

STEEL CITIES REGION, SCCA  
General Membership Meeting January 7th, 2015 at Tolerico's Restaurant in Monroeville

Regional Executive Mark Connolly called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

*A motion (Mike Connolly/Les Walter) to approve the minutes of the December meeting as published passed 12-0-0.*

MEMBERSHIP: Paula Hawthorne

Last month we had 413 members; this month we have 406.

New members this month include David Meyer from Pittsburgh 15228, Joe Bojalad from Sewickley, Zolten Glasso from Glenshaw, and Kevin Miller from Pittsburgh 15227.

RALLY REPORT: Chuck Larouere

Our National Rallies will be April 11 & 12. Both will start from the Holiday Inn Express in Delmont (behind The Lamplighter). Information is on the way and will be posted to the website and sent out in The Tickler.

HISTORIAN: Don Baker

Milestones this month include Les Walter, member for 55 years, Barry Kaplan for 45 Years ("I didn't know he was that old" was heard...) Jim Locke for 35 years, and Chuck Larouere for 30 years.

Mike Barrington's mother, Mrs. Chuck Barrington, passed away last week. They used to bring His & Hers Ford Model A's to the events.

Clem Zahrobsky's wife Patty died yesterday at age 78.

TRACK TRIALS REPORT & HILLCLIMB REPORT: Dave Merritt

We were given permission from WDC Region to run 2 events at Summit Point, and we have a contract for Fall Jefferson.

The Rose valley Hillclimb is back this year.

SOLO REPORT: Frank Gaus:

The preseason Solo Board meeting will be held February 13, possibly here (Tolerico's).

No contracts yet, and we need to find out if PIRC is paving the new area, and what they plan to charge this year.

Mike Roman of Motor Control Center has again offered to sponsor our trophies. This is the third year in a row that he paid for our trophies. The contribution amounts to \$779.50. Walt will send him a thank you letter as he did last year. Frank will also invite him and his wife to attend our banquet for free.

ROAD RACING REPORT: AJ Anselm

Our contracts with PIRC are done, but we plan to go over them with Jim at the Majors meeting. We do need to make deposits, around \$7,000. We're working on a Friday Test day.

Our Regional awards are all sorted out.

SCCA National is donating \$5,000 towards dinner at the Majors, but they have raised the fee per car.

SCCA is also changing the points scheme for 2015, awarding bonus points for coming plus a 'large class' bonus.

Terry Hanushack has added Pro IT to our September 19-20 date for the full track at PIRC.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Beth Anselm

Beth passed out copies of a report, and a copy is attached to the archive copy of these minutes.

We have a checking balance of \$51,364.62.

We discussed accepting payment via MotorsportsReg for our events. We pay a percentage, but it allows us to process the payment earlier and easier. *A motion (Beth Anselm/Paula Hawthorne) to accept online payments through Motorsportsreg.com passed 12-0-0.*

OLD BUSINESS:

The Daytona 500 Party will be held at McB on February 22<sup>nd</sup>. Mark Maehling is in charge.

The annual banquet will be held at the Lamplighter in Delmont January 31<sup>st</sup>. Mark C. is taking reservations.

We have had no contact with Open Throttle 360 and assume no change.

The next Majors meeting is this Saturday at 11AM, here at Tolerico's. That's when they open.

Les got the new decoders we ordered. They came without instructions, and came in three pieces where Les expected only two. Jeff offered to look into it.

NEW BUSINESS:

Nelson Ledges: Paula was talking with Reed Kryder. He has not been able to contact Todd about the track. Todd is not returning calls or answering emails. Right now, nothing is scheduled at Nelson. At this time last year, a schedule had already been set.

PIRC is working on acquiring a fire truck. Their safety & Security Director, Ed Gaither, aka "Q-Ball", is a member of Nelson Fire & Rescue. We have some inside contacts in Big Beaver Township, and might be able to get some VFD help if needed.

We discussed ambulance scheduling for races. They have to be on station ½ hour before scheduled start, and stay after if required, and stay on site at lunchtime.

January 24-25 is the Custom Car show, and PIRC has an area, and are looking for people to staff it. It is right at the top of the escalators.

February 13-16 is the New Car show. Volunteers can sign up online.

PIRC is also doing the Cleveland Custom Car Show.

Les got an email from Bob & Brenda Nick. Steph and Roland from NeOH Region have quit Timing & Scoring, so Bob & Brenda have to take over. They have no PC or printer, but they do have a decoder. Les may have to do T&S for any NeOH events.

*A motion to adjourn the meeting (Jim Farrar/AJ Anselm) passed 12-0-0 at 8:14PM.*

Respectfully submitted by

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