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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.

Hello from Daytona!

While most of us were watching the Daytona 24 Hour race on TV, several NCR members were there, at the track, doing what they love...flagging! What follows are from three of those flaggers, recounting their experiences.

From Jamie Dzencelowcz:

It's been 3 months since the Kuhmo Tires Charge of the Headlights Brigade 13 Hour Endurance race at VIR and I can speak for everyone from NCR when I say that we all suffered from racing withdrawal and desperately needed to go racing again. So what better way to satisfy our racing appetite in January than a trip to sunny Daytona Beach, Florida for the 47th running of the Rolex 24 Hours of Daytona. I attended this race one other time in 2007 as a spectator, but this was my first Rolex 24 as an SCCA volunteer. I can't put into words the feeling I got when I first entered the infield through the Turn 4 tunnel at Daytona International Speedway. The pageantry and prestige that this event brought made my experience so unbelievable. Plus it was great to work with all of my SCCA friends again.

I only worked the Saturday and Sunday of the 24 Hour race itself, but in the 13 total hours that I did work in those 2 days, I got my fair share of action. I had the pleasure of working 9 of my 13 hours (3:30pm-6pm, 12am-3am, 9am-12:30pm) in the start stand with a team of both Grand-Am and local starters lead by CFR member and Grand-Am chief starter Tani Miller. Her expertise, professionalism and passion for the sport showed throughout the entire race, and she was a blast to work with. She helped me better my blue flagging skills (particularly at night) and kept me up to date on what was going on behind the scenes throughout the race. It was also a pleasure to briefly work with Grand-Am starters Lee Brantley and Harris Fisher, along with CFR Starter Al Harhay and VIR flagger and NASA starter Steve Bridges (who also spent some time with us at Turn 5). The other 4 hours that I worked (7pm-11pm) were spent in Turn 5 with all of the NC Region workers led by shift captain and dedicated NCR co-flag chief Eric Danielsen, and workers Terry Whitt (new SCCA member!), Alan Martin, Jameson Jones, Heather Clark, Julie Snow, Todd Cohen, Walker Nelms, and GH Jones. Working Turn 5 was an amazing experience. Not only did I get to see the fierce racing action at our turn, but the back drop was the 31 degree banked Turns 1 and 2 of the oval where the cars would re-enter and perform chaotic and banzai passes on each other.

Since this was my first time working a race at Daytona, this was my first experience working with the Central Florida Region SCCA and they were excellent hosts. Flag Chiefs Bill Martin and Richard Kasson and CFR RE Rick Balderson made me feel welcome and took care of any concerns that I had. They had a great pizza and beer party Friday night when I arrived. The canteen that they provided in the infield was always stocked with plenty of food (and good food, too), snacks, and caffeinated beverages throughout the whole 24 hour race. They also had a sit down area with leather couches to relax on with big screen HDTV's to watch the race, and there was plenty of conversation and story telling among all the workers. Even during the overnight hours when I was fighting fatigue at 1:30 in the morning, race control entertained us with Daytona 24 hour racing trivia.

I didn't know what to expect working the Rolex 24 at Daytona for the first time, but I came away with a memorable experience that I will cherish for a very long time. I got to talk to a lot of the spectators during the race who appreciated us giving up our free time to be there at our expense despite the shaky economy. They even took pictures of me in the start stand (which was a little weird at first). The finish was one for the ages. After 24 Hours, 25 Full-

course yellows (a new record), 735 laps and 2,616 miles (also a race distance record in the DP era), you still had 4 cars on the lead lap (a new record) and the team of David Donahue (whose father, the late Mark Donahue, won this race 40 years ago for Penske), Darren Law, Buddy Rice, and Antonio Garcia in the #58 Brumos Porsche Riley held off a frantic charge from Scott Pruett, Memo Rojas, and Juan Pablo Montoya in the #01 Target Chip Ganassi Lexus Riley by a mere 0.167 seconds at the finish to give Team Brumos it's first DP win in 6 years and it's first Rolex 24 overall win in over 30 years. It was also the closest finish in Rolex 24 history and believably the closest finish in international 24-hour endurance races. In fact, the top 4 lead lap cars were separated by less than 11 seconds at the finish. GT honors went to the #67 TRG Porsche GT3 team of RJ Valentine, Jorg Bergmeister, Patrick Long, Andy Lally, and Justin Marks giving Porsche a clean sweep at Daytona. For a little icing on the cake for the weekend, during the race Roy "Zee" Ogletree, a resident of Columbus, GA, put his name into the Guinness Book of World records by riding his jet ski 900 laps around Lake Lloyd for a total distance of 1,080 miles in 24 hours breaking the old world distance record of 640.6 miles set by Davor Hundic in Croatia in June of 2006. The weekend couldn't have ended any better!

From Eric Danielsen:

Rolex 24-Hours of Daytona - Once again NCR F&C volunteers worked the 24. Ten people from our area responded to calls for workers for this international event. Eric Danielsen - NCR Co-Flag Chief, Terry Whitt - New NCR SCCA Member!, Alan Martin - NCR, Jameson Jones - NCR, Heather Clark - NCR, Julie Snow - NCR, Jamie Dzencelowcz - NCR, John Brotbeck - SCR, Todd Cohen - BRR, Walker Nelms - NCR, GH Jones - NCR and Steve Bridges - Future NCR Member converged in Daytona January 22-25. For five members, this was their first time at a race track other than VIR.

To prepare for the event we reviewed the Grand-Am Sporting Regulations pertaining to Flagging. We also refreshed ourselves with the SCCA F&C Manual.

Interestingly, working station 5 for the 24-Hour required us to apply all the F&C items found in the manual. In addition to the regular flagging and communications positions, we had a point position with a radio, a flashing yellow light to operate, and lots of well-behaved spectators to deal with. We had a Corner Captain and two Assistant Captains to cover the three shifts we had in rotation. Our station had a fire truck and an ambulance staged to respond. We also had the responsibility to wave crippled cars off the track as directed by race control since it was the last chance a car could pull off without causing a full course yellow. We were a fore-warning station for the Black Flag Station. Rarely does an F&C worker get to experience all of the possible duties required of the specialty at one station.

It was a fabulous way to start the 2009 racing season. The weather was splendid. The Central Florida Region SCCA took very good care of us and their food was wonderful and plentiful. We made new friends. And oh yeah, the racing was incredible, too!

From Jameson Jones:

First, it was an absolute blast getting a chance to be able to work with some of my fellow NCR folks as well as the new faces that I got to meet and team up with from CFR at Turn 5. The CFR folks really knew how to put on the hospitality for such a huge event and I am really looking forward to possibly work the 12 Hours of Sebring in March.

Second, me attending this event would not be possible without the love and support of my parents. My parents are amazing when it came to the support of helping me trying to figure out logistics of transportation and funding so that I could attend this world-class event. I hope that in 2010, they will be coming with me to this amazing event.

Third, I know Eric could be witness to this firsthand. I could not stop smiling from the time I first entered the speedway on Thursday afternoon until Sunday afternoon when I left the speedway for the last time of the weekend. Anything from being able to work the night practice to seeing Danica and Chip in the paddock as well as working the 3:30 AM to 6:30 AM shift at Turn 5, I was happy just being able to participate in this huge event as a worker and fan. Regardless of what people think of NASCAR, the true smile holder was at Saturday morning's worker meeting when two Grand-Am officials spoke about the type of job we were doing as corner workers.

I hope to see some of my fellow NCR workers at Atlanta Region's 6-Hour Enduro/SARRC in February and the 12 Hours of Sebring in March.

Triangle Chapter Report

by James Shanks

The first meeting of the Triangle Chapter for 2009 was a big one. Many old friends who had not been to a meeting in years turned out, as well as some new friends. We were within two chairs of being standing room only! We met new member Brand Hicks and his parents, Marvin and Dawn, who came out to see what we are about. I'm sure we'll see more of them at the track when the weather warms. The Harrisons, Neal and Bibi, brought a friend of their son's from Columbia who was staying with them. Maybe we'll see him at the track too. Old friends included Paul and Christine Newton, up from their retirement home in Carolina Beach, Frankie Lugiano, wife of our departed friend Joe who had been a member for over 40 years, and Barbara Huff, wife of another departed and sadly missed friend, Bob. It was great to see you all! And I hope you can make it out to one of our events. We always have a good time.

The business meeting was fairly short since there had not been a Board of Director's meeting in January. RE Glenn Long reported on the results of the election for those who might not have attended the wonderful year-end celebration in Wilmington last month. He introduced our new Treasurer, Steve Keadle, and Member at Large Blair "Pepe" Stitt, who were present. Then he reported on the SEDIV annual meeting from last month which he called "uneventful", and he said that the Division had received some new compliance-checking tools from the National Office to be used by Tech officials. These would be travelling from race to race around the Southeast Division. Glenn also reported that the Division had suffered a twenty-three thousand dollar loss for the year and as a result had adopted a zero-based budget for 2009 which took into account a projected 15% drop in revenue, much the same as our own Region has done for the same reason.

Other attendees of the SEDiv meeting were invited to share their experiences. Pepe reported that the rules for participating in the SARRC Invitation Challenge (SIC) had been liberalized in order to get more entries. Previously an entrant was required to have finished three SARRC races in order to be part of the SIC. In 2009 an entrant need only to have started three races. This news was the occasion of much laughter when a voice from the back called out, "Hey, Maybe even Wayne [Quick] can go!" Wayne wasn't present but we do wish him well and hope he is more successful this season. Isn't it nice to have friends, Wayne?

Rex Deffenbaugh reported that Mazda is working on a new publicity and sponsorship package for Club racers for 2009 and that he will keep us posted as that develops. And then Glenn Long surprised us all with the announcement of a new Atlantic Enduro Challenge series that his company, Long Road Racing, will sponsor. The series will consist of three events, the three longest enduro events in the Southeast, the 6-hour enduro at Road Atlanta, the 8-hour event at Carolina Motorsports Park, and our own 13-hour Charge of the Headlight Brigade at VIR. As I understand it, points will be awarded by what would be a finisher's SARRC points and then by multiplying those by ten for each event. Trophies will be awarded by cumulative total of points earned in all three events. Glenn said he has already gained buy-in by the officials responsible for those other events, so this is a done deal. More details will follow, but it was exciting to hear that a new points series is born. Hats off to you, Glenn!

Pepe then handed out SARRC trophies to those members present who had not been able to attend the SEDiv annual meeting. Congratulations to Boz Marchi, who won 3rd overall in Formula 500. Boz reported that he finally has a new motor waiting for him in Orlando and that he plans to run Sebring as part of his trip down there to get it. Cool, man! Good Luck! Also present to receive his trophy was Chuck Hines, who had driven up from just outside Fayetteville with buddy and crew chief, Eric Shove, to attend the meeting. Chuck won 5th overall in IT-7, which means that NCR drivers took four of the top five spots in IT-7. Much applause followed this news. We also congratulated Pepe too, since he took second place in IT-7. And finally we applauded Scott Gallimore for his fourth-place finish in IT-7 in the Carolina Cup Pro Series. Well done, guys!

Finally we did round-robin introductions and Chuck Hines floored us all with news that he plans to run 23 races this year. Wow! Now that's a competitor! To heck with economic downturn!

And that about wrapped it up, though many people stayed around after the meeting and renewed old friendships and invited others to come join them for 2009. Why don't you make plans to join us at the next Triangle Chapter meeting, March 4th? We ought to have early-season in-car video to share by then. So I'll see you there . . . or at the races!

West Chapter Report

by Ed Wentz

The racing season is nigh, are you ready? Me either. But our first Regional Race weekend of the year will be here in early March, here's hoping that the warm weather being experienced as this is written is still here. Unlike the evening of the first West Chapter Meeting of the year on February 3rd when it started snowing large snowflakes at about 6:00 PM, which may have made a few of our members stay warm at home. Thanks to those who came out anyway! The rest of the snow promised in the weather forecast decided to stay away that night.

Thanks to Matt Douglas for sharing his in-car video of the Endurance Race at the ARRC (American Road Race Championships) at Road Atlanta in November. Quite entertaining on the large plasma TV at Coopers Ale House.

One topic that got a bit of discussion at this meeting was our Region's budget which has been cut in anticipation of having fewer racing entries this year due to the economy which seems to be sailing along like a lawn dart (i.e: heading down fast). There were some creative ideas mentioned in the effort to have the Region save money. However, I don't think our situation is so bad that we need to go to the government for a handout.

Regardless of the world economy, we are going racing! We have our five race weekends at VIR, one at Rockingham, including a sprint race for big bore and small bore fendered cars on the oval in addition to the road race schedule, and our two PDX events at Rockingham.

Some of our members are not sure that we should be spending money on the PDX events. Personally, I believe in these events as it is a way for us to get exposure from outsiders, giving them an opportunity to have a taste of running at speed while doing it safely. While some may only want to participate in PDX events, others may heed the call to go club racing. To take it a step further, we are planning to have a PDX group run at least one of our VIR events in 2010. Ideally, we would like the PDX events to stand on their own, financially.

In other news, at this time there are four people vying for the appointment by your Board of Directors for the open Member-at-Large position that was made vacant when Heather Powers was elected as Assistant Regional Executive. This is good for our club as it shows that more of our members are wanting to serve and have input to the Board. Obviously only one can be selected, I am hoping the other three will still serve our membership in some capacity as a committee member or other similar position.

That's all for now, see you at the West Chapter Meeting on the first Tuesday of the month at Coopers Ale House on Market St. in Greensboro, or at the track!

Cape Fear Bench Talk, February 2009

Spring Fling @ UNCW...

By the time you read this, our first points event of 2009 will be in the books! The Spring Fling @ UNCW will kick off our 2009 Cape Fear Autocross Championship! Pre-registration is strong for this event, so it is looking to be a great time!! Look for a full write up in the next issue!

Upcoming Events!!!

Our 2009 SOLO schedule is mostly completed, so here are a few updates. Our next event will be held on March 22nd. The Rumble at the River Autocross will be our first event held at New River Air Station in 2009! After that, I am proud to announce the NCSU SOLO Challenge Autocross, being held on April 5th. This event will be held at the McKimmon Center at NCSU. Look for more details regarding this event as it approaches!

As always, stay tuned to www.ncrscca.com and www.myautoevents.com for any schedule updates!

FSAE Event @ VIR...

One of our upcoming events for 2009 is the Formula SAE Event at VIR. It will be held April 22nd – 25th. Formula SAE is a student design competition organized by SAE International (formerly Society of Automotive Engineers). The first competition was started back in 1978 and was originally called the Mini Indy. As in 2008, our SOLO trailer and timing and scoring equipment will be used as part of the event. We are looking for a couple of volunteers from the Cape Fear Chapter to assist with the event. If anyone is interested, just send an email to draughonb@yahoo.com and I will be glad to give you some more information.

Supplemental SOLO Rules...

I have been working very hard in the off-season to update our supplemental rules for the Cape Fear Autocross Championship SOLO program. They are now available on the website at www.ncrscca.com.

Monthly Meeting Updates!!!

Throughout the end of 2009, we will alternate monthly meeting locations from month to month. Our March 3rd meeting will be held at German Speed Merchants. We will return to National Speed for our April 7th meeting. For any more information or directions to our meeting locations, check out www.ncrscca.com.

Got an idea for our club???

As I enter into my second year as Cape Fear Chapter Coordinator, I just want to ask if anyone has any input or ideas for our club. I really feel that our club is growing very quickly and I want to make sure that everyone has a chance to have their ideas heard.

And if anyone is interested in taking on a little more responsibility in the club, we have plenty of opportunities! We could always use a few more yellow shirts to help make these events happen!!

Have an idea or want to get more involved?? Just shoot me an email at draughonb@yahoo.com!!

Brad Draughon
Cape Fear Chapter Coordinator
1991 Nissan NX2000 – ST #20

Shriner's Drag Racing & Hot Rod Expo

by Ed Wentz

The recent Shriner's Drag Racing & Hot Rod Expo held at the Greensboro Coliseum on January 30 & 31 had two unexpected road race cars on exhibit (unexpected to me). West Chapter member John Lindquist had once again rented a booth at this show to expose the Secret Car Club of America to those afflicted with auto-psychosis (my wife's term for us car lovin' freaks) who might want to learn to deal with this dreaded disease on a road race track.

One that I didn't expect was Clint Thomas' SPO (roundy-round-racin' modified turned road racer) race car, which was being shown in the 1320 AM Christian Radio booth, with its fresh bodywork and paint. Clint told me how at an event last August at Road Atlanta the car in front of him took him out at the start line at the start of the race, so now the car is fixed and ready to roll!

The other unexpected car was Tim Lyon's GT-1 Mustang in John Lindquist's NCR/ SCCA booth: I had been expecting Scott Murphy's GT-1 Corvette which became unavailable due to a schedule conflict. Scott did show up Friday evening to visit, he was chagrined to hear that he was beaten by a Mustang this time! But he took it well. Some young kids enjoyed having the opportunity to sit in Tim's race car, including my daughter Sydney. While some were reluctant to get in, they didn't want to get out!

There were all sorts of cars on exhibit. One of my favorites (below) was a stock appearing 1970 Boss 351 Mustang (but, wasn't the Boss 351 made available in the 1971 Mustang, which had a different body than the earlier cars?). There were beautiful old Chargers and Cudas, an El Camino, Novas, various re-engined hot rods (OK, it gets a little tiring to see an LT-1 engine under the hood of every third car...didn't GM make some other engines?), drag race cars, motorcycles of all types, and for those that remember her, Linda Vaughn. Yes, her, the queen of trophy queens. Did you know that she was once an SCCA member with a competition license? Me neither. She has been vice president of public relations of Mr. Gasket Performance Group, and is currently a spokesperson for Prolong Super Lubricants. And still an eye-con.

There were many vendors, including Hank Thomas Performance. If you needed an engine with 450 cubic inches or more, there were plenty! Surprisingly there were no sports car or rotary engine parts for sale.

There were several NCR/SCCA members on hand to help man the booth in addition to John: Doug Hooper, Joedy Pennington, Heather Powers, Darrell Hunter, Tim Lyons and myself. We talked to many people, some of whom were quite interested in learning of our PDX program. One gentleman owns and races one of the drag race cars on exhibit, and it was obvious a small fortune has been spent. He is considering selling it all and getting back to his road racing roots that he abandoned about 30 years ago.

Those of us who were there at the end of the show get a treat when many of the cars crank up and leave under their own power. Quite noisy, and a bit of heaven!

2009 PERMANENT NUMBER APPLICATION FORM

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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	NCSU SOLO Challenge, McKimmon Center, NCSU, Raleigh (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	Back To Twin Rivers, Twin Rivers Mall, New Bern - Auto-X
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:
National Speed
(Feb, April, June, Aug, Oct, Dec)
6779 Gordon Road
and

German Speed Merchants
(March, May, July, Sept, Nov)
300 Old Dairy Rd. (just off Market St.)
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
2699 Ramada Road, Burlington
I-85/I-40 Exit 143 - frontage road is Ramada
(336) 229-2770 **All Welcome!**

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