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Greetings from the Regional Executive

I would like to take this time and space to review the year 2001 concerning the Detroit Region of SCCA. During this past year the region has had some problems, we had events that were canceled and events that didn't come off quite as well as we would have liked, but still all in all it was a good year. We look forward to the year 2002 as a year of opportunity.

The Detroit Grand Prix is gone but we have plans to put on all the different kind of events that we usually present. We will start with the annual awards dinner on January 19, 2002, and I encourage all to attend. Next comes the Sno*Drift Pro and Club Rally on January 25-27. The racing and solo seasons start with a race Drivers School at Waterford Hills on April 20-21 and the annual Solo II

school. We have agreed to assist with a race Drivers School at GingerMan Raceway in May. A group of five regions is presenting this School: Ohio Valley Region, Fort Wayne Region, South Bend Region, Western Michigan Region and Detroit Region. There will be a National race at Grattan on June 8-9, a Regional race in cooperation with Waterford Hills Road Racing Inc. sometime during the summer, a full slate of Solo II events and several TSD rallies.

Also with the New Year comes change. We will have new directors for both Rally and Solo. We also have several positions to fill. We will need to find a new Race director, a new editor of the Open Exhaust and assistant Chiefs for all specialties. We will also be handling our

membership meetings differently in that we will have membership meetings monthly except for the month of January. We will also be starting our membership meetings at 8:00 p.m. This will give us time to have scheduled meetings for Race, Rally and Solo before the regular membership meeting. We will also be announcing a major change in our worker points structure for 2002.

I wish to thank all those who took part in region activities in 2001 and I hope you continue with your activities in 2002. We will have a busy schedule but also looks like the opportunity to have a lot of fun.

Sincerely,
Dick Cole

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Detroit Region SCCA Board of Directors Meeting

9 October 2001

Holiday Inn (northeast corner of I-275 and 6 Mile Road)

7:30 – 9:30 p.m.

Attendees

Dick Cole	Pete Padden
Chris Syfert	Mark Henderson
Eric Penn	Carol Uller
Cynthia Kempton	Pete Uller
Kim Lyon	Bill Slabey
Heather Shehan	

Call to Order

Dick Cole called the meeting to order at 7:34pm.

Secretary Report

The secretary report was presented. The minutes from August were accepted.

Treasurers Report

Carol Uller submitted the treasurer report. Discussion followed. The treasurer's report was accepted.

Budgets

There was discussion about budgeting and expense reports and rally expenses such as the Sno*Drift. Dick noted that electronic voting on budgets must have a motion, second to the motion, and approval. We need a budget form online that can be filled out and submitted on the Web. Budgets must include prior years actuals.

Banquet

Dick discussed the banquet planning and setting the budget. The chairperson should make the budget. The budget should be practical and we need to get people to attend. Discussion followed. Bill Slabey suggested having the banquet at the Holiday Inn. Tickets should be \$25 each and plan for 150 people. The banquet budget was set for 150 people at \$25 per person with a \$3000 subsidy from the region. Kim Lyon motioned to approve. Chris Syfert seconded. It was approved. The banquet date is set to the 3rd Saturday in January, January 19, 2002.

Conventions

Dick discussed members representing

the region at conventions. The national office asked, "Who gets reimbursed?" A motion was made to pay for airfare for a Detroit Region member to be our member representative by Chris. Bill seconded. The motion was approved.

Schedule

Dick presented the 2002 race schedule:
April 20, 21— Driver school at Waterford
May 4, 5 — Regional race at Grattan
August 10, 11— National race at Grattan

Ballot results

The directors at large tallied the ballots. The incoming members of the board are: Rodney Beckwith III, Rob Moran, Barbara Steencken, Carol (Goins) Uller. Outgoing members of the board are: Henry Hausler, Bill Slabey, and Chris Syfert.

Report of the discussion from last months unofficial Board Meeting

The September board meeting was not official due to not having enough board members in attendance. Dick noted that the reason we have poor attendance at general membership meetings is due to not having summer meetings. In 2002 we will hold 10 general membership meetings. None will be held in December or January. Mark suggested sending a letter to remind members of meetings along with the topic. Kim noted that results, etc sent to Scott the Webmaster must be in Word or Excel file format. Mark suggested that the location of general membership meetings should be somewhere where food is available at the meeting. Dick suggested a small room for board meetings.

Old Business

There was discussion about cancelled races. The chief steward cancelled the enduro due to fire and safety concerns. The Thumbs Up budget was submitted. Heather Shehan motioned to approve. Dick seconded. Approved. Mark Henderson discussed the "Dear new members" letter sent out and discussed the October and November meetings.

New Business

The banquet budget proposal needs to be sent to Jody. Dick requested that the

board revisit the bylaws. Discussion about the bylaws and policies followed. We need policies changed. Discussion followed. The race, rally, solo handbooks were discussed. Dick suggested starting with the next general membership meeting, moving the meeting time from 7:30pm to 8:00pm and having a meeting for race, rally, solo at 7:30pm.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 9:33 pm.

Upcoming Events

The following is a tentative list of upcoming membership meeting items.

February: The Mike and Jerry Show. Mike and Jerry will provide information about what, how, when, where and why of driving competitively at solos and races and how to prepare your car for the upcoming season.

March: A TSD rallye seminar will cover everything you need to know about how to go about getting involved with this great car game.

Also coming: A once-a-year short business meeting before the membership meeting and another installment of the Race Workers insider seminar.

Assistant RE Marques

Dear Membership:

My name is Mark D. Henderson. Beginning in January I'll be the new "Assistant RE" for the Detroit Region. Knowing this information and having about 80 cents in your pocket might get you a coffee at the corner donut shop.

I come from a racing family. My dad started his racing career in the late 1950's at different tracks around the upper midwest while also involving himself in national road rallies, and later in pro rallies, and then settled back into national touring road rallies. My mother also acquired her competition license in the middle 1960's and did some road racing of her own. In the 1970's and forward, my brother became involved with pro rallying. He was very competitive and had a very strong car just like my dad.

I never got the bug for driving pro rallies, but I do enjoy being around it whenever I get the chance (it was a money thing, you see). I'm heavily involved in road rallies and compete often here and in adjoining states. I have been involved with my family's racing efforts probably since I was 10. I am now 46. I have been a Detroit Region member since 1989 and ran for the board in 2000 for the years 2001 and 2002.

During my first year in office, as in many previous years, I have seen many low attended general membership meetings. I told the Board that I would like to remedy this situation by having a speaker or to have a program of general interest to our members. I did what I said that I would do. We had a program or a special speaker at every meeting this past year. This was a good starting place, but I have not seen the

attendance numbers increase at meetings. Was I just spinning my wheels? I think not! You know, they have a word for this problem: apathy. In order for the Detroit Region to become successful again, the members must get involved and attend meetings!

Does anybody remember the successful social meetings we use to have at Mama Mia's? Remember when we had 60-100 members at any given meeting? I believe the reason for the success of those meetings was because we were "eating and meeting" (and socializing). We are currently meeting at the Laurel Park Holiday Inn (6 Mile and I-275, 3rd Tuesday of each month). We are meeting there because rooms are available and we have adequate parking for membership. But we really do have to return to the "Eat and Meet" format.

Our core membership is located near the I-275 corridor. We need to find a new place in this area or somewhat near that can handle us for a "eat and meet". Now whose job is it to find such a place? Is it RE Cole? Is it the Region Board? How about the General Membership calling in tips? Actually, it's all three! It's everyone's job. However, unless you have spent a stint on the board, you have no idea how much work goes on at board meetings with heavy discussions about every issue that comes up month to month! RE Cole and the Board's plate is full! So it comes right back to the membership of what I've already said, "get involved, we need your help."

On another subject, we are experiencing much worker burnout at all levels of all activities. The same people cannot keep carrying the burden of the Region year after year. WE NEED NEW MEMBERSHIP! You as Region members can no longer "sit like a house on the side of the road." You must get involved. What about you retired members (members who have successfully retired from your working place)? Don't you now have some free time to devote to the Region, you know the Region that had filled your weekends with some sort of automobile entertainment. It's dues time. You have to pay if you want to continue to play. Us middle age and younger members are still working and rearing our children as you had before and we still have many time constraints to deal with.

And another thing; why is our Grand Annual Awards Presentation and Banquet so poorly attended each year? I seem to

remember that we have around 2,000 members and we can only scare up a mere 75 members and a few small handfuls of guests for this great event. It certainly can't be the price because the club takes a hit every year on this in order to keep the price down whatever the price. Remember this is also a SOCIAL EVENT! The committee works hard to put this on for the too-few who attend.

Also, why is it that we have such a hard time getting you to want to run for one of our offices on the Region Board? After this years election, I spoke to many of us on the Board about this (I had equally the same problem), about the calling on members to run for office; 97% of the calls made were flatly told "NO". What are you afraid of? A little responsibility in your life? A little outside the home/work?

Members, we have a lot to be proud of here at the Detroit Region. I've spoken to a lot of non-members or members of other regions and clubs. We are held in high regard! Let's start showing our true colors. Start getting involved. Just paying dues is not enough. We need a whole new crop of talented creative members to keep putting new twists in our old games and activities. WE NEED SOCIAL EVENTS so we can get reacquainted again.

MEMBERS, I am not about to reinvent the wheel. Just "true it" up some so that it rolls straighter and longer. Let's pull together and start acting like a real sports car club should.

Well, that's it for this month as I carefully step off my soapbox. You have not heard the last of me. I'll try to stay in touch each month. I'm including my e-mail and my phone number for any ideas or comments. However, please bring your ideas to the club and then present them and volunteer to do them. WE NEED YOU!

Thank You.

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The School

The school consists of a Saturday morning classroom session, where we teach

you the basics of marshaling. This includes training in the following areas:

- The flags
- Basic communications skills
- Safety (of primary concern)
- Equipment (what to wear, what to bring)

After the classroom session, the students are taken on a tour of the paddock, where they are familiarized with the different car types and a variety of items like where to find the tow hook and how to recognize a kill switch. In the afternoon, students are sent out to work a corner station with an experienced crew, who provide on-the-job training. Students are encouraged to return on Sunday when additional on-the-job training is provided. At the end of each day students meet with the instructors to ask questions and share what they have learned with other students.

Sounds like fun! How do I sign up?

Easy! If you are interested in attending our school, simply contact Debbie Martens via phone at 734-421-2231 or via email at tdmartens@home.com. Come one, come all — and bring a friend! Remember, both members and non-members are welcome. Non-members will be provided with a temporary membership (valid for 90 days) free of charge. If you would like more information, please contact me at the phone number or email address noted above.

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Mark Your Calendar for NE-Ohio's 2002 Competition Clinic

CLEVELAND – Get out your pen. Open your 2002 calendar. Turn to March and write the following in the 23rd block: Neohio's Competition Clinic sponsored by Kumho Tires, 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM. This is our fourth consecutive year of hosting this daylong event. It promises to give you even more information than past clinics.

We'll provide lots more information in the next few months. We're lining up some fabulous workshop leaders for suspension work, engine rebuilding, starting out in motorsports, solo, tires, and lots more.

There will be something for everyone, from novice to veteran racer, from road course driver to solo and rally competitor.

The 2001 Competition Clinic will be held at the I-X Center in Cleveland, Ohio, on March 23, 2001, from 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM. For more information and registration directions, go to the Neohio web site (www.neohio-scca.org), send an e-mail message to neocompclinic@hotmail.com, or call Sherrie Weitzenhof at (330) 666-2627 between 6 PM and 9 PM.

October General Membership Meeting

The October 16th General Membership Meeting was nothing less than great and very informative! Thanks goes mostly to the speakers who rearranged their lives so that they could do a small but informative program at our meeting. Here were the highlights of that meeting. Board of Director Mark Henderson brought the meeting to order at 7:35 PM. As a hush fell over the crowd of 40 or so members, Mark awarded Bob Martin his "Thank You" brief case for doing the "Pro-Rallye" intro last month at the Sept. meeting. Because of program timing constraints, Mark spelled out what the program was going to be for those who were uninformed.

Next, the first speaker was called up. Michele Grimm (Chief-Timing and Scoring) got up and aquatinted the group to what "really goes on" in the timing tower at the different tracks she'd worked. Because we had no idea what she was going to say, everyone hung on every word. It was the same for all the program speakers. Many of us really don't know what kind of work goes on at the tracks or who does it and what's involved. Later in the evening, Mark would relate a story of when he was a child and being out at Waterford Road Course and "only seeing race cars", never imagining that there were so many people who put long hours into a race in all types of weather so that the racers can do what they do.

The second speaker was Barb Steencken (Chief Grid Marshall) who spoke about the ins and outs of "grid." After each speaker told their story, question and answers usually followed. The third speaker was Bob Goppold (Chief Tech Inspection). Again, very interesting and to the point. Following Bob was our "Chief Starter", Hal Goff. Hal had a few "war" stories to tell about past races and the dangers that are clearly evident of those who work on the track.

Debbie Martens (Chief of Flagging and Communications) brought her corner station flags to tell her story. Though her flags are merely inanimate objects, they "speak their piece" at the track and are clearly understood by the competitors.

Richard Meyers (Chief of Fire & Rescue) was next and spoke to us about the importance of his specialty. He also added about the fire safety school coming up in the spring.

That ended the first half of the meeting and a well deserved break took place. After the 10 minute break, Linda Haslett (Chief Pit Marshall) began the second half of the nights programs.

All of the specialties at the track require dedicated members with fair amount of experience. However, it was brought up that (the real reason for having this program) all the specialties were looking for "new" members who would like to get involved with the different aspects of working club events. Linda also related and relented that she would like to retire from "Chief Pit Marshall" if someone would come forward. Ed Maklenburg (Chief Sound Control at race and rallye events), spoke about dB levels and the cost of equipment and importance of sound control. That pretty much put a wrap on race.

The next program was Solo Events. This program was handled by the husband and wife team of Mark and Heather Shehan. Heather is Detroit Region's Solo Events Director. Though Solo events provide its own workers (competitors must also work the course) there are still a few administrating jobs to do at a Solo. Heather and Mark pretty much covered what went on at a typical Solo event.

As the clock ticked towards the 10 o'clock hour, on came our Detroit Region's TSD (Time, Speed, Distance) Rallye Director, Pete Padden. Pete opened his program with his line "you can't run a rallye if I don't work and I can't run a rallye if you don't work." Pete also mentioned the "core" of good workers that TSD rallies enjoy, but these are still members who also work Race and Solo.

Barb Steencken (who chiefly heads up workers for Pro-Rallye) spoke to the group about the inner workings of Pro-Rallye. This program was different than

what Bob Martin had said in Sept. as he spoke mostly about competing in Pro-Rallye. Barb also related that Pro-Rallye workers for the most part need no special experience to work, that all they need are warm bodies to fill positions; they can be trained on sight. She also said that when we come up to work, always bring another friend.

That took care of the regularly scheduled program. However, we were not quite done. After Barb took a few questions, she introduced Don Rathgaber (2002 Sno-Drift Pro Rallye Organizer) who talked about the upcoming event and that he was looking for workers and competitors alike. As 10:20 rolled over on Mark's watch, Michael Royce asked for permission to speak. Permission was granted and Michael spoke to the group about the problems at the National Level of SCCA. The Meeting was adjourned finally at 10:40 PM.

I can only speak for myself. I left that night with a lot more respect for all the workers who work Detroit Region Events. Maybe we can do this type of program again to a much larger group of new members. I personally mailed out 250 invitations a week earlier to new members since the first of the year. Only about 3 actually showed up. The 40 or so members in the room were the speakers and regular attendees of meetings. We did have a weather system that night that might have kept "new" members from coming out, but the dedicated "core" of the region showed up. Kudos to you all. Special thanks goes out to all the speakers who took time out to tell us your "craft" and stories. I was extremely interested! At the end of each speakers program, each speaker was given a beautiful "Detroit Region" coffee mug as a special present for speaking. Thank you very much Pat Pierson and Bill Slabey for these gifts.

Now don't forget about the November Program. Mr. Peter Locke, City of Dearborn's Civil Defense Director, who will speak to us about Fire Safety Home/Business and Civil Defense Matters.

Thanks.
Mark D. Henderson

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