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Registration is open for our MARRS Regional Supps/Schedule, Entry Form are on the MVR website.

NOTE:

THERE WILL BE NO JULY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

THE AUGUST MEMBERSHIP MEETING WILL BE OUR SUMMER PICNIC AT NELSON LEDGES ROAD COURSE

REmarks - Reed Kryder

First item: There will be NO membership meeting in July per a vote taken at the June meeting.

Second item: Our annual "Picnic Meeting" is scheduled for Tuesday, August 7th. We will have more information in next months newsletter, but this meeting has recently been our biggest and most fun-filled of the year. The trend will probably continue this August. It is also an excellent meeting to bring a guest. They get to drive or ride around the Nelson Ledges Road Course, run a simple solo course, and visit with a bunch of great people. The meeting itself is short.

We will have held another race event between now and the Picnic Meeting. The MARRS Regional weekend is scheduled for August 6-7. We expect lots of cars from our friends in the Summit Point area. You may have noticed it is a single-Regional weekend. It is priced appropriately. For those of you wishing to run two races (for credit) there is an enduro on Saturday which would help the majority of drivers accomplish that goal. And you can split the cost of the enduro with a co-driver. I believe I have a ride in the enduro with Greg Alley. And I know of at least one other driver looking for a ride.

We still have the MVR Double-Regional scheduled for September 29-30. When we added the MARRS event to the schedule last Spring we placed the Double in a "tentative" category. As everyone knows, the last few years have not been kind to the "bottom line". It was voted upon at one of our meetings to conduct the Double ONLY if the treasury survived the National and MARRS weekends. We were able to pay our National expenses and with a good entry for the MARRS weekend the September Double Regional will stay on the calendar. But rather than take a chance, come out for the August MARRS weekend and help make September happen.

The Region is also moving ahead with our plans to conduct a "Street Survival" program. If you know anything about this program you are well aware of the teenage (and other) lives it saves. We owe a big thanks to John Gingery for much of his work to date, but we now need to start filling in the blanks of the volunteer sheet. We need people for instructing, registration, parking lot duties, and a variety of other positions. The event is Saturday, October 7th and is located in Youngstown. Contact John or myself to volunteer. We have heard from other people connected with these programs that the teenagers usually arrive feeling it was something their parents forced them into doing, but they leave with a great sense of accomplishment. Along the way their parents frequently learn a thing or two.

See you at the track,

From our Area Director - Jerry Wannarka

Some updates from the recent Board of Directors meeting that you might find interesting:

- We have seen a membership and entry decline the last few years which is concerning the Board. Trozzolo Communications group was hired to conduct an assessment of the SCCA and provide suggestions for how we might address this decline. They provided a preliminary report which basically said that we do ok recruiting but not retaining. While we had already arrived at this conclusion, it was verified. They presented some concepts for what the Board and the Club Office might do to improve this situation. The Board has accepted these suggestions and tasked the Trozzolo Group to come back with steps that can be taken to make the changes necessary to improve our program. One general theme is to work more closely with Regions to provide them the tools to help with their operations.

- The Club Office has received many compliments for the improvements in responding to individual member calls and needs.

- The CRB has provided a road map for re-alignment of our race classes to provide for better class management. Some of these changes will be unpopular with some of our members, but the changes are deemed necessary to make for a better racing program. These changes will result in a small decrease in the overall number of race classes. The Board supports the direction the CRB is going with this multi-year plan. Touring/SS will be the first group schedule for implementation.

- A website platform is being developed as a general template for Regions to use.

- The event insurance program is up for re-evaluation. While we have reduced the insurance costs nearly 10% annually the last few years, we have milked the current plan as much as we can. We believe that exploring different options while maintaining our current insurance base might, we hope, to gain additional savings.

- The financial auditors reported a clean report with no deficiencies for 2011.

- Event sanction fees due date will be extended until 14 days after the event in 2013.

- The Board will approve sanction, insurance fees, etc., at its October meeting to allow Regions to better plan their budgets for the following year.

- Planning Committee is working hard with the Club Office to continue with the pilot Majors plan and beginning work for implementing the program for 2013, sooner if possible.

- Jeff Dahnert is planning a re-organization of the Club Office to better support program changes.

- Work is underway to improve the Runoffs. The shortened schedule being tried this year is a first step. The current financial model will be reviewed, making the event more transportable to other tracks is a consideration and venue rotation is another.

- The Board has approved funding for two staff additions to better manage the increasing staff workloads. More details will be available in the Board of Director meetings soon to be published.

Notes from our RE

It is obvious the Board of Directors is working very hard to improve our club. It is also obvious many changes are being recommended. Personally I believe they are addressing most of the club's problems. However, if you are like me, you may not agree with "ALL" of their decisions. Please note my stressing of the word ALL. In this time of massive "political ads" on television frequently we see one party targeting a specific item concerning their opponent as a reason you should not vote for them. Sometimes I hear people say they would not vote for someone because of a single, specific reason. Regardless of how strongly you feel about that reason, you are being short-sighted if you do not look at the entire "package".

Often I hear SCCA members complain about some new rule change or direction. The most common complaints I hear come from someone wanting rule changes to make their car more competitive (or slow down their competitors) and then from those who disagree with competition adjustments after they have been made. Often these people only complain to their friends. How is that helping anyone?

The Board of Directors is trying very hard to make positive changes. They need everyone's help and input. That means communicating with them in a timely manner, not complaining behind their back after decisions have been made. And don't pick a single item you disagree with in order to talk negatively about the entire effort.

It is your choice: Be helpful in finding solutions or complain after some good people have tried their best.

Reed

Minutes from the June Membership Meeting

RE, Reed Kryder, opened the meeting at 8:00pm. 9 members were present

John Gingery made a motion to approve the treasurers report as read was seconded by Tom Nutter. Motion passed.

Old Business:

Street Survival will be on Oct. 13
Discussion on our National, MARRS Regional and our Sept. Double. Our membership level was also discussed.

With our July membership falling on the day before the 4th of July, a motion to suspend the July membership meeting was made by Tom Nutter and seconded by John Gingery. Motion Passed.

Paul Morrison motioned to adjourn. Mack Stambaugh seconded. Motion Passed.

Membership Report

We wish Bev Nutter a speedy recovery. She had her hip replacement on June 14th.

We have approx. 138 members including dual memberships.

A reminder to the following members who are up for renewal in July:

Alessio Caruso
Scott Lane Family
Paul Morrison
Beth Sipple
Sedat Yelkin

Happy Birthday Wishes to:

John Davis	7/29
Julia Raccio	7/13
Ben Rausch	7/25
Jim S Royal	7/1

The following members have expired memberships:

John & Marie Blaine and Ken Mast

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