budget revisited at the March Board meeting. The Open Exhaust Editor budget was discussed. Number of issues for 1999, stock used, printing source and archival method are still under review. The budget will be revisited at the March Board meeting. The Board still needs budgets from the Hotline, Specialty Chiefs and the Web Site Administrator.

The 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Banquet final budget was presented. Additional expenses need to be added. Budget to be revisited at the March Board meeting.

The membership currently stands at 2167 members according to latest membership galley from Denver. There were 18 non-renewals.

It was noted that the Western Michigan bill is not paid at this time. Direction from Board to write check and pay bill.

Kim Lyon commented that based on the input he received from everyone we will cancel the How The Other Side Does It event for 1999. We will plan in advance for the 2000 event however.

Marcus distributed a copy of the minutes he had from last year's Membership Value and Race Planning meetings relative to improving member value in the region.

Discussed the letters from Mike Bodnar and Howard Duncan regarding the conduct of two

prior Detroit Region Pro Rally's (1996 and 1998 Press On Regardless). Some changes will be made (both event conduct and chairmanship).

The 1999 Policy/By-Law Committee is Kevin Royce, Chris Syfert, Jim Fekete and Guy St. John. Kevin Royce is the chair for the committee. It was noted that the committee needs to complete its' efforts by April. The committee is to consider an update of the policy to allow more than one chair per event (for worker points).

Motion by Chris Syfert to accept Dave Dobry as the Race Director, Jim Fekete as the Rally Director and Guy St. John as the Solo Director for 1999. Seconded by Kevin Royce.

Motion by Kevin Royce to accept the region schedule of events, as updated, that are approved for Worker Points for 1999. Seconded by Jim Fekete.

Guy St. John announced that the Solo schedule is set. Guy indicated that he would have e-mail by the end of the week.

Jim Fekete announced that they had 21 cars for the Son of Sno Drift Rally.

Dave Dobry announced that the Driver's School planning is going well. He is looking for a Race Event Chair for the Regional.

Mike Pickett announced that the annual Awards Banquet went well. A suggestion of using name tags for the 2000 banquet was mentioned. Another suggestion was to split up parties so that there is a mix of different groups at each table. Mike wanted to see some humorous awards given by the Directors at the banquet. He indicated that should have given more space in the program for the Driver of the Year award and R.E. trophy description. Mike indicated that the Ilmor Engineering tour went well. Approximately 70 people were in attendance. He has tentative plans for another tour in the future.

Mike noted that Pete Halsmer will be the speaker for the February General Membership meeting at Leon's Dining across from the Ford Wixom Assembly plant on Tuesday the 16th. The March meeting will focus on How to Get Started in Race, Rally & Solo, along with the presentation of changes to the ByLaws and Policies.

Marcus distributed a copy of the addresses, phone numbers and e-mail addresses for the Region Officers. Updates are to be forwarded to him. Marcus commented that the CenDiv Steward/Workers Seminar was moved to Fort Wayne, Indiana. The seminar date is March 5-7<sup>th</sup>.

Kevin Royce made the motion to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 949 pm.

## RE Remarques

by Marcus Merideth

As you read this the season is well underway. Rallye is still going strong, road racing has had a driver's school and a double regional. The solo schedule is picking up with a driver's school and event this month. Special events has Formula SAE just around the corner. I hope you have taken the opportunity to enjoy some of these events. The summer is finally here. Workers and participants are always in demand. Please help where you can.

The Central Division of SCCA is looking at incorporating this fall. If you would like more information or have an opinion about this, please let me know.

As you may have noticed, the How the Other Side Does It event is not happening this year. After looking for a chair and a long discussion with the Board, skipping this year was deemed a good idea. We need a chair for next year so that we can continue this event. Any suggestions or help would be appreciated.

That is about it for me. I hope you are finding your membership of value. Look forward to seeing you at an event.

- Marcus Merideth

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# DETROIT REGION SCCA BOARD MEETING

March 9, 1999, Motorsports Hall of Fame, Novi, Michigan

Attendees: Dave Dobry, Kim Lyon, Marcus Merideth, Mike Pickett, Tom Reichenbach, Mark Shehan, Chris Syfert

The meeting was called to order at 7:45 pm. Motion by Chris Syfert to accept the Secretary's minutes with a change in reference to POR as a Road Rally instead of a Pro Rally. Seconded by Guy St. John.

The latest Membership Report was reviewed. 2184 members from the last Membership Galley report from the National Office. There were 16 non-Renewals.

Motion by Mark Shehan to approve the Treasurer's report. Seconded by Kim Lyon.

Flagging & Communication budget was presented for approval. Timing & Scoring and Radio budgets were presented and tabled until the April Board meeting. TSD Rally School, CAST in Stone, Thumbs Up and POR Rally budgets were presented for approval. Double Regional (at Grattan) Race budget was presented and tabled until the April Board meeting. Chris Syfert moved to approve those budgets presented (not including those tabled until the April Board Meeting). Kim Lyon seconded. Son of Sno\*Drift Rally final budget was presented.

Latest worker points were reviewed. Membership value information was discussed only briefly.

From the CenDiv Worker's Seminar it was noted that the CenDiv web address is: [cendiv.scca.org](http://cendiv.scca.org). Chris Syfert had comments about the use of transponders in vehicles for Timing and Scoring and the National Office computer hardware/software updates planned. The CenDiv budget was reviewed during the Seminar.

It was noted that the Treasurer is appointed at this time. There is a new structure

(incorporation) proposed for CenDiv. See handout from Chris Syfert for additional information.

A handout with National Convention notes was provided. Overall participation is up 2.5% to 54,363. Membership hit an all time high of 55,156 during 1998. Numerous seminars were conducted with topics ranging from Solo safety to SCCA in the new Millennium. Board of Directors composition was discussed. Upgrading the National Office computer system was also discussed. If you have expertise in information technology, and a desire to help please contact the National Office. SCCA is comprised of: SCCA, SCCA Enterprise, SCCA Pro Racing, USRRRC and the SCCA Foundation. 48% of SCCA members are interested in club racing (down from 52% in the last survey), solo rose from 19 to 22%, Pro racing remained at 18%, Road rally rose from 1 to 7%, and Pro Rally was down 1% to 5%. 73.8% of respondent have e-mail and 75.1% internet access.

It was noted that the Region Policy document should be distributed at the March General Membership meeting for review. The co-Chief worker point and equipment van maintenance wording should be revised. The ByLaws document is only reviewed once every other year.

Kim Lyon discussed Physician forms briefly. Guy St. John indicated that we will be using Lawrence Tech as the site for the Solo Season Opener. He also indicated that we have obtained approval to use the Brighton Ski Resort as a Solo site at a cost of \$1000. This site may be used for the Firecracker Solo later in the year.

The region is looking for workers/chiefs for the May 1-2nd race. The board reviewed who has agreed to be (or could act as): Chairman, Course Marshall, Emergency Chief, Equipment

Chief, Flagging & Communication Chief, Grid Marshall, Hospitality Chief, Pace Car Driver, Paddock Chief, Pit Chief, Race Physician, Radio Chief, Chief Registrar, Chief Scrutineer, Starter and Timing & Scoring Chief. Dave Dobry noted that the names were due by Thursday for the event Sanction.

It was noted that the region will return to Dave Hertzberg for the Open Exhaust printing (on a trial basis) due primarily to printing costs with the other sources. A sub-committee was formed (Chris Syfert, Mike Pickett and Kim Lyon) to review the Open Exhaust printing costs.

Dave Dobry noted that the Driver's School is on auto pilot at this time. The Grattan contract was discussed briefly.

Mike Pickett noted that the next Region General Membership meeting is next week. The topic is "How to Get Started in Race, Rally and Solo". An IMG representative will speak at the April General Membership Meeting. Mike is in the process of setting up a Dyno Day event. The event will be a worker points eligible event. Motion by Mark Shehan to accept. Seconded by Kim Lyon.

Marcus mentioned the National Convention notes he had distributed. He also discussed the note from Robert Liu regarding Speed Freakz and why it is difficult to get younger people to attend SCCA autocross events. Marcus mentioned that Formula SAE is coming up in May. We will be looking for workers to staff the event.

Guy St. John noted that his e-mail address is: [stjohnag@gateway.net](mailto:stjohnag@gateway.net) Guy will e-mail his capital budget.

Motion by Chris Syfert at 9:58 pm to adjourn

## Second Fiddle

by Mike Pickett

The 1999 season is started and I am still trying to wrap up last year's banquet — or, specifically, left-over awards. The following members should contact me to make arrangements to receive their 1998 awards: John Armstrong, Roger Cotting, Dan Criss, Mark Dickens, Rick Dishaw, Michael Goodwin, Erich Heuschele, Kendall Jones, Phil Lasco, Delbert Law, Mark Martin, John Payne, Mike Pinegar, Steve Sparklin, James Tesso, Gene Martindale, Tom Van Camp, and Chris Winkler.

Also, a number of members who helped organize events last year did not receive their Chairman Awards. Contact Guy St. John or me to receive yours.

We are tentatively planning another Dyno Day at PowerCurve's new facility (16 Mile and Mound) on Saturday, June 12. Two runs will be available for \$80, with a third run for an additional \$25. Please contact me to register your street or competition vehicle.

Finally, our friends at the Motorsports Hall of Fame in Novi asked me to mention their 1999 induction ceremony which will be held at the State Theatre in Detroit on June 10. Ten new honorees will be inducted, including: Trans-Am and Can Am champion George Follmer; the late Indy car builder Frank Kurtis; and the late legendary race car and engine builder Harry Miller. Tickets for the black-tie ceremony are available by calling the Motorsports Hall of Fame at (800) 250-RACE.

- Mike Pickett