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OCTOBER MEMBERSHIP MEETING

**NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON
TUESDAY, October 2, 2012**

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

Meeting Time: 8:00pm

Come early for dinner.

REmarks - Reed Kryder

#1: PLEASE ATTEND: Our Double Regional race is scheduled for September 29-30. Don't forget we have included a PDX on both days. There is a major price reduction if you are working the event.

#2: PLEASE ATTEND: Elections for the coming year will be held October 2nd at our membership meeting. We will also have a few stories from the Run-Offs.

#3: PLEASE ATTEND: On October 13 we will be putting on our first "Street Survival". This is a major step for our Region and volunteers are needed in many areas. You don't have to be experienced at anything. It is a great chance to help teenagers become better drivers and perhaps save a life or two.

In other news: SCCA has announced the "U.S. Majors Tour". It is aimed at raising the National racing profile. There is no doubt it will be beneficial to bigger tracks and Regions. It is also necessary for SCCA to take this step. I understand why and agree.

What about the rest of us? Actually there is a program underway to help the rest of us. Internally it is called "Barriers to Entry". While the Majors will try to position select Nationals so they can attract increased entries and potential sponsors, BTE is going to target how to make it easier for the rest of us, who basically race for fun, to continue enjoying our sport. Another BTE area is to make it easier for new people to join in the fun. What are the changes we will make? It is too early to tell. Right now we are looking for areas where changes should be made and can be made. Talk to me. Your voices will be heard and become part of the discussions. I can guarantee this because I am on the BTE committee.

See you soon,

Membership Report

We have approx. 137 members including dual memberships.

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

Greg Alley
Ray Boniface
George Kissinger
Sonny Libecco
Jerry Palmer
Steve Selmants
Jim Tibor

Members who have been dropped from the active list:

The Scott Lane Family

Happy Birthday Wishes to:

Jennifer Badger	10/12
Csaba Bujdoso	10/18
Scott Nutter	10/24
Janet Pintaric	10/29
Alex Schauer	10/29
Patrick Schauer	10/27
Sedat Yelkin	10/21

2012 RUN-OFFS MEETING REPORTS -Reed Kryder

I sat in on three meetings while at the recent SCCA Championships. Two were Town Hall meetings where the Comp Board entertained discussions from competitors. The third was information regarding the US Majors Tour.

The CRB meetings were less "exciting" than in the past, but there still were a few tense discussions. Jim Wheeler has replaced Bob Dowie at the CRB's top position. He definitely has a different way of communicating and my first impression was of a major "disconnect" between him and the people in the meeting. There was no shouting, just an impression Jim wanted everyone to follow established procedures, but he would then proceed his own way. I think some people left unsatisfied.

In all fairness to Jim, my first impression of Bob Dowie was very much the same. It was made at one of these meetings back when the Run-Offs were held at Mid-Ohio. I left the meeting believing Bob was extremely closed-minded to the competitors in that tent. Over the years I came to understand Bob better and to appreciate his methods of handling things. Hopefully the same will be true for Jim.

One "personal" impression was of many competitors putting their 2013 plans "on hold" while the CRB finalized rules. This was especially disturbing with regards to the new Touring classes. During the Tuesday meeting it became apparent there may be 5 instead of 4 Touring classes. During Thursday's meeting it sounded as if the old plan (4 classes) was still in place. Kryderacing has personally experienced several racer/clients dropping their activities due to not knowing what the CRB was going to do or when it would happen. We have even considered building our own T3 car but how can we do it without knowing the final rules and their stability. A "proposal" is not enough to open the checkbook. Not too long ago a "rules season" was established to minimize frequent changes to specific vehicles. Now it seems as if the CRB needs a "rules season" for classes and categories. When this item of concern is brought up to

the CRB their reply is: We cannot wait another year because we will lose too many competitors. That is true. It is also true the current approach is losing us competitors, and not just a few.

Continuing with the same theme: There was a time when the CRB tried to establish long-term (usually 5-year) goals for classing. There were numerous proposals put forth and many were actually implemented. But after a year or two they were dropped due to member input and new 5-year plans were made. Eventually the idea was dropped. There is a business guideline which says you should spend 80% of your time taking care of your customers and 20% trying to attract new customers. I don't disagree with the guideline, but I do believe the SCCA is not doing the right things to keep our 80% of the drivers. Perhaps the recommendations from the BTE committee (see REMarks) can have an impact.

A couple of CRB discussions concerned Single Inlet Restrictors and Individual Inlet Restrictors. It appears as if the SIR, while appearing to be a relatively simple and inexpensive way of making competition adjustments, actually can result in major expenses in order to optimize ECUs, camshafts, and numerous other engine components. One person pointed out that the car will still run well with just a SIR swap. But in order to stay ahead of the rest of the competitors other changes (including development and research costs) would soon be necessary. Someone else made the case IIR's changes are actually easier (and cheaper) if looked at from the entire list of adjustments and optimizing required.

The US Majors Tour was announced during the Run-Offs. A lot of information can be found on the www.sccamajors.com. Virtually everything discussed in the meeting I attended is on the website. Feel free to contact me with your opinions.

Minutes of the September Membership Meeting

September 2012 membership meeting opened at 8:05pm by R.E. Reed Kryder, eleven members were present.

The previous minutes in printed in Track were approved. Treasurers report was approved as read.

Old Business- Street Survival, update - moving along. Date is October 13th cost \$75.00 per student. Maximum 25 students. Need someone to supply 75-100 lunches.

Divisional Shootout - Idea from Scott Nutter, raffle if entered by a certain date incentive to enter early.

Update - radios are more expensive than budgeted and will be replaced AA batteries.

New Business - New MVR patches will be made.

October 7th car show Southside of Youngstown.

Chris Bell opened nominations for 2013 officers. Brad Morris nominated Reed Kryder for R.E, seconded by Cliff McCandless. Reed accepted the nomination. Tom Nutter nominated Brad Morris for Asst. R.E., seconded by Sandi Kryder, Brad accepted the nomination. Brad Morris nominated Sandi Kryder for Treasurer, seconded by Tom Nutter. Sandi accepted the nomination.

Scott Nutter and Tom Nutter were nominated for a 2 yr Trustee, and Jim Royal was nominated for a 1 yr trustee.

Good report for MARRS race.

Motion to adjourn 9:04pm by Chris Bell, seconded by Jim Royal. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

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