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## RE's Report

by Mark Senior

No club races have transpired since my April article, however we've had a number of Solo events thanks to our Cape Fear Chapter. I'm sure Richard Franklin and others will cover those events in depth. There was also a rally held on April 14 with coverage on page 10.

Looks like the competition season is in full swing and many of us, including myself, are in the midst of prepping ourselves and our cars for the upcoming SARRC/MARRS race Mother's day weekend. Based on the large number of drivers already pre-registered, this could be one of our largest events. It appears that our decision to drop this from a 3-day event to a 2-day event was preferred by most drivers. If you have never competed in this particular event, you may want to think about it before the late fees kick in. Even if you don't compete, you should really consider coming out to spectate. Fields are typically large and competition tight. Looks like the Spec Miata race may have over 60 competitors in both Saturday and Sunday's races! Talk about excitement!

On a less upbeat note, I am very disappointed to report that the Region decided to cancel our April PDX (high performance driving event or HPDE) slated for Rockingham due to a very low turnout. This was a difficult decision for the Board of Directors (BOD) as there were a number of excited drivers really looking forward to this event. Also, this is the second time we have had to cancel an event at Rockingham due to limited response (our Club Racing School last year was the other) and the Region is very concerned that a pattern of cancellations could jeopardize our club's status at this venue. Since we also had a light turnout for last year's PDX, the Board had a long discussion regarding the future of PDX type events. While there was some consideration of abandoning PDX events all together, the final decision was to host our proposed September PDX as planned. However, this event is a "do or die" for the PDX program. If it succeeds and we have a good turnout then the region will put on more of these events. If the turnout is poor, then the BOD will likely pull the plug on the program. Consequently, we need everyone in the region to do everything possible to encourage folks to sign up for this event. Remember, these events are open to essentially anyone who has a valid drivers license, so encourage your friends, relatives, anyone you can think of who likes to drive to come on out. I have never heard of anyone who did not have a great time and there is no better value of car or track time for the money. In fact, I believe that NCR's events are the lowest priced PDX events available.

As part of the BOD's decision to move forward with the PDX, it was decided to not include any races that weekend so that the region could focus on the PDX. As a result, the tentative double Carolina Cup Pro Series (CCPS) races will not be held that weekend. However, it appears likely that CCR's Lowe's event may turn into a double CCPS weekend as an alternative. This would allow the series to host 2 double weekends this year with the other being NCR's Oak Tree National weekend in August.

In other CCPS news, the Budget and Finance Committee recommended that we discuss either increasing the CCPS entry fees or reducing the amount that goes back into that series since the revenue per competitor in that series is low (\$75 of the entry fee goes back to the CCPS series for prize money and administration).

In SEDIV news, it appears that spec tires will be a big issue at the upcoming Mid-year meeting in July. My understanding is that “ballots” are floating somewhere in cyber space in regard to both IT7 and Spec Miata (if you can’t find them, check with Blair Stitt or contact the SEDiv Chief of Tech, Toni Creighton. If you race in those series, or even if you simply prep cars for those series, it appears you are eligible to vote. So take this opportunity to let your preference be known. As RE, I will also be polling the drivers in these classes prior to the meeting so I can vote for what our drivers prefer.

Once again, it’s the time for my monthly plea for volunteers to help in a few areas. We desperately need assistance in the Sound Control Specialty. This is a relatively easy specialty and we would like to line up a number of staff so that we can rotate volunteers. We are also looking for F&C workers and other volunteers to help with the next (and hopefully not our last) PDX at Rockingham September 8-9. This is a relatively low-key event so it’s a great opportunity for someone who would like to learn how to work a corner.

Also, our current Banquet Committee will continue to organize the annual event in Raleigh if that is acceptable to the membership. However, the Board of Directors would support moving it to another location if members from that location are willing to step up and take over the responsibilities of the Banquet Committee.

One last item, I announced at the last BOD meeting that I do not intend to run for re-election so this will be my last year as your RE. That means the Region will be looking for someone to take over this very important position within the organization.

As always, I hope to see all of you at one (or all!) of these events.

## **What’s In Your Shop?**

*We all love tools. What’s your favorite?*

- 1. DRILL PRESS:** A tall upright machine useful for suddenly snatching flat metal bar stock out of your hands so that it smacks you in the chest and flings your beer across the room, splattering it against that freshly painted part you were drying.
- 2. WIRE WHEEL:** Cleans paint off bolts and then throws them somewhere under the workbench with the speed of light. Also removes fingerprint whorls and hard-earned guitar calluses in about the time it takes you to say, "@\$#!\*%"
- 3. ELECTRIC HAND DRILL:** Normally used for spinning pop rivets in their holes until you die of old age.
- 4. PLIERS:** Used to round off hexagonal bolt heads.
- 5. HACKSAW:** One of a family of cutting tools built on the Ouija board principle: It transforms human energy into a crooked, unpredictable motion, and the more you attempt to influence its course, the more dismal your future becomes.
- 6. VISE GRIP PLIERS:** Used to round off bolt heads. If nothing else is available, they can also be used to transfer intense welding heat to the palm of your hand.
- 7. OXYACETYLENE TORCH:** Used almost entirely for setting various flammable objects in your shop on fire. Also handy for igniting the grease inside a wheel hub you're trying to get the bearing race out of.
- 8. WHITWORTH SOCKETS:** Once used for working on older British cars and motorcycles, they are now used mainly for impersonating that 9/16” or 1/2” socket you've been searching for the last 15 minutes.
- 9. HYDRAULIC FLOOR JACK:** Used for lowering an automobile to the ground after you have installed your new disk brake pads, trapping the jack handle firmly under the bumper.
- 10. EIGHT-FOOT LONG DOUGLAS FIR 4X4:** Used to attempt to lever an automobile upward off a hydraulic jack handle.
- 11. TWEEZERS:** A tool for removing splinters of wood, especially Douglas fir.

- 12. TELEPHONE:** Tool for calling your neighbor to see if he has another hydraulic floor jack.
- 13. SNAP-ON GASKET SCRAPER:** Theoretically useful as a sandwich tool for spreading mayonnaise; used mainly for removing dog poop from your boots.
- 14. E-Z OUT BOLT AND STUD EXTRACTOR:** A tool that snaps off in bolt holes and is ten times harder than any known drill bit.
- 15. TWO-TON HYDRAULIC ENGINE HOIST:** A handy tool for testing the tensile strength of bolts and fuel lines you forgot to disconnect.
- 16. CRAFTSMAN 1/2 x 16-INCH SCREWDRIVER:** A large motor mount prying tool that inexplicably has an accurately machined screwdriver tip on the end without the handle.
- 17. AVIATION METAL SNIPS:** See hacksaw (#5).
- 18. TROUBLE LIGHT:** The home builder's own tanning booth. Sometimes called drop light, it is a good source of vitamin D, "the sunshine vitamin," which is not otherwise found under cars at night. Health benefits aside, its main purpose is to consume 40-watt light bulbs at about the same rate that 105-mm howitzer shells might be used during, say, the first few hours of the Battle of the Bulge. More often dark than light, its name is somewhat misleading.
- 19. PHILLIPS SCREWDRIVER:** Normally used to stab the lids of old-style paper-and-tin oil cans and squirt oil on your shirt; can also be used, as the name implies, to round off the interiors of Phillips screw heads.
- 20. AIR COMPRESSOR:** A machine that takes energy produced in a coal-burning power plant 200 miles away and transforms it into compressed air that travels by hose to a Pneumatic impact wrench that grips rusty bolts last tightened 70 years ago by someone at GM, and rounds them off or twists them off.
- 21. PRY BAR:** A tool used to crumple the metal surrounding that clip or bracket you needed to remove in order to replace a 50 cent part.
- 22. HOSE CUTTER:** A tool used to cut hoses 1/2 inch too short.
- 23. HAMMER:** Originally employed as a weapon of war, the hammer nowadays is used as a kind of divining rod to locate expensive parts not far from the object you were trying to hit.
- 24. MECHANIC'S KNIFE:** Used to open and slice through the contents of cardboard cartons delivered to your front door; works particularly well on boxes containing upholstered items, chrome-plated metal, plastic parts and especially on the other hand not holding the knife.

## Triangle Chapter Notes

by James Shanks

The April meeting of the Triangle Chapter saw many of the regulars out in force and a few new faces, too. Boz Marchi brought his buddy Bob Carr to see what we were all about. Some old friends were in attendance that we hadn't seen a while. Jon Messick, Don Bayley and Doug Roberts dropped by to see what was up and to eat with us. Dave Page dropped by with wonderful photos of the old STP turbine Indy cars, which he had seen run at a vintage event recently. Thanks for sharing, Dave.

This month's video was in-car footage from Pepe in his IT-7 from our recent race at Rockingham and it gave many of those who don't drive a new perspective on the place. Everyone agreed that the March Memories race at Rockingham was fun, even some folks who said that they hadn't expected it to be. The Richmond Times (Rockingham is in Richmond County) even had a story about it. Rex Deffenbaugh, Assistant RE and head of the Region's Competition Board, took suggestions from those assembled on how to make the next event at Rockingham even better. Getting the electricity turned on for all the outlets was a big favorite. Rex was celebrating his second place finish in IT-7 at the Rock behind Grover McNair. And Scott Gallimore had plenty to celebrate too. He ran IT-7 at the Rock and even beat out illustrious Chapter Coordinator in IT-7, thus proving once and for all that it wasn't his performance that was lame in his old ITC Pulsar, it was the car. Scott also presented a T-shirt to Rex, which read, "We fix cars for chain-smoking yankees". Of course there was a story behind that. It seems that the building next to Rex's shop, Happy Jap's Auto Repair in Cary, was raided by the Cary police for running an illegal poker game and arrested some folks. The local media then came by to interview the neighbors and asked what they knew about those arrested. Rex, thinking that he was "off the record" said he thought they were quiet enough folks who appeared to be "chain-smoking yankees." Of course that quotation was in the paper the next day. Well, I'm sorry if I'm rubbing salt in the wound Rex, but that one's too good not to share with all your racing buddies.

In new business, there were complaints about VIR's new \$25 dollar charge to pitch a tent. And it was noted that the Cape Fear Chapter has once again found a new venue for Solo II competition, as there are plans for an autocross at Global Trans Park in Kinston. There's also a Road Rally scheduled for April 14 and checkpoint workers are needed. That event will be over by the time most of you read this, so let's hope it went well.

Pepe brought up one final item of business concerning driver physicals. He was surprised that he no longer needed one every other year, and he wanted everyone to know that the rules had changed. So, listen up, especially you (ahem!) old guys. The rules regarding when you have to get a driver's physical have changed this year, and if you have an old physical form, it doesn't reflect that. Since a lot of competition license renewal forms mailed earlier this year were old forms, you need to pay attention. The new requirements from the SCCA Medical Board are as follows, quoted from the form, bad grammar and all,

"Applicants are required to submit a current physical examination:

- every five (5) years for those 16-39 years of age
- every three (3) years for those 40-49 years of age
- every two (2) years for those 50-59 years of age
- every year for those 60 years of age and older

Unless you have been notified of the need to submit [a] current physical examination [more] frequently."

Everybody got that? Good!

So see your doctor if you need to, and come see us at the next Triangle Chapter meeting May 2<sup>nd</sup> at our favorite watering hole, El Rodeo, in the Townridge Shopping Center in Raleigh. I'll see you there . . . or at the races!

## West Chapter Notes

by Ed Wentz

While we were supposed to have a guest speaker at the West Chapter meeting for April, unfortunately he needed to postpone until the May meeting. My apologies to one person who made a long trip to hear the guest speaker. I won't mention his name, but he was quick to leave after dinner!

So, for May, we will have Kurt Roehrig of Roehrig Engineering as our guest speaker. His company specializes in testing equipment for springs and shock absorbers, and services many pro teams including open-wheel cars and that series that races in those roundy-round cars (if I mention the series name I will probably have to pay a royalty to them!).

As one of your representatives on the North Carolina Region Board of Directors, we strive to put on events for our membership, and also with the idea of attracting "civilians" as potential new members. The West Chapter has had the pleasure of being involved with another Road Rally, which is somewhat more laid back than a club race, but still challenging and fun. Since we were short a worker, I had the chance to see a Road Rally from the 'other side'.

It is kinda hectic as a worker as you have to set up before the first car arrives at your checkpoint, and then 'tear down' and get to the next checkpoint, using a different route than the rally participants are on.

There were many compliments of the rally route, which started in Greensboro and wound through the back roads, some of them through some hilly territory, to the Hanging Rock area in Danbury. The end point was at Laddie & Duke's Restaurant in Greensboro.

Congrats to Dave Lumpkin, Rallymaster, for yet another challenging rally.

I'm glad that I got to participate in this event since our next scheduled event, the PDX, had to be cancelled due to lack of participants.

One of the questions we are faced with as Board members: is there a need for the PDX type events? The lack of participants could be interpreted as evidence that our PDX is not wanted or needed. However, a few years ago it was suggested to the Board that our Region needed an event that would teach car driving skills, which is one facet of a PDX.

Or could it be that we haven't marketed the event correctly to our membership and to "civilians"? Do our members know what the function of a PDX is? That they can bring their street car, showroom stock or improved touring race car to participate? That they don't need a competition license, or even an SCCA membership to participate?

There was supposed to be a Club Trial event also, which is more or less a Solo I event: you drive on the track racing the clock, and any street or racecar is eligible. Can you say cheap track time? Or test day?

We realize other organizations have PDX type events, with waiting lists for some of them. What are we doing wrong?

This was extensively discussed in our last Board meeting. We realize that no one on the Board is necessarily a marketing major. Nor do we have an operable crystal ball. And a Magic 8 ball is a poor substitute.

While we have ideas, we don't have all the answers. Since there are about a thousand members in the North Carolina Region, maybe some of you have some answers or ideas that we need to hear?

Hope to see you at one of our meetings and/or a racetrack!

## **Bench Talk, May 07**

### **Top Gun Challenge rescheduled due to Storm:**

Our April 15<sup>th</sup> event was rescheduled due to a strong Nor'easter bringing 50mph winds, rain and hail into the Carolinas. In the interest of safety, we have rescheduled for April 29<sup>th</sup>. Recap to follow next issue.

### **NC Region Autocrossers Dominate SC Region Solo Event at Myrtle Beach Speedway!!!**

With the April 22<sup>nd</sup> NCR-PDX cancelled, 11 members of NCR decided not to sulk and entered a South Carolina Region Autocross Event. Fast-Time-of-the-Day and 6 more class trophies were won south of the border at Myrtle Beach Speedway. **7 total trophies!**

Photographer credit goes to **Marc Glenn**. If it was not for his driving skills, and his aging Corvette, he'd be featured in this photo.....**Just kidding Marc!**

### **NEW VENUE MAY 20<sup>th</sup> ! NON POINTS EVENT ADDED TO AUTOCROSS SCHEDULE! N.C. GLOBAL TRANSPARK-KINSTON, NC**

**Pre-Registration is open at [www.myautoevents.com](http://www.myautoevents.com)**

### **Note from the Cape Fear Chapter Coordinator:**

Many thanks to all who have picked up some of the time-consuming duties as I work my last year as Chapter Coordinator. With 2 cars to prep and compete, I've learned the definition of "Delegate".

Hopefully, some folks will step up to the plate during the December Chapter Coordinator Election and take over the program. I've had a great experience, and a huge amount of satisfaction, but it's time to move on. I am looking forward to a great season.

### **Richard Franklin – Outgoing Cape Fear Chapter Coordinator**

**2002 Honda S2000 #11 BSP Black/Red**

**1987 Reynard Formula Continental # 81 Orange**

**[www.ncrscca.com](http://www.ncrscca.com)**

## **Minutes from monthly Board Meeting March 21, 2007**

**Present** Mark Senior, RE, Anna Crissman, Buddy Matthews, Jerry Pell, Ginny Condrey, Ed Wentz, Heather Powers, Joedy Pennington, Rex Deffenbaugh, Richard Franklin, Blair Stitt, Bruce Dover, and Sara Snider, via telephone.

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:37 P.M. by Mark Senior, RE.
2. Motion (Stitt/Wentz) to approve the Minutes of the February 21, 2007 Board of Directors meeting; Passed.
3. The RE recognized guests, Anna Crissman and Bruce Dover.

### **Reports:**

#### 1. Chapter Reports.

A. Cape Fear Chapter/SOLO Program: Richard Franklin, Chapter Coordinator, reported that 17 people attended the last Chapter meeting, at which meeting the recent SOLO event at UNCW was critiqued, which event had 75 entries, good weather and numerous spectators. Richard reports that event generated a profit of \$682. The next SOLO event is the Top Gun Challenge, scheduled for April 15<sup>th</sup>, which via pre-registration is fully registered. Said event will be held at the New River Air Station. The Cape Fear Chapter meeting also discussed the fee structure for the upcoming PDX/TT event, scheduled for Rockingham in April, including the \$50 entry fee discount available to workers at that event. Richard also advised as to the future SOLO event(s) scheduled for the Regional Jetport Global Transpark, in Kinston.

B. Triangle Chapter: Blair Stitt, Chapter Coordinator, reported 21 members attended the last Chapter meeting. Further, he reports that at the next meeting the Chapter will view a film highlighting an English track. The Triangle Chapter also discussed the upcoming PDX/TT event at Rockingham.

C. West Chapter: Ed Wentz, Chapter Coordinator, reported that 29 people attended the last Chapter meeting, which enjoyed a Power Point presentation by Dave Lumpkins, as to the scoring method used at our Rally events.

D. RE Report: The RE advises that the North Carolina Region will be working only one contract event at VIR in 2007, that being the fall GrandAm event at VIR. Previous contract events which the Region has traditionally worked at VIR will, in 2007, be handled by VIR's own corner workers.

#### 2. Committee Reports.

A. Advertising: The Richmond County Daily Journal had a front page story and 2 color photographs, on its front page, highlighting the NCR's March Memories Race at Rockingham, which story appeared in the Sunday, March 11, 2007 edition. A copy of advertisement of the "Rush to the Rock", the PDX/TT event scheduled for April 21-22, 2007, is attached to these minutes.

B. Banquet Committee: Rex reports that there is no new information from the Banquet Committee, but he reminded the Board that if the banquet is moved to another city for 2008, that the Board will need to appoint some new members for the Committee, from the area of the relocated banquet, as the Raleigh members of the Committee have indicated that they would not be able to perform their functions for an out of town banquet.

C. Budget and Finance Committee: Sara Snider reports that the Committee will be providing a financial report as to the profit levels which need to be achieved, and the related race entry fees to be charged, for future races, which information would be applicable for race events in 2008. The Committee suggests raising entry fees at least \$15, \$10 of which is to cover increased costs of operation and \$5 is to cover the worker's fund and worker perks. Sara further reports that the CCPS entry fees will have to go up to cover increased costs of operations for this race group. The Committee is also recommending a reduction of the fee paid by the Region to the CCPS points fund, to the same level as the fee paid to the ECR points fund, per race entry, which would be a reduction from the \$75 per car fee, formerly paid to CCPS points fund, per race entry.

D. Charities Committee: The Committee anticipates using the same charities as last year, with one exception.

E. Competition Board: It was reported that the Competition Board had a meeting at Rockingham at the March race event, regarding the upcoming SARRC/MARRS event at VIR, and the 13 Hour Enduro Race at VIR. The

Comp. Board reported as to one of its member's decision to leave early from the last Comp. Board meeting. Further, the Comp. Board completed the Supplements for the May, 2007 SARRC/MARRS event and resolved most of the issues regarding the Supps. for the 13-Hour Enduro event in the fall of 2007. The Comp. Board discussed the issue of the 55 gallon fuel drum rule on pit road and the matter of a second fire truck being placed on pit road during the 13 Hour Enduro event in October, 2007. Further, the 90 second minimum refueling rule was discussed and the Comp. Board is presently seeking feedback from the 13 Hour forum, as to allowing the use of dry break refueling systems; no changes, however, were made in the fuel capacity rule, as now provided by Class rules. It was announced that the BMW Club will rent the Region's scales at VIR on Saturday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, at a rental rate of \$300 per day, with the Region providing a scale operator as part of the rental arrangement.

F. PDX/TT (Time Trial): The Board was advised of the use of a photo eye for timing the next TT event. The Board also discussed the possibility of having 2 CCPS races (Saturday and Sunday), held in conjunction with the PDX event now scheduled for Rockingham on September 8 and 9, 2007. The Board considered the issues this potential match-up could cause at a PDX event.

### 3. Finance

A. Treasurer's Report: Sara presented the P&L Statement for the period February 22 through March 16, 2007, a copy of which is attached to these Minutes. It was reported that the Rockingham March Memories race will be about a break even event, or show a small loss.

### **Old Business:**

1. Workers' Perks. The NCR Board of Directors discussed holding a drawing for the workers to receive leftover worker gifts from prior race events. The Board further discussed providing gifts for the Specialty Chiefs. Mark suggested that Janet obtain a proposal for a Specialty Chief jacket, or that some payment be made towards a Specialty Chief recognition gift. Motion (Snider/Pennington) for Janet to investigate the cost of a Specialty Chief jacket; Passed.

2. Computer purchase request. The Board discussed a request that new laptop computers be obtained for timing and scoring, and for registration. It was reported that there is a need for a minimum of two new computers, with the current computers (two Dell laptops) to be used as backup for timing and scoring and for registration. It was also discussed that the I Card System needs a laptop computer and the Board of Directors discussed the parameters (capacities) for these needed computers. Motion (Deffenbaugh/Snider) to buy two new laptop computers, for timing and scoring and for registration, at a cost not to exceed \$1,200 each; Passed.

3. Operations Manual. Ginny inquired of the Board as to the final version of the Operations Manual. Ginny will forward a copy of the last draft of the manual to the members of the Board for their review, with the view that the Board will finalize the manual, which was last presented in 2005.

4. Florida Region Proposal. Mark reports that there is a proposal being circulated from the Florida Region in support of the establishment of a new national endurance series, which proposal would include our Region's 13 Hour Enduro event. The RE discussed some of the practical factors, and some objectives that the proposed enduro series is looking to create, and advised that the proposal is seeking seed money to start the series. Motion (Snider/Pell) to table further discussion of the Florida Region's proposal as to a new national endurance series; Passed.

### **New Business:**

1. South Carolina Region request. The RE reports that the South Carolina Region has requested that the North Carolina Region give its consent to the South Carolina Region using the Rockingham track in 2008 for a Double SARRC, at the end of March, 2008. It was suggested that the NC Region should wait until it has its 2008 VIR dates secured, before formally responding to said request from the South Carolina Region. The consensus of the Board is to advise the South Carolina Region as to the present position of the North Carolina Region's Board, as to their request.

2. Entry fees for SARRC/MARRS. It was announced that the entry fee for the 2007 SARRC/MARRS event is \$200 for a single entry and \$375 for a double entry. The entry forms, or related documents, will disclose to the racers the

approximate amount of each entry fee that goes towards the cost of workers' credits, perks and benefits.

3. Emergency light replacement for pace car. Motion (Snider/Deffenbaugh) to have the Region's equipment manager purchase a new light bar for the pace car, after first conferring with Ed Wentz to obtain his approval as to the type of pace car light bar to buy; Passed.

4. Board of Directors Meeting location. The Board discussed a potential new place to hold its Board of Directors meeting, each month, a new location about 13 miles further east from the present location in Hillsborough. The Board indicated the need to first determine, as to the new place, three issues: 1) phone line (conference call) availability, 2) restaurant closing time, and 3) potential for our meeting being bumped by a larger group.

5. Phone cards. The Board of Directors authorized the issuing of new long distance phone cards to the Board Members, for those who desire to have their expired phone cards replaced.

6. Rick Cochran Award. The Board discussed, and approved, the Region's giving an annual award in honor of Rick Cochran's memory, for a five year period, beginning with the initial award given in 2006; Passed.

Motion (Pell/Matthews) to adjourn the meeting at 10:00 P.M.; Passed.

# Foothills Frolic Rally

by Phil Evans, Hickory, NC

One of the best TSD touring road rallies to occur in this area was put on by Dave and Fran Lumpkin Saturday, April 14<sup>th</sup>. Not only was this event scenic, but also it gave the driver an opportunity to test driving ability to follow a prescribed course at designated speeds. This was a little more difficult than it would appear because of the hilly (mountainous) terrain that the course traversed and the speeds that you were to maintain.

A TSD rally is a Time-Speed-Distance event, where the rallymaster lays out a course and sets average speeds to maintain during various portions. Checkpoints are set up along the way to check how well you are able to follow the instructions. A touring rally means there are no course following traps. This rally started in Greensboro and was about 100 miles long, traversing the mountainous area around Hanging Rock State Park. What great roads, especially trying to average 40 mph! There were 12 checkpoints to determine how well each contestant was doing. The object was to reach each checkpoint as close to the perfect time as possible (only you didn't know where the checkpoints were going to be), with the winner having the lowest total score.

This was a joint event, sponsored by SCCA and PCA, and is one that Dave hopes to put on annually. It takes a lot of time and gasoline to set up a good event, as well as several hours of computer time to calculate the times for each checkpoint and print out all the instructions. Dave and Fran are to be congratulated on a fine outing.

## Foothills Frolic Rally Results

Class	Place	Car #	D/N	Name
E	1	1	D	Betsy Edwards
			N	Chuck Edwards
L	1	4	D	Mark Sanetrik
			N	Greg Warden
S	1	11	D	Phil Evans
			N	Ruth Evans
S	2	2	D	Suzanne Livingston
			N	Sheila Vincent
S	3	12	D	Brian Hooper
			N	Lara Katz
S	4	10	D	Patti Wollerton
			N	John Wollerton
N	1	9	D	Heather Powers
			N	Lisa Masquat
N	2	5	D	Alexander Perrien
			N	Jenny Saldi
N	3	7	D	Bill Kageorge
			N	Rebecca Kageorge
N	4	3	D	Jim Meassick
			N	Kelly Meassick
N	5	6	D	Vicki Wilson
			N	David Page

## **‘Last Open Road’ Auto Olympics added to VIR Gold Cup Weekend**

Danville, Va. (Feb. 5) – The Heacock Classic Gold Cup Historic Races at VIRginia International Raceway, scheduled for June 8-10, will include a new feature this year. VIR is collaborating with popular motorsports author Burt (BS) Levy to create ‘The Last Open Road’ Auto Olympics, a four-part competition for enthusiasts.

Levy, noted journalist and the author of the cult-classic racing novels *The Last Open Road*, *Montezuma’s Ferrari*, *The Fabulous Trashwagon* and *Toly’s Ghost*, created the concept in order to get fans more involved in a vintage-racing weekend.

“It’s important for owners of sports and classic cars to use and enjoy their cars, and we wanted to find a way to get the spectators more involved,” Levy explained. “Give them more of an opportunity to participate instead of just watch. And I think we’ve come up with something pretty special.”

The four segments of the “Last Open Road” Auto Olympics will include a car show, an autocross on VIR’s 1.1-mile Patriot Course, track touring on the 3.27-mile Full Course and a 90-minute road rally on the country roads surrounding VIR. The scoring will favor participation over finishing position (although results will count), and trophies sponsored by VIR and *Classic Motorsports* magazine will be presented for individual, club and marque champions at the end of the weekend.

The car show segment will be in conjunction with the existing Gold Cup Car Show, which is organized by the Corsa Rossa organization from North Carolina.

“This year we’d like to expand the car show entry to include (in their own classes, of course) more older, classic sports cars, some American classics and muscle cars, more modern sports and GT cars like Boxsters, GTIs and Miatas and maybe even a few Drive-In Cruisers and Street Rods,” Levy said. “We’d like to invite more clubs to participate, too.”

The autocross portion of the event will use a course set up on the Patriot Course. Participants will sign up for a time in advance, rather than having to wait in long lines to get on the track. The track touring segment will be run on the full 3.27-mile Full Course behind a pace car, during breaks in the scheduled vintage racing action for lunch. The road rally will be a 90-minute “do-it-yourself/start-any-time-you-want” event, with participants punching in and out on a time clock and following a prescribed course on the winding country roads in Southern Virginia and northern North Carolina.

“By the way,” Levy added, “I’ll be the rallymaster, and I guarantee something really different and enjoyable. And maybe a little diabolical, too!”

A single entry fee of \$125 (including two three-day spectator passes, three runs on the autocross course, rally entry, car show entry, lunchtime track touring and four lunch tickets at the Pagoda restaurant) will be available, along with special discounts for early registration (\$10 off if registered before April 1) and multi-car “club entries” of six or more cars (\$100 per car).

“We’re excited to be working with Burt Levy on ‘The Last Open Road’ Auto Olympics,” said VIR general manager Josh Lief. “Burt’s devilish sense of humor should lend itself perfectly to a fun event for our fans that will enable them to be more intimately involved with the Heacock Classic Gold Cup Historic Races and compete for their own trophies. We’re really looking forward to the weekend.”

Advance three-day Super Tickets for the Heacock Classic Gold Cup Historic Races will be priced at \$30. At the gate, three-day Super Tickets will be priced at \$40. Also, single-day tickets will be available for Friday (\$10, gate only), Saturday (\$15 advance/\$20 gate) and Sunday (\$15 advance/\$20 gate). VIR is a family-friendly facility, where children 12 and under are admitted free with a paying adult. Spectator camping is available. Call 434-822-7700 x300 or x116 for advance ticket sales.

## **SEDIV TT School and TT Event**

TVR and Alabama Regions are co-sponsoring the Annual SEDIV Time Trials School and Time Trials Event (Level III) at Talladega Grand Prix Raceway on June 9-10, 2007. A fantastic opportunity to drive on the new track configuration. All Track Records are open for the setting! If there is anyone interested in getting their Full TT License which is required to run the SEDIV Hillclimbs, this is the event to do it.

Workers are always welcome because without the dedicated workers, we cannot do these TT events. THANK YOU WORKERS.

If there are aspiring Time Trialers out there, this is a good opportunity for you. Even for aspiring Road Racers, Time Trials are an excellent opportunity to get some track time before going to a Road Race School.

Craig Farr  
Asst RE TVRSCCA  
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## **2007 NCR Schedule**

- May 12-13**      **Al Fairer Double SARRC/Double MARRS Challenge (2 day) – VIR**
- May 20**        **“MayDay on the Runway” - Global TransPark, Kinston, NC**
- June 3**         **Sounds of Freedom Invitational - New River Air Station, Jacksonville, NC**
- July 15**        **“Gatorcross” - East Columbus H.S., Lake Waccamaw, NC (near Whiteville)**
- August 11-12**   **“Oak Tree” National/Double CCPS – VIR**
- August 12**      **RiverFront Grand Prix - Downtown Wilmington, NC**
- September 8-9**   **NCR PDX/Club Trials**
- September 23**   **Indy at the Park - Smith Creek Centre, Wilmington, NC**
- October 5-7**     **Grand-Am KONI Challenge Series (formerly Grand-Am Cup) - VIR**
- October 21**     **Rumble at the River - New River Air Station, Jacksonville, NC**
- October 27-28**   **“Goblins Go” 2008 SARRC/2007 Double ECR/CCPS – VIR**
- November 3**     **“Charge of the Headlight Brigade” 13 Hour Enduro - VIR**
- November 25**    **RiverView GP - Downtown Wilmington, NC - Auto-X Series Finale!**

*Note: all VIR events are full course*

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First Tuesday of the Month 7:00 pm  
McAlister's Deli Meeting Room  
740 South College Rd (Across from Kmart)  
Richard Franklin, Chapter Coordinator

### Cape Fear Chapter - New Bern

First Thursday of the Month 7:00 pm  
Family Tire and Auto Service  
Hwy 70, ¼ mile east of the Mazda dealer or  
just west of Taberna  
Vern Geddings, Chapter Coordinator

### Dan River Chapter - Danville, VA

Dan River Chapter is currently not meeting due to the resignation of the Chapter Coordinator. Any Dan River area members interested in reviving the chapter, please contact RE.

### Triangle Chapter - Raleigh

First Wednesday of the Month 7:00  
El Rodeo Mexican Restaurant  
Hwy 70 at Pleasant Valley  
Blair "Pepe" Stitt, Chapter Coordinator

### West Chapter - Greensboro

First Tuesday of the Month  
Dinner at 6:45, Meeting at 7:30  
Cooper's Ale House  
5340 W Market Street  
Ed Wentz\*, Chapter Coordinator

### NCR Board Meeting - Hillsborough

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