

STEEL CITIES REGION, SCCA

General Membership Meeting September 7, 2011 at Gene's Last Chance Saloon, Penn Avenue, Pittsburgh

Regional Executive Jim Farrar called the meeting to order at 7:32 PM.

A motion (Mike Connolly/Bridget Connolly) to approve the July and August meeting minutes as distributed by the Secretary was approved 14-0-0.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Beth Anselm

Available upon request...

ACTIVITIES REPORT: Bridget Connolly

10/5/2011 – Monthly membership meeting at Gene's last Chance Saloon on Penn Ave in the Strip District

10/15/2011 Fall Social – potluck +\$5/person – Chatham Village Club House, 6-? Details on the website

11/2/2011 – Monthly membership meeting at Gene's last Chance Saloon on Penn Ave in the Strip District

12/7/2011 – Monthly membership meeting at Gene's last Chance Saloon on Penn Ave in the Strip District

The Hawthornes hosted Bridget at Pugliano's Italian Grille on 286 in Plum to try the food. She was impressed, so now the theme for the January 28th Holiday party is Italian as in "gangster". The Super 8 motel within walking distance will make a block of rooms available at a discount if we need them.

The Fall Social is on lots of FaceBook pages – NeOH, MVR etc – and we have even had positive replies. Thanks to Chris Granche.

MEMBERSHIP: Paula Hawthorne

Reports show we had 377 members, and we had 385 last month. There are 4 new members – Dennis Witt from Clairton, Jeffrey Hutzelman from Pittsburgh 15037, Michael Figliolia from Elizabeth, and Mark Boggs from Keyser WV.

Michelle at SCCA National pulled 7 Regions to poll dropouts for reasons they quit the club, and we are one of them. The idea is to try to get them to rejoin.

Willie Harshman and Jay have transferred to Steel Cities Region from Mahoning Valley. Harshman Towing has provided wrecker service at Nelson Ledges for 3 generations. We treat our volunteers well and we are growing. Paula worked out the details to get them a VIP card.

SportsCar recognized Alan Patterson for 60 years of membership and Rick Ruckman for 25 years. Gary, Rocky, Tom Lang and Keith Manning were recognized in the workers category.

ROAD RACING REPORT: AJ Anselm

FasTrack of 10/1 has details of the alternate Driver School program, changes to AS. T3 goes away in 2012, cars currently classed as T3 move to either T2 or SSB, then SS goes away into T3 and T4. Other classes will be on probation.

There will be changes in race groupings at The Runoffs. There are 534 entries.

A Hans or other SFI 38.1 device will be mandatory in 2012, but there are those opposed. The Issac device is more popular, and may actually be better.

The plans for the 60th Cumberland are progressing. There is a website at Cumberland60th.com. Sponsor letters are in draft, we are talking to Pete Hylton, and Chris is collecting archive stuff. The date will be the weekend right after the PVGP (7/27-29), like it was this year. There will be a Track Trial event, but no autocross. We will be trying to do a Saturday Regional and Sunday Pro IT.

Mahoning Valley Region wants Memorial Day weekend for their National in 2012.

This years' miniconvention will be held in Saratoga Springs NY the first weekend in November.

SOLO REPORT: Mark Andy

The PVGP autocross had 112 entries over 2 days, 68 actual drivers. The weather cooperated even though the forecast was for bad weather. We made \$1331.79 for charity. Thanks to all involved. We have some extra T-shirts from the event for sale, \$10 each or \$7.50 each for multiple shirts.

Dan from BeaveRun has done a lot for us this year, and we really thank him for all that.

The next low-key autocross will be next Friday. We need a few helpers from 4-8PM. There is a lot of interest in these events, and lots of new folks are coming out.

Mark passed out a summary showing that we have taken in \$14,300 and had expenses of \$10,300 for the year so far.

TRACK TRIALS REPORT: Jeremy Deitzel

The Jefferson Circuit event last week was a huge success. Five records were broken, three of them by Steel Cities members. The food was great and someone else made about \$1500 profit. There were 67 entries, 65 is normal.

HILLCLIMB REPORT: Ray Colbert

Polish Mountain was a marginal success, and we lost \$337.90. There were 71 cars. Fred Piper was the registrar and he gave a report. We owe \$318.95 for the free entry Ray won last year and a \$150 donation. *A motion (Mike Connolly/AJ Anselm) to pay the \$468.95 passed 14-0-0.*

Most hill climbs run close to break even, even after many years. We might want to restructure our agreement with the fire department. The banquet costs are WAY too high. There is a new boss this year, maybe we can trim expenses. Bob Borgo suggested that we propose that we get our costs plus a fee and they keep the rest – that way they absorb the risk and we can't lose. The new BOD should make that decision.

We are in need of a new safety steward. We are composing a letter to SCCA National to be signed by the RE's of participating regions.

RALLY REPORT: Chuck Larouere

Blue Ridge Mountain SCC's Fall Leaf Tour is being set up.

National is looking for a region to host the 2012 Championship the 3rd week in October.

We had a record entry of 94 cars for the PVGP rally. Next year is the 30th anniversary.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Barry Kaplan talked to Rick Myers about Jason's membership – the clubs' system can't track worker discounts properly and he got an \$85 bill even with 3 - \$30 discounts. If this happens to you, call National. It also can't do worker days for credit – you have to do your own recording online. Call if you have problems. They are considering a tiered membership system – they are losing 60% of people in their first 3 years.

The 50/50 drawing awarded \$29 to Gloria Williamson.

A motion to adjourn (Granche/Bargerstock) was approved at 8:41 PM with Don Baker opposing.

Les Walter announced that he has decals and new SCR "Cool shirts" for \$30 each.

Respectfully submitted by

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