



# The Bulletin®

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## RE's Report

by Mark Senior

Looks like fall is finally here and personally, I'm looking forward to some cooler weather for our motorsport activities. Fortunately the temperature was unusually pleasant for those of us who participated in the Region's 2<sup>nd</sup> PDX (HPDE) event at Rockingham. Things went incredibly smoothly and everyone had a great time. No damaged cars and lots of track time. We received lots of email providing positive feedback on the event, the instructors and the workers. Based on initial review of the event budget, we were once again in the red but, due to a larger turnout, our losses were substantially less than last year's PDX. Based on the improved turnout and the overwhelming popularity of these events, the Region Board has approved hosting at least one PDX in 2008! Perhaps if we get the word out now, we will be able to line up enough students to break even or maybe even come out ahead next year. I would like to thank the instructors who helped make the event a success along with a special thanks to the workers (F&C, Start, Grid, Tech, Registration, and especially EV who showed off their new red fire suits!). PDX events don't carry the excitement of club races so volunteers are tougher to come by. However, like all of our events, they would not be possible without the generous commitment of our volunteers. I would also like to recognize the track owners, Speedway Incorporated, for their generosity in applying the deposit from the event we cancelled towards this event. The owners and track manager, Ronnie Chavis, are a delight to work with. Good will was flowing everywhere as even our Classroom Instructor, Ron Spencer, waived his fees to help cut our losses.

For those who have not looked at the Region's 2007 calendar we have lots of events coming up. This includes staffing the Grand-Am races at VIR on October 5-7. This event will cover three 12+ hour days, so we need all the workers we can muster. We will be paying double points for those who work full days.

Next up will be the Goblins Go Regional race October 27-28. This event will feature a full slate of events including SARRC, Double ECR, and CCPS 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 has grown into the premier Production Car event of the SE, so expect a large turnout

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## Roll Bars? We don't need no sissy roll bars!

by David Page

Turn back that dial to those thrilling days of yesteryear when the protective barriers were hay bales and cars were designed with large open cockpits that allowed the force of a crash to expel the driver before the car crumpled into a flaming ball of scrap.

"Turning back that dial" is exactly what Dwight Pardee and I did as we went to Marshal the 25<sup>th</sup> annual Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix in mid July. The temporary 2.33-mile road course traversed Schenley Park in the heart of town. The only Jersey barriers were placed to protect some corner workers and close off the side streets. Turns 17 thru19A featured a short distance drop of over 100 feet, with switchbacks that were tighter than I have seen on a Blue Ridge Mountain. The cars ranged in age from forty to ninety years old with a large pre-WW II car classification. There were three-wheel Morgans,



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Banditnis, Model T speedsters, early sprint cars and 1930s vintage Indy cars. Some of the marques that I had never seen before included Dreyer, Riley, Culbert, HRG, Crosley/Devin, Panhard, Keift F-3, Jabro, and a wickedly fast 1935 Reuter V8 Special. The Indy car entries included a 1931 Deussenburg, a 33 FORD "Racer" and a 1934 Hudson Special. All the usual suspects were there also. At lunchtime you could ride the second seat of some of the early racers for a donation of \$25.00. The Course workers, waving their flags and blowing their whistles, joined the noontime parade around the track on a tilt bed by making a donation that was matched on a 2 to 1 basis by the drivers.

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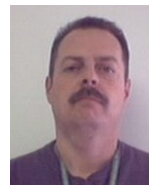
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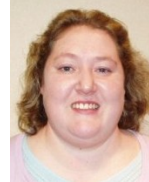
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this time around. See the link on the Region's website for more details.

Last, but certainly not least, will be the Kumho Charge of the Headlight Brigade 13 hour Enduro November 2-3. All but a couple of the 80 available slots are spoken for and a special website has been created just for this event. You should find a half page add for this event in the latest SportsCar thanks to the efforts of John Uftring. As noted last month, this is a long event for our workers so this is a great opportunity for the drivers within the region to give back. If you're not driving or on someone's crew, please consider coming out and volunteering for this event. The workers will love you for it!

The Region also has several more Solo2 events and even a RALLY remaining this year. Check the Region's calendar on the website (and on the back page of this newsletter) for dates and locations. All you need is a street car and a driver's license to participate in one of these incredibly fun events.

Somewhere in the newsletter should be an initial calendar of NCR Club racing events for next year. I'm excited to announce that the management at VIR has generously granted all the dates we requested in 2008 including a date for our much anticipated Double National in April as well as returning the March Memories date we lost last year! The only drawback is that the March race will be limited to the North Course. If you see Josh or Kevin at the track, please take a moment to thank them for their efforts on our behalf in obtaining the desired date for the double national as well as restoring our full slate of races!

Don't forget that we are fast approaching the end of the year and that means the election of new officers and selection of end-of-year award recipients. This year we will have elections for the positions of Region Executive, Secretary, and 2 of the 4

Members-at-Large. Nominations must be made in writing and must be received by the Secretary, Jerry Pell, by the November Board meeting (the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday in November). Rumor has it that some of the Chapter Coordinators may also be looking for replacements so there could be some local intrigue as well.

We will also soon be seeking recommendations for end-of-year awards. Last year, awards were presented in the following categories. Please submit recommendations to our Awards Committee, which is made up of our Members-at-Large.

- Worker of the Year – Rally**
- Outstanding Service – Solo**
- Rookie of the Year – Starter**
- Rookie of the Year – F&C**
- Rookie of the Year – Registration**
- Outstanding Service – F&C**
- Outstanding Service – Grid**
- Member of the Year**
- Worker of the Year**
- E Gordon Warren Steward of the Year**
- Regional Rookie Driver of the Year**
- Regional Driver of the Year**
- National Rookie Driver of the Year**
- National Driver of the Year**

I hope to report on National, SARRC, ECR, and Solo national champions in the next newsletter, but this month I would like to recognize those from NCR who finished in the top 5 or above at the 2007 SARRC Invitational Challenge (SIC) at Roebing Road.

Claus Platt 4<sup>th</sup> SM; Dan Upchurch 4<sup>th</sup> FC; Grover McNair 3<sup>rd</sup> IT7; CC Walker 2<sup>nd</sup> CFF; John Gaither 4<sup>th</sup> CFF; Basil Marchi 4<sup>th</sup> F500; John Wilkins 3<sup>rd</sup> ITB; Neal Harrison 4<sup>th</sup> ITB; Wayne Quick 3<sup>rd</sup> GTA; Steve Epley 1<sup>st</sup> ST; Russ Snow 1<sup>st</sup> T1.

Congratulations everyone! 🏁

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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 Triangle Chapter met on September 5, just a few days before the PDX at Rockingham, and much of the pre-dinner conversation was about that, who was going and in what capacity. It seemed that almost everyone was planning to take part. That chatter served another useful purpose, too, even for those who were not planning to attend. Glenn and Alana Long discovered that their son Chris had signed up to be an instructor and that his star pupil was to be his fiancée. I mean, of course, that while they knew already that Chris was engaged, they didn't know that he was planning on teaching his betrothed how to drive fast on the high banks of the North Carolina Speedway before the wedding, and in his car. Makes sense to me. If she doesn't like speed, how could she ever fit into the Long family?

We were entertained before dinner by some in-car video provided by Chapter Coordinator, Blair "Pepe" Stitt. Only this wasn't your usual, "looking over Pepe's shoulder out the windshield", video of some event he'd run. No, this was in-car footage of Region-member Don Vicini at Road Atlanta from some four or five years ago. Why was this video selected? So that Pepe could show us all what it looks like when your pressure plate separates from the clutch and bangs hard into the bottom of your hood, tearing through assorted brake and fuel lines on the way. There was a big thump as the hood buckled from below, and then slowly and inexorably the fire began peeking out from under the edges of the hood as Don exited the vehicle, with the video still rolling. We all watched helplessly as the fire got bigger and bigger, because even though Don pulled off course pretty close to a corner station, the first marshals on the scene did not shut off the kill switch. The fuel pump kept feeding the fire despite their efforts with the hand-held extinguisher. How sad. The result was that the fire was well underway by the time the fire truck arrived. It was a good object lesson about pulling off as close to a corner station as possible when you really need help, and for the corner workers, why you always want to take a fire bottle to a disabled car and why you always want to make sure the kill switch has been thrown when you get there. The video was highly entertaining in any case, and provided a natural segway for the news that EV Chief Rick Moser had asked for, and received, monetary support from the Region BoD to send three people to the upcoming professional fire school in Caswell County.

Under old business it was noted that, thanks to the double Carolina Cup, we finally made money at our August National, but we are still eagerly awaiting a firm date for our double National next Spring at VIR. (*Not any more! Date confirmed by VIR, April 18-20. -Ed.*) Sam Fouse announced that Dan Robeson's first place win at the August event clinched him the SEDIV Championship in GT Lite. As for himself, Sam noted that he "did not blow up nor get run into", which made him even happier than the second place finish he got in the same class. Congrats to you both, guys! Scott Gallimore took home a third in IT-7 and Pepe was first in IT-7 both days in Cup competition. Congratulations, fellas!



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In other news, it was noted that there is an "I support SCCA workers" decal for sale at our events, which costs \$30 dollars, and the proceeds go into the North Carolina Region worker fund to help pay for those worker credits. I expect you will start seeing those five-inch yellow circles on the backs of racecars and trailers all over the VIR parking lot. Finally, in the last item of new business, it was announced that illuminated number boards would be required for the 13-hour "Charge of the Light Brigade" enduro, but the good news was that we had arrived at a group discount price of just \$170 per car. Numbers on racecars after dark? What a concept! I won't have to inform race control, when asked for the number and color of the car that spun, that none of the cars have numbers or colors from where I'm standing. All I saw was whirling head and tail lights.

And speaking of spins, why not spin your headlights in our direction on the evening of the first Wednesday in October, the 3<sup>rd</sup>, and join us at El Rodeo for the next meeting of the Triangle Chapter? It'll be lively as always, I promise you.

I'll see you there . . . or at the races! 🏁

## Where NCR Meets :

### Cape Fear Chapter - Wilmington

First Tuesday of the Month 7:00 pm  
McAlister's Deli Meeting Room  
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Richard Franklin\*, Chapter Coordinator

### Cape Fear Chapter - New Bern

First Thursday of the Month 7:00 pm  
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### 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  
4911 Central Park Lane, Durham  
(919) 474-8833 **All Welcome!**

\* see Chapter Coordinators' contact info on page 2

## West Chapter Notes

by Ed Wentz

A friend recently mentioned that “crow tastes just like chicken...just use a little BBQ sauce, it’ll be fine.” With this I start this month’s column.

In my last column I made a criticism of Race Control during our Oak Tree National race weekend at VIR. Since then, I have had at least three challenges to my comment. The small bore Formula car race did have an incident at Turn 1 that caused the race to be stopped, and all competitors were re-gridded and the race continued to the satisfaction of the drivers; however, I did not have all my facts in when I made my comment. In fact, I had used second or third-hand information and did not check my facts. I hadn’t claimed to be a journalist, but I will strive in the future to get the complete story before making comment in print.

There were some other issues in the Production Race, but it was incorrect to lay the blame solely on Race Control. After having received a protest on my column regarding this, I inquired into the ‘mechanism’ of race control, and found that my assumptions were incorrect. I had been told that these issues have been handled. As an aside, an in-depth read of the GCR will provide one with answers. I had the advantage of someone giving me the highlights that were pertinent to this discussion. The comment was also made that to know the GCR may also give you an advantage over your competitors. Did you know that if a race is black-flagged on the first lap, and the field is not re-gridded, that the track is green and you start racing as soon as you are back on it? Apparently neither did most of the competitors during the aforementioned Production race.

Since I have made the effort to have my comments printed, I feel that I should also make this effort to offer an apology to those who have been slighted.

It’s difficult not to choke on the feathers.

Our PDX at Rockingham had a lot of people on the track with smiling faces! I was one of the instructors, and had the pleasure of instructing Pam Tighe in her Honda CRX with a V-Tec engine, and Chris Pierce in his Miata with a 347 c.i. (302 stroked to 347) Mustang engine! I was concerned about the Miata with a short wheelbase and a strong motor, and hoping that the handling wasn’t horrible. It was a pleasant surprise to find the car was relatively neutral. Chris did a good job of modulating the throttle coming out of turns, and the car was a rocketship on the banking.

We had a little excitement when Chris announced that we had no brakes when entering Turn 4 in the infield, he did a good job of scrubbing off speed by making a big loop in the run-off area beyond the turn. However, as we began our second loop of the infield, I started to ask what was going on when I realized the throttle must be stuck also. Chris put it in neutral and cut the engine, bringing the car and our excitement to a nice stop. Good job, Chris, keeping your head in the heat of the battle!

The problem was found to be a flexible braided stainless-steel brake hose that blew out. Apparently it had kinked, and it blew

out at the kink. Ever seen that?


With the help of Joedy Pennington, Rex Deffenbaugh and a few others, Chris was able to get the brake problem fixed and back on the track. Later in the day the throttle issue came up again, and was found to be a loose allen screw used for throttle adjustment. After some overheating and smoking, Chris decided that was enough for the Miata as he wanted it to still be running when he left the track. I hope we see Chris and his Miata back at the track!

Pam was a bit timid when we first went out on track Saturday morning. However, she did a great job of finding and learning the correct line around the track. Some of the turns intimidated her, but she really liked the banking! As her skill and confidence grew, she was taking Turn 3 much faster, and actually attacking Turn 4 (being a long sweeper, this turn bothered her the most).

I learned through the weekend that Pam is a scuba divemaster, and her husband Robert is also an accomplished scuba diver, as well as a past drag racing champ. I heard some interesting stories, such as Robert doing some underwater freelance photography off the coast of North Carolina for the National Geographic magazine. His subject was tiger sharks, from small to large. Personally, I think I’ll stick to the racing.

I was able to drive the V-Tec CRX around the track. If you haven’t driven a car with a V-Tec before, the power comes on above 5,500 RPM. It’s kinda like a turbo kicking in, including the turbo lag, and then it kicks you in the pants and sounds like your ears just opened. By keeping the revs up, the car is pretty darned fast, and fun to drive. I kept the speed down in the banking, since I had Pam as a passenger and were running without a roll cage, and oh yeah, it’s not my car. Thanks to Pam and Robert for the experience, and Pam, it was a pleasure to have you as a student. We hope to see y’all at the track again.

Hopefully more people will come out to future PDX events, participants had plenty of track time!

Before I sign off, I am still reeling with shock of the recent news regarding the passing of Barb Gallimore, wife of Scott. Keep Scott in your thoughts and prayers. Barb had been part of the Banquet Committee for the last few years and was one of those responsible for the success of our annual banquet in Raleigh. And she was Scott’s cheerleader at the track. We have definitely lost one of the younger members of our racing family, and will be missed. 

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# Bench Talk Oct, 2007

Sept 23<sup>rd</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Indy @ the Park Autocross

The 4th annual Indy @ the Park took place under sunny skies and quite warm temperatures for late September.



With temps reaching the high 90's, the 47 competitors were glad to complete their 6 official runs by 2:15pm making it another well run event by the Cape Fear Chapter. The course design was fast and flowing and required numerous gear changes. As usual for this location, obtaining traction is a challenge on the aging surface, but most importantly, we all had great fun!



FTD went to Jeffrey Eng in his SM Class Supercharged Miata @ 42.572 seconds, 1.261 seconds quicker than his closest competitor Roman Ansonov in his V-8 powered 3<sup>rd</sup> generation Mazda RX7.

## Oct 27/28<sup>th</sup> Rumble @ the River Auto-X

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.

**NORTH CAROLINA REGION SPORTS CAR CLUB OF AMERICA**

# RUMBLE AT THE RIVER

**2007 CAPE FEAR AUTOCROSS CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES** **AUTOCROSS Points Event #7**

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**AUTOCROSS NOVICE SCHOOL**  
**October 27th, 2007**  
SATURDAY

If you would like to learn more about autocrossing, we invite you to try our FREE novice school. Space is limited to 30 drivers, so please contact the Event Chair for details.

## Sunday October 28, 2007

LOCATION:	ENTRY FEE(S):	EVENT SCHEDULE:	CONTACT:
New River Air Station Jacksonville, NC	\$20 PRE-REG for SCCA members \$30 PRE-REG for non-members +\$5 REGISTRATION DAY OF THE EVENT +\$10 LATE FEE (After 9am)	<b>8am - 9:00am</b> Registration <b>8am - 9:00am</b> Tech Inspection <b>9:15am</b> Novice Meeting/ Walk-Through <b>9:30am</b> Drivers Meeting (Mandatory) <b>10:00am</b> First Car Off As Time Allows Fun Runs	<b>Walt Driver</b> NCR SOLO2 Event Chair  phone: (910)330-1108 e-mail: driver@gibralter.net

**PRE-REGISTER at [www.ncrscga.motorsportreg.com](http://www.ncrscga.motorsportreg.com) (70 Driver Limit)**

All persons on-site must sign a SCCA release/waiver form. Participants must be at least 16 yrs of age and have a valid driver's license. All participants under the age of 18 must have a minor waiver signed by both parents or legal guardians.

## November 11<sup>th</sup>, Rally around the Pumpkin – New Bern

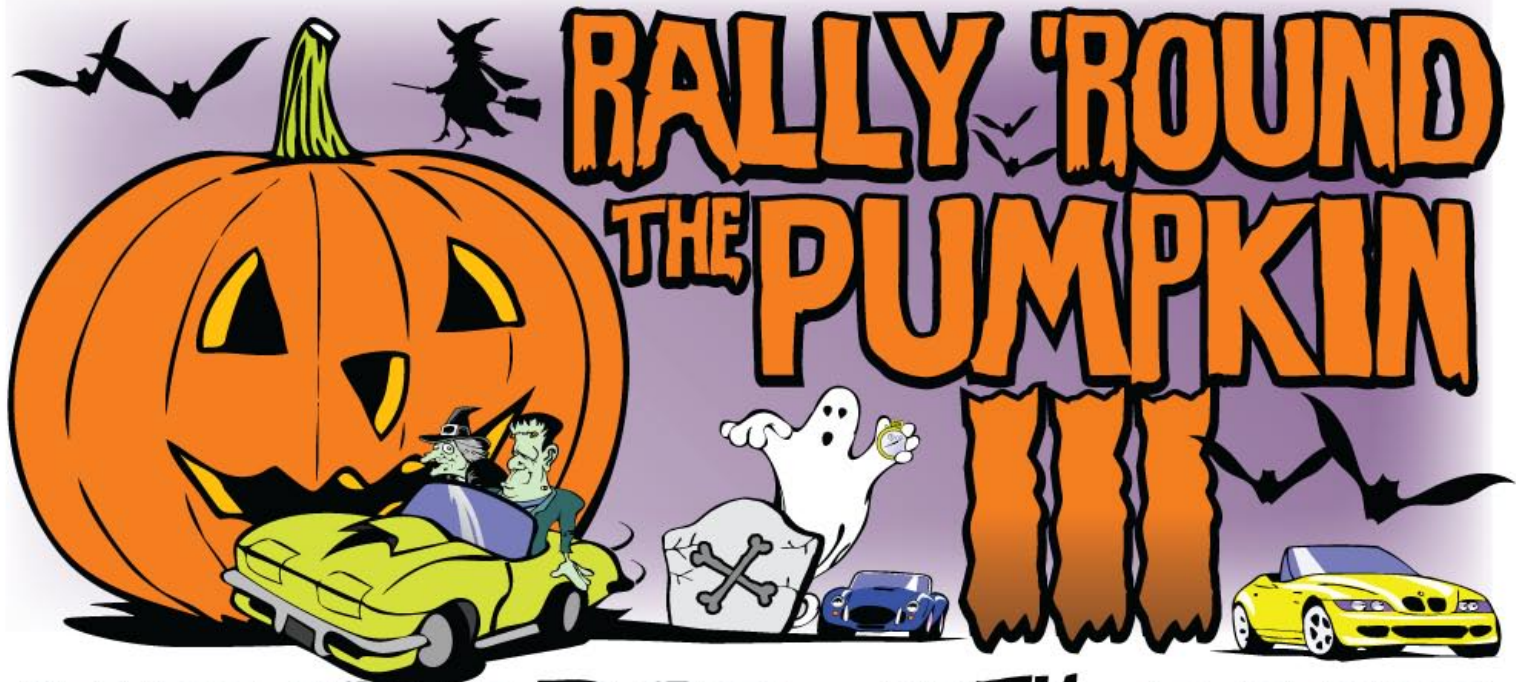
If you have never tried a Road Rally, you should give it a try. TSD Rallying is an event of precision, not a race, and will be taking place on scenic public roads. This event will be run under the SCCA "Social" Road Rally Rules. More info can be obtained by going to [www.scca.com](http://www.scca.com) & click on Rally. If you are thinking about trying this out, please pre-register ASAP!



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# NOVEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup> 2007

All Roadsters, Sport Cars, Coupes & Performance Cars invited to attend

## TIME & LOCATION:

Registration opens at 10am, Rally Starts at 11am and ends by 5pm

Joe Alcoke Auto & Truck Center (Chevrolet Section)  
3405 HWY 17 South, New Bern, NC 28562

## ENTRY FEE:

\$15 Entry Fee (per car) for the Rally payable at registration  
on November 11th

## ADDITIONAL INFO:

This is a Time, Speed, Distance (TSD) fun rally sanctioned by the SCCA  
This is NOT a race, this is a legal event on public roadways  
No equipment other than a working speedometer required  
Driver must be 21 or older and Navigator must be 18 or older



To Pre-register and additional info, visit:  
[www.ncrscga.motorsportreg.com](http://www.ncrscga.motorsportreg.com)  
or call John Wollerton (252) 637-1891

Trophies will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place and marquee trophies  
for specific name brands



In a Road Rally, each team of two people — a driver and a navigator — is given a set of route directions to follow, and the speeds at which they should travel the route. The route will generally consist of rural and quieter back roads.

The goal of a Road Rally is to travel the correct route at the correct speeds, and arrive at "checkpoints" precisely on time. You are scored on how closely to the correct time you arrive. A Road Rally is not a race, and no rally will ever require you to drive in a reckless or illegal fashion. Arriving too early at a checkpoint hurts your score, as does arriving too late.

**Come out and enjoy the back roads with your fellow sports car enthusiasts!**

## Minutes from monthly Board Meeting August 15, 2007

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

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:40 P.M. by Mark Senior, RE, at Rudino's Pizza and Grinders, 4911 Central Park Lane, Durham, NC.
2. Motion (Stitt/Wentz) to approve the Minutes of the July 18, 2007, NCR Board of Directors meeting; Passed.

### Reports:

#### 1. Chapter Reports.

A. West Chapter. Ed Wentz, West Chapter Coordinator, reported that 24 people attended the last West Chapter meeting. The meeting viewed Heather Powers' in car video of portions of her two races at Barber Motor Sports Park. The members at the meeting discussed the recent decision of the NCR B of D to cover the entry and camping fee expenses of the Boy Scouts in connection with their attendance at the NCR National Race at VIR in August.

B. Triangle Chapter. Blair Stitt, Triangle Chapter Coordinator, reported that 23 members attended the last Triangle Chapter meeting. The members at the meeting discussed upcoming NCR events and reviewed the results (financial and entries, etc.) of the AI Fairer SARRC/MARRS Challenge event, held at VIR in May.

C. Cape Fear Chapter/SOLO Program. Richard Franklin, Cape Fear Chapter Coordinator and Chairman of the SOLO Committee, reported that 14 members attended the last Cape Fear Chapter meeting. The SOLO (autocross) event held on July 29<sup>th</sup> was successfully run, in replacement of the cancelled autocross event previously scheduled for the New River Air Station. The Rumble At River autocross event has been scheduled to coincide with the car show. On August 12<sup>th</sup> the Riverfront Grand Prix autocross event was held, wherein each racer received six runs during the autocross; for said event two streets were closed off to accommodate the event. The Indy at the Park Autocross event is scheduled for Sunday, September 23, 2007 at Wilmington Industrial Park on Castle Hayne Road. Also, at the Cape Fear Chapter meeting the upcoming PDX event at Rockingham was discussed by the members present.

#### 2. Committee Reports.

A. Advertising: John Uftring presented to the Board a copy of the ½ page NCR advertisement which will appear in Sportscar, promoting the Region's 5<sup>th</sup> Annual 13-Hour Enduro event, the "Charge Of The Headlight Brigade", to be held at VIR in early November, 2007.

B. Banquet Committee: Rex Deffenbaugh reports that the Banquet Committee has received a signed contract from the hotel, where the banquet and party will be held in January, 2008. The Committee advises that there will be a band for this event; also, some people have already donated some door prizes, but the Committee is seeking more donations for door prizes.

C. Budget and Finance Committee: No report.

D. Charities Committee: Approximately \$800 was raised for the Ronald McDonald House charity during the Region's National Race at VIR in August. The Angels Among Us charity's participation with future NCR race events was discussed and the Board was advised that this charity is excited about its future participation with the North Carolina Region and the Region's linked charity effort in support of the Angels Among Us charity at Duke Hospital.

E. Competition Board: It was reported that no Comp. Board meeting was held last month but that the Comp. Board will be holding a meeting this month regarding the Region's 13-hour enduro race at VIR scheduled for November 2-3, 2007. The NCR B of D discussed certain issues involving Elumaboards and the fact that the Supplemental Regulations for the 13-hour enduro event may need to be amended to deal with the use of Elumaboards at the 13 hour race.

F. PDX/TT: The Region's PDX event is on schedule for Rockingham for the 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> of September. Pre-registration is low at this time. The RE advises that no late fee will be imposed for late registration for the PDX, because of the low pre-registration; the Board was encouraged to advise anyone interested in attending the PDX to go ahead and sign up for the event.

#### 3. Finance

**Treasurer's Report:** The Treasurer provided a Profit & Loss report for the period July 19<sup>th</sup> through August 15<sup>th</sup>, a copy of which report is attached to these Minutes, primarily reflecting income and expenses related to the NCR's National Race held at VIR in August. The Treasurer indicated that she expects this event to about break even, after all expenses for the event have been paid. The Treasurer also submitted a Balance Sheet, as of August 15<sup>th</sup> reflecting, the Region's assets and liabilities as of that date, a copy of which

### Old Business:

1. Paddock Marshall: The RE advises that the Region needs to find a Paddock Marshall, on a permanent basis. Dwight Cook has agreed to act as Paddock Marshall for the 13 hour enduro and the Goblins Go events this fall, at VIR.

2. Sound Control: The Board discussed the issue caused by the late resignation of the Sound Control Chief for the National race at VIR; Sara Snider indicated she will try to recruit an individual to become the Region's Sound Control Chief and requested that the Board approve the Regions' paying the Chief of Sound Control candidate's motel expenses related to her attendance, for training, at the SIC, to learn about sound control operations.

3. Street Smarts: The RE discussed the safe driver program known as Street Smarts, a program initiated by the BMWCCA, which program is supported by SCCA.

### New Business:

1. Board Minutes. Members of the Board discussed some issues related to private and/or confidential information being reflected in the Minutes published in the NCR's Newsletter. The Board authorized the Secretary to prepare a "summary" of the B of D's Minutes, from each Board Meeting, after the Minutes have been approved by the Board, deleting only such information as is confidential, proprietary, and/or relates to privacy issues of individuals mentioned in the Minutes, the summary being for publication in the Region's Newsletter.


2. Contract events with VIR. The RE discussed the process of setting a price to be charged by the Region when VIR employs the Region's workers and rents its equipment to VIR for a VIR (non-SCCA) event. The consensus is to quote prices for the workers separate from the cost of the use (rent) of the Region's equipment by VIR.

3. Boy Scouts as a NC Region charity: The Board discussed the Boy Scouts efforts at helping the track as part of a Boy Scout service project. The Board also discussed the costs (fees) that the track charges the Scouts who attend an NC Region race event, at our invitation. Motion (Pell/Powers) that the Boy Scouts of America group (troops involved) become a designated charity for one of the Region's races at VIR, the proceeds of the designated charity collection to be used to defray the costs associated with the entry fees and camping fees of the Scouts; Passed.

4. Volunteer Memberships: The Board was advised that non-members may obtain one free weekend SCCA membership and obtain a full annual SCCA membership, for an initial payment of \$30, for the first year of SCCA membership. The Board discussed recruiting additional workers by offering a new worker such a membership in SCCA. Motion (Stitt/Powers) that the North Carolina Region pay the \$30 initial membership fee for any new worker for the NC Region, who was not a former SCCA member; Passed

5. Runoff Request: The Board discussed a request that the Region support combining classes into a single group at the Runoffs, where there is a small national class of cars that might otherwise have to be eliminated from the Runoffs, because of low entry numbers. The Board was advised that pre-registration for the SCCA Runoffs is way down for 2007.

6. National Race at VIR: The Board discussed issues regarding the conduct of the National Race at VIR, held in August, particularly with reference to some decisions made during some of the races regarding the 5 minute warning and the use of the black flag, and related black flag procedures.

Motion (Pell/Powers) to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 P.M.; Passed. 

# North Carolina Region SCCA's 5th Annual 13-Hour Enduro

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Here are a few pictures from the recent PDX at Rockingham. To see more, go to <http://ncrscca.com/2007PDX.htm>. Thanks to Don Bayley and Oscar White III for these.



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The race is part of a 10-day charity festival that starts in my hometown of Beaver Falls. The race at BeaveRun includes the big bore cars that would be too fast and unsafe for the park. The week is full of Ralleys, car shows, Autocross events, Car parades and big-time parties that have raised over \$2,000,000 for the Autism Society of Pittsburgh and the Allegheny School for people with mental retardation. I donated a photograph of Lewis Hamilton in his McLaren/Mercedes at this year's Indy F-1 Race. Mercedes was the Marque of the year and featured on many T-shirts and advertising. Bobby Rahal was the honorary Race director for the Schenley park race. Jeff Gordon made a mid-week appearance with his NEXTEL Cup road-course car.



Dwight and I were to man station two (2) with a Ham radio operator as our communicator. We split up when the Flag Chief realized that station five (5) was going to be staffed by first time flaggers from the University of Pittsburgh. I volunteered to work with a fifth year Pitt Co-ed who was my fraternity brother. Dwight headed to turn five with two others. The Steel Cities region of SCCA actually put on the race portions of the week's events. Steel Cities is a smaller region that has been growing since they now have a home track in BeaveRun. That is why the Schenley park race with over 20 stations has non-SCCA corner workers.



Those vintage cars really made a race of it. Sadly, an Austin-Healey 100 limped toward my station after messing up the drivers left side of the car as he hit a wall while taking turn one (1) too fast. He will need two new axles, suspension work, a tire and rim as well as some bodywork before he runs again. There were just a few damaged cars. The big problem was old cars shedding parts and having mechanical failures

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Saturday evening a large party was held for the volunteers with food and drink donated by the many sponsors. Each of us was given a silver colored pin celebrating the 25th anniversary. Those who worked all 25 years were given large die cast models of Fords donated by the local dealership. Everyone got a nice T-shirt. Main sponsor, Crown Royal, showed up with free samples for all over 21 years of age. It is a shame they put that smooth sipping whiskey into Cola.



Dwight is already talking about returning to this fun event next year, this time for the full week. BeaveRun will have its new addition, which will double the full track length to three miles. More SCCA workers will be needed to run that facility. We are thinking about a North Carolina crew for the Schenley park race. Even if you do not work the event, consider joining us and watching this special race for free. It is a venue and experience that you will not soon forget. Donations to their good cause are always accepted. 🏁

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## Remaining 2007 NCR Schedule

- October 5-7**      **Grand-Am KONI Challenge Series (formerly Grand-Am Cup) - VIR**
- October 27-28**      **Rumble at the River Auto-X - New River Air Station, Jacksonville, NC**
- October 27-28**      **“Goblins Go” 2008 SARRC/2007 Double ECR/CCPS – VIR full-course**
- November 3**      **“Charge of the Headlight Brigade” 13 Hour Enduro - VIR full-course**
- November 11**      **“Rally ‘Round the Pumpkin III” - TSD Rally - New Bern, NC**
- November 25**      **RiverView GP - Downtown Wilmington, NC - Auto-X Series Finale!**

## 2008 NCR Club Racing Schedule

- Mar 8-9**      **March Memories SARRC/ECR/CCPS – VIR North course -  
VIR test day on March 7**
- Apr 18-20**      **Double National - VIR full-course - VIR test day on April 17**
- May 10-11**      **Double SARRC/Double MARRS – VIR full-course - VIR test day on May 9**
- June 28-29**      **Regional – Rockingham (tentative)**
- Sep 13-14**      **PDX – Rockingham (tentative)**
- Oct 25-26**      **Goblins Go 2009 SARRC/2008 Double ECR/CCPS – VIR full course -  
VIR test day on Oct 24**
- Oct 31-Nov 1**      **13 Hour “Charge of the Headlight Brigade” Enduro - VIR full-course**

Legend

- Club Racing Events
- Solo/Autocross Events
- Non-Racing Track Events
- Contract Events
- Rally