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RE-Port

By Regional Executive, Bill Niemeyer, Jr.

New Leader for the New Decade

I have enjoyed my tenure as R.E. of the Cincinnati Region, thank you very much! The club has been a part of my life since I first attended events as a small boy, crewed in my teens, soloed in my 20's, and road raced from my 30's and hopefully for many more years. I am proud to have had the opportunity to give something back to the folks that work hard so I could/can enjoy the competition events.

Some things have changed but the one that remains the same is the great organization with some unbelievably dedicated officers and volunteers. I look forward to serving the role of Chairman and giving the younger generation and our board the opportunity to lead us into the future.

Thanks to those of you that came out last month for our annual elections. The contested races were very close with only one or two votes separating the candidates.

David Santel is your new R.E. moving from Treasurer to take over this column in January.

E.B. Lunken remains as Assistant R.E.

Welcome Dan Chambers to the job of Treasurer. Dan works at 5th/3rd so there is some history there.

Bryan Schafer moves from a Member at Large position to take over as Secretary.

Tom O'Gorman steps up and joins the board as a Member at Large

Chipp Swindler moves from acting Secretary to Board Member at Large and is joined by

Andy Stanford, Rodney Sizemore, and Brian Walker.

We are still looking for a few folks for some of our appointed positions. If you think you may have an interest but aren't sure what the job entails we will be glad to explain it without obligation. We have a dedicated group that puts in a heroic effort to make things happen and they can all use help no matter how little. Office holders and key volunteers may also be eligible to have the majority of their trip to the SCCA National Convention paid by the region.

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Remember the regular monthly meeting will be at the beautiful Mill Race Banquet Center with an earlier 8:00 starting time. Board Meeting at 6:30 pm.

Roundtable Report

Representatives from the regions within Great Lakes Division met November 7th in South Bend, Indiana. Todd Cholmondeley, Dave Howard and Jerry Cabe made the trip to represent Cincy Region. The purpose of the meeting is to review the 2009 racing season, and discuss the upcoming 2010 season. In attendance from the National office were SCCA President, Jeff Dahnert, and SCCA VP-Rally/Solo, Duncan Howard, as well as Area 4 director, Marcus Meredith.

Roundtable opened with a Town Hall Discussion. Mr. Dahnert, Mr. Howard and Mr. Meredith fielded questions on a number of topics. Mr. Duncan reported that Solo events were going to be learning more about sound control in the coming years. Plans are to implement sound control at the National level in 2010 with Regional level events to follow in the future. Target readings for 2010 will be 100 db. Max. Mr. Dahnert reported that SCCA club racing was in the black in 2009 but there was a large disparity between regions when it came to attendance numbers. Overall National numbers were steady. Regional numbers were down a little. Mr. Duncan reported that Solo numbers were down about 2-3%.

After the Town Hall Discussion the group broke into different sessions. I stayed for the Scheduling Committee. This is where the racing schedule is hammered out for the coming year. There will be Two Driver Schools, Seven Dbl. Regionals, Three Nationals and Two Dbl. Nationals in the Division for 2010. After much discussion it was decided to limit the schedule to Two Dbl. Nationals per year and that they could not both take place in the same state. A rotation was set up so that all regions would have the opportunity to be involved in a Dbl. National in the future. For 2010 WMR/Ft. Wayne will be hosting on Memorial Day weekend, Detroit/NeOhio on 4th of July Weekend. Cincinnati Region is slated to co-host a National no later than 2014, but I anticipate that we will be invited to co-host as early as 2011.

Cincinnati Region is confirmed at Mid Ohio July 30th-Aug. 1st 2010 for the 4th running of the Cincinnati I.T.SPEC*acular. I hope that everyone reading this article will circle their calendar and plan on attending/ participating/ driving/ volunteering and having fun in the sun! Race Committee meetings will start up again in February so stay tuned for more details.

Respectfully Submitted,
Todd Cholmondeley

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The Great Lakes Division Roundtable, the planning process for the 2010 season, was held in South Bend. Todd Cholmondeley, Jerry Cabe and Dave Howard attended this important event for the region. Once again strong national support was there in the person of SCCA President Jeff Dahnert along with Howard Duncan Solo & Rally V.P. Competition Program Development. Todd C has a complete run down above.

The Awards Banquet and Annual Membership Party is coming up January 16th at our regular meeting spot The Mill race Banquet Center. The banquet is a great time and the club subsidizes it so it is your event and an opportunity to discuss plans for next year's solo/race/rally seasons. It'll be here before you know it so get that reservation in.

The SCCA National Convention is coming up earlier this year once again in Las Vegas but now at the end of January? I can't recommend it enough, you can learn so much and meet so many great folks. It is important if you are planning to attend that you register by January 4th to get the early bird rate. Details are available at the SCCA website.

Remember, no monthly meeting in December, see you at the Awards Banquet.

“Make it Easy, Make it Fun”

Bill Jr.

January Meeting Guest Speaker – 1/19/10

James Smith
Chief Engineer - Belcan Corporation

Jim will be attending the January membership meeting to introduce the Cincinnati Region to an exciting program that we are being asked to support over the next year. Imagine a group of engineering students from around the world that come together to design, analyze, and build a race car to F-1 FIA specifications. Over the last three years, a team of over 400 students from 19 universities have worked concurrently to achieve this goal. Belcan Corporation owner, Ralph Anderson, has supported this project throughout the student's efforts. The culmination of the project is a formula car that is track worthy, but is more so the students' understanding of the cooperative efforts that are required for a complex engineering project being administered over several continents, languages, and cultures.

The Cincinnati Region is supporting the effort to bring this F-1 designed car to the IT/SPEC*taacular in July/August 2010, for display and potential recon laps, as well as for display at the ALMS/IRL event the following weekend at Mid-Ohio. To make this happen we need technical and logistic support of the region membership. Jerry Cabe has consulted and mentored on this project for the past two years and is the focal point for the region's support. All interested members are strongly invited to come out to the January Membership Meeting (January 19th at the Winton Woods Mill Race Banquet Center) to learn more about the overall project and how we can support this exciting opportunity.



Project Vehicle on display at GM in Detroit

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in Winton Woods at 8:00 pm No December Meeting.

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No Monthly Meeting in December
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