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## RE's Report

by Mark Senior

This month's article will be fairly short since most of it will be taken up by my report on the SEDiv mid-year meeting.

But first, let me take a moment to reflect on last month's Oak Tree National. By all standards, this was a fantastic event! Although temperatures had been hitting the 3-digit mark in the days prior, Mother Nature had mercy on us and gave us 80 degree weather on Saturday and low 90's on Sunday. Those who participated in the Friday test day were not so fortunate, as they had to endure close to 100 degree weather. This year's turnout was even better than last year, thanks in part to hosting double CCPS races. Pending last minute bills, it looks like we are close to breaking even on this event (which has sometimes been a money loser due to light turnouts). We had to really compress the schedule to make this work, which resulted in some limited grumbling regarding combined practice sessions Saturday morning. Our proposed double national next year should resolve these issues. Registration was incredibly smooth, as usual. The Region will be making a significant contribution to the Ronald McDonald House charity from the lunchtime drive-arounds and the region also helped defray the costs for several Boy Scout Troops who traditionally attend this event, perform a flag ceremony, and participate in a service project for the track. I would like to thank Don Knowles for contributing the beer for Saturday's social in honor of Gordon Warren who passed last year. A photomontage plaque honoring Gordon was also on display at the social. Due to an uncooperative fuel injector, I was regrettably unable to attend the social, but I understand that Assistant RE, Rex Deffenbaugh, did an outstanding job of filling in as Master of Ceremonies. Thanks Rex! Rex presented a photomontage plaque, honoring Bob Huff, to Bob's son, Brian. Nancy and Art Sinnott of F&S Enterprises created both the plaque honoring Bob and the one honoring Gordon. Thanks to both of you! Thanks also to Jameson Jones who, with a little help from Newsletter Editor, Bruce Dover, put together an in-depth article on the event for the SCCA website which is reprinted here, starting in the next column.

For those who have not looked at the Region's calendar, we have a number of events remaining this year. This includes staffing the Grand-Am KONI Challenge October 5-7 at VIR. This is a 3 day event that starts early each day and runs well into the night, so we need all the workers we can muster! This will be our only opportunity this year to get up close and personal with the Grand-Am cars, so please take advantage of this opportunity and sign up early. Worker compensation will be generous and you'll get to see your RE in my whites!

Our next track event will be the PDX High Performance Driving School at Rockingham September 8-9. We still need students, instructors, and workers so please spread the word and come on out. Late registration fees have been waived so if you're not busy this weekend, please consider participating. This is the most fun for the dollar you can find.

Next club race will be the Goblins Go Regional race October 27-28. This event will also feature a busy slate of events including SARRC, CCPS, and double ECR races. This weekend will also feature the 3<sup>rd</sup> running of the Production Festival event where the production racers get their own exclusive race and have their own special celebration and awards. This event has been growing each year and is becoming the “premier” production race of the SE. A link to a Prod Fest website can be found at the end of this article and on the NCR website.

The Region also has at least 3 more Solo2 events this year, so if you have not tried one of these yet, now is your chance. Check the Region’s calendar on the website and back page of any newsletter for dates and locations.

Last, but certainly not least, will be the Kumho Charge of the Headlight Brigade 13 hour Enduro November 2-3. Thanks to John Uftring for putting together the SportsCar ad for this event. This is also a loooooong demanding event, so if you’re not racing, please put it on your schedule to come out and help. As a driver myself, I call upon all the other drivers to come out and work at least this event every year. If you really want to “thank the workers”, this is the time to do it! We will also be looking for folks to loan the club kerosene heaters for the corner stations, as it became uncomfortably cold last year.

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Here’s the link to the Prod Fest website:  
[www.woundedturtleracing.org/prodfest.htm](http://www.woundedturtleracing.org/prodfest.htm)  
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### **Now for the SEDiv meeting!**

## SEDiv 2007 Mid-Year Meeting Minutes

ATLANTA, Ga. (July 28, 2007) – Social and dinner night before - The RE’s have started a recent “tradition” of getting together the night before our SEDiv meetings to get to know each other better and to find out how our regions compare. Unfortunately, I missed the pre-dinner social, due to a fatal accident on I-40 near the airport and the resulting traffic and flight delays. However, I did make it in time to meet everyone for dinner where we had the opportunity to reflect on our programs. I reacquainted myself with the RE’s and Asst. RE’s of Central Fla., Buccaneer, Atlanta, the new RE and Asst. for CCR, Dick McCollister and Steve Eckridge, as well as SCR.

The SEDiv meeting was called to order 8:25am Saturday. The meeting started late as power to the entire hotel went down (based on my bad luck with the flight and now this, I was starting to wonder if I was jinxed!). During the blackout, I noted a distinct change of the face of SCCA as our meeting room became illuminated by the glow of all the personal laptops that the RE’s and officials had brought! Following is a breakdown of the topics discussed at the meeting:

1. Director’s report – KP Jones
  - a. General trend of fewer members from 60,000 to 50,000 – finding causes and turning around is a priority at SCCA National – KP feels competition catching up and we may continue to lose members for a while
  - b. Sponsorship is getting tougher to find. Domestic car companies hurting – SCCA National actually has privateers beating the bushes to line up sponsors and they get percentage of whatever they can bring in
  - c. Budget – reserves at \$2 million but KP won’t be comfortable till near \$4 million – this year’s budget should help as should have surplus not considering investment income
  - d. Car counts down in some areas and up in others – noted down in NE (especially National races which may be due to loss runoffs) while up in SE – Kaye noted WDC region may not host April National which should help our Double National which was approved by the SEDiv but now requires approval of National
  - e. 24 National classes rule getting a lot of discussion. Many strongly support while others firmly against. There have been discussions of combining classes such as Formula Mazda and Formula SCCA and/or combining

some production classes- KP noted in the past they often had less than 10 in class so things are much better even with the large number of classes

- f. SCCA Enterprise is running strong and they expect to make a profit this year – don't have full disclosure as this is a separate business from SCCA Inc.
  - g. SCCA Pro – First year for President Bob Weisburg – KP noted he's much more active than his predecessor and anticipates good things. He apparently was with Chrysler but got out when Daimler came in. The money situation is good and they are starting to repay the loan SCCA Inc. gave them. There are hopes of reviving the TransAm series but not looking optimistic. TV coverage is not in place for 2008 but optimistic will get.
  - h. KP noted that National is taking a hard look at how we compare to other car clubs such as NASA, which is a big threat on the west coast right now.
2. Treasurer's report – Sharron Rollow for Kaye Roberts – covered a number of topics but only thing noteworthy was a good turnout at the double national, which resulted in unexpectedly high profit.
  3. SARRC report – Rick Mitchell for Jim Creighton – it was noted the season had a good start with 400 drivers entered so far. No rule changes for 2008. There was discussion of a proposal to change the rules regarding the tiebreaker for SARRC Champion.
  4. Time Trial report – Steve Tompkins? – Strong start with 3 hill climbs in the SE. May need to develop formal rule as had conflict between 2 regions and a gentlemen's agreement could not resolve. One of our key National representatives, Walt Wurzbach, could not make the meeting as he is recovering from quad bypass. His absence is unfortunate as the TT group is "battling" with National in regard to reasonable rules. It was recommended that all interested parties keep track of pending rule changes (4 point harnesses, kill switches, no longer allowing roll bars, etc) and make your opinions known to National
  5. Solo – no report but it was noted the turnout for the Atlanta Pro Solo was lower than anticipated 150 cars
  6. Road Rally – no report
  7. ECR – Carol Cone reported some rule changes related to getting results out faster and point penalties for short pit stops as opposed to lap penalties. It was noted that Pro Spec Miata might be drawing some drivers away from the ECR series. The series still appears to be relatively healthy but there are signs it may be slipping and in need of an infusion. Examples included poor turnout at SCR event, only 3 regions running ECR races in 2008, low entries for upcoming Fla. race. They are working on ways to improve the series and may consider mandatory registration for series in order to run in the race (right now less than half of the competitors in the races are registered for the ECR series). Some regions questioned the value of the ECR "badge", as they noted they could fill up an endurance race even if it was not part of the ECR series. They pointed out this would lower their overhead as they would not have to send a portion of the entry fee to the ECR fund. It was noted that there is now an ECR site to link to and hopefully we will have that link on NCR's website by the time you read this. (*It's [www.sedivecr.com](http://www.sedivecr.com) - Ed.*)
  8. Division Class Review Board – Toni Creighton – this discussion was lively but much more subdued than in past years. As the result of past debates and insinuation of conflict of interest, it was recommended that Tech be taken out of the decision process and that recommended changes come from the Planning Committee, liaison groups, and the Class Review Board. Based on results of surveys and popular vote, the following actual rules were adopted for 2008:
    - a. The cutoff for SPO vs. SPU was set at 2499cc
    - b. A new ITO class (similar to our ITE class) was approved for the SEDiv – this includes such cars as World Challenge GT, Supercar, Corvette Challenge, etc. I believe the rules would be based on the NE ITE rules, but would suggest checking the SEDiv website
    - c. New GTA rules were adopted

- d. Club Ford rules remain unchanged
- e. The SE Division tire for Spec Miata will be the same as what the National Class runs (currently the Toyo Proxes) with the exception of non-SEDiv series sanctioned races such as our 13 hour enduro. There was much discussion about the pending change in the Toyo R1 tire but the consensus was that we'll deal with that when the time comes
- f. The IT7 class will also continue to run on the Toyo Proxes
- g. SEDiv worker of the year – Clyde Bales noted he is looking for nominations for this illustrious award. Forms should be available electronically
- h. Schedule – Sharon Rollow went through the draft race schedule for 2008 and regions worked out conflicts. Our requested dates were approved with the exception of us trying to move our March race up one weekend in order to accommodate CCR
- i. Stewards – Rick Mitchell noted that the Stewards are looking for feedback from the regions, so please let him know if you have comments.
- j. Old Business – Kaye Fairer noted that we will soon have an official SEDiv website (as opposed to a SARRC website) that will cover all aspects of SEDiv competition including Solo, Rally, etc. There were some rather ugly and unprofessional moments during this discussion due to tension regarding offending the owner/webmaster of the current website.
- k. New Business – Kaye Fairer introduced a guest from Puerto Rico where series such as GTA are popular. There was also a closed session to select the Robert Clark Award for 2007, which will be presented at the annual banquet in January. Last, there was discussion about current and future rules regarding what licenses would be required of officials for running Time Trial events. The rules are not clear and these events seem to fall in the crack between Solo and Club Racing. Most felt the rules should be flexible so these events could compete with clubs outside of SCCA.
- l. Adjourn – 3:00pm

# Hot Temperatures Bring About Hotter Racing at Oak Tree National

*by Jameson Jones*

ALTON, Va. (Aug. 14, 2007) – The heat and the humidity from the dog days of August did not stop the competitive nature of the 185 drivers entered at the Oak Tree National. With temperatures reaching the low 90s and heat indices breaking 100 degrees, the action heated up on the 3.27-mile Virginia International Raceway in Alton, Va., as it was home to the last Southeast Division National event before the SCCA National Championship Runoffs in October. The event proved pivotal to many drivers who were looking to either clinch division titles or qualify for the Runoffs with a good finish.

## **Race 1 - (FF, FV, F500)**

Gale Stokkers, of Centerport, N.Y., led the 17-car strong field in his Swift DB6 Formula Ford with the Formula 500 QRE QC1 of Hank Bilek, of Louisa, Va., alongside him on the front row. As soon as the green flag was shown, two cars didn't even make it out of Turn One, spinning center track and stalling, causing a Black Flag All due to track blockage. On the restart, 13 cars came around to take the green flag with the Swift DB6 2 of Lawrence Hendrickson, from Pottstown, Pa., advancing to second position overall by the end of the restart lap. Hendrickson then tried to challenge Stokkers for the overall and Formula Ford wins. His perseverance was left unrewarded as the two cars finished in the same order as the restart. The aforementioned Billek would drop to third overall, but was still able to maintain his lead in the Formula 500 class and take the victory. The Formula Vee class win would go to Stevan Davis, of Powder Springs, Ga., after holding off Donnie Isley of Fletcher, N.C. throughout the entire race.

## **Race 2 – (CSR, DSR, FA, FB, FC, FE, FM, S2)**

After his dominance at the June Sprints and Lou Ella Cook Double National in D Sports Racing, Jean-Luc Liverato continued to show that no matter the track, he could leave the rest of the field in the dust. Liverato, who resides in Alpharetta, Ga., would lead the 32-car strong Group Three field in his Stohr WF1 after setting a pole time of 1:50.851, nearly 2.5 seconds ahead of the nearest competitor. His rival, Dorian Foyil, from Nassau, Bahamas, got a good start, but was unable to challenge for the class and overall win. Liverato would win the DSR class and overall by a margin of 13.457 seconds. The Formula Atlantic class had multiple lead changes throughout the race between Ben Johnston, of Alpharetta, Ga., and Chris Lee, of Boston, Mass., with Lee coming out the victor in his Swift 014. The C Sports Racing win went to Jacek Mucha, of Canada, in a Ralt JMS. Ken Tyrrell, of Tallahassee, Fla., won Formula B in a Stohr 1000. Mark Eaton, of Melbourne, Fla., took top honors in Formula E, while the Formula Continental win would go to Rossella Manfrinato, of Alpharetta, Ga. The Formula Mazda of Bruce Lawrence, from Sanford, N.C., finished 19th overall while the lone Sports 2000 car of Richard Leslie, from Kershaw, S.C., would round out the 30-car finishing order.

## **Race Three – (SSB, SSC, SM, T3)**

The spotlight of race three was on the Spec Miata class, as a heated battle developed between Todd Lamb, Derek Ketchie, Michael Cottrell and Jonathan Boxwell. Stuck in the middle of this battle was a duel between the Touring 3 machines of Michael Kramer and John Costello. As the laps unfolded, the positions swapped numerous times between the six cars until the final three laps when Lamb, of Covington, Ga., would pull out a 0.543-second overall victory ahead of Kramer along with the Spec Miata class win. Kramer would capture top honors in Touring 3 in his Honda Civic ahead of Costello's Honda S2000. In Showroom Stock C, Huntsville, Ala., driver Brian Peele won the class in his Toyota Corolla ahead of Joel Lipperini, of Pittson, Pa., driving a Honda Civic.

## **Race Four – (SRF)**

After achieving victory at the June Sprints, Brian Schofield, of Lakeland, Fla., went into the Oak Tree National leading the Southeast Division Spec Racer Ford points. To continue his hopes of pulling off the Triple Crown, Schofield won the pole on Saturday with a time of 2:16.011 and would lead the 26-car field down to the green flag. Within the first several laps, Phillip Gladman, of New York, N.Y., would be an early challenger to Schofield, but would later drop out of contention. This opened the door for Brian Sullivan, of Princeton, N.J., and Jack Wiles, of Cornelius, N.C., to challenge Schofield for the win. In the end, Schofield would take the victory by a margin of 6.725 seconds ahead of Wiles, after Sullivan was disqualified for a rules infraction.

### **Race Five – (EP, FP, GP, HP, GTL)**

The E Production battle between Buddy Norton and Greg Ira continued during the Oak Tree National as Norton lead the Race Five field down to the green flag with Ira starting third overall. On the start, a melee involving multiple cars occurred at Turn Three, which blocked the track and led to a black flag. On the restart, it was Kevin Leigh, of Harrisonburg, Va., who brought the field down in his Caterham 7 and who would not be challenged for the rest of the race, winning E Production and overall by 1.515 seconds. In F Production, the battle was between Mark Carpenter, of Burlington, Conn., and David Strittmatter, of Akron, Ohio, with Carpenter coming out on top in his Acura Integra. G Production honors went to Kevin Bouquillon, of New Milford, Conn., who drove a Datsun 510 to a ninth overall finish, while the H Production win would go to Don Barrack of Waterloo, S.C. Finally, the GT-Lite win went to Daniel Robson, of Moore, S.C., who drove his Mazda MX-3 to an eighth overall finish.

### **Race Six – (AS, BP, DP, GT1, GT2, GT3, ST, T1, T2)**

Polesitter Simon Gregg has shown in the past what his Corvette can do. In qualifying for the “big bore” race, he blew away the field by posting a time of 1:51.731, nearly three seconds ahead of the Jaguar XKR of William Thumel, from Virginia Beach, Va. The two cars would battle for GT-1 supremacy from the drop of the green until Thumel had to pull into the pits with a mechanical failure halfway through the 14-lap race. This left the GT-1 battle open to Mike Canney, of McLean, Va., in his Chevrolet Corvette, who would try to give Gregg a challenge for the win. In the end, Gregg pulled away from Canney and took the GT-1 class win by a margin of 19.796 seconds. New track records were set in three classes as Andrew Aquilante, of Chester Springs, Pa., drove his Chevrolet Corvette to a Touring 1 lap record of 2:04.279, along with the class win, while in ST, a Corvette Z06 driven by Steve Epley, of Maysville, N.C., set the VIR track record with a lap of 2:03.892. Another track record occurred in B Prepared as Thomas Wilson, of Dacula, Ga., drove a Dodge Viper to a lap of 2:11.233. The lone GT-2 was a Pontiac Sunfire driven by William Davis, of Salisbury, N.C., who finished 11th overall. A new face in Touring 2, but no stranger to Showroom Stock B racers, defending SSB National Champion Don Knowles, of Pittsboro, N.C., took the T2 win driving a Pontiac Solstice GXP. The American Sedan win went to Richard Jones, of Scio, Ohio, who drove a Ford Mustang to a 15th overall finish.

### **CCPS Races**

In addition to the six National races that occurred during the weekend, there were two Carolina Cup Pro Series races run as Restricted Regionals on Saturday and Sunday for the Improved Touring classes. The overall winner on Saturday was Andrew von Charbonneau in a Spec Racer Ford by a margin of 4.591 seconds. Class winners included Blair Stitt in IT7, David Murphy in ITS, Michael Carter in ITA, Ken Kalill in ITC, Jim Wray in ITB, Derek Whitis in SM and Stewart Black in SSC.

On Sunday, it was an ITS car taking overall honors in the second Carolina Cup Pro Series race as Anthony Stauffer driving a Porsche 944 took overall and class honors by 10.316 seconds. The Spec Racer Ford class win would go to Neal Norton. Michael Carter, Blair Stitt, and Stewart Black would sweep the weekend’s races by winning their ITA, IT7 and SSC classes, respectively. The ITB class honors would go to Neal Harrison who drove a Honda Civic to the class win.

The next major event for the Southeast Division will be the SARRC Invitational Challenge at Roebing Road Raceway, in Bloomingdale, Ga., on Sept. 22 and 23.

## **We Get Letters**

Your event at VIR was one of the most professionally run and enjoyable experiences I have had in thirty years of running National Races all over the country. Your workers in all specialties had a smile on their faces and a very helpful demeanor. I also have never seen a worker/driver party with live music.

It was a great event, and I may join you again in 2008.

Bill Hagerty  
SSB #7 Pontiac Solstice  
Escondido, CA

# Triangle Chapter Notes

by James Shanks

The first Wednesday of August was also the first day of August and per our usual schedule, the Triangle Chapter met at El Rodeo, our favorite Mexican hangout. They have upgraded their facilities, adding a big new LCD TV and cable to our meeting room, so we watched the SPEED Channel as we had dinner. There were a few faces we hadn't seen in awhile, including Jon Messick and Wayne Quick, who were welcomed back, and we were also pleased to have Barbara Huff, along with her son Brian and his wife Emily, among us. Some of the members who had not been able to attend Bob Huff's memorial passed along their condolences to Barb, and we hope she will feel free to join us at any of our events in the future. Bob will be sorely missed but his spirit will be with us whenever we get together, and especially at the races.

On a lighter note, the best "war story" of the night was from Scott Gallimore who reported that his wife Barb was not attending because she had been traumatized by a car wash earlier that day. It seems Barb took her car to a new automatic car wash and after it moved her through the various stages until the end, the mechanism did not release the vehicle but suddenly went in reverse and dragged the car back inside with Barb included and helpless to do anything about it. Then one of the rotating arms, which was now in the wrong position, started beating on the side of the car, making dozens of little dents while Barb watched in horror. She eventually got the attention of the attendant by blowing the horn and he stopped the machine and freed her vehicle. Yikes! That would ruin anyone's day! Hope you feel better soon, Barb! And I hope they pay to get your car fixed!

In the business portion of the meeting we heard that the Solo program was still going great guns and that the city of Wilmington had even agreed to block off a couple of streets for their next event. Wow, now that's big time! We also received some flyers produced by Jeff Eng for the upcoming PDX at Rockingham, September 8 and 9, for people to distribute and help drum up more entries. This event will be a make-or-break as far as future PDX events go, so we are hoping for a good turn out. We heard too that well-known national driver Don Knowles (that's him in the white Solstice on the cover of this month's *SportsCar* magazine) would be providing the beer at the event socializer for our Oak Tree National on Saturday night, August 11. He's doing it in the memory of our departed member and good friend, E. Gordon Warren, who passed away last year. So have a beer on Don to honor Gordon! And we heard also that the RE was rounding up some kerosene heaters for the corner stations in case the weather was as cold as last year for the 13-hour Charge of the Headlight Brigade enduro in early November. Can anyone help Mark out with that? And finally we heard that the banquet committee is looking for door prizes and other donations for the annual dinner to be held in January. So please donate if you can.

Probably the best news of the night came from RE Mark Senior who reported on the SEDIV mid-year meeting. The SEDIV RE's have approved a double national race at VIR in April of next year and now the only hurdle remaining is to nail down the date with VIR management. So stay tuned. SEDIV also approved a double National at Homestead, for political reasons, and that may hurt our attendance a bit, so we'll have to wait and see. Other news from the mid-year meeting included that the Toyo was still the spec tire for IT-7 and that Spec Miata would use whatever tire the national pro series would use. It was also announced that the split between SPO and SPU would be at 2499 cc and that the rules for ITE had also been clarified.

The Longs, Glenn and Alana, announced that they will have a hospitality tent at the Grand-Am race at VIR, October 5-7, because their son, Tom, will be driving in it. They have invited all NCR members who attend the event, in whatever capacity, to drop by and get treated to some VIP hospitality (I think that's free beer). Look for the tent somewhere outside Turn 5, Glenn said. And don't forget to cheer on Tom in the lime green, number 99, Florida Fresh BMW. Go Tom!

And don't miss the next Triangle Chapter meeting September 5 at El Rodeo. I'll see you there . . . or at the races!

# West Chapter Notes

*by Ed Wentz*

Our last meeting at the usual meeting place had about 24 in attendance. One of our West Chapter members, and his friend from Florida, were conspicuous by their absence (y'all know who you are).

A good portion of the meeting was spent in discussion of the zoning hearing for the proposed High Rock International Raceway in Spencer, NC. I did not go myself, but several West Chapter members were there, as well as some Triangle Chapter members, and many Central Carolina Region members also. We have learned since, that the Town has allowed the zoning for the racetrack. Time will tell if it actually is built.

Our 'adoption' of the Boy Scouts that would be camping and spectating at VIR for our Oak Tree National race weekend was also discussed.

And...the PDX!!! As pointed out in my column last month, many people have misconceptions about the PDX. A street legal car, or Improved Touring, Touring or Showroom Stock class racecar are allowed. There must be a passenger seat, and the seatbelts for the passenger seat must be the same as that of the driver's seat.

SCCA membership is not a requirement for the PDX. We also need instructors!

A special thanks to Brenden Scullion (you know him as Scully) for helping to get the PDX word out to the troops at the Fort Bragg Army Base.

For those who weren't at the Oak Tree National weekend, I won't kid you: it was hot!! However, the temperature did drop slightly for the weekend, so we weren't seeing 100 degree heat that we had seen on the test day. Looking back through the VIR yearbook, it seems that the Oak Tree National race weekend was quite hot even 50 years ago.

There was some good racing to be seen. However, there were also questionable calls from race control for the small bore Formula car race and the Production race. I hope we can rectify these situations for future events. If and when we get our double National race weekend, we want to be at the top of our game.

Hope to see you in our meeting and at the PDX!

## Bench Talk, September 2007

Aug 12th, 2007 RiverFront GP - As usual, the 2007 RiverFront GP produced a great atmosphere with many spectators.

Behind the scenes, the Cape Fear Chapter worked with the City of Wilmington to close 2nd and Hanover Streets for SCCA Grid and a Noise Permit was obtained.

61 entries negotiated a sweeping course that included two runs up "Horsepower Hill" and a tight pivot which had to be negotiated twice.

Taking it wide or hot resulted in seconds of lost time.

Mark your calendars Oct 27/28th! The date has changed for our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual -Rumble @ the River Novice School and Autocross. The event will be held 1 week later than originally scheduled to coordinate better with New River Air Station's Car Show.

We will be offering our Novice Autocross School on Saturday October 27<sup>th</sup>, which is FREE to all active Military. Last year we had about 12 Marines participate and we hope for more his year.

On Sunday Oct 28<sup>th</sup>, we will hold the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Rumble at the River Autocross. By the time this is published, a Flyer and links to Pre-Registration will be in place at: [www.ncrscca.com](http://www.ncrscca.com) or [www.motorsportreg.com](http://www.motorsportreg.com)

The competition for individual and Team points championships is heating up. Remember, it is important to attend at least 5 events to qualify for trophies in individual Season Championships. We will try to keep you posted at [www.ncrscca.com/autocross.htm](http://www.ncrscca.com/autocross.htm)

Richard Franklin  
Outgoing Cape Fear Chapter Coordinator

Term expires 12/4/07 😊  
2002 Honda S2000 #11 BSP Black/Red  
1987 Reynard Formula Continental # 81 Orange

## Minutes from monthly Board Meeting July 18, 2007

**Present:** Mark Senior, RE, Scott Gallimore, Bruce Dover, Blair Stitt, Buddy Matthews, Richard Franklin, Heather Powers, Joedy Pennington, Ed Wentz and Jerry Pell; arriving later – John Uftring.

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 P.M. by Mark Senior, RE, at Rudino's Pizza and Grinders, 4911 Central Park Lane, Durham, NC.
2. Motion (Stitt/Pennington) to approve the Minutes of the June 20, 2007, NCR Board of Directors meeting; Passed.

### **Reports:**

#### 1. Chapter Reports.

A. Triangle Chapter. Blair Stitt, Triangle Chapter Coordinator, reported that 23 members attended the last Triangle Chapter meeting, held on July 11, 2007; the members discussed the race at Barber Motorsports Park, in Birmingham AL, held in early July, wherein approximately 11 NCR members ran the double SARRC races. The members also discussed the various spec. tire issues, now under consideration, and the future of the Al Fairer SARRC/MARRS Challenge event.

B. Cape Fear Chapter/SOLO Program. Richard Franklin, Cape Fear Chapter Coordinator and Chairman of the Solo Committee, reported that 9 members of the Cape Fear Chapter attended the last Chapter meeting, wherein the cancellation of the last scheduled SOLO event at the New River Air Station was discussed. The next Solo event at the New River Air Station is scheduled for July 29, 2007. At the Gator Cross Solo event, held this past weekend, at Lake Waccamaw, the participants each received six runs during this SOLO event. The schedule for the RiverFront Solo event, now scheduled for downtown Wilmington, for August 12, 2007, was discussed, which event is known as the RiverFront Grand Prix.

C. West Chapter. Ed Wentz, West Chapter Coordinator, reported that at the July meeting of the West Chapter the members present discussed the potential NCR race schedule for 2008; Brian Hooper took fliers with him, to deliver to the Triad Sportscar Club, advertising the Region's PDX event, to be held in September at Rockingham.

#### 2. Committee Reports.

A. Advertising: John Uftring advised the Board as to the cost of a ½ page advertisement in SportsCar, promoting the 13 hour enduro race event at VIR, to be held in November, 2007. John discussed the potential content of the advertisement. The Board or Directors authorized a ½ page ad in SportsCar for the 13 hour event. John further recommended that the advertisement contain a special invitation for workers from outside of the NCR, especially focused towards workers from the regions to our north, whose race schedule for 2007 will have ended by November.

B. Banquet Committee: The RE advises that the contract with the hotel for the 2007 NCR banquet (January 2008 event date) has yet to be signed; the Committee is working on entertainment and door prizes for the event, and the Board discussed the possibility of using the entertainment funds (budget) to pay for door prizes. The consensus of the NCR Board of Directors is, however, not to do so but to have a band and to try to have a slide show of pictures from the Region's events held in 2007.

C. Budget and Finance Committee: No report.

D. Charities Committee: No report.

E. Competition Board: It was reported that the Supplemental Regulations for the 13 hour enduro event, to be held at VIR in November, are being worked on and the Comp. Board discussed the fueling and dry brake issues, related to overhead fueling rigs.

F. PDX/TT: The registration information for the PDX has been changed to reflect some new rules as to roll bars/hoops, which are factory installed, in certain street cars, i.e. that provide factory rollover protection, per the car's factory owners handbook. The RE encourages all the NCR Board Members to spread the word to encourage registration for the PDX event at Rockingham, in September.

#### 3. Finance

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's report is attached to these Minutes, including the Profit & Loss statement for the period from January 1, 2007, to date. Richard Franklin reports that the SOLO expense, as indicated thereon, is

really a pre-paid expense, from a cancelled SOLO event, that will be run later, using the same prepaid items, so the rescheduled SOLO event will, in reality, show a net profit.

**Old Business:**

1. Worker Fund Donations/Decals: No report.
2. Race Dates: VIR's track manager will be working on VIR's race schedule and hopes to have our Region's race dates in 2008, at VIR, finalized in August. The NCR's B. of D. discussed the Double National event to be held at VIR in 2008.

**New Business:**

1. Bulletin Distribution: The NCR B. of D. discussed the Newsletter and the cost of same each month, particularly related to the cost of printing and distributing hard copies. The consensus of the B. of D. is to keep sending the Newsletters in hard copy form to those who have requested it, but to encourage more members to obtain their copy by email and, in particular, to try to increase advertising revenue to offset the printing and distribution costs of hard copies.
2. Memorial For Bob Huff: The B. of D. discussed an appropriate memorial in honor of the memory of Bob Huff. It was reported that VIR is putting a memorial plaque in the new picnic area, near the "barn", in honor of the memory of Bob Huff.
3. StreetSmarts Program: The RE advised of the SCCA's emphasis in pushing a StreetSmarts program, designed to put on car control clinics for new drivers, a program begun by the BMW Club.
4. Rockingham Sale: The RE advises that he sent emails to the Board Members as to same, to keep the Board advised of the information he has received regarding the potential auction sale of the NC Motor Speedway, at Rockingham, in the fall.

Motion (Gallimore/Pennington) to adjourn the meeting at 8:56 P.M.; Passed.

## **2008 Proposed NCR Club Racing Schedule**

<b>March 8-9</b>	<b>March Memories SARRC/ECR/CCPS – VIR</b>
<b>April 18-20</b>	<b>Double National - VIR</b>
<b>May 10-11</b>	<b>Double SARRC/Double MARRS – VIR</b>
<b>June 28-29</b>	<b>Regional – Rockingham (tentative)</b>
<b>September 13-14</b>	<b>PDX – Rockingham (tentative)</b>
<b>October 25-26</b>	<b>“Goblins Go” 2009 SARRC/2008 Double ECR/CCPS – VIR</b>
<b>October 31-November 1</b>	<b>“Charge of the Headlight Brigade” 13 Hour Enduro - VIR</b>

## **2007 NCR Schedule**

<b>September 8-9</b>	<b>NCR PDX at Rockingham</b>
<b>September 23</b>	<b>Indy at the Park - Smith Creek Centre, Wilmington, NC</b>
<b>October 5-7</b>	<b>Grand-Am KONI Challenge Series (formerly Grand-Am Cup) - VIR</b>
<b>October 27-28</b>	<b>Rumble at the River - New River Air Station, Jacksonville, NC</b>
<b>October 27-28</b>	<b>“Goblins Go” 2008 SARRC/2007 Double ECR/CCPS – VIR</b>
<b>November 3</b>	<b>“Charge of the Headlight Brigade” 13 Hour Enduro - VIR</b>
<b>November 25</b>	<b>RiverView GP - Downtown Wilmington, NC - Auto-X Series Finale!</b>

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First Tuesday of the Month 7:00 pm  
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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  
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Vern Geddings, Chapter Coordinator

### Dan River Chapter - Danville, VA

Dan River Chapter is currently not meeting due to the lack of a 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  
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### West Chapter - Greensboro

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Cooper's Ale House  
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### NCR Board Meeting – RTP/Durham

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