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From the Director

Road Race Ministries

MVR NOVEMBER CALENDAR

November 7

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Past REport - Reed Kryder

First of all, I want to thank Bill and Sandy Pintaric for hosting the September MVR Membership Meeting at their horse facility. It was a wonderful evening and personally meeting many of the horses during Bill's tour was a highlight.

I also want to congratulate David Pintaric for winning the GT-1 National Championship at the recent SCCA Run-Offs held at Indy. Several other MVR members participated as drivers, volunteers, and crew. They all were great representatives of MVR. Sandi has mentioned many of them on the MVR website.

This will be my last REMarks. Brian Vondran will be the new RE at our November 7th Membership meeting. I originally accepted the office of RE for a single year back in the 70's. Work kept me away for a couple of years before serving another single year term. My non-SCCA workload then got to the point (over 200 days a year on the road) where serving as RE simply would have been wrong for MVR. But in the Fall of 2008 I ran again (traveling had dropped to under 100 days a year). My intention was to serve for only a year, but somehow I kept getting nominated, accepting, and getting re-elected. Several times I even said "only for one more year". Finally, I kept my word. This is my 106th REMarks since my first was written on October 20th, 2008. It has been fun and a lot has changed over those years. My fellow officers and board members during that time span have been a great help. Other members have pitched in with MVR races, social functions, Tire Rack Street Survivals and probably a few events I am misplacing in my memory.

It is time for some new blood. When I heard Brian was interested I knew we had found the right person. He will do a fantastic job. As my final 'REMark' I am asking all MVR members to give him the support you have shown me these past years.

Reed Kryder, PAST RE

Minutes of the September Membership Meeting

RE, Reed Kryder, called the meeting to order around 8:00pm.

The Treasurer's report was approved as read.

Old Business:

John Gingery has a contact at Chanel 21 for the Street Survival.

Nelson updates - Lines painted on the newly paved surface. Sept. 9 test day cost will be \$300.00.

Track Night in America will be at Pitt Race on Sept. 13.

SCCA no news for what's going on the end of the year.

New Business:

Nominations for 2018 officers are as follows:

RE Brian Vondran - accepted

Treasurer - Brian Vondran nominated Sandi Kryder. Sandi accepted.

Secretary - Sandi Kryder nominated Greg Alley. Gregg accepted.

Trustees - John Gingery, Scott Nutter and Tom Nutter were are nominated and they accepted.

Reed made a motion to close nominations. John Gingery seconded. Motion passed.

Brian Vondran made a motion to adjourn the meeting. John Gingery seconded. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted by Greg Alley, Secretary.

Minutes of the October Membership Meeting

Meeting opened at 8:05 by RE, Reed Kryder.

Treasures Report was approved as read.

Old Business:

Street Survival discussion,

Nelson Ledges - possibility to have 2018 Race Date.

New Business:

Brad Morris made the motion for Secretary to cast a unanimous ballot for Brian Vondran as RE. Sandi Kryder seconded.

Sandi Kryder motioned that the Secretary cast a unanimous ballot for Brad Morris as Asst. RE. Ton Nutter seconded.

Tom Nutter motioned that the Secretary cast a unanimous ballot for Sandi Kryder as Treasurer. Seconded by Mike Belopotosky.

Sandi Kryder motioned that the Secretary cast a unanimous ballot for Greg Alley as Secretary. Seconded by Mike Belopotosky.

Brian Vondran motioned that the Secretary cast a unanimous ballot for Tom Nutter & Scott Nutter as 2-year Trustees. Seconded by Sandi Kryder.

Brad Morris motioned that the Secretary cast a unanimous ballot for John Gingery as a 1-yr. Trustee. Seconded by Scott Nutter.

NeDiv Min Con, Nov. 10-11. Brad Morris motioned that the RE travel and hotel expenses be paid for and that the Registration Fees for any board member be paid for. Sandi Kryder seconded. Motion passed.

National Convention will be in January 2018.

A motion to adjourn was made by Sandi Kryder. Seconded by Brian Vondran. Meeting adjourned at 8:42pm.

Respectfully submitted by Greg Alley, Secretary.

October Membership Report - Sandi Kryder

We have about 154 members including dual members.

Welcome to a new members Josh Anderson, Carl Bush, Sue Katz

October Renewals:

Gregg Alley
Ray Boniface
Sam Damiano
Kathy Langston
Sonny Libecco
Patrick Madden
Jim Shoemaker
Kurt Stevens
Jim Tibor

Happy Birthday Wishes go out to:

Jennifer Badger	10/12
Brian Bartzi	10/27
Daniel Michaels	10/1
Beverly Nutter	10/4
Scott Nutter	10/24
Janet Pintaric	10/29
Lanny Ritz	10/5
Lucas Royal	10/5
Mackenzie	10/10
Sedat Yelkin	10/21

Membership Expirations

Chris Bell

November Membership Report

We have about 154 members including dual members.

November Renewals:

Heather Madden
Tom & Beverly Nutter

Happy Birthday to the following:

Josh Anderson	11/5
Cynthia Beck	11/30
Dean Beilstein	11/11
Steven Daily	11/23
Sue Katz	11/25
Stephen Kendrish	11/1
Sonny Libecco	11/9
Erin Vondran	11/21

THE DIRECTOR'S CHAIR
Jack Burrows, Area 2 Director



I've often been asked lately what it's like being on SCCA's Board of Directors. My answer has typically been "I don't know yet" because my first three months at the table were almost entirely taken up with the search for a new SCCA president and CEO. It was the culmination of a long and arduous process, the groundwork for which was laid - and laid very well - nearly a year ago by the previous year's Board. We had resumes from nearly 100 applicants. Many of them were quickly eliminated as we winnowed and narrowed the field until we were down to a handful whom we personally interview in two successive weekends in Dallas. Our final choice was Michael Cobb from Texas.

One of my main concerns in the selection process was that our selection should be someone who was not only qualified to be a CEO but who also had a keen appreciation of what I refer to as "the SCCA culture." Mike Cobb is such a person. He comes to us from

Gold's Gym, where he was a successful vice president dealing with marketing, branding and franchises. My initial reaction to his resume was "What does Gold's Gym have to do with us?" Then I realized that SCCA regions are essentially franchises and, like those of Gold's Gym, they vary widely in size but are all equally important to the parent company. It also became clear that Mike is an SCCA car guy who appreciates the club's culture. An avid second-generation autocrosser, Mike has also attended the Runoffs as a paying spectator. Our recent board meeting in Kansas City was his first meeting with us. It became clear that, while he was still getting his feet on SCCA's managerial ground, he already had a keen appreciation of the issues and is working with an open mind on ways to address them. I believe the board made an excellent choice.

Mike has also accepted an invitation to attend the upcoming Northeast Division Mini-Convention which will be hosted by the DC Region in November in conjunction with the Region's annual awards event. This will be an excellent opportunity for people to meet him. I believe that anyone who meets him and gets a chance to talk with him will agree that Mike was an excellent choice for the job.

"The Club Racing Rock Band"

One of the SCCA Board's recent actions was to disband its planning committee for club racing and instead to direct the SCCA staff to form a working group to assess SCCA's club racing programs. This group, unofficially known as "the club racing rock band" is facilitated by Eric Prill and Deanna Flannigan of the national staff but is primarily made up of Regional Executives and race chairs from around the country with me as the Board's liaison. We've had monthly conferences to exchange views on the widely differing issues facing the club racing program in different parts of the country and to discuss what's worked, what hasn't, and brainstorm possible ways of improving our programs and participation. The goal is to make recommendations by year's end. We have intention of turning our programs inside-out, but we're all open to constructive suggestions.



You know, Chicago should be its own country. They call it Chicagoland for a reason and it always seems to take years to drive around it on the way to Road America. But after a day's work and 8 hours on the road, I could finally rest in Wisconsin. Morning came and I headed for America's National Park of Speed as Chaplain for Trans Am. On Sunday, the two rainy races showed the continuing domination of the TA and TA4 Mustangs of Ernie Francis, Jr. and Brian Kleeman. A surprise first win by the Viper of Jason Daskalos in TA3 was bookended by the same for TA2 winner Sheldon Creed in a Challenger.

After her TA race, I had a chat with Ohio's Amy Ruman, the two-time defending Trans Am Champion. Amy had fallen to last at the start as the rainy conditions caused her windshield to fog badly. She said she had to strain to wipe the windshield with her glove. (We won't tell anyone she had to loosen her belts a little to do it.) Finally, at a quick stop, her crew gave her a high-tech fix to wipe with, a rag on the end of a hammer. A few good laps saw Amy rally for a sixth-place finish.

Later, walking through the paddock came a pretty, smiling face. It had been a while since I had been at the track with Shea Holbrook. But for her, this was the fourth time at Road America in the last few weeks. "I get to go home for a couple of days and I can't wait, she exclaimed." I congratulated her on her World Challenge TCA class win at Utah and on her upcoming fall wedding. She said she didn't think much of wedding planning before but now she is getting into it. Best wishes Shea!

Earlier on Saturday while dodging the raindrops, I had a chance to have a most pleasant conversation with Rick Benjamin. Rick is the longtime race broadcaster and the lead voice of Trans Am on CBS Sports Network. His dad was a machinist and they were involved in Oval Track Racing. But when Rick was in high school in 1970, he heard there was to be a Trans Am race at Lime Rock Park, only an hour away from his home. Drivers named Gurney, Jones, Donohue, Follmer, Revson, Hall, and Posey were to compete. It was the race that hooked Rick on Road Racing. Ironically, I also attended that race after leaving the opening day of practice for the Indy 500 and driving through the night with my friend to see our favorites Gurney and Donohue.

After turning down an engineering scholarship, Rick pursued his desire to be a TV broadcaster. He did local news along with several different racing series for a number of years. Finally, he is able follow his passion for racing as his only gig.

Rick said, "I am blessed to be right where God wants me to be." I know how he feels. Whether I serve as Trans Am Chaplain or a Substitute Teacher, I know I am where God wants me to be. Are you?