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FEBRUARY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

February 2, 2010

WEST FORK ROADHOUSE
3850 BELMONT AVE
YOUNGSTOWN, OH
just south of I 80

Meeting Time: 8:00pm

Come early for dinner.

REport – Reed Kryder

It's time to start working on our 2010 events. We have a National and a Double Regional during the month of May. It may seem like a long way off, but it's just around the corner. I heard this morning that following January 23rd there average temperatures start to creep up. Spring and racing will shortly follow.

After so many people attended the December membership meeting and contributed to the discussions, it was a shock to see the low turnout at the January meeting. Guess it was the weather. Please try to attend the next meeting on February 2nd. Sandi and I will be fresh from attending the National Convention and definitely will have a few news items. We will not have had time to write any reports so it will be a good time to ask questions.

By the way, we will be at the Convention from January 28-30. If you have anything in particular you want us to research call 330-854-4889 or email us at reedkryder@aol.com.

I also want to make everyone aware of a non-SCCA event which could benefit MVR. The "USED CAR" 24-Hour race will be held at Nelson Ledges on April 23-25. It is a spin-off of the "LeMons" event held last year. Why is it important to MVR? This event is an excellent opportunity for someone to become involved with racing for a small amount of money, whether they own the car or are just a co-driver. It is also an incredible amount of fun and the drivers get hours of track time. And guess what, no prior experience is required. Beginners will be offered a couple of special sessions to point them in the right direction. If you know someone who has an interest but so far hasn't made any type of commitment let them know about this opportunity. We all know if they try it they will love it. And MVR membership would be the place to go for follow-up involvement. Go to www.usedcarracing.com for additional information.

See you at the meeting,

Minutes of the January Membership Meeting

Meeting was called to order at 8:00pm by R.E. Reed Kryder.

A motion to accept the December Minutes as printed in TRACK was made by Sandi Kryder and seconded by Chris Bell. Motion passed.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Sandi Kryder and seconded by Chris Bell. Motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 8:05pm.

Submitted by Sandi Kryder

SafeRacer Named Sponsor of SCCA National Racing Series

[Club Racing](#) 12/31/2009



TOPEKA, Kan. (Dec. 31, 2009) – Sports Car Club of America announced a multi-year partnership in which SafeRacer will become the title sponsor of the National Club Racing program. The approximately 70-race National program will be referred to as the "SafeRacer SCCA National Racing Series" beginning in 2010.

"SafeRacer has supported the Club Racing program in various ways over the last several years and we're excited that it has expanded its support to become the sponsor of the National Racing Series," SCCA President and CEO Jeff Dahnert said. "One of our main focuses this year will be on developing partnerships that not only support SCCA's business, but its participant members as well."

As part of the sponsorship, SafeRacer will provide \$15,000 in certificates to be distributed to class Champions in the nationwide point championship. The nationwide point Championship combines divisional Championship points and bonus points for the number of racers a driver finishes ahead of to crown one overall point Champion each year.

In addition, SafeRacer will offer direct product discounts to participants in the SafeRacer SCCA National Racing Series.

"We are a company made up of SCCA racers and we're excited to be able to support our fellow racers with the SafeRacer SCCA National Racing Series," SafeRacer CEO Charlie James said.

Racers competing in Nationally-sanctioned events will replace the traditional "SCCA Club Racing" decal with the new SafeRacer SCCA National Racing Series decal as part of the program. Decals will be available soon at no charge for the first set and will be required for all races after March 1, 2010.

Profiles

SCCA

Founded in 1944, Sports Car Club of America, Inc. is a 50,000 member motorsports organization that incorporates all facets of autocross, rally and road racing at both club and professional levels. It annually sanctions over 2,000 events through its 114 regions and

professional subsidiary. Landmark events and series for the Club include the SafeRacer SCCA National Racing Series; the Club Racing National Championship Runoffs® at Road America; and The Tire Rack® SCCA Solo National Championships and ProSolo Championship at Lincoln, Neb. For more information, please visit www.scca.com.

SAFERACER

Located in Neosho, Mo., SafeRacer is the country's number one source for racing safety equipment. Featuring products from the highest quality manufacturers, including HANS, Alpine Stars, Sparco, Oakley, Arai, G-Force, Bell, Simpson and FAST, SafeRacer has a great variety of helmets, suits, gloves, shoes, underwear and seats for every budget. SafeRacer's 25,000 square-foot facility includes more than \$1million in inventory. To satisfy your safety needs, visit www.saferacer.com.



Tom Campbell, Chairman
NEDIV Council

Open Letter to the NEDIV National Drivers

The NEDIV Race schedule for 2010 was recently published. Since then there has been concern expressed by some of the National drivers that there are no double National race events on the calendar.

This issue was discussed at the NE Division meeting in November prior to finalizing the schedule. Although there were a number of double Nationals requested, in the end the regions, as represented by the Regional Executives, decided that there should be none on the schedule for 2010.

The issue of having 3-day double race Nationals has been debated within the division for many years. The arguments are primarily driver preference and regional finances. It has long been stated that many drivers don't want to extend the weekend by the extra day (at least not on non-holiday weekends) and that they don't want to be disadvantaged if they can't attend the double event and have to travel to two separate single events. More recently a strong viewpoint is emerging that the double race weekends are less expensive for the drivers than two separate, single events and that the economics are changing some of the driver's preferences. Undoubtedly both sides of that issue exist, as well as several positions between the extremes.

The other stake-holders in this issue are the racing regions – those that host the National races. Total participation in National racing has been declining by about 10 – 12 % per year for the past 4 years.

Combined with increasing costs (track rental, insurance, etc.) it has become more difficult for the regions, especially those hosting the smaller events, to break even financially. The same trends exist in Regional racing but consistently greater numbers of entries per event make it more economical to host a Regional race. The regions believe that large double race National events will draw entries away from the smaller single race events to the extent that the single events may no longer be financially viable. The recent feedback from the drivers who are lobbying for the doubles as being more economical are validating this concern.

Many of the National participants are "local" drivers who enter the one or two Nationals at the tracks closest to them but don't travel to the majority of the National races. If their local track loses its National these drivers won't fill the void with another National event at a more distant track. On the other hand are the drivers who only enter enough Nationals to qualify for the Runoffs. These days that can be accomplished by only entering two double race events. However, of the 450 drivers participating in the 2009 Nationals in the North East, only 75 actually attended the Runoffs. Does it make sense to design the National racing program for that limited population.

For the 2010 season two of our historical National race events, Summit Point and Mosport, were dropped by the host regions for financial reasons. There remain 7 National races, all single race events, nicely distributed geographically and on the schedule.

So, that is the dilemma – more doubles to provide economy to some of the drivers at the cost of having fewer National races by forcing more regions/tracks out of the National racing schedule.

This issue will be discussed further at the Division's annual Round Table meeting in New Jersey on March 13 – 14. This is a rather straight forward issue but with no easy solution. It is very important that the decision makers, the RE's in the division, hear from more of the National drivers, hopefully from the full spectrum of viewpoints, so that they can make well informed decisions. Better yet, the drivers are invited to attend the Round Table to present their views and participate in what will be a lively debate.

World Challenge Programming to Air on VERSUS in 2010

[Pro Racing](#) 01/04/2010



TOPEKA, Kan. (Jan. 4, 2010) – WC Vision today announced that the 2010 SCCA Pro Racing World Challenge Championships will air on VERSUS.

The World Challenge Championships, consisting of three separate categories—GT, GTS and Touring Car—are America's top production car-based series. The World Challenge 2010 telecasts will be 90-minute programs, up from 60 minutes in 2009, with high-quality production values, renowned announcers providing color commentary and feature segments with behind-the-scenes footage. Some telecasts will air around IZOD IndyCar Series programming and series information will also be included on www.versus.com.

VERSUS is the national cable television home of the NHL, the IZOD IndyCar Series, World Extreme Cagefighting (WEC), the Professional Bull Riders (PBR) and the Tour de France. The network also airs college football, featuring nationally ranked teams from top conferences such as the Pac-10, Big 12 and Mountain West and is home to original programming such as Sports Soup and Sports Jobs with Junior Seau.

"We are thrilled that our 2010 events will air on VERSUS," WC Vision VP of Marketing and Communications Dave Drimmie said. "The series returns to a weekend timeslot and this year our fans will have a longer and more in-depth program. We're also looking at a syndication package that would enable World Challenge to reach a total of 160 million households."

The 2010 SCCA Pro Racing World Challenge Championships television schedule has been set as follows:

Race, Date, Time

Streets of St. Petersburg, Sunday, April 18, 2 p.m.

Streets of Long Beach, Saturday, May 1, 4:30 p.m.

Watkins Glen International, Saturday, July 17, 11 p.m.

Toronto / Mosport, Saturday, July 31, 3 p.m.

Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course, Saturday, Aug. 28, 4:30 p.m.

VIRginia International Raceway, Sunday, Sept. 26, 4:30 p.m.

TBA, Sunday, Oct. 17, 4:30 p.m.

Schedule subject to change. All times Eastern.

"This is a fantastic moment for the series," WC Vision Co-Chair Bob Woodhouse said. "This deal with VERSUS gives us the best of both worlds: increased entertainment for the fans and increased value for sponsors."

The final event on the 2010 World Challenge calendar will be announced shortly. More information on the series is available at www.world-challenge.com.

SCCA Pro Racing World Challenge Championships

Consisting of three separate categories (GT, GTS and Touring Car), the World Challenge Championships are America's top production car-based series. World Challenge is the most relevant showcase for the world's leading auto brands and makers of performance parts. Series events are a maximum of 50 minutes in length and feature standing starts with popular cars from the world's leading manufacturers racing head-to-head.

MVR Race Schedule for 2010

May 15-16 Double Regional @ Nelson Ledges

May 29-30 National @ Nelson Ledges

Annual Tech Day / Driver Physicals

Mark April 10 on your calendar. Neohio will be doing annual techs at Nelson Ledges. Dr. Mike Saddleton will be doing driver physicals. More info to follow in the next issue of TRACK.

Membership Report - Sandi Kryder

Welcome new member Linda Beilstein.

Members with February renewals:

Cindy Beck
David Gills
Reed Kryder
Scott Nutter Family
Ron Yarab

Birthday wishes go out to:

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| Greg Alley | 2/18 |
| Dave Badger | 2/18 |
| Chris Bell | 2/14 |
| Mark Fickenscher | 2/16 |
| Constantin Gheorghe | 2/14 |
| Dave Klein | 2/18 |
| Greg Lesky | 2/12 |
| Matt Miller | 2/16 |
| Bob Ruman | 2/27 |
| Tom Thomas | 2/23 |
| Brent Walton | 2/28 |

The following have been put on the inactive list.

Matt Carson
Ann Gebhardt
Rhonda Schjenken

John McGill has moved to a nursing home.

Briarfield at the Ridge
3379 Main St (SR 46)
Mineral Ridge, OH 44440

Visiting hours 7 am – 10pm daily

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