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February 6

**Amen Corner Sports Bar & Grille**  
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## REport – Brian Vondran

Happy New Year to all of our MVR members and their families. I hope you're all well during this nasty flu season. Hopefully you have settled into the new year well and are preparing for another fun year of racing, autocrossing, road rallying or volunteering....or several of them. I look forward to seeing you at our meeting on Tuesday, February 6<sup>th</sup>.

While it seems that spring and summer are still a long way off, we are less than three months from our next Street Survival at Boardman Park, about 4 months from the first SCCA race at Nelson Ledges, and just seven months from our own race at Nelson Ledges. There is a lot of work that needs to be done between now and then, and we need your help to make them great.

Hope you see you there!

## 2018 SCCA National Convention Report - Reed Kryder

Convention held January 18-20, 2018 at South Point Resort & Casino in Las Vegas.

Reed and Sandi Kryder attended as representatives for Mahoning Valley Region, SCCA

Comments below from Reed.

General overview: The Convention was one of the better ones I have attended, especially in comparison to last years. There was an increase in the various "specialities" sessions, although more could still be included. While reduced from last year there was still a strong (too strong?) push in many areas towards encouraging Regions to increase their memberships. These 'pushes' were more along the lines of 'how to' sessions as opposed to give us goals and target numbers. This is important, but there are a lot more things to learn. It's a question of balance.

Prior to the start of the actual Convention there was a Nediv Meeting to discuss several subjects, mainly related to finding a timely way to schedule future races since the Fall Mini Con is no longer the venue for this activity. Face-to-face meetings would be preferred. When and how most Regions acquired their future schedules from tracks was discussed at length. Most felt we should work towards finding a central meeting location in an early November time-frame.

There were 480 registered attendees at the Convention.

I believe Sandi has better financial notes than mine. Pro Racing showed a slight improvement over 2016, but was still down over \$635k. While not detailed as to why, this is probably still a holdover from problems which originated in 2016. We were told to expect a profit for 2018. Mike Cobb, our new President said he did expect

a net income for 2017 but these exact numbers would not be available until April. He strongly requested members not publish preliminary figures as they could be misleading.

There is apparently a grant available through Track Night in America which can be used by any Region towards promoting activities, even if they are not TNiA. I have passed on contact info to Nelson Ledges regarding how to become a TNiA site. If 2018 were still a possibility I wonder if a TNiA prior to our Regional might be possible.

Mike Cobb did indicate there are a lot of changes being planned for the future, but he also stressed most of these changes will be small ones and tweaks rather than reinventing the organization. He also reminded everyone that 2019 will be the club's 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and to expect appropriated celebrations.

It was pointed out that while club racing is still the biggest area of the club, it is not the biggest growth area. Expect increased focus on other areas.

Chris Robbins has been giving strong "Leadership" seminars at the past few Conventions and did so again this year. Chris is more closely tied with the home office nowadays. We heard an interesting story regarding the hiring of our new President, Mike Cobb. Seems that during the process last year both Mike and Chris were among the final candidates. They both stated in their interviews that if they were not selected the best remaining candidate from amongst those still being considered was the other one.

There was a seminar on "How to hold Track Events". This was mainly targeting things such as a PDX. Which, by the way, numerous types of events are now being collected under the umbrella of "Track Events" and will be separate from races.

The Tire Rack Street Survival seminars included new money numbers (Regions benefit) and new ideas to promote. It was pointed out that each event receives two free "promo seats" to be given out to newspapers, television stations, etc. in order to promote their attendance AND involvement with events. They also showed a youtube video from a blogger regarding his trip to a TRSS. Go to "crazy middles" to find it. After viewing it during the seminar my initial reaction was it wasn't the most complete explanation of a TRSS I had ever seen. But I was blown away by the incredible number of 'hits' this video had compared to all of the other TRSS approaches combined. I'm not a blogger, but apparently MVR needs a few members to become involved.

There is a lot more, but you'll probably need to come to a meeting to hear it. As with most conventions, the majority of conversations took place in the hallways between sessions.

## **February Membership Report - Sandi Kryder**

A reminder, your 2017 Annual Waiver expired on December 31, 2017. Sandi Kryder will have annual waivers available at the February membership meeting.

We have about 150 members including dual members.

February Renewals:

Mike Belopotosky  
Erik Johnson  
The Michaels Family  
Scott & Susan Nutter  
Tony Saadeh

Happy Birthday Wishes go out to:

Greg Alley	2/18
David Badger	2/18
Mark Fickenscher	2/16
Constantin Gheorghe	2/14
Robert Held	2/13
Dave Klein	2/18
Greg Lesky	2/12
Matt Miller	2/16
Bill Pintaric	2/4
Nathan Royal	2/23
Bob Ruman	2/27
Brent Walton	2/28