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JANUARY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

January 6, 2009

WEST FORK ROADHOUSE
3850 BELMONT AVE
YOUNGSTOWN, OH
just south of I 80

Meeting Time: 8:00pm

Come early for dinner.

REmarks – Reed Kryder

Happy New Year. I hope your holidays were enjoyable.

This is the first month for the Mahoning Valley Newsletter to be on-line only. Printed copies are available to those who request them. So far Sandi has only one or two requests. She will try to have the newsletters on-line at least a week before scheduled membership meetings.

The next such meeting is the 6th of January. We will continue planning for our events in 2009. Many of the race chairpersons were selected (all were volunteers) at the December meeting and they should have some initial reports.

Looking down the road, it was decided at the MVR Board meeting to review our constitution for needed updates and revisions. No major changes are expected, but there are a couple of areas where changing the wording slightly will update the constitution to the modern era. For example, the old constitution does not take into consideration the existence of the internet and its impact on how we are allowed to conduct business. My plan is to welcome revisions during the February membership meeting. They need to be in writing and we will need to make the entire membership aware of them (that is one of the purposes of our newsletter) before we vote at a later meeting.

Finally, Sandi and I attended the annual Performance Racing Industry Show in early December. Sandi has attended all 21 editions and I have been to most. Prior to the show we were curious as to the impact from the down-turned economy. This was a “trade only” show and a large percentage of both exhibitors and attendees depend on the racing industry for their livelihoods. The turnout might have been down from past years, but not significantly. No one seems to be in a panic mode and everyone is looking for ways to better service their customers. One observation was of a trend towards better service of the local levels of racing (including SCCA Club racing) since the biggest economic impacts will probably be felt at the professional levels. The general mood in the building was one similar to those experienced on race weekends by many racers: When things aren't going well you don't give up, you just look for ways to keep racing. It was a positive mood and left us feeling good about the health of racing. Fell free to attend our January meeting and ask us questions about things we saw and learned at the show.

Lemons Race Comes to Nelson Ledges

Mark Oct. 3-4 on your calendar. The Lamest Day will take place. A 24 Hour Lemons Race. Stay tuned for more details.

Minutes of the October Membership Meeting

RE, Bill Pintaric, opened the meeting at 8:00pm.

Paul Morrison motioned & Carl Holbrook seconded to approve minutes as printed in TRACK. Passed.

Sandi Kryder gave the Treasurer's report and Membership report.

Old Business

Golden Harvest – Sandi has 34 entries.

New Business

November meeting will be moved to November 11th.

Nomination and Election of 2009 Officers

RE	Reed Kryder
Asst. RE	Mike Petrusko
Secretary	Greg Alley
Treasurer	Sandi Kryder
2 yr Trustee	Jim Royal
1 yr Trustee	Brad Morris & Bill Kasmer

Cliff McCandless moved to cast a unanimous ballot for all of above. Seconded by Carl Holbrook. Passed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Greg Alley, Secretary

Minutes of the November Membership Meeting

RE, Reed Kryder opened the meeting at 8:00 pm.

Membership & Treasurer's report were read. National made \$669.53, July Double made \$1,040.26 and the Golden Harvest lost \$63.69. Motion to approve by Tom Nutter, seconded by Carl Holbrook. Passed.

2009 MVR Schedule was discussed. April 17 is a PDX. April 18-19 will be a double drivers school. Our National is May 23-24 and the Golden Harvest is Oct. 17-18.

Discussion on the NeDiv Mini Con included Tech, rule changes, i.e. no more waivers such as seat belts being out of date and marking in log book to have fixed by next race. HANS devices are not mandatory yet.

Scott Nutter talked about his experience at the ARRC event at Road Atlanta.

Motion to adjourn by Sandi Kryder, seconded by Carl Holbrook. Passed. Meeting adjourned at 9:08 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Greg Alley, Secretary

Membership Report - Sandi Kryder

We have approx. 200 including dual memberships.

The following members have January renewals:

Sarah Bonnier
The Bujdoso Family
Ralph Denney Jr
The Doinoff Family
Sandie & John Hampton
Sonja Jewell
Alan Johnston
Vic Marsh
Robert Mazza
Cliff McCandless
Jerry & Dinah Rhodeback
Jim Royal
The Schauer Family
Mack & Phyllis Stambaugh

Happy Birthday to:

Ray Barnhart	1/26
Ralph Denney Jr	1/13
Ann Gebhardt	1/23
Dan Grilli	1/15
Scott Lane	1/21
Mike Petrusko	1/2
Chris Turkali	1/24

Finance VP Dahnert Named Next SCCA President & CEO

[SCCA](#) 12/09/2008



TOPEKA, Kan. (Dec. 9, 2008) – The Sports Car Club of America Board of Directors have selected SCCA Vice President of Finance and Administration Jeff Dahnert as the Club's next President and Chief Executive Officer. Dahnert will transition to the position Jan. 1, 2009.

Dahnert arrived at SCCA in November of 2004. Since then he has brought transparency and accountability to SCCA's finances, substantially reduced loan amounts and helped bring SCCA Pro Racing back into the black. Evaluating each program and contract to the last detail and pushing for major restructuring, Dahnert has successfully turned around SCCA's finances and given

the Club a bright future.

"The quality of applications received for the position was quite impressive," SCCA Chairman of the Board R.J. Gordy said. "We're so pleased to promote someone from within the organization who can bring a fresh and youthful perspective to the position. We're looking forward to moving our Club ahead and forging an exciting working relationship with our new President.

"It's an honor to be chosen as SCCA's next President," Dahnert said. "I'm very proud of what I've been able to accomplish as VP of Finance. It has prepared me for the challenges we currently face in this tough economy and given me great insight into what we can do to make the organization grow. I'm looking forward to interacting with the membership and its leaders as the Club continues to prosper."

Before his time at SCCA, Dahnert spent several years with Sprint as a Senior Financial Analyst.

A Minnesota native, Dahnert received his Bachelor of Science in Accounting from Minnesota State University in Mankato, Minn. He is a certified public accountant and recently completed an Executive Development Program at the University of Chicago Graduate School of Business. Dahnert, his wife Laura and family, live in Lawrence, Kan.



Annual Waiver Hard Card

Introduction

SCCA requires that a release and waiver form be signed by all persons entering event premises that are not open to the general public. To improve the registration process and reduce paper work at a Region level, the SCCA has now adopted an Annual Waiver Program as described in the following sections. This is an OPTIONAL program for participants. The annual waiver program itself will be valid at ALL SCCA events. All other waiver procedures and requirements, as stated in the current Risk Management Release and Waiver Guidelines, remain in effect except if superseded by these procedures.

In addition, any region that has already established an annual waiver program, we ask that they adopt this program so that we have consistency in forms and recordkeeping. All original SCCA Annual Waiver forms will be kept on file with Member Services at the SCCA office in Topeka, KS.

Annual Waiver Form and Application

Beginning with January 2009 renewals members will have the opportunity to participate in an SCCA Annual Waiver program. Members holding a competition license or those that have worked at least two

Annual Waiver Hard Card (cont.)

days in the previous year will, upon completion of the Annual Waiver Form, receive their Hard Card free of charge. Similar to the current Hard Card issuance, all other members will pay \$10 and complete the Annual Waiver Form. Members can report their days worked via their log-in on scca.com.

To participate, members need to complete **both sides** of the Annual Waiver. The Annual Waiver must be witnessed by either a licensed registrar or notarized. Submit the signed and witnessed Annual Waiver to SCCA and the member will be issued a Photo ID Hard Card. An Annual Waiver will expire on the member's renewal date. Annual Waiver Forms will be included in each member's renewal package. From the SCCA website, members may also print the Annual Waiver **in color**, upload their photo and mail the completed annual waiver and appropriate fees to Member Services for processing.

We request that any member that is within three months of their membership expiration, pay their dues at the time when the Annual Waiver is submitted. This will help control costs in issuing multiple cards and signing multiple waivers.

Event Procedure

As the SCCA Annual Waiver only covers our events and processes, members may still be required to sign a separate waiver at some facilities as each venue has their own requirements.

Any member presenting a valid SCCA Photo ID Hard Card will not be required to sign the event waiver form. For regions with bar code scanners, the Hard Card can be scanned to collect the membership number.

Members would not need to check in at registration unless additional event information was available or required.

For membership expiring in 2009, SCCA Hard Cards will be imprinted with a blue stripe with embedded expiration date for ease of identification. Memberships that expire in 2010 will have a red stripe. Subsequent years will have a different color stripe for differentiation. In any given calendar year, two colors may be valid, so it is imperative to verify the expiration date.

In the event that an Incident Report needs to be recorded at an event involving a member with an Annual Waiver, it will need to be noted on the Incident Report as "Annual Waiver on File".

For driver's that are placed on probation, your Annual Waiver Hard Card will be confiscated (per GCR 4.4.10.A) and the Probation Letter will indicate that you have an SCC Annual Waiver on file.

SCCA® Trans-Am® Series Returns In 2009 [Pro Racing](#) 12/11/2008



ORLANDO, Fla. (Dec. 11, 2009) – After a two-year hiatus since its last Champion was crowned, SCCA's Trans-Am® Series will return in 2009, with a planned eight-race schedule for the series which held its first race in 1966.

Five of the eight races were announced today at the Performance Racing Industry show, in Orlando, Fla., as well as the series' title sponsor for 2009—Muscle Milk®.

A joint venture between Sports Car Club of America, Inc. and subsidiary SCCA Pro Racing, the 2009 Muscle Milk® SCCA® Trans-Am® Series will consist of six events in conjunction with some of the biggest SCCA Club Racing events across the country, creating powerhouse SCCA weekends, and two key professional events. Technical rules will be based on the SCCA Club Racing GT-1 class.

"There is a dedicated group of Trans-Am loyalists who have been working to make this happen since our last licensing agreement to operate the series expired in 2005," SCCA President & CEO Jim Julow said. "The re-birth of Trans-Am begins in 2009 with a grassroots-based series that has the potential to grow in the coming years into a full professional racing series.

"On behalf of SCCA and SCCA Pro Racing, I would like to thank Jim Derhaag for his tireless efforts to help put some of the critical pieces together and Muscle Milk for coming on board as title sponsor to make the series a reality."

The series will begin its 42nd Championship season March 21-22 at Road Atlanta as part of the Atlanta Region SCCA's season-opening National race. The series has previously visited Road Atlanta 12 times from 1973 through 2002, with race winners including former series Champions Peter Gregg, Pete Halsmer, Dorsey Schroeder, Tommy Kendall, Scott Pruett and Boris Said.

One month later, April 17-19, the series heads from the rolling hills of Georgia North to the rolling hills of Virginia, as part of North Carolina Region's Oak Tree Double National weekend at VIRginia International Raceway. It is only the third time the historic series has visited the historic racetrack, joining 1966 and 2002

SCCA® Trans-Am® Series Returns In 2009 (cont.)

The series treks north of the border May 15-17 to return to Mosport International Raceway for the 25th time as part of the Victoria Day Weekend with the SPEED World Challenge Championships—reuniting SCCA Pro Racing's top series from the last 20 years. Pruett won the last series appearance at Mosport in 2003.

The series' lone visit to the left coast is a big one, joining the Rose Cup Festival June 12-14 at Portland International Raceway. The huge, traditional event played host to many Trans-Am Classic races, the last being in 1995, won by Ron Fellows. From 1975-2005, the race circuit held 21 Trans-Am Series races.

One month later, it's back east to the Finger Lakes Region's National at historic Watkins Glen Raceway, July 11-12. From 1968-1998, The Glen held 25 Trans-Am Series races ranging from feature events to participants in the 6 Hours of the Glen to the opening act before the NASCAR Cup race.

Three additional races will be announced shortly.

"We're excited about the return of Trans-Am and are pleased to be able to give something back to the series that has provided so much excitement for race fans throughout the years," said 1978 series Champion Greg Pickett, founder of CytoSport Inc., the makers of Muscle Milk.

All events are expected to be approximately 90 miles in length with no pit stops. Races in conjunction with Club Racing events will have qualifying and race sessions separate from the regular GT-1 competition grouping, so drivers have the potential to run both the GT-1 Club Racing event and the Trans-Am Series event on the same weekend.

History

The Muscle Milk SCCA Trans-Am Series dates back to its first season in 1966. From 1966-1970, the series held a Championship to crown a Manufacturers' Champion. In 1971, a Drivers' Championship was formally adopted, with both Drivers' and Manufacturers' Championships being awarded through the 2005 season. The series was split into two classes from 1976-1979, crowning Champions in each division. In 2006, two additional races were held, although no Manufacturers' Champion was recognized.

Throughout the years, some of the greatest names in motorsports have participated in the Trans-Am Series. Backdating the Drivers' Championship to the inaugural season, 30 different drivers took titles, with multiple Championships being won by Paul Gentilozzi, Tommy Kendall, Mark Donohue, Scott Pruett, Wally Dallenbach Jr., George Follmer, Peter Gregg, Horst Kwech, Scott Sharp and Bob Tullius. Gentilozzi leads all drivers, with 31 career wins.

SCCA both owned and operated the Trans-Am Series, either internally or through its SCCA Pro Racing subsidiary, from 1966 through 2000. In 2001, SCCA began a series of outside licensing agreements for the series from 2001-2006. In its 41 seasons, the series held 446 separate races.

Regulations and Administration

Announcements regarding regulations and series administration will be made shortly, although technical regulations will be based on current GT-1 rules from the Club Racing General Competition Rules (GCR) with additional potential safety requirements.

Club Racing events will be operated primarily by the individual SCCA Regions, with alterations to the protest and appeals process to be similar to that of Pro Racing events, managed by the SCCA National Staff. A dedicated technical inspector will be at each Trans-Am Series event, regardless of Club or Pro Racing sanction.

A series Web site is being established at www.sccatrans-am.com. Future announcements will be placed there and at www.scca.com.

2009 MUSCLE MILK SCCA TRANS-AM SERIES SCHEDULE*

Date Venue With

March 21-22 Road Atlanta, Braselton, Ga. Atlanta National

April 17-19 VIRginia International Raceway, Alton, Va. North Carolina National

May 15-17 Mosport International Raceway, Canada SPEED World Challenge

June 12-14 Portland International Raceway, Portland, Ore. Oregon Region National

July 11-12 Watkins Glen Int'l, Watkins Glen, N.Y. Finger Lakes National

* - Three additional dates to be announced

Revised SCCA Fees Announced



SCCA

12/09/2008

TOPEKA, Kan. (Dec. 9, 2009) – The SCCA® Board of Directors finalized its 2009 fee structure for dues, sanctions and insurance. While some areas of the business will experience inflation, others will enjoy decreases.

"Overall, the news is positive for active participants in SCCA," SCCA President and CEO Jim Julow said.

Revised SCCA Fees Announced (cont.)

"While there are some increases in our fees, we have also found considerable savings on the insurance side that offset these. The cost of running any business continues to rise, but we've been able to find some relief for 2009, which is passed through directly to Regions and our participants.

"Overall, the cost to Regions of running an event will not increase from 2008 to 2009."

Membership dues will increase \$5 from \$60 to \$65. Family dues will increase \$6 to \$101, while spouse memberships will increase \$3 to \$23. This is the first dues increase in three years. First Gear memberships remain unchanged.

Fee increases were offset by a reduction in insurance fees across the board. For the first time in several years, the Club-wide insurance policy was put out to bid, with responses coming from four different carriers.

Additional changes included:

Club Racing

- Increase Regional and National competition licenses by \$5
- Elimination of distinction between spectator and non-spectator at a flat rate of \$1,400 for liability insurance
- Decrease Club Racing PA Insurance \$5 per car to \$28
- Decrease Driver School PA Insurance \$3 per car to \$19
- Decrease Time Trials/Hillclimb PA Insurance \$3 and \$4 per car, respectively

Rally

- Increase RallyCross Sanction Fee from \$3 to \$4 per car
- Increase Road Rally Sanction Fee for Regional events from \$2 to \$4 per car
- Sanction fee for a 3-day or longer event changed to \$500 per event
- Increase sanction fee for a charity event \$20 to \$70
- Decrease RallyCross Insurance fee \$1 per car to \$4

Solo

- Increase Regional Solo Sanction Fee from \$3.75 to \$4.50 per car
- Decrease Insurance \$1 per car to \$5

With the changes, the Solo Department has made a policy change requiring event audits to take place within two weeks from the end of the event.

Volunteer Incentive Programs remained unchanged from 2008.

A full list of changes will be listed in the January 2009 Fastrack® news. Additional information about the implementation process and timeline will be communicated at a later date.

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*For Rent: ITS/EP Nissan 240 SX. Contact Kryderacing, 330-854-4889

* RACE CAR PREP: Kryderacing offers race car preparation, chassis set up, trackside services, etc. Check out their Website www.kryderacing.com

* FOR SALE: Rocker Recliner Tan \$299.00 (Paid \$500) Excellent condition, Scotchguard treated and well maintained. Measurements: Top back of chair @ 36", Height to top of back of chair @ 40", in sitting position depth is @ 44" and fully reclined length is @ 68"; when changing to reclining position back of chair moves back @ 14". These measurements have been rounded to the next inch. Very comfy.

PetMate outdoor animal house \$25 Small (up to 45 lbs dog) Dimensions: 21" Tall to peak of roof, 12" wide X 28" deep. Very durable. Prior outdoor tenant went over the Rainbow Bridge.

Other items will be added to the list - please forward this to anyone else you feel would be interested. Any questions, call me at 216-898-9656 eves. Nancy Schillace

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2009 NeDiv & Great Lakes Race Schedule

NEDIV NATIONALS

May 2 & 3	New Hampshire
May 16 & 17	Summit Point
May 23 - 24	Nelson Ledges - MVR
June 6 & 7	Thunderbolt
June 27 & 28	Mosport
July 11 & 12	Watkins Glen
July 31 - Aug 1	Lime Rock
August 14 - 15	Pocono - Double
Sept 22 - 27	SCCA National Run-Offs – Road America

NEDIV REGIONALS

April 18 & 19	New Hampshire
April 18 & 19	Summit Point
May 9 & 10	Pocono
May 23 & 24	New Hampshire
May 30 & 31	Summit Point
June 6 & 7	BeaveRun
June 14 & 15	Summit Point - 12 Hour
June 20 & 21	Lime Rock
June 27 & 28	Summit Point
June 27 & 28	Nelson Ledges - FLR - Double
July 4 - 6	Pocono
July 11 & 12	New Hampshire
July 18 & 19	Thunderbolt (T)
July 25 & 26	Watkins Glen
August 8 & 9	Summit Point
August 22 & 23	Lightning
August 28 & 29	New Hampshire
September 5 - 7	Summit Point
September 12 & 13	New Hampshire
September 19 & 20	Watkins Glen
October 2 & 3	Lime Rock
October 10 & 11	Watkins Glen
October 17 & 18	Nelson Ledges - MVR Double
October 17 & 18	Lightning
October 24 & 25	Nelson Ledges - WNY

NEDIV DRIVER SCHOOLS

March 21 & 22	Lightning (School & PDX)
March 28 & 29	Summit Point
April 17	Nelson Ledges – PDX (T)
April 18 & 19	Nelson Ledges-MVR-Double
October 9 & 10	Watkins Glen

GREAT LAKES NATIONALS

May 2 & 3	ORP
May 30 & 31	Mid Ohio
July 4 & 5	Nelson Ledges – Double
July 11 & 12	GingerMan
August 8 & 9	Grattan

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May 2 & 3	ORP
May 16 & 17	Nelson Ledges – NEO Double
May 23 & 24	Grattan
May 30 & 31	Mid Ohio
July 11 & 12	GingerMan
August 1 & 2	Mid Ohio
August 22 & 23	Nelson Ledges 24 Hour
September 5 & 6	Mid Ohio
September 12 & 13	Blue Grass
October 10 & 11	Mid Ohio

OTHER INTERESTING RACES or EVENTS

February 19-21	National Convention – Las Vegas
March 6 – 8	NeDiv Round Table
June 19 – 21	June Sprints – Road America
June 20 & 21	GrandAm @ Mid Ohio
July 11 & 12	PGVP @ BeaveRun
July 18 & 19	PGVP @ Schenley Park
August 8 & 9	IRL / ALMS @ Mid Ohio
Oct. 3 & 4	Nelson Ledges -The Lamest Day
Nov 7 & 8	NeDiv Mini Convention - TBD
Nov 14	Kryderacing Regional Championship Banquet