

### January/February/March, 2004

### **Board Happenings**

Meeting Date Change: For March only, the Board meeting and the Competition Committee have swapped meeting dates. The Board will meet on March 2 and the Competition committee will meet on March 9.

Meeting Location: The Board meetings are now being held at the Hilton Milwaukee River, 4600 N. Port Washington Road, Milwaukee. (Just off I–43 at the Hampton Avenue Exit)

**New Member:** The Milwaukee Region Board of Directors has voted to appoint Jim Roemer to fill the seat left vacant by the resignation of Mike Engelke. Engelke resigned after he was elected as Area 5 Director.

### **New Minor Waiver Procedure**

There are new minor waiver forms and procedure and new minor photo ID forms. All current waivers and the pink IDs will no longer be valid after May 1, 2004. See page 10 for details.

### **Website Award**

The Milwaukee Region website

http://www.scca-milwaukee.org won third place in the SCCA national website competition for large regions.

Congratulations to Doug Morrissey, George Kofman and Jeff Cashmore. we thank you for your hard work and effort to make our website one of the best.

### **Road America Camping**

There will be free tent camping at Road America for both Milwaukee Region SCCA race events - the Bonneau Double Regional on June 26–27 and the Cartoon Cat National on July 24–25. Workers must work both days of an event to take advantage of this offer.

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### R.E. View – Angelo Gazzola

The decision to not publish a January DRIFT and replace it with a January/February edition was based on a lack of meaningful news to report. Well now we have had the annual SCCA Convention and a February board meeting to discuss.

The SCCA Convention was held in Kansas City on February 5th through the 8th, at the Westin Crown Hotel. Milwaukee Region was well represented as Mike Engelke, Julie Komp and myself attended the Convention. The highlights of the Convention, for Milwaukee Region, were the honors received by Milwaukee Regions Web Site and the region itself for its training activities. The Milwaukee Web Site was honored with a third place award, in the large region area, for the quality of the Web Site. The award was presented to George Kofman, as Webmaster, but the regions' thanks should go out to Doug Morrissey as well. The region was also honored by the SCCA Foundation for the regions efforts in partnership with Chicago region for engaging in member training programs. A more detailed report of the Convention was prepared by Julie Komp, and should be available for publication in the DRIFT.

The February Milwaukee Region Board Meeting saw the board add a new member to replace Mike Engelke, who was elected to the Nation SCCA Board of Directors. Mike resigned from the Milwaukee Board, effective January 1, 2004, which was his official start date on the SCCA Board of Directors. The new board member is Jim Roemer, who has been a member of the Milwaukee Board Finance Committee, since 2003. Jim brings a number

of skills and experience to the board, which will be a big help to the board as the function of the board becomes more and more complex.

The following personnel have been appointed to the very important positions of Chairperson of each of our areas of region activities. Marc Knippel has been reappointed to Chairman of the Milwaukee Region Competition Committee, which oversees our Road Racing area. Dan Kimber has been appointed as Chairman of the Milwaukee Region Solo

Program. Dan is new to the position this year, and replaces Jason Dembosky. Tim Craft has been reappointed as Chairman of the Milwaukee Region Rally Program. These are very important positions, and I thank each of the Chairpersons for their willingness to serve their region during the 2004 season.

I need to report to the region, that the long-standing relationship in the Solo area with Wisconsin Autocrossers Inc. (WAI) has come to an end. Milwaukee Region will continue with our own independent Solo Program, with events held at Miller Park. The severing of that relationship has led to the loss of the co-sponsored CEN-DIV event, typically held at Miller Park. The Milwaukee Region Board of Directors has re-affirmed its support of the Milwaukee Region Solo Program in all areas including budgetary support. With the leadership of Dan Kimber and Jeff Cashmore, I am sure that our Solo Program will perform well in 2004.

Angelo

# BRING A FRIEND TO THE OPEN HOUSE MARCH 28 11AM-4PM

Have you told a co-worker or a neighbor about the SCCA? The opportunity is available to not only tell them but to show them what you do on the weekends you should be mowing your lawn.

Bring them to the open house and show them the who, what, where, and how of putting on the best racing events.

The open house will have displays of Racecars, Solo II cars, annual tech will be available and all the worker specialties will be on hand to explain what they do.

It will be held again at David Hobbs Honda 6100 N. Green Bay Rd. Glendale, WI.

If you want to display your car call Tony Machi at (414) 423–0867

### Milwaukee Region Calendar

Mar 2 Board Meeting

6-7 CenDiv Spring Training

9 Competition Committee

20 Annual Worker Training

23 Editor's Birthday

28 Open House

30 Solo Meeting

April 6 Competition Committee

13 Board Meeting

23-25 Quad Drivers School/Region

May 4 Competition Committee

11 Board Meeting

22-23 Mueller National

Nov 6 Annual Meeting

### **SCCA Demographics**

Here's some interesting information that was presented at the convention:

Per the most recent survey SCCA has done (2003):

the median age is 43.8

27.5 percent are 18–34

37.1 percent are 35–49

35.1 percent are 50+

The male/female ratio is 79.1/20.9.

Only 32.6 percent of SCCA members buy pain reliever on a regular basis, and only 22.3 and 21 percent regularly purchase domestic and imported beer, respectively.

The geographic center of racing drivers from the lower 48 states (including Washington, DC) is about 60 miles SSW of St. Louis.

### 2004 NeOhio Comp Clinic!

The 2004 NeOhio Competition Clinic is on Saturday, March 20, 2004, at the IX–Center in Cleveland, OH.

There's a new format and new topics. You can follow one track throughout the day or attend sessions in other tracks. The three tracks are Beginner Road Racing, Advanced Road Racing, and Solo.

In addition, you can watch several NeOhio members build a Spec Miata right before your eyes! Work will begin on the build as participants register for the Comp Clinic and finish by the end of the day. The vehicle will be raffled for charity at the Neohio 12 Hour at the Ledges event, July 23–25, 2004.

For more information, go to www.neohio-scca.org. You can also contact Sherrie Weitzenhoff by e-mail at SWeitzenho@aol.com and by phone (330) 666–2627 (no later 9 PM eastern time) or Connie Peplowski by e-mail at times99@earthlink.net and by phone (440) 442–4521.

### Welcome New Members

Jesse L. Ames Dennis Birkholz Pam, Zack & Bryce Crafton Barry Davidson Steven Epstein The Gartner Family (John, Rouleen, Larissa, Breanna) Andrew Gemer Brian Hyde Jeanne Karlsvik Robert & Nancy Lidwin Matt Morrison Richard Palmer Jon Peccarelli Christopher Pekral Allan Ransom Daniel Schultz Bret Sylka Yang Vue Steven Wadzinski David Watkins

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### 2004 SCCA Convention Notes

### From Julie Komp

For more information please follow the links below to the daily convention newsletters and strategic plans.

Thursday's convention newsletter http://www.scca.com/news/convention/04convention/SCCA-Convention-Thurs.pdf

Friday's convention newsletter http://www.scca.com/news/convention/04convention/SCCA Convention-Fri.pdf

Saturday's convention newsletter http://www.scca.com/news/convention/04convention/SaturdayConventionJazz.pdf

Sunday's convention newsletter http://www.scca.com/news/convention/04convention/Sunday\_ConventionJazz.pdf

Strategic plans in PowerPoint format http://www.scca.com/news/convention/04convention/SCCA-Strategic-Plans.pps

- 1. Membership numbers (approximate):
  - 60,000 members, 16000 new members, 4450 from Subaru
  - 11,500 have comp licenses, 7900 licensed worker specialties
  - Subaru members annual renewal rate 8.5%, Reno region 57%

### 2. New management software:

Very early stages - going live on limited basis this summer. Will be able to register on—line for Nat'l Convention, Runoffs, & selected events. Will be able to apply for race sanctions and eventually insurance on—line. All members will get passwords allowing them to renew membership on—line, eventually perhaps licenses.

### 3. Registration:

- A. Minor Waivers/I.D.'s new policy effective May 1<sup>st</sup> and form available at scca.com under Insurance.
  - All old minor waivers and pink minor photo I.D.'s are no longer valid after May 1<sup>st</sup>.
  - New waivers require a parent or guardian signature.
  - One signature for a single event, two for an annual waiver.
  - At the track signatures can be witnessed by a Registrar or Steward.
  - Waivers can be completed off site signed by appropriate number of parents and witnessed by a registrar or a notary public then brought to the track.
  - A <u>yellow</u> minor I.D. can be issued for a properly completed annual minor waiver.
  - Big problem will be those who travel to the track with other people's children and don't have the proper paperwork completed ahead of time.
  - Extremely important to get this word out to competitors and workers.
  - Annual minor waivers can be sent once a year to Nat'l office for archiving. Individual event minor waivers have to be kept by the region until the minor is 18 plus 2 years.

### B. Novice Permits - no longer called Logbooks

• Now good for 2 years, most Registration info on the first 2 pages, have expiration date on inside cover.

Express Lines - Done by SF Region and NW Coast. Allow drivers with everything squared away to complete registration and tech quickly. A tech worker and a registrar work together (some cross—license) so the driver is done with tech and registration when he gets out of that line. Any 'problem children' need to go to the normal line, but it's much shorter. Very effective way to process the lines. Can limit express lines to specially advertised times.

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Those regions have drivers volunteer and get regional Reg licenses to work those particular morning times and keep the lines moving. They have also virtually eliminated worker registration lines by utilizing the Annual Worker Waivers.

### 4. Member Recruitment

- Promo pack region can use for trade-shows and the like that have an expected attendance of 10,000 people. We receive one SCCA embroidered fleece vest, one Lucite box, pads of entry forms (contact info, area of interest, participation preference, desire to be an SCCA member or not, etc). They fill out an entry form and put it in the box. We draw one name per show for the fleece. We type all the contact info into a spreadsheet and sent to Nat'l office. The region gets \$25 for each 100 names submitted (credit toward purchases). Nat'l follows up with e-mail's within 45 days and encourage 'Join Now' on-line. Order the pack 30 days prior to the event. Ordering form available by emailing marketing@scca.com. No cost to the region unless you do not submit any names then a \$75 cost to the region. Can order replacement items for the next show. Region can also send whatever info they want to these prospective members.
- Trial membership modifications Takes effect April 1st. Now available at no cost to the region. Will have tracking numbers on the forms and will be printed as a \$15 dollar value. If the temp member buys a full membership within the 90 days, they get a \$15 credit toward that membership (taken out of the Nat'l dues portion). During the 90 days they will not receive SportsCar and cannot vote. Region fills out the expiration date and issuing region portions. We then return one part to Nat'l office, 1 to them, 1 kept by region. Potential follow—up e—mail by Nat'l. If we don't send the part to Nat'l and the person joins, region will be charged \$15. Region can send info to them too.

### 5. Awards

- Training cert. from The Foundation for our joint SCCA U training effort with Chi region
- Website 3<sup>rd</sup> place, Large Region for our website and particularly for having our expense and income statements available.
- Other award recipients in the Convention Jazz

### 6. Safety Symposium

- Excellent all day presentation put together by the SCCA U with noted leaders in the field of racecar safety (seats, seatbelts, nets, HANS, driver geometry, etc). Many statistics, video clips of crashes, and just all around information on how to be safer in the unsafe environment of a racecar.
- Arnie Kuhns, President, SFI Foundation, Hubert Gramling, FIA Foundation Safety Consultant, Dr. John Melvin, Biomedical Research @ Wayne St. & President, Tandelta Corp, Carl Schroth, Schroth Safety Products, Dr. Bob Hubbard, HANS. \*\*
- Presentation was professionally videotaped with a Foundation fundraising effort underway to make it into a dvd, one copy to each region, other copies sold.

### 7. Strategic Plans

Unveiled for Solo, RoadRally, Club Racing

### THE TUPPER CHRONICLES

Ramblings on Chairing a Race (or Two): Part 1 by |Steve Tupper

It all started out in the fifth grade...Oops! No, that's when I blundered my way through "milk money specialist". In the 1950s, the dairy industry and the goiter pill manufacturers gouged a daily windfall from the elementary school systems promising proper protein and thyroid stability for all youthful consumers. Got Milk? Well, I suppose it was better than downing bottles of soda pop and confections which the kids could procure at the theater on weekends.

Upon my successful delivery of said wholesome liquid lactose and chocolate flavored lozenge products to grades one through eight, the nuns at my Catholic grade school appointed me treasurer of the class expecting an emulation of my mother's legendary performance as bean counter for the church's Christian Mothers club. Counting cash!... Brilliant! Why, at that age I could barely balance a checkbook... if I had one. Proper number crunching could have been better tabulated by fiscal trustees such as long time Milwaukee Region treasurer Karen Mattacotti or current "digit dasher" Julie Komp.

Actually, chairing a Milwaukee Region race does not (thankfully) have a lot to do with the region's treasury. When someone asks what a race chairman does, I say all we do is order the food and beverages for the party (I kid, I kid, I joke with you!). It is a bit more complicated

than that, but if I can do it, anyone can. Put it this way. Chair persons should be somewhat cognizant of the event's incoming cash (ie; race entries) versus the expenditures for items either directly race related (ie; track rent, insurance) or indirectly race related (lunches, party). A budget spread sheet, assistant chair people, and the "Competition Committee" all help out. More on this later. First, a chronicle of race chairman experiences.

It really all started out in 1991. Up to that time, my only specialty had been corner working. The RE then was Barb Lundquist and she requested that I lay out a gourmet display at a popular vintage race that is now called the "Brian Redman International Challenge". Being from Sheboygan county - land of the best cheese and sausage anywhere – I went all out supplying the highest cholesterol items on Earth along with crackers, fruits and veggies. Not bad for a "faux" caterer. My 12 year old daughter helped design a "food carving" of the #5 Denny Hulme Can-Am McLaren. Imagine a crosscut of a cucumber for wheels, an orange cheese car body, sausage stick exhaust. Brilliant! It was fun.

In '92, I was an assistant chair for this same event along with Stew Edwards and Bob Banner. What a way to strike up new friendships! I remember Bob Banner and his aromatic pipe tobacco. I visited his home where he showed me his pride and joy vintage Austin Healy and other racing memorabilia. It was unfortunate that he had passed away only a year later.

In 1994, the RE was Sandy Nix and she asked if I would be chairman for the CAT National at Road America. Woo-hoo, a National! Mike Froh helped out as co-chair with pre-race negotiations. But come race weekend, Mike was racing. So, assistants Steve Prevenas, Jerry Janssen and I ...were all rookies! Ain't it the truth that your first experience is the most memorable? The race took place on April 30 and May 1 and it snowed about three inches during Saturday's qualifying. Cars were slippin' and slidin'. Support and tow vehicles were getting stuck in the paddock (Hey, chairman, can you help us get out of this mess?) Wind screens in the "tin tops" and driver's helmets were fogging up to the extent that the sessions were stopped. Grid positions were eventually drawn by hat. The Saturday gathering at the Cat's grave turned into a slushy snow ball fight and "butt sledding" down the soggy hills. At the party, shuddering beer drinkers celebrated with sausage and cheese (careful with that sausage slicer, guys... Doh! Medic! Medic!... I kid, I kid, I joke with you!) The weekend was to become known as the Arctic(cat) National.

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Tupper Chronicles (cont'd)

On Sunday, the grounds' winter wonderland were soon to liquidize. The support vehicles remained mired in slop. The track was dry and the temp was climbing. News in the morning rang out the death of Ayrton Senna at the San Moreno GP. At our track there was an unfortunate collision between a deer and a Formula Vee car causing injury to the driver. RA's safety team and track physicians administered prompt emergency services. Our wholehearted regards went out to the driver that weekend.

Thanks to Sandy Nix's faith in me, I repeated as chairman for the '95 Cat National ... in July! What a contrast! Hot weather, hot competition and.&.hot food! Assistant chair Jerry Janssen served roast ham (watch out with that knife, Jerry. Doh!... I kid, I kid). Cold cuts have not been served at a Milwaukee Cat National since. The '95 Cat was also remembered as the event when Roy and Nancy Rogers were struck by a race car on Saturday and were transported to a local hospital. Nancy received some painful scrapes and Roy suffered a very serious broken ankle. During the track party, Nancy called from the hospital requesting that we hoist a few drinks for Roy, and we did with large lumps in our throats. Next morning I visited the hospital where Roy, leg coated in ceramics, was laughing and cussing. He had the hospital staff laughing and cussing. By mid-afternoon, Nancy and Roy hobbled back to the track to visit for cast autographs and we all laughed and cussed our way to wellness. Before the end of the season, Roy was back corner working while wearing a walking cast.

A few years later, I began to chair and assist chairing several Rennen regional races at Blackhawk Farms Raceway. At this event, the chairman collects donations for his or her favorite charity by charging a fee for track rides at lunch time. So, for the past seven years Toby Schuster and I have collected about \$500 per weekend rotating as chairs for this event; he for the Bethesda Lutheran Homes and me for the Brain Injury Association of Wisconsin.

I would like to thank my wife, Sarah and my family. Though not Region members they have always been supportive for things like food preparation, filming, printing, copying and mailing stuff. Region members who have been assistants (and I have assisted them in turn) are Mike Froh, Jerry Janssen, Corky Aiholzer, Steve Prevenas, Len Krebs, Darcy Yench, J.J. McDuffie, Mike Potter, Janet Harhay, and Anne Kumor. Also Toby and Sue Schuster, Cheryl, Marc, Jackie and Mandy Knippel, aand Jackie, Shelby, Sean and Dave Yahn. &. and many other Competition Committee members who have assisted us over the years.

Let's fast—forward to the present decade and see how the planning all takes place. First, there is the major Competition Committee meeting in Milwaukee in January. All region stewards, race chiefs and Comp. Committee members gather to discuss the season's race schedule. The Regional Executive presents a calender of the race weekends for the season which was finalized while attending the Central Division meetings. That, in itself, is often a harrowing political experience trying to get the best possible weekends between the Pro weekends or other major races. Kudos for the RE and assistants for their accomplishments.

Next, the Region Competition Committee meets on the FIRST TUESDAY of each month. By the way, ANYONE CAN ATTEND THESE MEETINGS. AS WELL AS THE BOARD MEETINGS which take place on the SECOND TUESDAY of each month. Usually the Comp meetings (first Tuesdays) are held at a restaurant, but in 2003 they took place at Marc and Cheryl Knippels' home in St. Francis, a quaint suburban nook just north of Mitchell Field. Upon our arrival for our first meeting at the Knippels' in February, 2003, Cheryl had cooked up a simmering pot of chili. "Welcome to our humble abode". What a nice family ambiance after a hard day's work! To be continued.... Next issue ... "True Function of Chairman: PARTY"

Love and Thanks, Tup

### .....And Another Thing

As you saw on the front page, there is a whole new minor waiver procedure that includes new forms and new minor photo IDs. Please make sure your family/guests/crew are aware of the changes. Details on the following page.

In the last issue we failed to mention that **Marc Knippel** was the recipient of the Uihlein Award. Our apologies.

The Annual Worker Training is being held on March 20 at the Kenosha Outlet Mall. Everyone on the F&C mailing list should have received an announcement in the mail. If you have any questions, please contact F&C Administrator Toby Schuster (414) 416–2371.

Congratulations to **Tony Machi** who has recently become a grandpa! We're sure Judge Grandpa will happy to show you pictures.

Former member Bob Birmingham has taken pen to paper (or more likely, fingers to keyboard) and has written a very interesting accounting of his racing memories. He has graciously offered to share it with our members. It is still in the revision stage and as soon as it is completed, we will be printing it. As it is quite lengthy, it will be serialized over a number of issues.

Ross Fosbender tells us that there will be a Tire Wall Day at Blackhawk Farms on Saturday, April 3, starting at 9AM. He said to 'wear grubbies and bring 9/16' socket and open end wrenches'. There will be coffee and doughnuts in the morning, chili and drinks at lunchtime and free afternoon track touring for workers. For more information contact Ross at rossf@interaccess.com

**Sad news:** Former Milwaukee Region member and current SCCA Road Rally Board Jim Mirrielees passed away suddenly on January 25 in Florida. In the mid/late 1980's Jim brought a rally program back to Milwaukee Region with a series of gimmick rallies. Many will remember the Great Pumpkin/Turkey Trot Rallies. They were great fun. Jim was 64 and is survived by his wife Jillian, one daughter and two step—daughters. Our sympathies go out to his family and friends.

### **2004Worker Incentive Program**

You must work both days of both the Bonneau Double Regional (6/26, 6/27) and the Cat National (7/24, 7/25)

	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
AND:	Any 5 or more days from:	Any 4 days from:	All 3 days of:
	Mueller National	Mueller National	
	5/24, 5/25	5/24, 5/26	VSCDA
	Rennen Double Regional	Rennen Double Regional	9/17, 9/18, 9/19
	6/5, 6/6	6/5, 6/7	
	VSCDA	VSCDA	
	9/17, 9/18, 9/19	9/17, 9/18, 9/20	
TO GET	\$75	\$20	\$20

Any Questions, please contact Chris Cwiklinski, (414) 449-3862 or ccwikl@yahoo.com

### IMPORTANT MINOR WAIVER INFORMATION

### THE MINOR WAIVER PROCEDURE HAS CHANGED

### ALL PERMANENT MINOR WAIVERS AND THE HOT PINK MINOR PHOTO IDS ARE NOT VALID AFTER MAY 1, 2004

As you know, every minor (under the age of 18) needs a signed minor waiver in order to be able to enter the track premises. The procedure has changed and there is no longer a permanent waiver; a new waiver must be filled out each **CALENDAR** year.

The new minor waiver form is a 2-part form. As with previous minor waiver forms, only a parent or legal guardian can sign the form, but the <u>requirement for witnesses to the signatures are different</u> than in the past.

**NEW ANNUAL WAIVER**: For an Annual Waiver, the form MUST be signed by BOTH parents or legal guardians. **The signatures must be witnessed by an SCCA licensed Registrar or the waiver form has to be notarized.** If there is only one parent/guardian or if a parent has sole custody, the appropriate box so attesting must be initialed by the parent/guardian. A new yellow minor photo ID can be issued after the new Annual Waiver is completed.

**NEW SINGLE EVENT MINOR WAIVERS:** For a single event, the minor waiver must be signed by at least ONE parent/legal guardian. The signature on this must be witnessed by an SCCA licensed Registrar or Steward whether at or away from the event site or it may be notarized.

**EVENT WAIVERS:** An adult no longer has to sign the event waiver for a minor.

Please, please, please remember and remind your guests and crew that if they are bringing a minor to the track and you or they are not his/her parent or legal guardian, the minor must have a waiver signed by his/her parent or legal guardian and witnessed by a licensed Registrar or a Steward or the form must be notarized or the minor will not be allowed to enter the track.

If you have any questions or need blank minor waiver forms for your grandchildren, nieces, nephews, other relatives, friends of friends, friends of your kids, etc. please contact the event registrar or the Milwaukee Region Goddess.

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<u>ccwikl@yahoo.com</u> or <u>sccamke@scca-milwaukee.org</u> Please include your mailing address and the number of forms you will need.

You can also download the form from www.scca.org

WE HOPE TO HAVE FORMS AVAILABLE AT THE OPEN HOUSE ON MARCH 28.