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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.

RE Report

by Glenn Long

Hello all,

Well, here we are poised for the final races of 2008. Where has the year gone?! I saw many of you at the Grand Am races at VIR earlier this month and am looking forward to seeing all of you at the Goblins Go, the Rumble at the River, and the 13 hour races later this month. It seems as if there is a lull during the late summer months, then 3 races in a two week period!

The Board of Directors has been working of finalizing our 2009 schedule. It is a complex job of coordinating with VIR, SEDiv and other regions. This effort is being spearheaded by Mark Senior. Thank you Mark. At this point in time, I believe that we're down to one remaining conflict that hopefully will be resolved in the next few weeks.

I am excited to announce that WDC and NCR have been able to get the SARRC/MARRS race back on for 2009! This has been a very successful race for both regions, and it was a shame that it did not happen in '08.

Also in 2009, we have been able to obtain support from SCCA National to host a challenge race. Not just any challenge race, but a "don't cover your sanctioning organization (read NASA) stickers" and "run what you bring" type of event. We're hoping to host this challenge race at our Rockingham event in June of 2009. I have not formally approached NASA yet, so don't tell anyone! ☺

I figure that at the end of the day, the various sanctioning organizations have the same customer set and we are all just trying to race. So, while I clearly respect the various clubs differences, I also respect the customer. And by respecting the customer, I mean proving them with an additional opportunity to race, make some new friends and improve the sport.

Hope to see you all at the races, please stop by the Long Road Racing trailer to say hi.

Roebing Road hit by Tornado

by Bruce Dover

"The weather bureau says it wasn't a tornado, but if you'd been here, you wouldn't agree." That's according to Kaye McCloy. She and her husband, Richard, manage Roebing Road Raceway. But, whatever it was, it struck on Thursday afternoon, October 9th. Amazingly, no one was injured and the damage wasn't severe enough to endanger any upcoming events, but the damage was widespread.

Part of the roof of the Control/Start tower was blown off and the third floor A/C may need to be replaced. The observers stand across the track from the tower was ripped out of the ground and destroyed. The S.O.M. Building was moved about 10 inches, as was the Medical Building, according to the Emergency Crew who rode out the storm inside it. Turn station 5 was turned upside down and destroyed. Many, many trees were blown down, damaging fences in some areas. Port-a-lets and trash cans were strewn everywhere. There were only about 15 people using the track that day and they had run late and were taking their lunch break at the time the storm hit, so no one was on track.

NCR Represented at Runoffs

by Janet Bruce

The 2008 Runoffs were held in Topeka, Kansas with 4 members from the North Carolina Region volunteering for 7 days of racing activities, October 5-12. The race day started at 8am and ended around 6pm, with volunteers starting at 7am during the week and 6:30am on the weekend. Janet Bruce was Chief of Pit, along with only 3 other volunteers, who braved the rain, wind and sun on pit lane. Pit coordinates along with the Starters, Grid, EV, Black Flag Stewards, Tech Steward, Sound, Pace Car, Winners Circle, TV and Media. Yes, we responded to a crash on the front stretch, and pit out after the drop of a green flag, and numerous fires, smoke and leaking oil (can you say prod cars!) on pit lane. Archie Bruce worked Competitor Service Center, which handles all the paperwork for any protests, actions or appeals. Tracking the 70+ actions between the Chief Steward, Driver Advisors, Tech Stewards, Timing & Scoring, SOM, and Court of Appeals was a learning experience, especially keeping protesting drivers or crew separated in the same building. Kaye Fairer worked Control, which handled 7 different radio channels during each session. Coordinating information from F&C to the Control net or EV, Stewards and Tech was done very professionally by all the Control volunteers. One could hear the various radios crackling in the background whenever Control was live on the net. Sara Snider worked Scrutineering, coming to Pit Lane during assigned sessions. Watching teardowns, observing and learning to use the latest equipment to breakdown or measure various parts on a race car was a rewarding experience.

Chris W. Ingle of Raeford represented the North Carolina region drivers in group T1. Chris qualified 5th on the grid after 3 days of qualifying. At the drop of the green flag drivers tried to go 4 wide into turn Alpha past the start stand, blue smoke from rubbing tires and metal billowed into the air and at turn 1, Chris was spun to the back of the 17 car field. Chris stayed in the race and worked past several competitors to finish 8th, with the race finishing under double yellow.

This was the last year of the Runoffs being held in Topeka. The 2009 Runoffs will be held September 21-27 at Road America in Elkhart Lake, Wisconsin.

Triangle Chapter Report

by James Shanks

Here's what the Triangle Chapter was up to at the September and October meetings.

In September, my pleas were finally answered. We had plenty of in-car video at the Chapter meeting on September 3rd. Former RE, Mark Senior, brought us footage from inside his Spec Miata at Kershaw and former Chapter Coordinator, Blair "Pepe" Stitt, brought his in-car video from our last adventure at the Rock. Now, that was very entertaining! A driver, who shall remain nameless, cut Pepe off as they were going into Turn Three, causing him to have to go off course to avoid contact. We all watched in amusement as Pepe signaled his displeasure with this turn of events by offering his fellow driver first a single-digit salute followed by a gesture that can only be described as Italian in style. What a hoot! I lost track of how many times we played that back. Thanks for the theatre, Pepe!

The actual business part of the meeting was quite short. It was announced that due to the results of the on-line poll, which you can see on the Region web site, dash plaques will continue to be awarded at our racing events. As one respondent put it, sometimes that's the only thing you get to take home that ain't broke.

Boz Marchi reported on the car show where he represented us at the Fayetteville Area Transportation Museum on August 22nd. We couldn't find anyone else to accompany him to display their cars because it seemed everyone else was planning on attending the National and Double Carolina Cup in Kershaw that weekend, which was too bad because it would have been a great way to showcase one's sponsors. Boz said he had a great time telling people about what we do and passing out pamphlets and flyers. He even let a few kids sit in his F500. Thanks, Boz! Way to go! The assembled chapter members gave him a rousing standing ovation for his efforts on our behalf.

RE Glenn Long reported on his recent trip to the new Thunderhill Park in New Jersey as part of the Grand Am event there. Glenn said the layout and amenities were good, but that the place really, really needs some grass to grow over the winter. It was as dusty as a Pro Rally event when someone went off. But Glenn's really disappointing news was

about his son Tom's results. The team qualified the car on the pole, but during the first pit stop they ran over an air line and received a stop-and-go penalty. That put them from first place to last place, and because it took Thunderhill's staff so long to replace a heavily-damaged guard rail, the race had more yellow laps than green ones, and the team could not make their way back to the front. They finished a disappointing 26th. Ouch! Sorry guys! Better luck next time! Glenn also noted that he witnessed Scott Pruett's spectacular crash in a Daytona Prototype during practice the day before. Pruett hit the guardrail at the entrance to the pit lane with such force that it split the car into three separate pieces, and yet he miraculously walked away. Hey Tom! Look at it this way! At least you brought the car home in one piece!

And finally, we noted that some things in the SCCA really are starting to be more user-friendly. Anne Keller told us that her husband Kent wrote a letter to the SEDIV Licensing administrator Toni Creighton and Anne's NASA racing experience was enough for Toni to grant Anne a regional racing license. She'll be joining us on track for the Goblin's Go. Way cool, Anne! Now the only question is how long it will be before you beat the grumpy old guy you came with. We can only hope that Kent will never regret the day he wrote that letter!

In October, the meeting of the Triangle Chapter was held on the first day of the month and we all had a really good time. Before dinner we were treated to in-car video from the SARRC Invitational Challenge provided by Blair "Pepe" Stitt. Pepe finished the race 3rd over all and was second in points for the year. Not so shabby, Pepe! The video, however, provided very little close racing for us to observe. "Where are all the cars?" someone asked. We never heard the exact answer from Pepe, just some grumbling about "cheater motors"!

We opened the meeting itself with a toast to Paul Newman, proposed by past RE Mark Senior, "for choosing to be part of the SCCA." The cheers were loud as we held our glasses high in memory of a fine racer, a fine actor, and a great humanitarian. Then we went on to the business portion, where we learned that while the one-day PDX had been quite successful in terms of numbers of participants and the glowing comments they gave at the end, the Region was still likely to have lost \$1200 or so on the event. The consensus was that we have to start advertising these events earlier and make sure that they get mentioned on every car club and marque club site we can find. That's where people find out about these things.

We had one PDX participant and potential new member present with us, Pablo Escaler, who had driven his second-generation RX-7 around Rockingham for the first time. Pablo said he'd had a great time, and as we left the meeting, he was being asked if he'd like to attend the Goblin's Go as a crew member on an IT-7. We hope to see you at one of races soon, Pablo.

In other financial news, it was noted that all specialty chiefs and committee chairs are expected to attend a Region-level meeting on November 15th to hammer out a budget for 2009 based on the expenses incurred for 2008. Office manager Ginny Condrey and Treasurer Sara Snider are expected to have those figures fairly complete by then, and the other members of the Budget and Finance Committee will be present to make their recommendations as well. The goal is to produce a budget so that we can tell month by month where the Region stands, instead of just sorting everything out after an event has taken place. Good luck folks. It is heartening to see some people pushing for oversight and accountability at a time when it seems to be sorely lacking in the larger American economy.

It was also announced that the 2008 annual banquet will be held in Wilmington, but that the details are still being worked out. It's more work for the organizers to hold it there because, unlike Raleigh or Greensboro, there is no large hotel which has a catering and special events department which can offer the room, the food and the music, in an all-in-one package. Instead, the dedicated folks in Wilmington have to see to everything separately. Thanks in advance to all of you.

Elections for 2009 are also on the table, so it's time for candidates to step forward and declare. Nominations close after the November Board of Directors meeting the third Wednesday of that month. Two Member-at-large positions and those of the Assistant RE and Treasurer are scheduled to be contested.

And, speaking of stepping forward, why don't you plan on attending the November meeting of the Triangle Chapter, on November 5th? The Goblins Go and the Charge of the Headlight Brigade for 2009 will be history by then, so their will be plenty of bench racing and video to see. I hope to see you there...or at the races!

Cape Fear Bench Talk – September, 2008

Only Three SOLO Events Left in 2008!!!

With 2008 quickly coming to an end, here is a quick reminder of our remaining events. Our next event is September 28th at Trask High School in Pender County. This will be a non-points event and be sure to look for a full write up next issue! We return to New River Air Station in Jacksonville, NC on October 25th and 26th. We will have our FREE Novice Autocross School on Saturday and our regular SOLO Autocross on Sunday. This date has been changed to our scheduled rain date at the request of New River Air Station. We wrap up our 2008 season in Downtown Wilmington at Cape Fear Community College. The RiverView Grand Prix Charity Autocross, sponsored by AutoSource Magazine, will be held on November 16th. As always, stay tuned to www.ncrscca.com and www.myautoevents.com for any schedule updates!

Return to the Rock PDX...

What a great event! The North Carolina Region of the SCCA returned to Rockingham Speedway on September 13th for our second PDX of 2008. This was our first single day PDX and it was a huge success. I would like to thank everyone who helped to make this event a success from the corner workers to the instructors who came to guide us novices around the track.

It's Election Time, but not that Election...

As you all know, my job as Cape Fear Chapter Coordinator is an elected position. The election will be held at our year end chapter meeting on December 2nd. I would like to announce that I have decided to seek the position as Cape Fear Chapter Coordinator for 2009. If anyone is interested in running for the position, just contact me and we will get your name on the ballot for December!

Send me 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, or GSM track days, just send your e-mail address to draughonb@yahoo.com.

Brad Draughon

Cape Fear Chapter Coordinator STS #20

Cape Fear Bench Talk, October, 2008

Cross of The Titans Auto-X...

The Cape Fear Chapter of the NCR-SCCA rolled into Pender County for The Cross of The Titans Auto-X at Heide Trask Senior High School. This event was the only non-points SOLO event of 2008. 39 competitors took to a fast and flowing course with a tricky 3-lap section to keep everyone on their toes and test their counting skills. This course was a challenge to all drivers with two forced-induction Mazda Miatas taking the top two times of the day. Jeff Eng blistered the competition with a fast time of 57.136 seconds, nearly 2 seconds faster than the second place car! Great run, Jeff! I would like to thank the Pender County School System and School Principal Steve Sullivan for allowing us to use this great site. I would also like to thank all the volunteers who helped with the course design at our test-and-tune the weekend before the event. This event could not have been such a success without your help! We are hoping to return here for at least one event in 2009!

Wrapping up 2008...

There are only 2 SOLO events left in 2008! Our next event is the Rumble at the River Auto-X at New River Air Station on Sunday October 26th. This will be preceded by our FREE SOLO Novice School on October 25th. Look for a full write up next month! We wrap the season up with our RiverView Grand Prix Charity Auto-X in Downtown Wilmington. This event will determine some of our Season Class Champions and will finalize our team competition for 2008. The Cape Fear Cup will be also be awarded at the end of this event. Pre-registration will open soon on www.myautoevents.com. As always, be sure to look for more details at www.ncrscca.com.

Preparing for 2009...

We are currently working on a tentative schedule for 2009. I will say that we are planning 10 total events with 9 points events. We will have our August Saturday night event and are working on a possible 2-day event and SCCA/Tire Rack Street Survival School. Stay tuned for details.

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Rockingham PDX Review

by Mark Senior

In September, our region put on what was feared might be the Region's last PDX (if the numbers did not improve over past events). Fortunately for everyone, we had a fantastic turnout of 56 students at the Rockingham track, more than double the turnout from previous events. All the NASCAR garages were filled to overflowing. While we thought a preference for a single day event might have been responsible for the large turnout, it appears that based on a survey of the participants, the numbers were up primarily due to improved publicity. Most of the credit for this can be attributed to relatively new member, David Melhado, who made it his mission to send notices to numerous marque club websites, as well as John Uftring who has stepped up to improve publicity for all our events.

Due to the unprecedented turnout of novices, we ended up breaking the event into 2 novice groups and combining the intermediate and experienced drivers. This allowed us to balance out the run-groups so that none were overcrowded. Even with the outstanding turnout, we still lost some money on the event, but I think we clearly demonstrated that with a little effort and more advertising, this can be a successful program and a great stepping stone towards more licensed racers.

While we had a number of off course excursions, the only damage I'm aware of was some cracks in one air dam that lost the battle with some rough spots off the track. We did have some excitement during the last session of the day when a car on the main straight started smoking profusely. Most of us assumed the engine let go but we later found out it was only the seal on the oil filter that failed. A new filter and a few quarts of oil and the car was back on the road.

Weather was almost perfect and everyone seemed to have a great time based on the following comments we received:

"I had a blast. I thought it ran very smoothly and was well organized. I found the classroom very informative especially the data acquisition info."

"Organization and operation was top notch."

"Once again I had a great time on Saturday at the PDX. This is my 3rd PDX with you guys and thus far they have all been great."

“Bar none, this is the best value track day I’ve seen. VIR and CMP (the other tracks that I’m close to) are upwards of 300 for a weekend.”

“It was awesome!”

“A big THANK YOU to you and all the workers who put on the event. It was well worth leaving the house at 4:30am to make the trip.”

“The track was a blast and fun to learn.”

“As a first timer, I could not have asked for more, either in content or in actual one-on-one training.”

“Thank you for putting this event together. My son had his 1st on-track this weekend and the smile was worth the price of admission.”

“Thank you for a fantastic day at Rockingham. This was my first event with SCCA and I was VERY impressed by the coordination and organization around the entire event...from registration to instruction (Tom Hill was fantastic) to track sessions. I will be returning next weekend for two days with NASA...I can only hope they do half as good a job as the SCCA. I look forward to getting more involved with the NCR chapter and doing more events with the club. Thank you! --David Melhado”

Sara Snider did a great job as Event Chair, including coordinating food for everyone, as well as the post event social for those who stuck around after the event. Ron Spencer once again did an outstanding job of providing classroom instruction and helping the students apply what they’ve learned on the track while yours truly served as Chief Instructor to keep the students and instructors on schedule. I’m sure everyone got tired of my mantra on the PA system; “last call for the next group on track...so and so to the classroom”

Special thanks to Wayne Quick for getting “Mater” ready to serve as our tow truck and especially his wife Jean who bravely drove Mater to and from the track from Dunn while ignoring the sparks and smoke coming from the newly wired headlights! They also helped out the student whose car blew the oil filter.

Many thanks also to the following volunteers who made this and all of our events possible: Mark Biamonte, James Buckberry, Ginny Condrey, Kevin Condrey, Dwight Cooke, Jamie Dzencelowcz, Jamie Gardner, Jennifer Gardner, Tim Gardner, Ron Gentry, Phil Hennrich, Ashley Hill, Charles Keadle, Steve Keadle, Clyde Kiser, Jordan Lipman, Alan Martin (a first-time F&C worker... Welcome Alan!), Buddy Matthews, Phyllis Matthews, Fred McKinney, David Meyer, Pete Papas, Jack Rafferty, James Shanks, Pam Thompson, and David Turner. My sincerest apologies if I missed anyone. Many thanks also to the instructors who braved riding in the passenger seat while zooming around the steep banking. I know at least a few whose stomachs were a little queasy by the end of the day!

NCR Board Meeting minutes, July 16, 2008

Present: Glenn Long, RE, Alana Long, Bruce Dover, Clyde Kaiser, Sara Snider, Wayne Quick, Rex Deffenbaugh, James Shanks, Ed Wentz, Joedy Pennington, Ginny Condrey, Heather Powers, Buddy Matthews, Blair Stitt, and Jerry Pell.

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:35 P.M. by Glenn Long, RE, at “The Cutting Board” in Burlington, North Carolina. The Board discussed this location as the meeting place for future Board of Directors meetings.
2. Motion (Snider/Pennington) to approve the Minutes of the June 18, 2008 Board of Directors meeting; Passed.

Financial Reviews:

1. Treasurer’s Report: The Board reviewed and discussed the financial reports, presented by the Treasurer: the Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual, for the period January 1 through July 15, 2008, the Balance Sheet, as of July 15, 2008, and the Profit and Loss by Class, for the period of January 1 through July 12, 2008.
2. Budget and Finance Committee: This Committee held a conference call on July 15th, and considered the costs of

putting on the track event scheduled for Rockingham, at the end of September, including the number of anticipated entries, and based thereon recommended to the BoD that the Board cancel the Rockingham track event scheduled for September. The Board of Directors discussed the reasoning offered by the Budget and Finance Committee, as to their recommendation to drop the 2 day PDX/Regional Race now scheduled for Rockingham in September. The Board of Directors discussed the options available to it, at this junction, in reference to said event. It was pointed out that only the PDX event scheduled for September, at Rockingham, appears on the Region's website, there being no reference, at this time, to a Regional Race event at Rockingham in September. The consensus of the Board of Directors, at this time, is to do an event in September at Rockingham, which should include, at a minimum, a PDX event. The Board agreed to think on the subject and to hold a conference call at 9 P.M. on Tuesday, July 22nd, to make a firm decision as to what the Region should do about the track event now scheduled for Rockingham in September. (Note: that said conference call took place on the 22nd and the consensus of the conference call meeting was to hold only a one day PDX event at Rockingham, in September, on Saturday the 13th).

Old Business:

1. SEDiv. Mid-year Meeting: The North Carolina Region will be represented by Sarah Snider and Rex Deffenbaugh at the Southeast Division Mid-year Meeting, and the Region will cover their expenses, for attending the meeting. In that regard our representatives were advised that our Region will hold the same race events in 2009, as were held or are to be held in 2008, except that the Double National in April will be one week later in 2009. From the Regions perspective the March Memories Race at VIR will take place on March 14 & 15, 2009; the Double National at VIR will take place on April 17, 18 & 19, 2009; the Double SARRC Double MARRS Race will take place on May 9 and 10, 2009; the June track event at Rockingham is tentatively set for June 27 and 28, 2009, and the September track event at Rockingham is tentatively set for September 12 and 13, 2009; the Goblins Go Race at VIR is scheduled for October 31 and November 1, 2009, and, the 13 hour Enduro, at VIR, is scheduled for November 6 and 7, 2009.

2. PDX Pricing: The BoD discussed maybe entering into a joint event with the South Carolina Region in connection with our track event scheduled for Rockingham in September, and the Board discussed the PDX entry fee at \$125 for SCCA members for the 2 day event and \$150 for non-members for the 2 day event. (Note: at the subsequent conference call, on July 22nd, the BoD established the price of \$100 for SCCA members and \$125 for non-members for a one-day PDX event at Rockingham on Saturday, September 13, 2008)

3. Board of Director's Monthly Meeting Location: The Board continued its discussion of the location of its meeting place for its monthly meeting, being in Burlington; for the present time the Board has decided not to move its monthly meeting place location at the Cutting Board, in Burlington.

New Business:

1. Annual Banquet: The Board discussed the annual banquet and the possibility of moving the banquet to the Wilmington area. The Board was advised if the banquet is not going to the Wilmington area then Mrs. Trish Deffenbaugh has agreed to help with the banquet if it is held in the Raleigh area, using the same banquet arrangements as used for the previous banquet, held in Raleigh.

2. EV Budget: The Board briefly discussed the EV Budget issue and the EV budget, as originally estimated, which budget remains as originally entered.

Reports:

1. Chapters

A. Cape Fear Chapter- No Report.

B. Triangle Chapter- James Shanks, Triangle Chapter Coordinator, advises the 22 people attended the last Triangle Chapter meeting wherein the PDX event held in June, 2008, was discussed. The consensus was that everyone was happy with the event. The Triangle Chapter recognized Mark Senior's efforts in reference to the Rockingham PDX event and his efforts at trying to schedule a future PDX event in conjunction with a NCR race event at VIR. Further, the Chapter recognized the efforts of the Budget and Finance Committee for their work on an annual budget for the Region.

C. West Chapter- Ed Wentz, West Chapter Coordinator, reported that, at the West Chapter's last meeting, the members viewed an in-car video from the CCPS Rockingham race in June, and that the members indicated a positive feedback regarding the PDX event held in June, at Rockingham; the Chapter also discussed a report from Bill Foster regarding the progress of construction of the proposed High Rock Raceway.

2. Committees

A. Competition Board- The Comp. board indicated that a polling is in progress regarding the Region giving out dash plaques for each racing event the Region puts on. It was further reported that at the annual meeting of the Comp Board that the major portion of its work for the entire "Race" year was completed, with any subsequent Comp Board meetings, thereafter, to be on an as-needed basis.

B. The PDX Committee consists of Richard Franklin, Mark Senior, Steve Keadle and Sara Snider.

C. Membership- James Shanks, Membership Chairman, reported that the Region has about 900 members at the present time.

D. Publicity- John Uftring, Publicity Chairman, was not able to be present, however, by Motion (Snider/Stitt) the Board approved the Publicity Committee budget, along with the recommendations of the Budget and Finance Committee as to how to spend the funding provided for publicity; Passed.

E. Charities- No Charity "drive around" was held at the Rockingham event in June, however, by Motion (Powers/Shanks) the funds (\$100) raised at Rockingham for charity is to be donated to "Toys for Tots", a charity that's sponsored by the United States Marine Corps.; Passed.

F. 2009 Budget- The RE advises that the North Carolina Region should produce an annual budget for 2009, reference the Region's planned activities in 2009. The RE proposed that a meeting take place, which shall include the members of the Budget and Finance Committee, along with all Committee Chairpersons and Specialty Chiefs. It was suggested that the Region pay for the cost of gasoline for all members attending the proposed meeting, to be held, tentatively, in September, 2008. The proposed meeting will essentially be a planning session to construct an annual budget for 2009, for the North Carolina Region, relying on the actual expenditure numbers from the first 6 months of 2008. The RE indicated that this proposed meeting would be an agenda item on the August, 2008, Board of Directors meeting agenda.

G. North Carolina Council on Racing. The RE advised of the exestince of the North Carolina Council on Racing and of the RE's desire that there be a subdivision created by that Council for "Road Racing Events." The RE indicated he would follow up in that regard.

H. Safety Concerns- Sara Snider discussed her concerns as to the follow up in reference to the two incidents at VIR (The Double SARRC and the Double National). The RE advised as to the basis for his taking his safety concerns to SEDiv Executive Steward, Rick Mitchell. Clyde Kaiser advised the Board as to his views of "misinformation" being discussed in reference to the two incidents and his understanding of Mr. Mitchell's position as to certain information, or misinformation, regarding the handling of the two incidents, arising at the two events specified above. Some members of the Board express their views and opinions as to the handling of the two incidents at issue. The Board took no action regarding the matter.

Motion (Matthews/Pell) to adjourn at 9:50 P.M.; Passed.

NCR Board Meeting minutes, August 20, 2008

Present: Glenn Long, RE, Buddy Matthews, Rex Deffenbaugh, Mark Senior, Bruce Dover, James Shanks, Ginny Condrey, Alana Long, John Uftring, Ed Wentz, Heather Powers, Blair Stitt, Jerry Pell and, 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 (Deffenbaugh/ Senior) to approve the Minutes of the July 16, 2008, NCR Board of Directors Meeting; Passed.

Financial Reviews:

1. Treasurer's Report: The Board reviewed and discussed the financial reports, presented by the Treasurer: the Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual, for the period January 1 through August 20, 2008, the Balance Sheet, as of August 20, 2008, and the Profit and Loss report for the period July 17 through August 20, 2008. The Board discussed line item 5800 on the Profit & Loss Actual vs. Budget report, where there appears to be a 30% additional expense over the budgeted amount, which overage seems to be attributable to the fact that this line item may not have included a prior approved increase of an additional expense amount for the SOLO program, i.e., the cost of a storage/travel case for the SOLO timing equipment and an additional approved amount for needed repairs to the SOLO timing equipment.

Old Business:

1. SEDiv. Mid-year Meeting Review: Rex Deffenbaugh reported as to the Mid-year SEDiv. Meeting, at which the racing dates our Region was requesting for 2009 were, in the main, approved, said dates being:

March 14-15, 2009, at VIR-March Memories

April 17-19, 2009, at VIR-Double National

May 9-10, 2009, at VIR-SARRC/MARRS

June 27-28, 2009, at Rockingham, tentative PDX/Regional Race
(Nashville also has a race scheduled for the 27th and 28th of June, 2009)

September 12-13, 2009, at Rockingham-tentative PDX/Regional Race

October 24-25 or October 31 & November 1, 2009, at VIR-Goblins Go

October 31, November 1, 2009 or November 6-7, 2009, at VIR-13 Hour Enduro

Rex further reported that the rest of the SEDiv meeting was uneventful, just normal regular business conducted and some class rules passed.

2. Annual Banquet: Brad Draughton reports that the Cape Fear Chapter is shopping for a banquet site for the Region's banquet, and has under consideration 3 to 4 sites in the Wilmington area. The cost to the Region for the last banquet (January, 2008) was \$20 per person, which amount was paid by the attendees, plus the Region contributed an additional \$3,700.00 to cover the additional banquet costs above the \$20 per person charge. Brad further advises that at the next NCR Board of Directors Meeting he will, hopefully, announce the site selected for the next NCR Annual Banquet.

3. 2009 Budget Planning Meeting-November 15th, 10 A.M.: The RE advises that the planned Budget Meeting is scheduled for November 15, 2008, at 10 A.M. and that all Specialty Chiefs and Committee Chairpersons should be present, or have a representative for them present, for said 2009 budget planning meeting.

4. North Carolina Motorsports Association- No Report.

5. PDX and PDX Promotion- John Uftring reports that the promotion of our Region's PDX event at Rockingham, for September 13th, is mainly through word of mouth and by notices posted on various car club websites. John advises that he will try to add additional notices on additional websites. He further discussed some factors he considered as being helpful to increase the number of entries for the Region's PDX events. It was pointed out that our PDX dates for next year are subject to the Region first getting firm dates from the track at Rockingham. With reference to the 2009 Double National at VIR, the Board discussed putting an ad for this event in *Sportscar* for the December/January issue. John also suggested that the Board of Directors/Region needs to consider identifying, as early as possible, the types of races to be held in conjunction with the Region's PDX events in 2009, and the dates for said events.

6. Dash Plates. It was reported that 60% of the online polling indicated a strong desire for Dash Plates for the

Region's race events. The RE also reported that it seemed to him that the racers were happy with the Region's Double National event, held this past spring, with reference to the entry fees charged for this event.

7. EV Reimbursement Request: The Board decided to table this matter, for possible further consideration, in the future.

New Business:

1. Rallycross: James Shanks advised that some potential new SCCA/NCR members are asking for a Rallycross event. James also advised that the rules as to Rallycross are similar to Solo event rules, in that they both require a sanction number, a Safety Steward and an Event Steward. The Board discussed the need for someone to first step forward and to agree to head up a Rallycross Program before the NCR undertook to schedule such an event by our Region.

2. Purchasing Elumaboards: The Board discussed the need for Elumaboards for the 13 Hour Enduro event. The RE requested an estimate of the number of new Elumaboards which might be needed, and it was suggested that 25 may be an approximate number of new boards needed for this year's 13 Hour event, for teams that do not have these boards from a prior event. Ginny advises that the Region may need to have 5 or so on hand, at the 13 Hour event, to deal with late entries. The consensus of the NCR's Board is that Glenn's company should handle the Elumaboard issue, by his company purchasing them and then selling them to any race teams who need them for the 13 Hour Enduro event. Glenn indicated his company will do so.

3. SCCA/NASA Challenge: The RE suggested that our Region should consider having a Challenge (Regional) Race at Rockingham in 2009 between SCCA and NASA racers. Glenn indicated he will follow up with his preliminary efforts to create such a Challenge Event, at Rockingham, in hopes that such a race might be scheduled for 2009.

4. Time span between race groups. The RE advised he wants to offer a challenge to all the SCCA Stewards in the Southeast Division to consider safe ways to reduce, by 80%, the amount of downtime between each race group at Regional and National races, with the view of being able to handle more race groups or to giving more time to all the existing race groups, for practice and/or qualifying and/or racing.

5. Production Festival. The Board approved, as it did last year, the dedication of a single race group to the Production Class of cars, including GT Lights, to be run as a single group race during the October, 2008 Goblins Go event at VIR.

6. Feedback: The RE requested feedback on how the NCR Board of Directors is doing this year, and he also wants suggestions as to things which we, as a Board, may want to accomplish in 2009.

Reports:

1. Chapters:

A- Cape Fear: Brad Draughon, Chapter Coordinator for the Cape Fear Chapter, reports that the New Bern Solo event was held successfully; further, he reports that their Chapter meeting included the members talking up the PDX event, now scheduled for September 13, 2008, at Rockingham. Brad expressed his thanks to the NCR Board of Directors for funding the cost of the storage/travel case for the Solo timing equipment, being used by the NCR's Solo program.

B- Triangle Chapter: James Shanks, Triangle Chapter Coordinator, advises that 19 members attended the last Triangle Chapter meeting and that the meeting discussed the change of the September PDX event at Rockingham to a one-day event. The Chapter also discussed information as to the status of the progress of construction of the High Rock Raceway.

C- West Chapter: Ed Wentz, West Chapter Coordinator, reported that 23 members attended the last West Chapter meeting, which discussed the one-day PDX event now scheduled at Rockingham, for September 13th; further, he reported that Bill Foster gave a status report to the Chapter as to the progress of the construction of the High Rock Raceway. Ed also reported that some of the members of the Chapter were attempting to put together a sufficient number of corner workers to man a NCR only corner station at the 24 Hour race at Daytona in 2009. Additionally, Ed reported that Tim Gardner, one of the West Chapter's members, had arranged for an SCCA booth at the Chevy Car

Club Car Show, an upcoming event in Greensboro, wherein the West Chapter will display an Audi R8, Heather Powers' IT 7 racecar and Brian Hooper's ITC Honda racecar.

2. Committees:

A. Competition Board-Goblins Go Schedule. The Board discussed some issues regarding the race schedule for the Goblin's Go event, including the large amount of time apparently available on Sunday afternoon, which might accommodate, time-wise, the addition of a CPPS race; the Comp. Board has not made a decision in that regard, but it is also considering longer SARRC races, time-wise, to use the "open" available time. Motion (Wentz/Shanks) to add a Carolina Cup Pro Series race to the Goblins Go Event schedule in October, at VIR; Passed.

B. Solo, No Report.

C. PDX. It was reported that only 5 instructors have signed up, so far, along with 18 students, for the PDX event now scheduled for the 13th of September, at Rockingham.

Motion (Pell/Senior) to Adjourn at 9:06 P.M.; Passed.

Chevy Car Show at Country Park in Greensboro

by Heather Powers

Thanks to member Tim Gardner, once again, North Carolina Region was provided an opportunity to have a presence in the public eye. Tim is also a member of the Chevy Car Club and was able to arrange for SCCA to be able to display some cars at their annual show at Greensboro's Country Park.

Brian Hooper brought his ITC Honda. Pete Papas, Scully, Stephanie, future EV team member Christopher, and Jason LeBlanc were there with North Carolina Region's EV truck and "Sled" representing Emergency Services. Jerry Pell was able to get an Audi R8 to represent our Performance Driving Experience. I had my IT-7 Mazda RX-7 with all of the lights and Eluma Boards for the 13 hour mounted on it.

People were allowed to sit in the seats on the sled of the EV truck for some photo opportunities. Both children and adults.

The Audi was great for getting people's attention. Sometimes it was even comical to watch people respond to such a gorgeous machine. It gave the perfect opportunity to start a dialog with people. We did get several solid leads. The RX-7 with all the lights on it also started some funny conversations that we were then able to turn into, "Hey, have you heard of SCCA? The lights aren't for Rally, but for a 13 Hour race!" Not to mention the funny looks when people couldn't figure out where the engine's "head" was. "That's one of those Rotaries?!"

You never know who you might bump into at an event like this. At the last West Chapter meeting we had 2 new faces. One was a brand new member and the other was a long time member that we don't get to see very often because he is usually working on a race car. We were fortunate enough to see both of them at the car show. I also bumped into one of my cousins and his family.

Everybody with a race car should participate in a car show sometime. It is a great opportunity to really clean up your car. It's not good if you are a perfectionist, because it is hard to stop once you start. It's certainly the cleanest my car has been since I painted it.

I hope that we will continue to have representation in car shows. They are a lot of fun and they do provide us some needed exposure. They are certainly a good venue to direct people to our PDX program. Maybe one day we won't be known as the Secret Car Club of America.

Working Start at the Petit Le Mans

by Jamie Dzencelowcz, NCR Starter

Greetings from Road Atlanta!

I had the opportunity to work my first professional race at Road Atlanta during the 11th running of the Petit Le Mans and my experience there was anything but boring. For four days I had an up-close and personal experience as to how a professional race is run and how fast-paced it can be. I worked as a Starter with the responsibility of backing up all the pro starters from both IMSA (Dennis Paul) and SCCA Pro Racing (Ken Silva and Jerry Russet), as well as working closely with the Atlanta Region Starters Lynne Allen (Chief Starter), Donald Platt, and Susan Williams. We were also responsible for manning pit-out as a flagging station where I spent some time on Wednesday during the SPEED World Challenge practice. Dennis was a blast to work with. A resident of New Orleans, he shared with me a lot of his expertise as a Starter (which spans over 10 years with IMSA) and pointed out several key details on how to be able to identify the cars during my time on point (shape of headlights, LED lights next to the driver, etc.) and told some great racing stories.

Most of the time I served as a communicator for the SCCA network which was manned by IMSA officials Simone and Kelly, but had several occasions on point flagging practice sessions for ALMS, as well as practice and qualifying for Star Mazda, IMSA Challenge (formerly GT3 Cup), and IMSA Lites. My crowning moment was having the opportunity after the start of the first IMSA Challenge race to be on point to finish out and check the race (which consisted of a full-course caution and restart as well). I also had some point time during the Petit itself and got to not only performed several restarts (we had a record 11 full course cautions) but got to see how things can go from good to chaotic quickly. Just ask Stephen Johansson in the #48 P1 car as well as the drivers of #30 (P1), #26 (P2), and #46 (GT2) about their turn 12 experience.

I was the only NCR representative at the Petit this year. The total worker count for Saturday was 108 which spanned 24 regions in 20 states and 4 countries including the US, Canada, Great Britain, and the Netherlands. Atlanta Flag Chief Nancy-Ann Van Hutten, her trusty sidekick Kiki, and Atlanta R.E. Tere Pulliam made me feel welcome and took care of me, and all the other workers. The socials were a great atmosphere with plenty of food and conversation (don't forget beer!) and door prizes on Friday. Snacks and coffee were always available every morning for workers to take with them (I took full advantage of this), and Nancy-Di's wine and cheese party after the Petit did not disappoint. Wednesday was the shortest day and Thursday was the longest with ALMS night practice until 9pm. The Petit itself covered the 1,000 mile distance in just under 9 ³/₄ hours.

The 2008 Petit Le Mans was an experience I will not soon forget. The weather all weekend was perfect. The attendance set new records (around 110,000 Saturday). The LMP1 Peugeot vs. Audi rivalry did not disappoint as well as Acura vs. Porsche in LMP2 and Porsche vs. Ferrari in GT2. All 4 classes broke the track record with Peugeot setting a record time of 106.242, and after wrecking the car on the formation lap, Alan McNish's drive from 2 laps down at the start to win the Petit overall is something I will always remember. I look forward to September 23-26, 2009 and the opportunity to work the 12th running of the Petit Le Mans.

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We eat all day and into the evening. Boiled peanuts, hot apple cider, horseshoes, croquet, checkers, bobbing for apples and face painting can keep some busy, but come and get to know our family and friends. By all means bring your family and friends. Stay for the bon fire later that night if you can. Try your hand at roasting marshmallows. Let us know early if you’re going to sleep over ‘cause those spaces fill up fast. Or bring your tent, bus, RV, or rough it at Super 8 Motel: 919-892-1293. Their rates are: single room \$62.96 and double room \$68.60 including tax.

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Interested in attending the SCCA National Convention in Las Vegas?

Jean and I are going to the convention, February 19-21 in Vegas. We have a room, two Queen beds; looking to share with 1-2 people, non-smoker, hopefully non-snore to share expense. Check in is Thurs. 3:00pm, check out is Sat. 12:00 noon. Call Wayne Quick at (910) 824-9890 or e-mail to pdqparalegal@mindspring.com.

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
- March 30** Global TransPark Solo Challenge, GTP - Kinston
- April 11-13** Inaugural "Oak Tree Double National" - VIR full-course - VIR test day on April 10
- April 20** "Indy at the Park" - Smith Creek Center - Wilmington - 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** "Pylons in Pender" - Cape Fear Middle School, Pender County- Auto-X (non-points event)
- June 28-29** ECR/CCPS/PDX - Rockingham Speedway
- July 20** "Sounds of Freedom" - New River Air Station (rain date July 27) - Auto-X
- August 2** "Pylons in Pender" - Cape Fear Middle School, Pender County (Saturday night finish - Auto-X
- August 16** "RiverFront Grand Prix" - Cape Fear Community College (Saturday night finish) - Auto-X
- Sept. 13** PDX - Rockingham Speedway (Saturday only)
- September 28** "Cross of the Titans" - Trask High School, Pender County - 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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 Brad Draughon, Chapter Coordinator

Cape Fear Chapter - New Bern
 First Thursday of the Month 7:00 pm
 Family Tire and Auto Service
 Hwy 70, ¼ mile east of the Mazda dealer or
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 Chris Bray, Chapter Coordinator

Dan River Chapter - Danville, VA
 Dan River Chapter is currently not meeting due to
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 please contact RE.

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 El Rodeo Mexican Restaurant
 Hwy 70 at Pleasant Valley
 James Shanks, Chapter Coordinator

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