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## JUNE MEMBERSHIP MEETING

June 2, 2009

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

Meeting Time: 8:00pm

**Come early** for dinner.

## REMARKS – Reed Kryder

Our next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>. There should be lots of story telling following our recent National weekend. It was a beautiful weekend with many exciting races and a few lap records. Everyone is welcome to come and join the story telling, either as relaters or listeners.

Did you get a piece of our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary cake? Did you know one of MVR's original members is still an active racer at Nelson Ledges? In talking with him recently he mentioned missing the social aspect MVR was known for in its early days. Back then members met regularly to discuss their cars, tell about races they had seen, and exchange ideas. Over the years much of this knowledge became more easily available through newsletters, magazines, and on television. You didn't need to leave your home to know what was happening in the sports car world. And today the internet is replacing all three of these ways to obtain and distribute information. Why should you ever leave your home?

I don't know about you, but sitting in front of my computer screen punching out messages or reading websites isn't the same as enjoying a beverage and good food with some friends who have the same interests in sports cars. Take a break on June 2<sup>nd</sup> and join us at the meeting.

What are your thoughts on doing a PDX in conjunction with our Golden Harvest Double Regional in October?

We are still looking for additional ideas on celebrating MVR's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

### **AMY RUMAN CAPTURES HOME TRACK WIN BOB RUMAN FINISHES 11TH IN SPEC RACER AT NELSON LEDGES**

**Munroe Falls, OH** - Under sunny Ohio skies, Ruman Racing had a good Memorial Day weekend showing at the Nelson Ledges SCCA National.

Amy Ruman qualified the **#23 McNichols Co./Goodyear Corvette** on the pole in a small three car GT-1 field. She went uncontested during the race and took the checkered in first place Sunday morning.

"After last week's second place, it felt really good to bring home the win at my home track this weekend. The crew has given me a very fast car this year, making it easy for me to drive and put together great laps. I'm looking forward to getting back to Trans-Am racing this upcoming weekend at Mid-Ohio," stated Ruman.

In his first event of the season, Bob Ruman qualified the **#23 McNichols Co./Dynasty Motorsports Spec Racer** in 11th position for Sunday's race. He nearly had 10th

position at the end of the race, but was unable to close the gap to get it done taking the checkered in 11th.

"It was good to be back in a racecar at Nelson Ledges," said Bob Ruman. "The Spec Racers are a great group to run with and I had fun racing with them."

**\*\*NEW\*\*** - For all race weekend updates and quick news, you can now follow the Ruman Racing team online at: <http://twitter.com/rumanracing>

To view entry lists, schedules, results, and info about the Muscle Milk SCCA Trans-Am Series visit: <http://www.sccatrans-am.com/>.

**On Deck:** May 30-31 - Amy Ruman in Muscle Milk SCCA Trans-Am at Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course, OH

[www.McNichols.com](http://www.McNichols.com)  
[www.rumanracing.com](http://www.rumanracing.com)

## Membership Report - Sandi Kryder

We have approx. 200 including dual memberships.

Get well wishes to Cindi Beck. Cindi has been having lots of trouble with her neck & back as the result of an accident several years ago and is undergoing numerous test to see what if anything can be done. Cindi and Jon are hoping to be able to get to Nelson's by the end of the summer.

Member with June renewals:

David Badger  
Ronald Baldine  
The Barnhouse Family  
Kerrie Bartz  
Greg Lesky  
Hobie Plat  
Scott Rowbotham  
David Stritmatter  
Stephen Young

Happy Birthday to:

Brad Barnhouse	6/15
Robert Blarrik	6/13
Ray Boniface	6/22
Mariana Bujdoso	6/6
Douglas MacIntyre	6/27
Joseph Manozzi	6/3
Frank McWilliams	6/9
Allen Milarcik	6/1
Doug Miller	6/23
Jim Royal	6/21
Mike Saddleton	6/21
Janice Walton	6/3

## 57<sup>th</sup> Cumberland Classic National

It was a great event. Huge thanks to all the workers, stewards and chiefs of specialties.

The weather was absolutely beautiful. Officially we had 91 entries. Racing was good too.

MVR drivers did well.

Amy Ruman	1 <sup>st</sup>	GT1
Bill Pintaric	1 <sup>st</sup>	GTL
Mirl Swan	1 <sup>st</sup>	FA
Sedat Yelkin	2 <sup>nd</sup>	FA
David Strittmatter	2 <sup>nd</sup>	FP
David Pintaric	2 <sup>nd</sup>	T1
Greg Grucella	2 <sup>nd</sup>	SRF
Gary Martz	3 <sup>rd</sup>	EP
Jim Tibor	10 <sup>th</sup>	SRF
Bob Ruman	11 <sup>th</sup>	SRF

Workers, drivers & crew enjoyed the steak dinner on Saturday evening and the band Up Till Three. Bob Mazza from Mazza Winerys provided the wine. Bob Roberts made arrangements for the band. Thanks to both.

### National Observers Report

The Cumberland National held at Nelson Ledges by the Mahoning Valley Region had sunny and dry weather. The facility continues to improve. The dry weather did cause a dust problem with the gravel infield roads. The track owners spent most of the two days sprinkling roads to try to keep the dust down.

The race was well-attended with plenty of workers in all specialties.

F&C was well staffed and turned in their usual excellent performance.

Registration had 5 registrars both days and went smoothly all weekend. The shorter hours seemed to work fine, although some thought they them a little too short on Friday night and Saturday morning.

Grid, Pits, and Emergency Services were all well staffed and excellent performances and all were ready for an on-time start both days.

Dave Badger, Chief of Tech, was presented with the NESCCA Worker of the Event Award. The Spec Miata compliance equipment was on site and used by the Tech crew. They did find one car out of compliance on Friday night, but a welder was located to correct the problem and the car was able to compete.

T&S did encounter some equipment problems, as the transponder loop through the pits was not always functioning. In spite of this results were out in a timely fashion and correct.

Saturday night the region provided steak dinners and a band for entertainment. A raffle was held for workers using donations from drivers. Lunches were provided both days for workers. They were short on the number of lunches but provisions had been made with the concession stand to make up the differences.

The entry number was disappointing but seems to be a sign of the times. Those who did come were treated to an excellent event.

Lewis Giesy  
Chairman of the SOM's



*Program Includes Big Discounts for All SCCA Members and Contingency Awards for Club Racing and Solo*

**TOPEKA, Kan. (May 7, 2009)** – Sports Car Club of America, Inc. and iRacing.com Motorsport Simulations, LLC have jointly announced a multi-year partnership naming iRacing.com the “Official Motorsport Simulation of SCCA.” As part of the overall partnership, iRacing.com has also introduced the SCCA Spec Racer Ford to its service.

The partnership includes reciprocal marketing initiatives to promote both companies as well as a robust contingency program for SCCA Club Racing and Tire Rack® SCCA National Solo events.

“We’ve been working with iRacing.com since before the product was publicly launched and feel that it is the best simulator for driver training and the best value available,” SCCA VP of Marketing & Communications Eric Prill said. “Not only are there organized racing series that subscribers can join and participate in for a Championship, but there is unlimited testing time with any of the cars and tracks offered, including this year’s National Championship Runoffs venue—Road America.”

“We’re looking forward to building on the iRacing Cup contingency program that we initiated last year with SCCA and excited that now everyone who is a member of SCCA, plus their friends and families, will all have the opportunity to find out how much fun it is to get behind the wheel of the Spec Racer Ford,” said Scott McKee, iRacing’s vice president of marketing and in his spare time a Spec Racer Ford driver. “We know that because of financial and time constraints, a lot of people who would like to go racing in the physical world cannot; iRacing provides an exciting and enjoyable racing experience for just about everyone with a PC, a broadband connection and an inexpensive wheel-and-pedal set.”

As part of the partnership, SCCA members can take advantage of a special annual rate of \$75.00 to new iRacing subscribers, a more than 50 percent discount on the regular \$156.00 price of a full-year subscription. Members interested in taking advantage of the discount should e-mail their name and SCCA membership number as it appears on their membership card to [scca@iracing.com](mailto:scca@iracing.com).

The 2009 contingency program provides any registered participant finishing in the top three of a Club Racing Regional or National event or in a Tire Rack SCCA Solo National Tour or ProSolo event and displaying the iRacing decal on his or her car a free one-month subscription to the iRacing service. Existing iRacing members will receive a \$15.00 credit to their iRacing.com account that can be used toward extending their membership or acquiring new cars or tracks from the service. Full details of the contingency program, which will begin with events held the May 30-31 weekend, will be available on SCCA.com soon.

The SCCA Spec Racer Ford was unveiled as part of the basic subscription package in late April. Now all iRacing.com drivers, from novice to expert, will have a Spec Racer Ford in their virtual garage to race at any time.

"We're very excited that the Spec Racer Ford has come online with iRacing.com," SCCA Enterprises President Erik Skirmants said. "Not only will SCCA drivers be able to practice for upcoming events, including the Runoffs, through iRacing.com, but current, non-SCCA members will have the opportunity to race the Spec Racer Ford as well. And non-racers who have run the car in the virtual world with iRacing.com now have a real-world, cost-effective opportunity to try wheel-to-wheel racing through one of many Customer Service Representative rental programs."

iRacing.com exists to create the world's most authentic racing simulations, enable and organize real-time, online racing and advance and expand motorsport. The company invents and provides the tools and environment to enhance the skills of racers — novices to experts — around the world, deepening their understanding and enjoyment of the sport.

Proprietary technology assures that iRacing.com simulations deliver unprecedented accuracy of track replication and vehicle-handling dynamics. With curbing, cracks, patches and other trackside features recreated with precision measured in millimeters, and a physics engine and tire model that reproduce the feel of each particular car with absolute fidelity, the result is an experience so authentic that professional racers and experienced amateurs can hone their skills prior to on-track competition or testing.

Since iRacing opened its doors to the public in August, 2008, more than 12,000 real-world racing drivers and other motorsports enthusiasts, many of them SCCA members already, have joined the service.

## SCCA

Founded in 1944, Sports Car Club of America, Inc. is a 50,000-plus 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 SCCA SPEED World Challenge Championships; 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](http://www.scca.com).

## iRacing.com Motorsports Simulations

iRacing.com was founded in September of 2004 by Dave Kaemmer and John Henry. Kaemmer was co-founder of Papyrus Design Group, developers of award-winning racing simulations including NASCAR Racing: 2003 Season and Grand Prix Legends. Henry is principal owner of the Boston Red Sox and Fenway Sports Group — the co-owner of Roush Fenway Racing — as well as an avid simracer. The iRacing team combines more than 100 years of real-world racing experience with more than 50 years of successful racing simulation development. The company has developed numerous corporate relationships in the motorsport industry, including agreements to develop track simulations with International Speedway Corporation, Speedway Motorsports, and Panoz Motor Sports Group and vehicles with General Motors, Riley Technologies, Radical Sportscars, and 600 Racing. iRacing is the official simulation partner of the Sports Car Club of America, the Star Mazda Championship and the Skip Barber Racing School. The service is open to racers and fans of all skill levels from top-level pros to complete beginners. To join in the fun, go to [www.iRacing.com](http://www.iRacing.com).

## ANNUAL WAIVER UPDATE

The overall response and submission of Annual Waivers has been very positive. We have identified a couple of areas that need to be addressed.

First, the Annual Waiver **must** be witnessed by an SCCA Registrar or Notarized. No Exceptions. We have received a number of Annual Waivers without the appropriate signatures.

Second, due to the manner in which we receive mail and membership applications/renewals, please do not include pictures with the Annual Waiver. Instead, either email them to Member Services or better yet, upload them at [ams.scca.com](http://ams.scca.com). Receiving pictures by standard mail increases the likelihood for errors, and delays processing as we have to scan and resize the photos. If you feel it absolutely necessary to send via mail, make sure to identify your name and membership number on the back of the photo.

Lastly, part of the intent behind the Annual waiver program was to ease the stress and lines at event registration. For members attending an event, but not needing anything from Registration, they only need to present their Annual Waiver Hard Card. Once their Hard Card has been identified as having an Annual Waiver on file with the SCCA, there is no need to require the member to sign the MS-1 Adult Waiver. If the specific track the event is being held out has additional requirements, the Annual Waiver does not apply to any of their requirements and the member should sign the appropriate documents.

**Editor's note:** Please remember that at Nelson Ledges all participants need wrist bands. You must come to registration to obtain one, whether you have the Annual Waiver or not.

### **For Your Consideration**

A question that we hear from time to time is why the number of members is important to the Club. Why does SCCA need to maintain or grow its membership base? Typically this question is answered with some variation of "as membership organizations both SCCA and Regions exist for the benefit of their members and without members these organizations cease to exist." In addition, members are where the Club's current and future leaders come from. Just as important the membership base is the primary source of competitors and workers.

Another reason for maintaining or growing total membership that is seldom mentioned, but just as important, can be summed up with one word, cost. It costs X dollars to provide the services and competition programs that members expect from their Club. In the short term, this total cost X is a fairly fixed amount. As the number of members increase the cost to each individual decreases. In other words, maintaining or growing the number of members plays a key role in holding down the cost of every service that SCCA provides. While we could debate whether the X dollars that it takes to operate SCCA is the correct X, we will save that discussion for another time.

Like most organizations, a good portion of SCCA's cost structure is fixed for the near term and in many respects this also applies to our own personal finances as well. For example, the total cost of the SCCA building varies little whether SCCA has 40,000, 50,000 or even 70,000 members. For a Region a great example of fixed costs is track or site rental where the cost in most cases is a set amount regardless of how many competitors show up. On a personal level when a child leaves home, as much as we wish otherwise, the monthly mortgage payment does not change. Whether we are talking about SCCA or our personal finances, as the number of members, competitors or family members increase the per-unit cost decreases. And conversely as the number of members,

competitors or family members decrease the per-unit cost increases.

How does the number of members affect other fees like sanctions, insurance, licenses, and event entry fees? Going back to the X dollars it takes to operate the Club, X also represents the total income the Club needs to continue operations. From an income standpoint the major components of X are membership dues, license fees, sanctions and insurance, marketing and sponsorship and entry fees for events conducted by the national office. With X being fairly constant in the near term, for example the current budget year, an increase or decrease in one category of income has a direct impact upon other areas. Increase membership and the need to increase other fees decreases. For the sake of simplicity the need to set funds aside for a rainy day are not included in this discussion.

From a membership perspective there was a lot of good news in 2008. Membership was growing for the first time since 2002. Then the economy hit SCCA and everyone else between the eyes in the latter part of the year, wiping out eight months of membership growth and then some. As the economy recovers let's utilize this opportunity to grow the SCCA family, both in the number of members and active participants, ultimately driving everyone's cost lower.

Until next month,

Colan Arnold, Vice President Membership and Region Development

### **Minutes of the April Membership Meeting**

Meeting opened at 8:00 by Reed Kryder .

Treasurers report read & approved.

Bill Stewart attended PDX in New Jersey. They had a great turn out. Currently we have seven entries & fifteen instructors. Drivers School has eight entries according to Sandy. National - Sandy Kryder race chair. Last month constitution amendments read & vote amendment. First passed, second passed.

Round Table- attended by Reed & Sandy Kryder, Some of the topics discussed , SFI patch must be on drivers suit. Seat belts - all must be dated. Safety issue with Miata bulk head & fuel port.

New business Awards. Driver of the year Amy Ruman she has won NeDiv Championship three times. Finished Third at the Road Atlanta Trans Am race. Member of the year went to Dave Badger. Dave has been our Chief of Tech numerous times, won the SCCA Scrutineer award for 2008. Reed asked everyone present to tell there plans for this year in racing. A motion & second to adjourn 8:53 pm

## **CLASSIFIEDS**

Free to Mahoning Valley, Neohio, Misery Bay, Steel Cities and Western New York Regions members. Ads will run 3 consecutive times (asterisks at the beginning of the ad indicates how many times the ad has run). Ads must be resubmitted after their 3<sup>rd</sup> run.

\* For sale - Ford Fiesta parts: complete racing Kent long block, set up for GT4 - lotus 7 street car?

(2) sets of BAT 13 x 6 steel rims with 185-60-13 race tires, rebuilt transmission with 4:29 final drive and new syncros, passenger door and rear hatch- no rust, spare windshield, BAT HD front hubs, racing rear sway bar with mounts, XR2 aluminum intake, Weber big carb, Various other Fiesta spare parts available - e-mail for list.

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\*\* For Rent: ITS/EP Nissan 240 SX. Contact Kryderacing, 330-854-4889

\*\* RACE CAR PREP: Kryderacing offers race car preparation, chassis set up, trackside services, etc. Check out their Website [www.kryderacing.com](http://www.kryderacing.com)

\*\*\*For Sale: 1972 MG Midget. Driven in PA salt from 1972 to 1984. In dry storage from 1984 to 2009. Lots of rust and mice! \$500 OBO. Call Dave Badger at 724-336-5661

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