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RE's Report

by Mark Senior

Not much has transpired since my last article but your officers have been busy preparing for both upcoming events and the SEDiv mid-year meeting July 28 in Atlanta. I will likely have a somewhat lengthy report on that meeting in the September newsletter. Special thanks to Ginny and all the drivers that responded to our poll on spec tires in IT7 and Spec Miata. The overwhelming majority favored spec tires in both classes. This agrees with the poll taken by the SEDiv so I anticipate the vote at this meeting will support continued use of spec tires in these classes.

In recent news, a large contingent of NCR members made the long trek down to Alabama for their double SARRC race at the Barber track. I understand they got a little wet on Friday and Saturday but had a great time on a fun track nonetheless. Hopefully one of them will put together an article for the newsletter (see Heather Power's article on pg. 5 -Ed.) or you may have already heard stories at your chapter meeting.

Looks like the Region's next race will be our August National and double CCPS at VIR on August 11-12. Hope you can come out to drive, work, or just watch. Should be lots of good racing, as we will have both National and Regional classes running all weekend.

The next Autocross will be the same weekend on the river-front in Wilmington. I was fortunate enough to run that event last year and it's a great site, right down the street from UNC Wilmington. If you're in the Triangle area or west, this is probably the closest opportunity to join our coastal brothers at one of their well-run events. Most likely, this event will be history by the time you read this, but the June 3rd autocross scheduled for New River Air Station has been rescheduled for July 29th with an August 5th rain date. This event had to be postponed due to a change in military flight schedules. It was also disclosed at our BOD meeting that Richard Franklin will be stepping down from his role as Autocross Chair/Coordinator. Richard has done a tremendous job of developing a very successful and well-organized program and we can't thank him enough. His will be some big shoes to fill but he indicates he has a lot of well-qualified individuals to take up the reins.

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Remembering Bob Huff

by James Shanks

On July 10th of this year, the SCCA lost part of its backbone. Bob Huff passed away after losing his battle with cancer, but unlike Anthony of Caesar, I come, not to bury him, but to praise him. No, Bob wasn't a ruler, but he was a prince among men. A salt-of-the-earth kind of a guy, it seems that everybody knew him. His friendly good humor and affable nature charmed many a newbie into coming out to a race, and some of them into being a flagger. He had a lot of friends in white, both locally in the North Carolina Region and in the flagging group at VIR, but few of them knew just how long he had been with "the Club".

Robert Mason Huff returned from serving his country in Vietnam in 1967 and, after purchasing a 1958 Porsche Coupe, he joined the Shenango Valley Sports Car Club, the Penn-Ohio Sports Car Club, and the Mahoning Valley Region of the SCCA. Somewhere among all those club meetings he met

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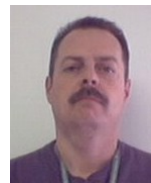


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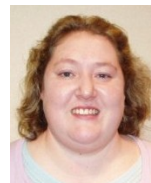
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Later this fall will be our October Goblins Go event, which will be a special challenge this year, as we were forced to move the double ECR from our March event to October due to the venue change to Rockingham. This will be a very busy schedule and a challenge for all those putting it on.

Speaking of Rockingham, we have learned that the track is supposedly going to be auctioned off sometime this fall. We are not sure what motivated this or what it will mean to our region's ability to conduct future events there, but we have heard rumors that the auction is simply a mechanism for the owners to determine the property's true value for tax purposes. Apparently, the current tax value still reflects it being a NASCAR track. Since those days are long gone, it makes sense that the track is probably worth a lot less. Most likely, the track will continue in its current state and we will continue to run events there. In any case, we will continue to monitor this situation, as we would like to continue to use this facility for years to come.

Our advertising committee headed up by John Uftring is hard at work preparing for our 13-hour event. This year's campaign will focus on drumming up additional workers, as this is a rather demanding event. With that in mind, let me start my plea early. If you are a driver, are not planning on running, and have not worked any races for our region yet this year, I think you owe it to the region and your fellow drivers to come on out and help with this event. Please consider setting this weekend aside to help out. If you want to thank all our regular workers who are out there busting their butts all year, come on out so they don't have to sit on station all of the 13 hours. That, my friends, is a long time!

Our Banquet Committee continues to lay plans for this year's Annual Meeting and Awards Banquet, to be held at the Clar-

ion Hotel in Downtown Raleigh. We are currently investigating the possibility of including a live band for entertainment. Feel free to let us know what you think about this idea. We also hope to include images of events and members so, if you have been taking pictures during the year, we will be looking to you to help us find good pictures. Please contact me or one of our Members-at-Large if you think you have something to offer.

Based on our Budget Report, it looks like the Region is in the black so far this year and, provided we don't take a big hit on the National race (not usually a money maker), we should come out with a small profit this year, which is what the Board is shooting for. Our primary goal is to keep entry costs as low as possible without losing money. With that in mind, we took a hard look at the costs for producing the newsletter but determined that we have probably trimmed costs there as much as possible. Consequently, most of our efforts will focus on finding additional advertisers to help support it. If you can think of anyone who might be interested in advertising in our newsletter, please let Bruce Dover know and talk it up!

Once again, please take every opportunity to spread the word about our September PDX at Rockingham. We still have plenty of room for students, instructors, and volunteers. A link to registration can be found on our website.

On a sadder note, I regret to report that our longtime friend Bob Huff passed this month. Many of us attended a celebration of his life including a large group of VIR F&C workers who honored Bob by wearing their whites. We will likely do something special for Bob and other dear members who we have lost recently at our August event. Our thoughts go out to his family.

That's it for this month. 🍀

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Deadline for editorial submissions is the Monday following the monthly NCR Board of Directors meeting, which is held on the third Wednesday of each month.

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Triangle Chapter Notes

by James Shanks


The July meeting of the Triangle Chapter was held on the 11th, in order not to conflict with anyone's holiday plans for the fourth of July, which was the first Wednesday of the month and our regularly scheduled meeting date. We were entertained before dinner with in-car video from "Pepe" Stitt of the IT-7 race at Barber Motorsports Park down in Alabama. In all, some 12 drivers and cars from NCR traveled en masse to provide a showing at that event. The consensus was that they had a very good time, despite the inclement weather. According to some, Barber is a very technical track with many blind corners and it was a very tough drive, especially in the rain, for those who had not arrived in time to attend the test day. The video bore this out as we saw poor Chuck Hines hydroplane and slide into another car. Ouch! Better luck at your next event, Chuck!

We had some old friends show up who had not been to a meeting in quite some time, Paul Perez among them, and Bruce Dover. We hadn't seen Chris Schimmel in awhile and he brought his girlfriend Beth out to meet us. Can you imagine a Chapter meeting as a date? Well, perhaps so, since Chris says Beth will be driving his Golf in the PDX event at Rockingham, which will be her first. Welcome, Beth! And it was good to see new "First Gear" member Charles Hamm back again too. I guess he's a regular now. Erica Spencer came too, along with her father Mike, but I think she was really there with Justin Deffenbaugh from what I could see. Brian Huff also stopped by, which was especially poignant for all of us, since his father, Bob, had finally lost his battle with cancer the day before. Brian wanted to make sure we all knew that we were invited out to the house and shop on Friday as well as to the celebration of his dad's life at the church in Sanford the following Sunday. It was good to see Brian bearing up so well under the circumstances. Rumor had it that some of Bob's flagging buddies among the track staff at VIR would be attending the service in their whites to honor Bob. We will miss him.

Region business was short, probably because Pepe had forgotten his notes and had to ask Rex to refer to his instead. As Pepe remembered later, there was a good reason he didn't have his notes...he hadn't attended the meeting because he was at a concert! Doh! There was mention that the Region's Board of Directors had approved an expenditure of \$800 to replace some aging and oft-malfunctioning sound control equipment. It was also noted that the SCCA National Office had liberalized the PDX rules by no longer requiring participants with open-topped cars equipped with factory roll bars to also run with a hard top in place. That should be good news for Z4, Honda S2000 and newer MX-5 owners. And to help out with the publicizing of the PDX at Rockingham, September 8 and 9, Jeff Eng had produced a great full-color flyer and Bulletin editor and publisher Bruce Dover had printed up a bunch of them for distribution. Thanks Jeff and Bruce! Members who

think they have a good way to distribute them are welcome to contact Bruce to obtain some. It was also announced that the August National will host a double Carolina Cup pro race in order to help us meet expenses for that event. And, that brought up more discussion about our proposed early-season double national next year at VIR. The Chapter is very excited at the prospect though all the details and even the date are still up in the air. There was plenty of talk too about all the spec tire ballots flying around for the SEDIV-only classes like Spec Miata and IT-7. RE Mark Senior assured us that he would do his best to see that the cooler heads of the RE's would prevail at the SEDIV Mid-Year meeting coming up July 28 in Atlanta.

David Page capped off the night with a short report on his stint at Montreal, along with flag chiefs Mark Biamonte and David Turner, as flaggers at the F1 race in Canada. He also had photos from the final USGP at Indianapolis where he was a spectator, along with Dwight Pardee and his wife. Then he surprised one and all, including this writer, by presenting yours truly with a photo he had taken of me at the Speed World Challenge GT event at Lowe's Motor Speedway in Charlotte. I'm sandwiched between the flag chief for the event, our own Eric Danielsen, and SCCA president Jim Julow, along with a trio of Toyo Tire girls. I remembered the moment, but I didn't expect to receive a framed reminder that got passed around the assembled multitude. Those pro races are all work, you know what I mean? Eric was introducing me to Jim Julow and those scantily-clad women just horned their way in. Honest! That's my story and I'm stickin' to it! Anyway, thanks Dave!

We had a great time getting caught up with one another and making plans for the next event. Why not join us for the next Triangle Chapter meeting, August 1, at the usual spot. I'll see you there . . . or at the races! 

Where NCR Meets :

Cape Fear Chapter - Wilmington

First Tuesday of the Month 7:00 pm
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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
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 - RTP/Durham

Third Wednesday of the Month
Dinner at 6:00, Meeting at 7:30
Rudino's Pizza & Grinders
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(919) 474-8833 **All Welcome!**

* see Chapter Coordinators' contact info on page 2

West Chapter Notes

by Ed Wentz


Enjoying the summer? As far as local NCR racing, we are on vacation until the National Race weekend in August. Some of our members have questioned this, wondering why our schedule has large gaps in it. A few years ago we were stretched thin because of working many events from March through November.

Over the last couple of years, VIR has decided to provide their own manpower for flagging their non-SCCA races. I won't get into the discussion if this is good or bad for the people racing. The track has decided this is another 'profit-center' for itself. Rather than paying the North Carolina Region of the SCCA they get to keep the profit.

I'm not against any entity making a profit, it is VIR's right to select who works what races, with the exception of our own SCCA races. It feels like we have been snubbed, but it appears this is just a business decision. Like it or not, this decision has been made. Time will tell if VIR will continue to do this or have us flag more races.

Since there has been little NCR racing since May, our flaggers and racers have been traveling far and wide to work and race. Some of our West Chapter members (Heather Powers comes to mind) drove to Barber Raceway in Alabama for a double race weekend. And even competed well in a rain race. Others traveled to Roebing Road Raceway near Savannah to flag the double national race near the 4th of July. The one constant of the double national at Roebing is the heat!

Coming up in September is our PDX at Rockingham. Be sure to invite friends and family to participate! If you know people from other car clubs, let them know about it. Participants do not need to be SCCA members. You do not need a race car to run the PDX. Be sure to visit the Region's website (www.ncrscca.com) for details.

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NCR invades Barber Motorsports Park!

by Heather Powers

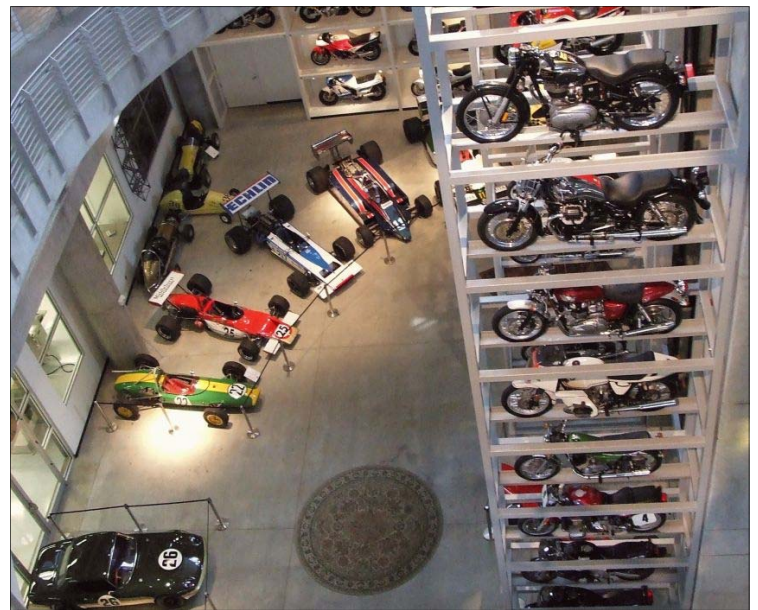
Early in the year we started talking about how it would be fun to go somewhere new. When Alabama Region's Double SARRC popped up on the calendar we knew where we were going to go! We started talking it up at the chapter meetings and some of the races early in the year and at one time we had about 13 or 14 drivers committed to going. Due to various reasons we dropped back down to 11 drivers. I am sorry to say they really missed a good time. About a month before the race, I started to get the phone calls asking, "Are we there yet?" and "Are you ready to go?"

Thursday morning, July 5th, we were up at the crack of dawn. I was traveling with my friends and crew, Lisa Masquat and Ken Lehman. The plan was to meet up with Blair Stitt on his way through Greensboro. He called as he got to the bypass around Greensboro. As we were approaching the merge with Business 85 and Bypass 85 south of Greensboro, Lisa asked if we would find Blair down the road. Ken said, "Maybe we will find him right there." I looked over my shoulder to the merging bypass and, low and behold, there was Blair with the same surprised look on his face that I had on mine! Sometimes it is better to be lucky than good! We had smooth sailing all the way to Birmingham. We even got through Atlanta before the rush hour traffic. I will tell you that there are some long, torturous hills between Atlanta and Birmingham!

After we got through Atlanta, we got in touch with Chuck Hines and Rick Thompson who caravanned together from the eastern part of the state and learned that they were only an hour ahead of us and that Wayne Quick was about 30 minutes ahead of them. Chuck talked to the paddock marshals and they agreed to get us all together since we were so close. As it turned out most of the North Carolina Region drivers that were there were pretty close to one another. Thanks to Alabama Region's Paddock Marshals!

The facility was beautiful. There are statues scattered all around the track. There was a giant spider on his web, ants eating motorcycle riders, an Indian on the hill overlooking the track, and many more. If you go, you should definitely find some time to visit the Motorcycle Museum. WOW! Now that's a lot of motorcycles!

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There's plenty to see at the Barber Vintage Motorsports Museum

New River Air Station site is our best Solo location by far. A long taxiway and large concrete pad allows plenty of speed and excitement.



Course designer Ken Porteous put together a very fast course that afforded the best use of the facility. 42 competitors completed all of their 6 official runs by 2:00pm, making it one of the smoothest running events ever organized by the Cape Fear Chapter.



The competition for the Cape Fear Cup also heated up at the Sounds of Freedom Auto-X at New River Air Station. Hurricane Motorsports team took top honors while Kestrel Racing struggled to obtain the required 5 team members. We all look forward to returning in late October for the Rumble @ the River Auto-X.

Join us at our next event the Aug 12th RiverFront GP!

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Bench Talk Aug, 2007

July 15th, 2007 Gatorcross Autocross

What a fantastic event! Many thanks to all who attended 2007 Gatorcross and helped with it's smooth running. Course designers Brad Draughon and Maria Mayorga put together an interesting course for such a small location.



Plenty of overlap between cars meant the event ran quite quickly. All competitors finished their 6 official runs by 2:30pm.



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Minutes from monthly Board Meeting June 20, 2007

Present: Mark Senior, RE, Rex Deffenbaugh, Scott Gallimore, Buddy Matthews, Jerry Pell, Bruce Dover, Joedy Pennington, Ed Wentz and Heather Powers.

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 (Deffenbaugh/Pennington) to approve the Minutes of the May 16, 2007, Board of Directors meeting, with one correction: The Motion referenced under the Triangle Chapter Report, in the Minutes, should read "worker fund", and not "specific charities" in the Motion to place a check-off box on the race entry forms; Passed, with said correction.

Reports:

1. Chapter Reports.

A. West Chapter. Ed Wentz, West Chapter Coordinator, reported that 21 members attended the last West Chapter Meeting. At said meeting the members discussed the AI Fairer SARRC/MARRS event and the issue of the participation by MARRS (DC region) in future SARRC/MARRS events. Further, the Chapter Coordinator passed along a request from a club member with reference to his obtaining certain financial information, and the RE advised that same would be provided to the member if he will contact Mark or Ginny, as to such information.

B. Triangle Chapter. A written report from Blair Stitt, the Triangle Chapter Coordinator, was presented by Scott Gallimore, a copy of which written report is attached to these Minutes.

C. Cape Fear Chapter/SOLO Program. No report.

2. Committee Reports.

A. Advertising: Heather Powers advises that she went to the last Triad Sports Car Club (TSCC) meeting, to encourage them to participate in our upcoming PDX event at Rockingham and she advises that TSCC will put our Region's PDX flier in their newsletter with reference to our PDX event scheduled for September, at Rockingham.

B. Banquet Committee: No report, though it was indicated that we need to determine the date that the hotel deposit is due for the 2007 annual banquet.

C. Budget and Finance Committee: No report.

D. Charities Committee: No report.

E. Competition Board: Rex Deffenbaugh reported as to the last Competition Board meeting. Rex indicated he will be conferring with Rick Moser to obtain Rick's insight as to the fueling issues being dealt with for the Region's enduro races. Joedy Pennington suggested that all power cords running across the service road for the pit lane need to be fully taped down. The NCR Board of Directors discussed issues concerning fueling from overhead fuel rigs, having dry brakes, at our enduro races. Rex reports that the Competition Board has completed most of the Supplemental Regulations for the 13-hour enduro race, scheduled for VIR this fall, and the National race, scheduled for VIR in August, 2007. He indicated that the Comp. Board is working on the full schedule for the August National race at VIR in order to properly handle the schedule for the two Carolina Cup race events to be held in conjunction with the National race at VIR in August, 2007.

F. PDX: A sanction number has been obtained for the PDX event scheduled for September at Rockingham, and advertising is in process. The RE advises that emails advertising the PDX event have been sent to the BMW and Z Clubs as well as the Tarheel Sports Car Club. Heather Powers previously reported that she had

presented the PDX information to the Triad Sports Car Club. The Board of Directors also discussed, with reference to VIR and future PDX events, the possibility of maybe using the Patriot Course or the skid pad at VIR, for PDX events, in conjunction with our regular race events at VIR.

3. Finance

Treasurer's Report: Profit and Loss Statements were presented and reviewed. It was noted that, pending a few additional outstanding expenses, the May race was profitable.

Old Business:

1. Sound Equipment: The old (damaged) sound cable was returned, to determine if it was under warranty. The anticipated cost of a new microphone and new sound cables are over \$800.00; this type of equipment is very fragile. The Board of Directors discussed the efforts being made to try to relocate the location for the sound station at VIR.

2. Special Worker Gifts: The Board discussed the issue of obtaining special gifts for the workers at the 2007 AI Fairer SARRC/MARRS event. A discussion took place of the possibility of providing a T-shirt or a gas card, as an additional worker gift, for the 2007 event. Motion (Deffenbaugh/Pennington) to spend up to \$1,500.00 to buy 150 gas cards (\$10.00 each) and to incur such other incidental expenses necessary to obtain and disburse a \$10.00 gas card to each of the workers at the 2007 AI Fairer SARRC/MARRS event; Passed.


3. Rex Deffenbaugh advises that he is working on donation decals to acknowledge contributions to the worker fund. Janet has ordered approximately 250 decals, which were designed about 2 years ago, for this purpose.

4. The Board of Directors discussed the potential NCR race schedule for 2008 and Mark distributed a draft (spread sheet) of the potential dates for NCR races in 2008, which handout included the historical dates of the race events that the Region put on in the period 2002 through 2007; a copy of said spreadsheet is attached to these Minutes.

New Business:

1. Memorial Donation: The Board discussed making a donation in honor of the memory of NCR member Ron Russ. Motion (Pennington/Deffenbaugh) that the Region make a donation of \$100.00 to a memorial fund with the American Heart Association in honor of the memory of Ron Russ; Passed.

2. MARRS Position: The NCR Board of Directors discussed the issue presented by the Comp. Board for the MARRS series (DC region), wherein they specified a requirement that future SARRC/MARRS events be limited to a single MARRS race if it is only a 2 day event, but if it is a 3 day event then a double MARRS would be permissible, from their point of view. The Board considered the implications of this requirement and discussed fully the various options available to the NCR, including a suggestion that maybe the NCR could schedule the 2008 SARRC/MARRS event as a single MARRS race and as a double SARRC race event, in a 2 day period, which should meet the requirement of the DC Region for a single MARRS race on a 2 day event, and the desire of the NCR to have a double SARRC race on a 2 day event, as it has been the tradition of our Region to hold double SARRC races as the NCR event at VIR in May. The RE will follow up on the issue of the future scheduling of this May race event at VIR, as may be appropriate based upon the wishes of the drivers at this event.

Motion (Deffenbaugh/Pennington) to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 P.M.; Passed. 

Remembering Bob Huff

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Barbara Simpson, who drove a TR4 in rallies, autocrosses and gymkhanas put on by MVR and the Penn-Ohio SCC. Barb remembers a standing joke from their courtship that gives you some insight into Bob's sense of humor. It seems that his Porsche had seen better days and the passenger side floor was, well, rotted out. The joke was that when he would take Barb out on dates in it, he'd tell her that if they had to stop suddenly she should put her feet down to the pavement and help stop the car Flintstones-style. But, she eventually married him anyway. Was this a match destined to be? Well, Barb admits that their first 5 dates were to see the movie "Grand Prix". In late '67 or '68 Bob purchased a Bobsey Vanguard #4 Formula Vee from Gordon Willis, Sr. and began to race it. In 1969, just after his marriage, Bob sold the Vee to buy a G Production Datsun Fair Lady from Jim Fitzgerald. He picked it up at an event at the original VIR, where he competed in it, and then took it home. He campaigned it in Nationals, as far south as



Bob in his GP Datsun 1200 "Fair Lady" on a victory lap. That's Barb huddled behind him and his buddy and mechanic Clyde Huskonen beside him. July 1969 at Nelson Ledges.

Alabama, but mostly in the Northeast, against such notables as Paul Newman and Lou Gigilotti, before selling it to build his own B Sedan Datsun 510, with the help of some talented friends. Why would he want to sell his professionally built race car? Well, Barb says that while Datsun called it the "Fair Lady", in their experience, it would have been more aptly named the "Foul Bitch", even though Bob did all right in it. When Datsun stopped providing GP sponsorship money for winning races, Barb remembers that they converted the car to FP with contact paper and were congratulated in writing by Datsun on winning one class up in a car prepared for the lower



The B Sedan Datsun 510 that Bob built himself at Nelson Ledges in the 70's

one. But Bob was more proud of the fact that he finally managed to build his own winning race car and the fact is that he was never beaten in that car except by drivers who had professionally-built cars. In 1975 and 1976 Bob won the Nelson Ledges Track Championship, a series of Regionals held at just Nelson, promoted by the track management.

Bob was active in the Club in other ways too. He was RE of Mahoning Valley Region from 1973 to 1976. Barbara also served some time as secretary of MVR as well as of the Penn-Ohio SCC. After the birth of his sons, Greg and Brian, Bob's participation as a driver slowly waned, but he found a new outlet for his participation on race day and became a flagger. Bob is listed, along with Barbara, in the 1979 Lake Erie Communications directory. In the eighties, he also crewed part-time for the Kryderacing IMSA team that his long-time friend, Sandi Kryder of MVR, was associated with. As his boys grew older, Bob's participation waned again as he did more and more "dad" things with them rather than spend time at the track. But, after they were grown and he retired to Sanford, North Carolina, he re-upped with SCCA in 2001 to become a full-time flagger again at the newly reopened VIR. That's when most of us in the NC Region got to know Bob. He got a job with VIR and helped train many of their folks as flaggers. But, he would also take a "busman's holiday" and come flag with the Region at our events for free, after being paid to do it all week, day after day, at the very same track.



Bob & Barbara at the NCR Awards Banquet, January 2007, where he was presented with an Exceptional Service Award.

Competition driver in several different types of cars, club officer, flagger, crew member, volunteer...that was Bob. There are not enough like him in this club, though there are those of you who will read this and see yourselves in this description of him. Together, you and he formed the backbone that made SCCA the success it is today. I only hope there will be as many of you in the future to take over for those who have to leave us so soon. So long Bob, and thanks, pal.

Many thanks to the collective memories and archives of Gordon Wills, Jr., Sandi Kryder, and Judy Cowie, as well as to Bob's wife Barbara and son Brian, without whom this narrative would not have been possible.

NCR invades Barber Motorsports Park!
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There appeared to be a really good turn out. Alabama Region does need to provide more training to the weather steward. The good news was it wasn't that hot, except on Friday. The bad news was it started raining Friday afternoon with a wicked thunderstorm and the rain didn't stop until Saturday night. I am not talking a light drizzle. I mean it down poured most of the time. Apparently, Alabama is in a drought. I am glad for them that it rained, but geezers! I will admit that it worked to my advantage though. Those rain tires that I have been hauling around for all these years to ward off the rain really came in handy! It also gave us a more controlled group so that I could learn the track and still have a chance to qualify half way decent, since I wasn't able to run the test day on Friday. That was probably the only time that I have ever been doing the rain dance while waiting to grid for my race. They had shortened the races because of the tight schedule and they expected delays between sessions to remove the cars. It down poured during the IT race. I believe they called us in early. There were cars everywhere. It was survival of the fittest to be sure.

North Carolina region was represented in a number of classes. In IT-7 we had Heather Powers, Blair Stitt, Chuck Hines, and Gary Gentry. Gary had engine trouble and left early. Chuck Hines fell victim to the rain and wasn't able to run on Sunday. Blair had a good battle both days and finished with a strong second place both days. I finished 6th on Saturday and 7th on Sunday. Rick Thompson ran his BMW in ITR. He finished first overall on Saturday and 5th overall on Sunday. Jeff Young was there in his ITS Triumph. He opted to not run on Saturday because of the rain, but he had a strong run on Sunday. Shannon Jones and Lee Wagner both ran in Formula Vee. John Gaither ran in CFF and finished 1st both days. Thanks for buying those rain tires on Saturday to help ward off the rain on Sunday! Trey Ayers ran in SRF and really had the announcer talking. He finished Second on Saturday and First on Sunday. Wayne Quick took his GTA car, but decided not to risk running in the rain with all that horsepower.

I also saw several workers from NC Region. Anna Crissman, Dwight Pardee, Jon Messick, and Steve Keadle. It was good to see you guys there!

Dwight, thanks for watching out for me when that guy tagged me even though I moved over as far as I could go.

I had a great time at Barber Motorsports Park. It was well worth the effort.

So where are we going next year?!?!?!? 🏁

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| | BEFORE 8/11 | AFTER 8/11 | AFTER 8/25 |
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2007 NCR Schedule

- 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