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March Memories

The North Carolina Region held it's first Club Racing event of the year on the 2.25 mile North Course at Virginia International Raceway on the weekend of March 8-9. If you'll recall, last year we had to run March Memories at Rockingham, due to a scheduling error by VIR management. This year, another error forced us to run on the North Course, rather than the full-course, as we requested. Maybe next year, we'll be back to full-course, and subsequently, full fields for March Memories. Let's hope so!

Race Group 1, ECR A; Classes: ITA, ITB, ITC, ITR, ITS, IT7, SSB, SSC, T3
 Number of Starters: 20; Race Length: 45 laps; Margin of Victory: 1 lap
 Number of Finishers: 18; Overall Average Speed: 67.06 mph;
 Fastest Lap: Car #79, Porsche 944 S2, 1:42.932, 78.693 mph
 Time of Race: 1:30:35.460 hr.

Race Group 2; Classes: SM
 Number of Starters: 30; Race Length 14 laps; Margin of Victory 0.937 sec
 Number of Finishers: 30; Overall Average Speed: 74.421 mph
 Fastest Lap: Car #53, Jason Owenby, 1:47.158, 75.589 mph;
 Time of Race: 25:23.772 min

Pos	#	Class	PIC	Name	Laps	Make/Model	Pos	#	Class	PIC	Name	Laps	Make/Model
1	79	ITR	1	Grafton Robertson Taylor Robertson	45	Porsche 944 S2	1	53	SM	1	Jason Owenby	14	Mazda Miata
2	9	ITA	1	Lawrence Webster Mark Rushbrook	44	Mazda Miata	2	9	SM	2	Lawrence Webster	14	Mazda Miata
3	15	ITB	1	Rob McCabe	44	VW Golf 8V	3	05	SM	3	Michael Hartberger	14	Mazda Miata
4	41	ITA	2	Brent Simonson	44	Mazda Miata	4	06	SM	4	Ron Munnerlyn	14	Mazda Miata
5	51	ITB	2	Derek Lugar	44	VW Golf	5	98	SM	5	Rickey Thompson	14	Mazda Miata
6	59	ITS	1	Ken Maynard John Landrum	44	Porsche 924S	6	90	SM	6	Steve Bertok	14	Mazda Miata
7	35	IT7	1	Jim Jandrisevits Gary Wilson	43	Mazda RX 7	7	39	SM	7	Danny Steyn	14	Mazda Miata
8	54	ITS	2	Anthony Stauffer Jon Clark	43	Porsche 944	8	85	SM	8	Steve Strickland	14	Mazda Miata
9	60	IT7	2	Michael Spencer Blair Stitt	43	Mazda RX 7	9	75	SM	9	Chris Long	14	Mazda Miata
10	28	IT7	3	Robert Mitchell	43	Mazda RX7	10	12	SM	10	Michael Rossini	14	Mazda Miata
11	93	IT7	4	Gregory Gale	43	Mazda RX7	11	2	SM	11	Stephen Saylor	14	Mazda Miata
12	42	ITB	3	Kirk Knestis	43	VW Golf	12	82	SM	12	Rick Gambill	14	Mazda Miata
13	27	SSC	1	Stewart Black William Black	43	Chevy Cobalt	13	99	SM	13	William Obrien	14	Mazda Miata
14	13	ITC	1	Matthew Douglas Ken Kalill	43	Honda Civic	14	63	SM	14	Philip Safriet	14	Mazda Miata
15	8	IT7	5	Stan Hinds Shaun Hinds	41	Mazda RX7	15	76	SM	15	Carlton Midyette	14	Mazda Miata
16	24	ITA	3	Andy Lindley Steve Allison	40	Toyota MR2	16	18	SM	16	Gary Stevens	14	Mazda Miata
17	5	ITC	2	Brian Hooper Ed Wentz	38	Honda CRX	17	11	SM	17	Gentry Matthews	14	Mazda Miata
18	32	ITC	3	Chris Turner	34	Honda Civic	18	22	SM	18	Henry Payne	14	Mazda Miata
DNF	14	IT7		Rex Deffenbaugh Justin Deffenbaugh	11	Mazda RX7	19	25	SM	19	Jerry Malsam	13	Mazda Miata
DNF	69	ITC		John Fine Ken Steagall	7	Honda Civic	20	86	SM	20	Jason Cocke	13	Mazda Miata
							21	78	SM	21	Jeff Pietz	13	Mazda Miata
							22	19	SM	22	Mickey Snow	13	Mazda Miata
							23	93	SM	23	Edwin McCain	13	Mazda Miata
							24	31	SM	24	Gerald Pell	13	Mazda Miata
							25	96	SM	25	Al McPeters	13	Mazda Miata
							26	71	SM	26	Herman Ratchford	13	Mazda Miata
							27	1	SM	27	Ryan Senior	13	Mazda Miata
							28	89	SM	28	Bill Cullen	13	Mazda Miata
							29	50	SM	29	Grant Macdonald	13	Mazda Miata
							30	77	SM	30	Gregg Seigart	13	Mazda Miata
							DNF	68	SM		Bob Coward	0	Mazda Miata
							DNF	91	SM		Van Saylor	0	Mazda Miata

Race Group 3; Classes: CSR, DSR, FA, FB, FC, FE, FM, FS, S2, SSR
 Number Of Starters: 6; Race Length: 14 laps; Margin of Victory: 18.882 sec.
 Number of Finishers: 6; Overall Average Speed: 87.838 mph
 Fastest Lap: Car #89, Robin Nicholas, 1:30.023,89.977 mph
 Time of Race: 21:31.007 min.

Pos	#	Class	PIC	Name	Laps	Make/Model
1	89	FC	1	Robin Nicholas	14	Van Diemen RF 01
2	84	FE	1	Peter Pope	14	Van Dieman FE
3	77	FE	2	Dennis Gaines	14	Van Dieman FSCCA
4	14	FE	3	Wally Osinga	14	Van Dieman FSCCA
5	74	CSR	1	Roger Pierce	14	Maloy CSR
6	15	FS	1	Hank Dudley	12	Dudley Formula

RACE GROUP 4, ECR B; Classes: SM, SRF
 Number of Starters: 30; Race Length: 49 laps; Margin of Victory: 42.329 sec.
 Number of Finishers: 27; Overall Average Speed: 72.776 mph
 Fastest Lap: Car #58, SCCA Enterprises SRF, 1:42.306,79.174 mph
 Time of Race: 1:30:53.737 hr.

Pos	#	Class	PIC	Name	Laps	Make/Model
1	34	SRF	1	Herb Sweeney III	49	SCCA Ent. SRF
2	15	SRF	2	James Rouse	49	SRF SRF
3	92	SRF	3	Jason Bergstrom	48	SCCA SRF
				Tray Ayers		
4	39	SM	1	Danny Steyn	48	Mazda Miata
5	05	SM	2	Michael Hartberger	48	Mazda Miata
				Glenn Murphy		
6	97	SRF	4	Jeffrey Swann	48	SCCA SRF
7	79	SRF	5	Robert Kullas	48	SCCA Ent. SRF
8	11	SRF	6	Michael Lerner	47	SRF SRF
9	42	SRF	7	Richard Wiehl	47	Enterprises SRF
10	63	SM	3	Philip Safriet	47	Mazda Miata
11	27	SM	4	Taylor Robertson	47	Mazda Miata
				Ben Robertson		
12	18	SM	5	Gary Stevens	46	Mazda Miata
13	93	SM	6	Edwin McCain	46	Mazda Miata
14	55	SRF	8	John Wysong	46	SCCA SRF
				Michael Wysong		
15	65	SM	7	Marc Schatell	46	Mazda Miata
16	96	SM	8	Al McPeters	46	Mazda Miata
				David White		
17	20	SRF	9	Robert Lerner	46	Enterprise SRF
18	76	SM	9	Carlton Midyette	46	Mazda Miata
				April Curtis		
19	17	SM	10	Owen Mckenzie	45	Mazda Miata
				Nat Cheek		
20	78	SM	11	Jeff Pietz	45	Mazda Miata
21	7	SM	12	Coley Houser	45	Mazda Miata
				Kenneth Maynard		
22	75	SM	13	Chris Long	45	Mazda Miata
23	99	SM	14	William Obrien	45	Mazda Miata
				Paul Overstreet		
24	77	SM	15	Steven Layfield	44	Mazda Miata
				Gregg Seigart		
25	58	SRF	10	William Haney	42	SCCA Ent. SRF
26	91	SM	16	Van Saylor	23	Mazda Miata SM
27	2	SM	17	Stephen Saylor	23	Mazda Miata
				Van Saylor		
DNF	60	SRF		Mark Dominey	17	SCCA SRF
DQ	9	SM		Lawrence Webster	47	Mazda Miata TA
				Mark Rushbrook		
DQ	50	SM		Grant Macdonald	24	Mazda Miata
				Bowie Gray		

RACE GROUPS 5 & 6; Classes: ITR, ITS, ITA, T3, IT7, ITB, ITC, SRX7, SSB, SSC
 Number of Starters: 31; Race Length: 14 Laps; Margin of Victory: 21.417 sec.
 Number of Finishers: 28; Overall Average Speed: 76.491 mph
 Fastest Lap: Car #99, Rickey Thompson, 1:43.863,77.987 mph
 Time of Race: 24:42.523 min.

Pos	#	Class	PIC	Name	Laps	Make/Model
1	99	ITR	1	Rickey Thompson	14	BMW Z3
2	86	ITS	1	Kent Thompson	14	Mazda RX7
3	3	ITS	2	Christopher Plucker	14	Nissan 280Z
4	44	ITS	3	Jeff Young	14	Triumph TR8
5	77	ITR	2	Matthew Moorefield	14	BMW 325i
6	51	ITB	1	Derek Lugar	14	VW Golf
7	15	ITB	2	Rob McCabe	14	VW Golf 8V
8	38	ITS	4	Ronald Earp	14	Datsun 260Z
9	33	IT7	1	Blair Stitt	14	Mazda RX 7
10	14	IT7	2	Rex Deffenbaugh	14	Mazda RX7
11	53	IT7	3	Neil Gueldner	14	Mazda RX7
12	54	ITS	5	Jon Clark	14	Porsche 944
13	9	ITA	1	Mark Rushbrook	14	Mazda Miata
14	43	IT7	4	Tom Lyttle	14	Mazda RX7
15	85	ITS	6	Jay Miller	14	Datsun 280Z
16	6	ITB	3	John Wilkins	14	BMW 320i
17	97	ITA	2	Andrew Gordon	13	Mazda RX 7
18	16	IT7	5	Rodney Alston	13	Mazda RX7
19	11	ITB	4	Todd Cohen	13	Nissan 200SX
20	42	ITB	5	Kirk Knestis	13	VW GOLF
21	47	IT7	6	Gary Gentry	13	Mazda RX7
22	98	ITS	7	Sean Rollman	13	Mazda MIATA
23	71	IT7	7	Paul Perez	13	Mazda MIATA
24	80	ITS	8	Kathleen Weddington	13	Mazda RX7
25	4	ITB	6	Jim Wray	13	VW Rabbit GTI
26	72	SRX	1	Jon James	12	Mazda RX7
27	32	ITC	1	Chris Turner	12	Honda Civic
28	17	SSC	1	Adam Breakey	7	Mazda Protege
DNF	1	ITS		Mike Vansteenburgh	6	Mazda MIATA
DNF	60	IT7		Michael Spencer	5	Mazda RX 7
DNF	21	IT7		Scott Gallimore	0	Mazda RX7
DNS	8	IT7		Shaun Hinds	0	Mazda RX7
DNS	29	IT7		Paul Perez	0	Mazda RX 7

Race Group 7; Classes: DP, EP, FP, GP, HP, GTL, SPU, SRF
 Number of Starters: 21; Race Length: 14 Laps; Margin of Victory: 9.017 sec
 Number of Finishers: 20; Overall Average Speed: 73.49 mph
 Fastest Lap: Car #50, Randy Carter, 1:41.450,79.842 mph
 Time of Race: 25:43.059 min

Pos	#	Class	PIC	Name	Laps	Make/Model
1	50	EP	W	Randy Carter	14	Datsun Roadster
2	58	SRF	W	William Haney	14	SCCA Ent. SRF
3	92	SRF	1	Jason Bergstrom	14	SCCA SRF
4	7	SRF	2	Robert Rockwood	14	SCCA SRF
5	60	SRF	3	Mark Dominey	14	SCCA SRF
6	97	SRF	4	Jeffrey Swann	14	SCCA SRF
7	11	SRF	5	Michael Lerner	14	SRF SRF
8	06	SRF	6	David Knoche	14	Specracer Ford
9	79	SRF	W	Robert Kullas	14	SCCA Ent SRF
10	42	SRF	W	Richard Wiehl	14	Ent. SRF
11	14	SRF	7	Julian Busby	14	Specracer Ford
12	3	SRF	8	John Russell	14	SCCA SRF
13	55	SRF	9	John Wysong	14	SCCA SRF
14	20	SRF	10	Robert Lerner	13	Ent. SRF
15	39	FP	1	William Foster	13	AH Sprite
16	17	SRF	11	Tray Ayres	12	SRF SRF
17	29	HP	1	John Hewell	12	MG Midget
18	8	HP	2	Mike Barefield	12	MG Midget

19	61	HP	3	Thomas Buto	12	AH Sprite	20	16	IT7	3	Rodney Alston	23	Mazda RX7
20	72	EP	1	Rick Harbaugh	10	Datsun 240Z	21	76	SM	6	Carlton Midyette	23	Mazda Miata
DNF	24	SRF		Mike Burke	1	Ford SRF					April Curtis		
DNS	33	GP		Les Chaney	0	Volvo 142E	22	18	SM	7	Gary Stevens	23	Mazda Miata
							23	99	SM	8	William Obrien	23	Mazda Miata

Race Group 8; Classes: CF, FB, FF, FV, F500

Number of Starters: 9; Race Length: 14 Laps; Margin of Victory: 6.638 sec

Number of Finishers: 9; Overall Average Speed: 78.554 mph

Fastest Lap: Car #8, Mark Lindsey, 1:40.894, 80.282 mph

Time of Race: 24:03.584 Min

Pos	#	Class	PIC	Name	Laps	Make/Model
1	8	F5	1	Mark Lindsey	14	KBS Mk5
2	41	F5	2	George Kennedy Jr	14	KBS Mk5
3	4	F5	3	Basil Marchi	14	QRE Invader
4	14	CF	1	Mark Drastal	14	Crossle 32F
5	55	FV	1	William Ross	14	Vallis M S BRD
6	62	FV	2	Gary Best	13	Vector GB3
7	07	FV	3	Shannon Jones	13	Caracal B
8	38	FV	4	Joseph Brown	13	FV Agitator III
9	64	FF	1	Laurence Logue	10	Logue ML1D
DNS	21	F5		Bill Bradley	0	Raptor DE 2C

Race Group 9, CCPS; Classes: ITA, B, C, R, S, ITT, IT7, SM, SSB, SSC, SRF, T3

Number of Starters: 40; Race Length: 24 Laps; Margin of Victory: 3.154 Sec

Number of Finishers: 40; Overall Average Speed: 71.747 Mph

Fastest Lap: Car #7, SCCA SRF, 1:44.476, 77.53 Mph

Time Of Race: 0:45:09.530 Hr

Pos	#	Class	PIC	Name	Laps	Make/Model
1	79	SRF	1	Robert Kullas	24	SCCA Ent SRF
2	97	SRF	2	Jeffrey Swann	24	SCCA SRF
3	06	SRF	3	David Knoche	24	Specracer Ford
4	54	ITS	1	Anthony Stauffer	24	Porsche 944
				Jon Clark		
5	14	SRF	4	Julian Busby	24	Specracer Ford
6	42	SRF	5	Richard Wiehl	24	Enterprises SRF
7	3	SRF	6	John Russell	24	SCCA SRF
8	51	ITB	1	Derek Lugar	24	Volkswagen Golf
9	58	SRF	7	Hill Clark	24	SCCA Ent. SRF
10	90	SM	1	Steve Bertok	24	Mazda Miata
11	12	SM	2	Michael Rossini	24	Mazda Miata
12	33	IT7	1	Blair Stitt	24	Mazda RX 7
13	15	ITB	2	Rob McCabe	24	VW Golf 8V
14	80	ITS	2	Kathleen Weddington	24	Mazda RX7
				Kent Thompson		
15	29	IT7	2	Paul Perez	24	Mazda RX 7
16	1	SM	3	Mark Senior	23	Mazda Miata
				Ryan Senior		
17	2	SM	4	Stephen Saylor	23	Mazda Miata
				Van Saylor		
18	55	SRF	8	John Wysong	23	SCCA SRF
				Michael Wysong		
19	91	SM	5	Van Saylor	23	Miata Mazda SM

27	22	SM	10	Henry Payne	23	Mazda Miata
28	25	SM	11	Jerry Malsam	23	Mazda Miata
29	98	SM	12	Robert Garmon	23	Mazda Miata
30	47	ITA	1	Gary Gentry	23	Mazda RX7
31	78	SM	13	Jeff Pietz	23	Mazda Miata
32	27	SSC	1	Stewart Black	23	Chevy Cobalt
				William Black		
33	41	ITA	2	John Lindquist	22	Pontiac Fiero
34	89	SM	14	Bill Cullen	22	Mazda Miata
35	4	ITB	3	Jim Wray	22	VW Rabbit GTI
36	6	ITB	4	Phillip Antoine	22	BMW 320I
				John Wilkins		
37	71	SM	15	Herman Ratchford	22	Mazda Miata
38	5	ITC	1	Brian Hooper	22	Honda CRX
				Ed Wentz		
39	7	SRF	9	Robert Rockwood	21	SCCA SRF
40	75	SM	16	Chris Long	13	Mazda Miata
DNS	21	IT7		Scott Gallimore	0	Mazda RX7
DNS	32	ITC		Chris Turner	0	Honda Civic
DNS	24	SRF		Mike Burke	0	Ford SRF
DNS	17	SSC		Adam Breakley	0	Mazda Protege

Race Group 10; Classes: AS, ASR, BP, GT1, 2, 3, GTA, ITE, ITO, SPO, ST, T1, T2

Number of Starters: 10; Race Length: 14 Laps; Margin of Victory: +1:14.639 Sec

Number of Finishers: 9; Overall Average Speed: 86.877 Mph

Fastest Lap: Car #80, Scott Murphy, 1:30.888, 89.121 Mph

Time of Race: 21:45.297 Min

Pos	#	Class	Pic	Name	Laps	Make/Model
1	80	GT1	1	Scott Murphy	14	Chevy Corvette
2	22	GTA	1	Ronald Fariss	14	Chevy Monte Carlo
3	19	GTA	2	Bob Davis	14	Chevy Monte Carlo
4	34	GTA	3	Preston Fowler	13	Pontiac Grand Prix
5	45	AS	1	Jeffrey Wise	12	Ford Mustang
6	08	T2	1	Kent Keller	12	Chevy Camaro
7	44	ITE	1	Jon Barlow	12	Datsun 280Z
8	21	GT3	1	Larry Overstreet	12	Ford Pinto
9	74	GT1	2	Jim Davis	11	Ford Taurus
DNF	17	SPO		Marshall McLeod	1	Chevy Monte Carlo
DNS	20	BP		Russ Snow	0	Chevy Corvette

We Get Letters

Hi Glenn,

Just wanted to let you know that we (Barrie and I) have sent a check in the amount of \$442.00 to NCR Treasurer, Sara Snider, as our Production Car Festival Contribution to the NCR Workers Fund. This is the 2nd year that the Production Car community has raised money for the NCR Workers Fund at the Production Car Festival. We raise this money through t-shirt sales, sponsorships of the class trophies, and a kickin' party where people donate. This year's donation is over double what we raised the year before! After we cover our expenses for the Production Car Festival trophies, t-shirt production, and party, the rest goes to the NC

Region Workers Fund. I hope this helps in some small way to help reward those tireless workers who come out every race weekend to help the event run smoothly and keep us safe on the track.

We (the Production Car group as a whole) REALLY appreciate the NC Region's support of the Production Car Festival and we hope to have over 60 cars this year!! (We had over 50 Prod cars on the grid for practice & qualifying this past year...when was the last time you saw THAT???). We couldn't have grown this group by over 400% in just 5 short years without the support of the NC Region and race chairmen.

Take care and we'll see you at the Oak Tree Double National in a few weeks. It should be a HUGE event!!

Mark & Barrie Coffin
#14 FP VW Scirocco
"Prod Fest " Team Leaders

Mark,
This is an outstanding contribution. Thank you and your Prod buddies for their help and support of the NCR team.
Glenn

Note: We also received a check from Jeff Young for \$250 and a check from Bob Wheless (to be known as a donation from the "Wings & Things") for \$500. It's overwhelming to see how these groups and individuals are supporting our workers!

Triangle Chapter Notes

by James Shanks

Despite the fact that the March meeting of the Triangle Chapter was held just a few days before the first race meeting of the year, March Memories at VIR, we still had a pretty good turn out. And we all had a pleasant surprise with dinner. Mark Senior brought a DVD for us to watch called "Salute to Chaparral" which featured the history of the famous Chaparral race cars designed by Jim Hall and showed them running at the 2005 Monterey Historics. It was so good we watched it twice, once before and once after dinner!

Before dinner we learned that Bob Carr, a friend of Boz Marchi, who drives Formula 500 had been well and truly bitten by the bug. Bob's visited us before and it seems that after talking with Pepe and a few others, he has decided to go IT-7 racing. So, he purchased an IT-7 from someone in Atlanta and was making plans to go down and bring it back. What's the catch? Well, Bob bought a car but he wasn't a member yet! We corrected that by giving him a form on the spot and we all wish him well in getting his racecar, and his racing career, going. Good luck, Bob! And let us know if you need some help!

In the business portion of the meeting we learned that Blair "Pepe" Stitt had been chosen by the Board of Directors to fill the Member At Large position recently vacated by Scott Gallimore. Hey Pepe! I thought you said they'd never invite you back! Well, I guess you were wrong about that. Congratulations! I'm sure the BoD needs all the help it can get from a quiet and thoughtful member like you. We also learned that the Region suffered a loss of about \$9000 in operating revenue last year and that the Budget and Finance Committee would be recommending that entry fees go up because of that, and the fact our expenses are rising too. No doubt that will be a hot topic at future board meetings.

The discussion then turned to our future race events. First, it was announced that we had a number of guests coming this weekend as a result of a promotion we gave at the hot rod show in Greensboro. At the show, it was discovered that many of those who were curious about what we do, had never even been to VIR, so we decided to let those who were serious enough to come out to our event be our guests. Doug Hooper volunteered to meet them and show them around, arranging tours of timing and scoring, race control, and tech and other specialties. What he needed next were drivers who would take a moment out of their busy schedules to make these guests feel welcome. Glenn and Alana Long volunteered to host them for a while and others were asked to do the same.

Then there was the usual call for additional workers. Not only for the March event which was coming up that Saturday, but for the Double National in April which is shaping up to be a huge event. We've been notified that the Formula 500 Constructors Association, which offers special contingencies for F500 drivers, is kicking off their season at our event, so we expect a record turn out of F500's because there is money on the table. If you have any spare time you can donate for the Double National, please do so. We need extra help in all areas, even in ones you might not think of, such as helping show people to their paddock spaces, and helping to get food to all the volunteers.

After the March event, we talked about Formula SAE, which is a Solo I competition among university students who are members of the Society of Automotive Engineers. The students design and build their own cars, one team from each participating school. This year, there are over 30 universities from multiple countries participating and the finals will be hosted by North Carolina Region at VIR during Grand-Am week, April 23rd to the 26th. Kaye Fairer has stepped up to be the race chair but she will need many more volunteers to help, especially Friday and Saturday. So, please lend a hand if you can.

And finally, there was news about the Double SAARC in May as well. An international group of SCCA racers from the US, Puerto Rico and Canada, who compete in big-bore GT1, GTA, and SPO, have formed a series group called PanAm GT and they'll be a race group within a race group at the May event. The group plans to compete at Road Atlanta, Daytona and Road America in the US, and at other venues in Canada and Puerto Rico.

The only new business of the night was a reminder that we still need someone to step up and take on the job of Banquet Committee chair for our annual dinner next January. Remember that the chairperson gets to pick the site, so if you'd like to decide where we go, raise your hand.

We closed the meeting with introductions, because we had some new faces among us.

Jim Weldon brought a guest, Gail Levine, and she said that she was eager to volunteer on the corners with Jim for our upcoming event. Thanks Gail! And way to go Jim! I've seen "being a corner worker" sold in a lot of different ways in my time. It's been called "the best seat in the house", "being where the action is", and a host of other things. But this is the first time I think I've seen it sold as "a date". Maybe you are in the wrong line of work!

And, our returning new member Justin Struli was back from his first autocross with us at Wilmington and he pronounced it "awesome". Justin is so enthused, he asked us about the possibility of us partnering with a sports car club he wants to form at NC State where he is a student. The Chapter assured him that we would welcome his friends and help them to participate in any way we could. You go, Justin! Bring your buddies to the next meeting, April 2nd. And then to the Double National!

Why don't you come out to the next meeting too, and see who Justin brings with him and learn what else is going on. We'll see you at the meeting . . . or at the races!

West Chapter Notes

by Ed Wentz

Thanks to the West Chapter members and guests who made it out in the monsoon at our March meeting in Greensboro! It was raining pitchforks and hammerheads, but we still had a decent turnout. I would like to welcome Aaron Ellis and Wayne Southern (I hope the names and spelling are correct, if not please let me know) to our meeting, hope to see you again.

Since then we've had our March Memories season opener event. It was a crazy weekend with rain on Saturday morning, then clearing in the afternoon, followed by high winds. Unfortunately, several canopies suffered injury in the winds. I saw a Spec Racer Ford tail go skidding through the paddock from the winds until some kind passers-by put it back where it belonged. We also lost power to several parts of the track including the radio repeater used by our workers. It made the rest of the day challenging, but kudos to those in control and workers who kept calm heads and made it work.

On Saturday, I qualified in the rain in the first session, managing to keep the car (Brian Hooper's ITC Honda CRX) on the track and get a respectable qualifying position for the ECR Enduro race Saturday afternoon. At the start of the race, clouds started building up and then at about the halfway point rain started, lightly at first but then the track got slick. We changed to rains for my half of the race (lucky me), only to find the rain stop after about two more laps. On my first lap out I did go into turn 14 a little hot and slid off the track, but not far, and got back in the race, telling myself to drive smoothly. It was one of those races when you wondered when it was going to end!

Sunday's weather was much better. For the Carolina Cup race, instead of rain tires, I finally got to go on the track on slicks for the first time this weekend, which was a welcome change. It was one of those races when you wondered...it's over already?

I thought the races went well throughout the weekend. However, there was a racecar that went off track and stalled on the pace lap in turn 17. It was left there the rest of the race. I realize it's a different point of view from the drivers seat, but that car wasn't in a safe place. I'm glad the brakes were good in our car at the braking point in turn 16, and am glad I didn't need to go off straight at that spot. 'Nuff said.

For those keeping track, from John Lindquist's display of his racecar at the Hot Rod Show in Greensboro in February (*see article, pg 5 -Ed.*), we had somewhere between 40 and 50 guests come to the track. Several were excited to find out what we do, and we are hoping we may see some new members from this. This is due to the efforts of John Lindquist and Doug Hooper by following up with those who entered a drawing to win tickets to the March Memories weekend (it was decided that everybody who entered won). What a great effort by self-motivated members!

The Oak Tree Double National is our next event, and it should be spectacular! We are expecting a large turnout. If you want to participate as a worker, don't worry about having experience, we have plenty of people to teach you what you need to know. Just sign up on the www.ncrscca.com website as a worker. I will be working the entire event from Friday through Sunday.

Hey, if you have any comments or questions, let me know, my email address is speedracerrx@cs.com

Cape Fear Bench Talk – April, 2008

Changes to 2008 SOLO Schedule...

Due to a schedule conflict with the New River Air Station, we have had to make a few changes to the 2008 SOLO Schedule. Here is the remaining and updated schedule.

March 30 - Global TransPark Solo Challenge, GTP in Kinston

April 20 - Indy at The Park, Smith Creek Center

May 17-18 - MayDay on the Runway, New River Air Station (Sat. Novice School)

June 22 - Gatorcross, East Columbus High School

July 20 - Sounds of Freedom, New River Air Station

August 16 - RiverFront Grand Prix, CFCC (Sat. night finish)

September 28 - TBA, TBA

October 18-19 - Rumble at the River, New River Air Station (Sat. Novice School)

November 16 - RiverView Grand Prix, CFCC (Season Finale)

As always, check for updates at www.ncrscca.com or www.myautoevents.com.

New Meeting Location in Wilmington...

Starting on Tuesday April 1, 2008, we will have our monthly chapter meeting at German Speed Merchants located in Wilmington. They are located at 300 Old Dairy Road, just off of Market Street. Special thanks to Jon Lewis for opening his shop up to our club. The meeting time will be the same as usual at 7PM. For further directions or any more information, just contact Brad Draughon.

Call for Workers! Formula SAE at VIR...

The North Carolina Region is helping to staff the Formula SAE competition at VIR. The event is being held April 23-26, 2008. Our SOLO trailer and timing equipment will be used at the event, so we would like to have some of our regular SOLO competitors help to staff the event. This event is being held the same weekend as a Grand-Am Road Racing event, so it would be a great time to check out some great racing at a great facility! For more information, please contact Event Chair, Kaye Fairer, or Brad Draughon.

NCR 3-Peat in South Carolina??

Keeping with tradition, several NCR SOLO competitors are taking the short drive to Myrtle Beach to go racing! We will return to the Myrtle Beach Speedway on April 6, 2008 for a SCR SOLO event. Several challenges have been thrown down on each club's respective forums, so it looks to be a great event! Check out www.scrscca.com for more details!

Global TransPark SOLO Challenge...

By the time that you read this, the GTP SOLO Challenge will be in the books! Thanks to New Bern Area Coordinator, Chris Bray, for all of his hard work to put this event together! Look for a full write up next month!!

Brad Draughon

Cape Fear Chapter Coordinator

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Shriner's Hot Rod Show, Greensboro Coliseum

by Heather Powers

I've heard a number of conversations recently about getting and retaining members. How do we do it? What can we do to improve this? For starters, we have to get the word out. "Secret Car Club of America", does this sound familiar? We have to advertise and tell people about us. By advertising I don't mean just ads in publications. We have to have visible presence where racing enthusiasts are. We have to make sure that we are creating a positive experience for our participants.

Thanks to the efforts of West Chapter member, John Lindquist, on February 3rd North Carolina Region and SCCA had some great exposure at the Hot Rod Show at the Greensboro Coliseum. John was joined by Doug Hooper, Ed Wentz, Brian Hooper and Heather Powers to help promote SCCA. For all you bird lovers and landscape architects, John's wife Annie was there showing some beautiful leaf shaped birdbaths that she made. Next time you see them at the track, be sure to ask them about them.

John had his ITA Pontiac Fiero there, along with some videos from ECR champion, Matt Douglas. The sound of racecars brought many curious visitors to check out what was going on. We talked to a lot of people and handed out literature about SCCA and VIR. John was kind enough to allow children to sit in his car, which brought a lot of smiles. This was also a great tool to get conversations started with their parents. He even allowed a young man to sit in his car that had a strong interest in SCCA. That young man brought his parents back by to talk to us. I am pretty sure we have hooked him.

Through some of our conversations with people at the show, some things came to light. A number of people who I spoke to, indicated that they had an interest in SCCA or sport car racing in general, but they had no idea how to get involved, what kinds of cars can race, or even the fact that we have a premier race track so close to us. They were very glad to be able to talk to people who were so knowledgeable and friendly. A smile goes a long way. Consider the last time you went to a new track or region event. What was it that you remember most? You probably remember the people that were nice and helpful and the people that were not. Having been a NCR member for many years, I am a bit biased, but I think that overall NCR has a reputation for being friendly and helpful.

It also became very clear that a Performance Driving Experience (PDX) format is an excellent tool to bring in new members. It really got people's attention when we told them that we have a school where they could bring their own car and learn how to drive it fast, but safe. I think the region would really benefit if we can continue to grow the PDX. It would also allow a platform to get new drivers hooked without the financial commitment of an actual club racer. We have to get them before we can have the opportunity to keep them. I think the PDX would go a long way towards bridging the gap between Auto-Cross and Club Racing.

Let's keep working to shake that "Secret Car Club of America" identity.

Contest

International Racing Fans: How well do you know your British Racing Circuits?

The poem below was originally published in the 1955 British Racing Drivers Club Rule Book. As the title suggests, it is a tribute to the many brave, British racing marshals who manned the tracks in those days. The last line is an ad for Shell gasoline.

Many thanks to John Willes for providing the poem.

Marshal's Lament

*On the curve at Chapel,
in the rain at Riches,
flagging down back markers,
dragging cars from ditches.*

*Signing on at daybreak,
trudging out to Hangar,
falling over ground lines,
fleeing from a banger.*

*Heroic, unsung marshals,
from Stowe to Dingle Dell,
watching lucky pilots
going by with Shell.*

Now, can you name the track where each of the 5 corners mentioned is located? If so, you could win a gas card, courtesy of the North Carolina Region. If you think you know the answers, send them, in an email, to NCRcontest@hotmail.com. The first correct entry will win the gas card. Good luck!

2008 NCR Schedule

- February 23** Crash & Burn School - VIR South Paddock 9am to 3pm
- February 24** "Spring Fling" Autocross - UNC-Wilmington - Auto-X
- March 8-9** "March Memories" SARRC/ECR/CCPS - VIR North course - VIR test day on March 7
- April 11-13** Inaugural "Oak Tree Double National" - VIR full-course - VIR test day on April 10
- April 20** Global TransPark Solo Challenge - Kinston - Auto-X
- May 10-11** "Al Fairer Double SARRC Challenge" - VIR full-course - VIR test day on May 9
- May 17-18** "MayDay on the Runway" - New River Air Sta. (Sat. Novice School) (rain date May 24-25) - Auto-X
- June 22** "Indy at the Park" - Smith Creek Center - Wilmington - Auto-X
- June 28-29** Regional/CCPS - North Carolina Speedway - Rockingham
- July 20** "Sounds of Freedom" - New River Air Station (rain date July 27) - Auto-X
- August 16** "RiverFront Grand Prix" - Cape Fear Community College (Saturday night finish) - Auto-X
- Sept. 13-14** PDX - North Carolina Speedway - Rockingham
- September 28** TBA - Kinston - Auto-X
- Oct. 18-19** "Rumble at the River" - New River Air Station (Sat. Novice School) (rain date Oct. 25-26) - Auto-X
- Oct. 25-26** "Goblins Go" 2009 SARRC/2008 Double ECR - VIR full course - VIR test day on Oct 24
- Oct. 31-Nov. 1** 13 Hour "Charge of the Headlight Brigade" Enduro - VIR full-course
- November 16** "RiverView Grand Prix" - Cape Fear Community College (Season Finale) - Auto-X

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