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The plan is for *The Bulletin* to go to press on the Monday after the last Chapter meeting of the month (see *Where NCR Meets*, on the last page of this document, for Chapter meeting schedule). There is no hard and fast deadline for editorial submissions, but they should be in by the weekend after the last Chapter meeting for inclusion in that month's issue.

Report

by Glenn Long

I thought that it would be appropriate to start off the New Year with a summary of 2008 and what the foreseeable future looks like for our region.

First off I'd like to thank you all for your countless hours and dedication to not only the region, but also to your contribution in the advancement of our sport. Together this year we've endured the fastest rise in fuel prices that our country has ever seen, yet you turned out to support each other and our customers. You've welcomed many new members and guests and have made them feel the true sense of family that we all enjoy with each other. You have endured heat, rain and cold, yet continue to improve our events in virtually all aspects. I can sum up my appreciation by in one simple phrase... YOU ROCK!

So, what did we do in '08? Well we hosted 20 events, and had record attendance at several. We had new faces at almost every board meeting; we worked on tracking our financials at a new level to ensure that we spent wisely. We tried new methods to attract and retain our membership. We had fun. We attended and represented each other at divisional and national meetings. We sent out a survey to get your feedback and input (the results of which will be compiled and published here in a future issue). We had events which strictly focused on attracting racers from other clubs and organizations. We increased our advertising budget and the publications where we advertised, which proved beneficial in increasing our attendance at many events. We raced and played safely. We lost some of our friends and family. In short, we had a very memorable year.

How'd we do in '08? Overall we lost money due to a number of things, such as... increased promoter fees, rising costs of putting on events, more worker credit reimbursements and having reduced attendance at our March event. We did see 3 major events make money though: March Memories, the Double National and the Goblins Go. The other road racing events lost money as did our solo program.

What's planned for '09? A balanced budget and lots of great events. I have asked the Budget and Finance committee, with help from the specialty chiefs and committee chairs, to create a budget that reflects a 15% reduction in revenue, and yet projects a break even 2009. Given the current economic picture; we are anticipating a reduction in event participation numbers, thus the 15% reduction in revenue. We would be remiss if we entered the year without a zero based budget, and based on lots of folks' hard work, we have achieved that goal with minimal impact to our events.

Speaking of events, we still have a full schedule of solo and club races that include two PDXs and an inter-club challenge race at Rockingham in June. We will have our good MARRS friends returning for the Al Fairer SARRC/MARRS Challenge in March. And, as you may have heard, with the resurrection of the Trans-Am series, we will be hosting one of the premier Trans-Am races of the year at VIR during the Oak Tree Double National weekend. It's looking like its going to be another outstanding year for the North Carolina Region.

In closing, I'd again like to say thank you for your help and support to the region and ask that you bring new friends to each event. Please let your Chapter Coordinators and your Board members know what you're thinking. And whenever possible, please participate in whatever way you can in '09.

Trans-Am Series Returns to VIR

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Three additional races will be announced shortly.

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

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

History

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

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

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

Regulations and Administration

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

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

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

2009 MUSCLE MILK SCCA TRANS-AM SERIES SCHEDULE *		
Date	Venue	With
March 21-22	Road Atlanta, Braselton, Ga.	Atlanta National
April 17-19	VIRginia International Raceway, Alton, Va.	North Carolina National
May 15-17	Mosport International Raceway, Canada	SPEED World Challenge
June 12-14	Portland International Raceway, Portland, Ore.	Oregon Region National
July 11-12	Watkins Glen Int'l, Watkins Glen, N.Y.	Finger Lakes National

West Chapter Report

by Ed Wentz

A Happy New Year to all our North Carolina Region members and their loved ones. I hope y'all had a good Christmas season.

I would like to thank John Lindquist for filling in for me at the December West Chapter Meeting in Greensboro while I was away on vacation. From what I have heard, John did a great job. This was the first West Chapter Meeting that I have missed since I have been the Chapter Coordinator; 2008 closed out my third year in this position.

John is also getting an exhibit booth at the Hot Rod Show at the Greensboro Coliseum to help promote the North Carolina Region and SCCA. This is his second year of doing this and is trying to get a GT-1 car to display. Some of us helped him last year and enjoyed meeting people to talk about our club, as well as getting to see the various hot rods and drag race cars on display. We would be glad to have your help, the show is Friday, January 30 & Saturday, January 31.

By the time you read this, we should have had our annual banquet which this year was in Wilmington, NC. We are looking forward to it, and hope that many from the West and Triangle Chapters will make the trek to the coast.

Congratulations to Heather Powers who was just elected as our Assistant Region Executive (vice-president, if you will). Also congrats to Steve Keadle, our new Treasurer, and Ron Gentry as our newest Member-At-Large. A big thank you to our outgoing staff: Sara Snider, Rex Deffenbaugh, Joedy Pennington for their service to the North Carolina Region.

I am looking forward to a great year of racing. As you have probably heard, the Trans-Am series is back, and will be joining us at our Double National weekend at VIR in April.

Our first local Chapter meeting will be in Greensboro on February 3rd at Coopers Ale House on Market Street. Hope to see you there and at the track!

2009 CCPS Schedule

March 7- 8 NCR @ VIR

May 23-24 CCR @ CMP (dbl)

June 27-28 NCR @Rockingham

Aug 15-16 SCR @ CMP (dbl)

Oct 24-25 NCR @ VIR (dbl)

CORRECTION

The Bulletin -- November 2008 Page 9 -- Steve Keadle, candidate for Treasurer

My name is Steve Keadle and you may have read a glowing endorsement by Rex Deffenbaugh in the Nov 2008 bulletin or the Region's website, supporting my nomination for Treasurer of the region. In his statement, Rex indicated I was a Certified Public Accountant (CPA). I'd like to correct that misstatement. Although I have 22 years experience in both accounting and tax preparation, I have never taken the CPA examination. If you have concerns regarding my qualifications, please contact me at your convenience. My e-mail address is: stevekeadle@yahoo.com and my phone number is, leave a message, 919-601-5544.

Bench Talk, January 2009

Spring Fling @ UNCW...

Is everyone ready to race? Well, I hope so, because the 2009 Cape Fear Autocross Championship Series kicks off with the Spring Fling @ UNCW on February 22nd. This event will be held at UNCW's satellite parking lot located at the Old College Road Movie Theater site behind Taco Bell on South College Road.

Pre-registration is open for the February 22nd Spring Fling @ UNCW at www.myautoevents.com. Look for a full write up after this event is in the books!

Planning for 2009...

While we are still working on a full autocross schedule for 2009, we are planning 9 points events and 1 non-points event this season. We are planning to hold 4 events at New River Air Station in Jacksonville, NC. We will also hold 2 FREE Saturday Novice Schools at New River Air Station in conjunction with our regular autocross events. We are also planning to return to Trask High School in Pender County for at least one event this season. We will return to Downtown Wilmington in 2009 with a Saturday night finish in August and our Season Finale Charity event in November! We are also trying to put together an event in the Raleigh area for 2009. It looks to be a full and exciting season! As always, stay tuned to www.ncrscca.com for the full schedule and any updates!

"Last Minute Autocross" in Myrtle Beach...

The South Carolina Region is getting an early jump on 2009 with a local autocross at the Myrtle Square Mall in Myrtle Beach on January 11th. Going with tradition, some of our regular NCR competitors are going to take the short drive to try and 'steal' a few trophies! There will be an added challenge because this autocross is the morning after the NCR Annual Awards Banquet in Wilmington! Look for a full write up on this event next month! For more details, check out www.scsportscar.com.

Monthly Meeting Changes for 2009!!! IMPORTANT INFORMATION BELOW!!!

Beginning in February 2009, there will be some changes to our monthly Cape Fear Chapter meetings. First, there will no longer be any meetings in the New Bern area due to a lack of membership in that area. Second, the Wilmington area meetings will alternate locations from month to month. We will hold our February meeting at National Speed located at 6779 Gordon Road in Wilmington. Our March meeting will be held at German Speed Merchants located at 300 Old Dairy Road in Wilmington. We are also planning to have at least one monthly meeting in the Jacksonville area in 2009. The Wilmington meetings will continue to be held on the 1st Tuesday of the month, starting at 7pm. As always, check out www.ncrscca.com for any updates!

Last Call for Your E-mail!!!

I am currently working on updating the Cape Fear Chapter SCCA E-Mail List. If you would like to receive regular e-mail updates about upcoming SOLO events, SCCA special events, National Speed special events, or GSM track days, just send your e-mail address to draughonb@yahoo.com.

Annual Meeting & Awards Dinner

by James Shanks

The 2008 Annual Meeting and Awards Dinner was a rockin' good time. Planned by a committee of members of the Cape Fear Chapter, Chapter Coordinator Brad Draughon, Maria Mayorga, and Devon Galbraith, the event was held in historic downtown Wilmington and it was a treat to attend. The setting was the St. Thomas Preservation Hall, which is a de-sanctified Catholic Church. With all the pews and the altar removed long ago, it's now simply a charming brick building with high ceilings, warm wood floors and two stories of stained glass windows. Round tables for up to eight guests filled the floor, and there was a bar set up in the back. Cape Fear Chapter member and well-known autocrosser Marcus Womer was responsible for that. Marcus owns Wormwoods Bar and Grill, a popular Wilmington restaurant, and his wife Beth was one of the bartenders. Many thanks to you both! The bar is always a busy spot at every annual meeting I've ever attended. Dinner was a catered affair with your choice of chicken or roast beef, with salad and dessert. I hope everyone else enjoyed theirs as much as I did mine.

Of course there was a lot of socializing and bench racing before dinner. There was also entertainment in the form of music and Jeff Eng of Kestrel Racing had a slide show going at the front of the room with photos he had taken at recent autocrosses that the Chapter had hosted. Later he also took photos of the award recipients, but I'm getting ahead of myself.

The business meeting was called to order by RE Glenn Long and the first order of business was to introduce the new officers. The Assistant RE position is now occupied by Heather Powers, Steve Keadle is our new Treasurer, and Blair Stitt and Ron Gentry are our two newest Members at Large. Then he spoke at length about how his administration had worked hard to produce an accurate financial picture of our income and expenses and produce for the first time a full budget we can track our progress against in 2009. We lost money, a bit over \$12,000 in 2008, but that was not too bad considering that nearly \$470,000 passed through our hands. But the really good news is that we have a zero-based budget for 2009 which takes into account an expected 15 per cent drop in income due to the current economic climate. The members attending applauded those efforts.

Next up, James Shanks gave a membership profile outlining the numbers and types of licenses our members hold. Did you know that about 53% of our members are licensed competitors? Were you aware that perhaps as many as 40 percent are volunteers? Then Brad Draughon gave a report on the Solo Program. If I heard him right, we averaged 56 drivers per event, up seven per cent over last year, and they ran a total of 2,832 accident-free runs in 2008! Way to go, folks! Nice job! Brad also thanked his volunteers, the "yellow shirts", who help out at each event, and his predecessor Richard Franklin for giving him a turn-key operation that he could run with and expand. The meeting closed with a mention of the upcoming Trans-Am event to be held in conjunction with our Oak Tree Double National in April as something historic we were going to be a part of in 2009.

The business meeting gave way to the awards presentation. Morgan Mehler, an avid autocrosser who announces at our Solo events, volunteered to act as emcee and he was assisted by Devon Galbraith, who also competes in that sport. Member of the Year went to John Lindquist in recognition of his efforts to promote the Region by getting us a booth at the car show in Greensboro. This was John's own idea and he made it happen for us. John Uftring was awarded Worker of the Year in recognition of the fact that he put his own driving events on hold this year so that he could assist the Region as webmaster, publicist, and corner worker. He worked every event at VIR this year. Hats off to you both! Steve Keadle won the prestigious E. Gordon Warren Steward of Year for his work at our events and in representing the Stewards perspective at our Board meetings.

Jason Owenby and Blair "Pepe" Stitt shared top honors as Regional Drivers of the Year. Of Blair it was said, "This driver will do whatever he can to help out a competitor, from finding parts or finding other people who know better how to fix a problem. He dominated his class in the Carolina Cup Pro Series finishing first in class. He raced in 7 SARRC races and finished 1st in 6 of them. He went to the SIC tied for 1st place, but unfortunately didn't have quite enough to beat the other driver. He has served on the BOD for several years offering comical yet poignant insights. He worked to raise money with lunch-time drive-arounds at VIR to support Angels Among Us - Brain Tumor Center at Duke. He also displayed his car at the Angels' event and got some of his fellow members to help him promote

SCCA.” Jason’s record is equally impressive. Out of 12 races he finished 1st 8 times including a hard earned 1st at the SARRC Invitational Challenge. He earned 192 points with 243 points overall in SARRC. He finished 1st in Spec Miata out of 152 Miatas with points. Awesome, guys, truly awesome.

The 2008 Rookie Driver of the Year in Regional Racing went to Richard Franklin. He went to school and now races at every opportunity, competing in Solo, PDX, Time Trials, Hill Climbs, and Club Racing. The 2008 Solo Driver of the Year was garnered by Jacob Lokken, who helped out at our events as often as he competed in them. Isn’t it great when one of the volunteers earns FTD in his class? Hawk Hibbs took home the inaugural Crew Member of the Year. It seems he crewed for more than one driver at a time in the same weekend. Way to go, guys! That’s the spirit!

The following folks were awarded Outstanding Service Awards for their tireless service in these specialties:

Fire/Rescue	Tim Gardner	Registration	Bill Foster
Flagging & Communications ...	Sam & Mo Overstreet	Registration	Patricia Tantum
Grid	Pam Thompson	Solo	Brad Draughon
Pace Car Communicator	Brenda Lyons	Starter	Jamie Dzencelowcz
Pace Car Driver	Tim Lyons	Timing & Scoring	Phyllis Matthews
Pit	Fred McKinney		

Thank you one and all. And thanks also to Drew Goode, who was awarded Rookie Worker of the Year in Flagging and Communications for his service at our racing events.

At the close of the awards ceremony, the attending members thanked the banquet committee with a big round of applause. Then we turned up the music and got the party started. We danced and partied into the night until some of the more adventurous members took to the streets to find what other nightlife Wilmington had to offer. What can I say? You should have been there!

Thanks to Door Prize Donors

The NC Region wishes to extend heartfelt thanks for the many donations received in 2008. Some volunteers returned their “worker credits” to the Region to purchase door prizes for the banquet. Another volunteer returned worker credits to put towards radio headsets purchases. Many, many drivers donated to the worker fund to support our volunteers through special treats at our events. To each of these individuals, we extend our sincere appreciation.

Jeff Blumenthal	Ken Grammer	Victor Manning	James Shanks
Jose Bonet	“Cricket” Harvey	Ken Maynard	Ed Wentz
Tom Broring	Stan Hinds	Ron Munnerylyn	Derek Whitis
Randy Carter	Wayne Houser	John Nesbitt	John Wysong
Andrew Charbonneau	Tim Hund	Bill O'Brien	Jeff Young
James Clay	Dan Jones	Ken Payson	Production Car Festival drivers
Bill & Sue Davis	Glenn Long	Jean Quick	“Wings & Things” drivers
Ron Earp	Grant MacDonald	Taylor Robertson	VIRginia International Raceway

And the winner is ??????

by Heather Powers

We asked our members to tell the Awards Committee about their fellow members who should be recognized and boy did you respond. We received some great nominations this year and we had a tough time choosing, including several great nominations that allowed us to give a new award for Crew Member of the Year. I hope that we can offer this award again in future years. Our crew members have been the unsung heroes for far too long.

Participating on the Awards Committee is a place where one can be reminded of all of the wonderful people that we have in our region and throughout SCCA. We join the Club because we love cars and the excitement of racing, but we stay because of the friends and family that we gain along the way. I wanted to share some of the comments that we received this year about our friends this year.

She comes all the way from Maryland to help out, even when her husband isn't racing.

She helps out where needed and she takes pride in doing her duty.

He is passionate about doing what he can for the region and its members.

He enjoys SCCA so much he made arrangements for a booth for SCCA at a local car show to recruit new members.

His years of experience working F&C and quick reflexes allowed him to get himself and 2 of his fellow workers out of harm's way when a car came barreling at them.

He has gone from total newbie to one of our top competitors. Has become a Solo Safety Steward and a course designer, all while being enlisted in the Marines and serving a tour of duty in Afghanistan.

He will do whatever he can to help out his competitors, from finding parts to finding someone who might be able to solve whatever the problem is.

Provides encouragement even when everything seems to be going wrong.

It's the love of the sport, good friends, and feeling like you are part of a big family.

Let me offer a special "Thank You" to Eric Danielsen and All Star Impressions for once again providing us fabulous Awards. He created a couple of custom awards for us, the Worker of the Year, which includes a set of flags and the new Crew Member of the Year award which had a metric bolt and wrench for the recipient who crews for a pair of Spec Miatas and a Formula Continental.

Congratulations to this year's recipients.

Summary of Minutes of Board Meeting, October 15, 2008

Present: Glenn Long, RE, Alana Long, John Lindquist, Annie Lindquist, Ron Gentry, Buddy Matthews, Rex Deffenbaugh, Mark Senior, James Shanks, Blair Stitt, Heather Powers and Jerry Pell.

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:34 P.M. by Glenn Long, RE, at “The Cutting Board” in Burlington, North Carolina.

2. Motion (Senior/Shanks) to approve the Minutes of the September 17, 2008, Board of Directors Meeting; Passed.

Financial Reviews:

1. Treasurer’s Report: The Board reviewed and discussed the financial reports forwarded by Ginny, being: the Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual, for the period January 1 through October 14, 2008, and the Balance Sheet as of October 14, 2008. The Board discussed line items 5311 and 5310. The RE will talk with Ginny about said line items and report back to the Board as to same, at the Board’s next meeting. Copies of said identified financial reports are attached to these minutes.

Old Business:

1. Stewards Challenge: The Board of Directors has previously discussed the issue of the best way to obtain the assistance of the Stewards with the desire to reduce the “down time” between race groups, in order to net additional track time. Ron Gentry advised of his understanding as to how the Steward’s attempt to clear the track as quickly as possible before starting a new race group. The Board discussed possible methods and procedures that might be used to better utilize track time, not just by reducing the down time between race groups, but through other possible procedures and other available methods.

2. Elections Committee and Nominations: The Board of Directors discussed the fact the nominations are due before the close of the next Board of Directors Meeting in November for the positions of Assistant RE, Treasurer and two of the Members At Large positions.

3. 2009 Race Chairs by Event: The Board discussed the fact that Sara Snider and Kaye Fairer have carried the burden as the Region’s Race Chairs for the last few years. The RE will communicate with both Sara and Kaye as to their interests in being the race chairs next year.

New Business:

1. 2009 Calendar Issue. Mark Senior reports that there is an open issue relating to the March date at VIR. Presently the Region’s March 7th and 8th, 2009 dates at VIR are in conflict with the Tom Nehl Double National at Savannah, scheduled on those same dates. Mark advises, however, that the Region may only be able to get the March 7th and 8th dates at VIR and the Region should, therefore, go forward with said dates at VIR, which dates are presently scheduled for the March Memories event. Mark reports that the following weekend (March 14th and 15th) is not available at VIR and that, furthermore, said event requires that we have the full course at VIR.

Reports:

1. Chapters:

A- Cape Fear Chapter: No Report.

B- Triangle Chapter: James Shanks, Triangle Chapter Coordinator, reports that 18 members attended the last Triangle Chapter meeting wherein a toast was given in memory of the late Paul Newman, an SCCA racer. The meeting discussed matters from the previous NCR BoD meeting.

C- West Chapter: Heather Powers, reporting for the West Chapter Coordinator, advises that 19 people attended the last West Chapter meeting. The meeting held a discussion of Paul Newman’s racing history with SCCA, and with other sanctioning bodies. Ed advised the meeting as to his work conflicts which are interfering with his duties as Chapter Coordinator, and reported as to some new people who were present at the West Chapter meeting.

2. Committees:

A. Banquet: The Banquet Booklet, which outlines information about the Annual Banquet process, will be sent to the Wilmington group putting on the Banquet, now scheduled for January 10, 2009.

E. Competition Board: No Report.

F. Solo: No Report.

G. PDX/TT: Mark Senior inquired about the Board's intentions regarding future (2009) PDX events. The Board discussed a one day vs. a two day PDX event, or a one day PDX with a one day CCPS event on the second day, which events are to be held at Rockingham. The Board also discussed a Challenge event (race) with other sanctioning groups, such as NASA, BMW, PCA. The Board's intent is to do a two day event at Rockingham in June, 2009, and at least a one day PDX event in September at Rockingham. As to publicity for these events, the Board was advised that it is very important to do early notices to all club websites, via a news release, as to the dates of the Rockingham events and the nature of said events. It is clear that the Region will need to do extra publicity for all future events at Rockingham.

H. Membership: James Shanks, Membership Chairperson, advises that the level of NCR membership is about the same as last month.

I. Publicity: No Report.

J. Charities: Blair Stitt reports that there is no charity event now linked to the Region's 13 Hour Enduro event at VIR. The Board of Directors discussed getting someone from the charity itself involved, to help with their charity event which is linked to the Region's 13 Hour Enduro event.

K. NCR Corner at Rolex: The Board of Directors discussed attempting to provide sufficient NCR workers to fully man a corner station for the entire 24 Hour Rolex race event to be held at Daytona in early 2009.

L. CCPS Events in 2009: The Board discussed Blair's request that the Region needs to determine as soon as possible the Region's tentative 2009 schedule involving Carolina Cup Pro Races. Presently the Region has agreed to host three CCPS races in the Region in 2009.

M. Membership Survey: The Board of Directors discussed the benefits of a member survey to be sent out to all NCR members, for their opinions and feedback. Alana Long volunteered to prepare a proposed membership survey/opinion form to be used by the NCR.

Motion (Senior/Pell) to Adjourn at 9:10 P.M.; Passed.

Summary of Minutes of Board Meeting, November 19, 2008

Present: Steve Keadle, Ron Gentry, Natasha Uftring, John Uftring, Heather Powers, Ed Wentz, Joedy Pennington, John Lindquist, Mark Senior, Rex Deffenbaugh, James Shanks, Blair Stitt, Glenn Long, RE, Michael Spencer, Ginny Condrey, Jerry Pell, and, via telephone, Sara Snider, and for a part of the meeting, via telephone, Brad Draughon.

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:35 P.M. by Glenn Long, RE, at "The Cutting Board" in Burlington, North Carolina.

2. Motion (Snider/Senior) to approve the Minutes of the October 15, 2008, Board of Directors ("BoD") Meeting, with corrections as to the spelling of some names; further, that the dates of March 7 and 8, 2009, are for the March Memories event at VIR, not the Double SARRC/MARRS event, and that Heather Powers gave the chapter report for Ed Wentz, the West Chapter Coordinator, for the West Chapter; Passed, as corrected.

Financial Reviews:

1. Treasurer's Report: The BoD reviewed and discussed the financial reports presented by the Treasurer, including the Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual report, for the period January 1, 2008 through November 18, 2008. The BoD

discussed the funds that are reserved for track rental and worker credit obligations. It is estimated that as of the end of the current calendar year, on a cash basis, the Region will break even, after consideration of deductions for future track rental deposits, for certain track events in 2009. The BoD also received and reviewed the Balance Sheet as of 11/18/08. A copy of these two financial reports are attached to these Minutes. Ginny Condrey advised the BoD as to some confusion in line items 5310 and 5311, appearing on the Profit & Loss report.

Old Business:

1. Stewards Challenge: Sara Snider advised the BoD of some factors that the Stewards must consider that affect the time period(s) between race groups. The RE advised as to certain factors considered, and the process used, by SCCA Pro to attempt to reduce the down time between track sessions, as well as NASA's process for expediting its schedule for non-race groups, so as to reduce the time period(s) between track sessions.
2. Member Survey: Alana Long has drafted a proposed membership survey, a copy of which draft is attached to the packet given out by Ginny, to BoD Members. The BoD was advised that a blind count of the survey returns will be performed. The BoD reviewed and made certain changes and suggestions as to the form of the survey, to be mailed out to all NCR members with the ballot.
3. National Convention: The BoD discussed the SCCA National Convention costs to be incurred by the Region for sending its representatives to said Convention, which costs were previously capped at \$6,000, to cover the costs of sending the Region's RE and Assistant RE to the Convention, with the balance of said \$6,000 to be used, pro rata, by up to 4 other attendees, sent by the Region to the SCCA National Convention.
4. VIR Incident Follow-Up: Heather Powers reported to the BoD as to her observations of "Control" at the Goblins Go event at VIR in October. Heather gave some suggestions to the BoD and also complimented the people in Control, including the operating Stewards, as to their good performance during her observation of the control process at that event.

New Business:

1. 2009 Budget: The RE thanked all members who attended the Budget Meeting on the last Saturday preceding this BoD Meeting. The RE asked for a 15% reduction in projected expenses in 2009, based upon anticipated reductions in future income in 2009. The projected (requested) expense items for 2009 are greater than the projected revenues for the upcoming year, based upon the numbers coming from the representatives attending the Budget Meeting held last Saturday.
2. SEDIV Meeting: The Southeast Division annual meeting is scheduled for January 16th-18th, 2009, at Jekyll Island, Georgia. The BoD discussed the number of representatives which the Region should send to the SEDIV Meeting in January. Motion (Snider/Shanks) that the Region send up to 8 representatives to the SEDIV Meeting in January, at Jekyll Island, and that the Region pay ½ of the motel room cost, the conference registration fee, reasonable meal expense, not to exceed \$25 per day, and the actual fuel costs of the Region's designated representatives. Eligible representatives are members of the NCR BoD, the Region's Specialty Chiefs, the Region's Stewards and the Region's Committee Chairs. Requests to be a designated representative from the Region are to be made directly to Ginny.
3. 2009 Board Nominations: Effective at the close of the current BoD meeting, nominations received for the open BoD positions are as follows: Heather Powers and Sara Snider for Assistant Regional Executive, Steve Keadle and Michael Spencer for Treasurer and Ron Gentry, Joedy Pennington and Blair Stitt for the 2 open Member-At-Large positions.
4. CCPS: The tentative recommendations for CCPS races in 2009 at NCR race events are: a CCPS race at the March Memories event at VIR, a CCPS race at the June event at Rockingham and two CCPS races at the Goblins Go event at VIR in October.

Reports:

1. Chapters:

A- Cape Fear Chapter: No Report.

B- Triangle Chapter: James Shanks, Triangle Chapter Coordinator, advised that approximately 23 members attended the last Triangle Chapter meeting. The members discussed problems with the Region's headsets; the Triangle Chapter recommends to the BoD that the Region buy 20 new headsets, at \$280 each. Sara advises that approximately 5 single earpiece headsets were acquired at \$20 each. She also advises that one of the Region's corner station control (red/yellow/yellow) lights was broken at the 13-hour event and that a replacement light is needed, as there is no longer any extra units in reserve. Blair Stitt displayed the award received by the Region from the Angels Among Us Charity.

C- West Chapter: Ed Wentz, West Chapter Coordinator, reported that 12 members attended the last West Chapter meeting, wherein the last 2 races at VIR were discussed. The Chapter also discussed the PDX event held at Rockingham and the efforts put forth to contact other car clubs, in order to promote said PDX event.

2. Committees:

D. Banquet: The Cape Fear Chapter, which is hosting the annual banquet, has given the Region information for the Notice of Banquet postcard, including the information about the details of the Banquet, to be held in January, 2009, in Wilmington.

E. Competition Board: No Report.

F. Solo: No Report.

G. PDX/TT: The Rockingham track rental contract is in process. Mark Senior advises of the need to now pin down what races and events the Region will run at Rockingham in 2009; this matter will be considered by the Comp. Board at its next meeting.

H. Membership: James Shanks advised that the Region now has approximately 875 members; the Board discussed the projected income from membership fees from NCR members.

I. Publicity: John Uftring advised the BoD as to 4 advertisements he placed relating to the Region's races. John reported as to advertising a future SCCA/NASA Challenge race, said advertising to be targeted for same. The BoD discussed the Region's advertisements, and other methods used, and their effectiveness, regarding promoting track events sponsored by the Region, including its PDX events.

J. Charities: Blair Stitt advised the BoD that presently the Region's selected charities next year will be the same charities as supported this year, unless subsequently revised by the BoD.

K. Track Rental Contracts: The BoD discussed the track rental contracts being considered for its events in 2009. The BoD discussed the VIR contract form, including the fuel restriction clause, and other issues of concern with reference to the VIR track rental contract with the Region. The RE will discuss the BoD's concerns as to certain contract issues, with VIR, including the increased fee. The BoD also discussed some issues regarding the terms of the proposed Rockingham track rental contract.

The nominations to the BoD, as indicated in item 3. under New Business, were announced at the end of this BoD meeting.

Motion (Pell/Powers) to Adjourn at 10:05 P.M.; Passed.

Don't forget about the CCPS Banquet on January 31st!

by Estus White

Just want to remind everyone about the CCPS banquet. This thing is going to be the social event of the year! We have about 50 to 60 signed up to attend so far, but we want everyone to attend that wants to. We are going to extend the RSVP date to January 23, 2009. All the banquet information can be found on the CCPS web site at www.carolinacupproseries.com.

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2009 NCR Schedule

February 22	Spring Fling @ UNCW - Auto-X
March 7-8	“March Memories” SARRC/Double ECR/CCPS - VIR
March 22	Rumble at the River, New River Air Station - Auto-X
April 5 (tentative)	SOLO Challenge, Location TBA (Non-Points Event) - Auto-X
April 17-19	“Oak Tree” Double National and Muscle Milk SCCA Trans-Am Series - VIR
April 22-25	Formula SAE Event (Grand-Am Rolex weekend) - VIR
May 9-10	“Al Fairer SARRC/MARRS Challenge” Double SARRC/Double MARRS - VIR
May 16-17	MayDay on the Runway, New River Air Station (Saturday FREE Novice School) - Auto-X
June 14	Cross of the Titans, Trask High School (Pender County) - Auto-X
June 27-28	SCCA/Inter-Club Challenge—Restricted Regional/PDX - Rockingham Speedway
July 12	Sounds of Freedom, New River Air Station - Auto-X
August 22	RiverFront Grand Prix, CFCC (Downtown Wilmington) (Saturday Night Finish) - Auto-X
Sept. 12-13	Restricted Regional/PDX - Rockingham Speedway
Sept. 27 (tentative)	Auto-X TBA
October 10-11	Return to the River, New River Air Station (Saturday FREE Novice School) - Auto-X
Oct. 24-25	“Goblins Go” 2010 SARRC/CCPS/ECR - VIR
Oct. 30-31	“Charge of the Headlight Brigade” 13 Hour Enduro - VIR
November 22	RiverView Grand Prix Charity Event, CFCC (Downtown Wilmington) (Auto-X Season Finale!)

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Where NCR Meets

Cape Fear Chapter - Wilmington

First Tuesday of the Month 7:00 pm
Meeting location will alternate between:
German Speed Merchants
(Feb, April, June, Aug, Oct, Dec)
300 Old Dairy Rd. (just off Market St.)
and

National Speed
(March, May, July, Sept, Nov)
6779 Gordon Road

Brad Draughon*, Chapter Coordinator

Triangle Chapter - Raleigh

First Wednesday of the Month 7:00 pm
El Rodeo Mexican Restaurant
Hwy 70 at Pleasant Valley
James Shanks*, Chapter Coordinator

West Chapter - Greensboro

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

NCR Board Meeting - Burlington

Third Wednesday of the Month
Dinner at 6:00, Meeting at 7:30 pm
Cutting Board Restaurant
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I-85/I-40 Exit 143 - frontage road is Ramada
(336) 229-2770 **All Welcome!**

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