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## REport

*By Rex Deffenbaugh*

Greetings, NCR Racers. I am challenged and excited to be the new Regional Executive for North Carolina Region of the SCCA. I have been a region member since 1988. I have served as SARRC Representative, Bulletin editor and Assistant Regional Executive. I've worked races as a corner flagger and as your basic, all-round club gopher. I never planned to be RE because I am not an instinctive administrator. In the last 10 years we have made many improvements in our club and I want most of all to see that trend continue.

Our second past RE, Mark Senior, made an impression on me with his motto "if it doesn't make it more fun or safer, get rid of it." Our most recent RE, Glen Long, led the club into a new era by establishing a real club budget. Heather Powers, who continues to serve as our Assistant RE, has worked a PDX into our regular schedule during upcoming event at VIR in March. We anticipate this will help us attract new members and provide an exciting activity during our race weekend. These changes represent great and important improvements, and this progress should continue.

I plan to overcome my lack of administrative experience with an enthusiasm that comes from my love for our club and racing. My hope is that, after we've all had the chance to voice our opinion and cast our votes, all our members can unite and work toward our shared goal of making this club the best in the country, the best in the SCCA.

This is a bold objective. The amount of work needed to successfully execute our events is staggering. We have expert people in critical positions but we are completely dependent on you, the region's membership, the weekend race warriors and our friends and families to make the difference between an adequate season and our best ever.

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## VIR's Oak Tree Tavern Opening Seven Nights a Week

VIRginia International Raceway invites the public to our renowned Oak Tree Tavern beginning January 29 as it's reopened under new management and with a brand new menu.

"We want all our Halifax, Danville and Pittsylvania neighbors looking for fun dining in a unique environment to come enjoy this historic building and our great food," said VIR's managing partner Connie Nyholm. "The Tavern will be open to the public seven nights a week so our friends can see the

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upgrades we've made and feel the history in the building."

"Our menu will feature signature fresh seasonal items and traditional pub fare," said new Food and Beverage Director Jonathan Miller. "The Tavern is open to the public and we invite everyone to experience VIR and see for themselves why so many racers keep coming back time and again."

For great food, friendly service and charming atmosphere in one of the historically significant homes in the area, you can't do better than the Oak Tree Tavern. Miller suggests that diners call 434-822-8605 for reservations, as some weekends will be busy, so check the track's schedule or call 434-822-7700 for event information.

VIR's Oak Tree Tavern is located in the historic Bruce-Foote house, 'South Bend' on top of a hill overlooking the track and the Dan River valley. Built in the 1840s and lovingly restored just ten years ago, the house contains significant work

by Thomas Day, the Milton, NC woodwright. Visitors to VIR can experience the heritage of Ante-bellum South and road racing from the 1957 opening of the track, right up to today's fastest road racing machines. Try your driving skill at VIR on the iRacing simulation available in the game room adjacent to the dining rooms, enjoy a visit to Connie's Pub and sample the great food available.

The Pagoda Grill in the Paddock opens for the new season with an enhanced menu as well, featuring Angus burgers and more. VIR offers far more too, with the Plantation Valley Kart Track and adjacent skeet range, plus the Oak Tree Spa and the Villas at South Bend, luxury townhouses located along the famed 'Uphill Esses.'

## 2010 VIR Spectator Event Schedule

**March 20-21:** WERA Motorcycle Racing

**April 16-18:** Sports Car Club of America Oak Tree Double Nationals

**April 23-25:** Bosch Engineering 250 Grand-Am, Rolex Sports Car Series, Grand-Am Continental Tire Sports Car Challenge, SCCA Pro Racing Jetta TDI Cup Double Race, Playboy Mazda MX-5 Cup Double Race, Mustang Challenge Double Race, Skip Barber National Championship Double Race

**May 8-9:** Sports Car Club of America SARRC / MARRS Challenge

**May 26 (tentative):** Stock Car Open Test Day

**June 4-6:** Heacock Classic SVRA Gold Cup Historic Races

**June 19-20:** 10th Annual Virginia Festival of Speed Championship Cup Series Motorcycle Road Racing

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**July 31 – August 1:** World Karting Association / Woodbridge Kart Club National Kart Races

**August 7-8:** WERA Motorcycle Racing Cycle Jam AHRMA Vintage Motorcycle Racing

**August 13-15:** AMA Pro Superbike Championship

**September 10-12:** SCCA September Blast All-Pro Weekend featuring SCCA Pro Trans-Am SCCA Pro World Challenge GT, GTS and Touring Car

**September 25-26:** Championship Cup Series Motorcycle Road Racing

**October 8-10:** Bosch Engineering NASA Octoberfest SORAD Drift Finals VW Gymkhana

**October 30:** North Carolina Region, Sports Car Club of America Charge of the Headlight Brigade 13-Hour Enduro

## 2009 Annual Meeting & Awards Dinner

by James Shanks

The 2009 Annual Meeting and Awards Dinner on January 10th was a rockin' good time. The event was again held in the St. Thomas Preservation Hall, which is a de-sanctified Catholic Church in historic downtown Wilmington. With all the pews and the altar removed long ago, it's now simply a charming two-story brick building with high ceilings, warm wood floors and twenty-foot high stained glass windows. Round tables for up to eight guests filled the floor, and there was a bar set up in the back. It was a perfect venue for us to meet, eat, and honor our members who had done well over the last year.

Of course there was a lot of socializing and bench racing before dinner. There was also music to entertain us. The food, which was excellent, was catered by Middle of the Island Catering, a local

## Where NCR Meets:

### Cape Fear Chapter - Wilmington

First Tuesday of the Month 7:00 pm  
Meeting location will alternate between:

#### **National Speed**

(Feb, April, June, Aug, Oct)  
6779 Gordon Road  
and

German Speed Merchants  
(March, May, July, Sept, Nov)  
300 Old Dairy Rd.

Just off Market Street  
Brad Draughon\*, Chapter Coordinator

### Triangle Chapter - Raleigh

First Wednesday of the Month  
7:00 pm

#### **El Rodeo Mexican Restaurant**

Hwy 70 at Pleasant Valley  
James Shanks\*, Chapter Coordinator

### West Chapter - Greensboro

First Tuesday of the Month  
Dinner at 6:45

Meeting at 7:30 pm

#### **Cooper's Ale House**

5340 W Market Street  
Ed Wentz\*, Chapter Coordinator

### NCR Board Meeting - Graham

Third Wednesday of the Month  
Dinner at 6:00

Meeting at 7:30 pm

#### **The Sagebrush Steakhouse**

800 South Main Street, Graham, NC.  
Take exit 147 off of I-40/I-85.

**All Welcome!**

\*see Chapter Coordinators' contact info on pg. 2

Wilmington business, but a special thanks goes to all the Cape Fear Chapter members who came out Saturday morning to get the tables and everything else set up.

The business meeting was called to order by outgoing RE Glenn Long, who had flown up from Homestead, Florida where the Grand Am team he chiefs was racing, to be with us. Glenn said he had wanted to accomplish three things in his administration. The first was a sound budgeting process, the second was a PDX program to be fit into our racing program, and the third was to reduce the time between sessions at our racing events. Glenn felt that he had accomplished the first two, and he gave special mention to Treasurer Steve Keadle for his outstanding work on the budget and to Assistant RE Heather Powers for her work on the Comp Board and for working a PDX into our upcoming March Madness event in 2010. The last item, reducing the time between sessions at our racing events, had proven to be too difficult to accomplish in his short tenure, Glenn said, but he hoped others would pick up that torch. The assembled members all applauded his efforts.

James Shanks gave a report on the membership in which he noted that while the number of members in the North Carolina Region had declined by almost 17 per cent since 2006, from 945 to 787, the number of licensed drivers had actually increased by a tiny amount, as several novice permit holders and gone on to become fully licensed. Currently the Region has 167 National drivers, 150 Regional drivers, and 48 novice permit holders. This, coupled with the increase in participation at our Solo events, shows that the Region is healthy and serving its core constituency well. But James also noted that the membership is fluid, that new people are constantly joining us to try out what we offer. He urged everyone to remember that almost 1 out of every 7 people at our events is a newbies and that we need to try to make them feel welcome.

Steve Keadle gave the Treasurer's report. The Region made money but overall it was not a huge amount, just a few thousand dollars after expenses. The good news was that despite declining revenues, our new budget process had allowed us to keep a tight rein on our expenditures, and that we had tracked them to within 8 per cent of our targets, which is about as tight as any organization like ours can be run. The members applauded Steve's news and the efforts of all those volunteers

who had made this happen.

The business meeting closed with the introduction of our new officers. Wayne Quick and Neal Harrison are our two newest Members at Large, Jerry Pell continues as the Region's Secretary, and Rex Deffenbaugh was elected Regional Executive. Rex took the podium from Glenn and thanked all those who had voted for him, but reminded everyone that nothing in this Club gets done without the help of volunteers and that as a driver he was going to ask for as many volunteers as he could get.

The business meeting gave way to the awards presentation. Morgan Mehler, an avid autocrosser who sometimes announces at our Solo events, volunteered to act as emcee again this year, and he did a great job. Jeff Eng of Kestrel Racing, another avid autocrosser, took photos of the award recipients.

Member of the Year honors went jointly to Wayne and Jean Quick. Despite an aggressive racing program that took him to the RunOffs this year, Wayne found time to come to many of the Board meetings though he was not an elected member. When the Region needed to save money on its PDX, he volunteered his antique Chevrolet wrecker and spent his own money to refurbish it a bit beforehand. Jean filled in at Sound Control on the weekends Wayne was not driving. She helped train two new rookies and then she made sure that every volunteer who helped refurbish Wayne's wrecker was properly rewarded. And to top it off, at the 13-hour enduro, they cooked up two hundred pounds of pork barbecue and gave it all away to the workers.

Brad Draughon, who had planned and organized the awards dinner, was awarded Worker of the Year. Not only is he the Cape Fear Chapter Coordinator, but he also heads the Solo Program, which had a banner year despite the economy. He organized getting us more pylons for the FSAE event by borrowing them from another Region. Then he and others brought them up to VIR, where they ran the timing stand. The profit we made on that event went right to our bottom line, which is one reason NCR is in

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The plan is for The Bulletin to go to press on the Monday after the last Chapter meeting of the month (see Where NCR Meets, elsewhere in this issue, for Chapter meeting schedule). There is no hard and fast deadline for editorial submissions, but they should be in by the weekend after the last Chapter meeting for inclusion in that month's issue.

the black this year. And finally, Brad found time to work Pit and Grid at our first three racing events at VIR in 2009. Now that's dedication!

And speaking of dedication, a Lifetime Achievement award was presented to Jerry Pell. A long-time member, he is this Region's legal counsel, a job he has done pro bono for many years. His law office is Greensboro is the Region's official address for purposes of incorporation under the laws of the State of North Carolina and has been for decades. Currently serving as the Region's secretary, he offers wise counsel and legal advice when we need it. And he has offered his expertise with dignity and grace to various members from time to time when they had sudden calamities befall them. Jerry is also an active competitor. You find him on the grid in a Spec Miata at many a SARRC event. In the view of the awards committee, he is a gentleman who represents the finest qualities of the SCCA.

There were also many driving awards this year. Willie Stallings and Vern Geddings shared the honor of Solo Driver of the Year. Willie had an outstanding year despite health problems stemming from exposure to Agent Orange in Vietnam many years ago. Vern also had a great year, finishing first in 6 of 9 events, second in another, and is a member of the Kestrel racing team that won the Cape Fear Cup for team competition. Matt Douglas and Ken Kalill as co-drivers for the Douglas racing team took top honors as Driver of the Year in Enduro racing for their first place showing in ITB in the SEDIV ECR series. Don Knowles was awarded Driver of the Year in National Racing for winning the National Championship in T2 in a Pontiac Solstice. This marks the fifth time Don has been a National Champion. Tim Lyons was recognized as the NCR SARRC/National Driver of the Year for his efforts in GT1. He was 6th in National points in the Southeast, scored 40 points in various SARRC races, and still found the time to drive the pace car for us at VIR. Jonathan Barlow took home Driver of the Year honors in Regional racing. He finished first 7 times in GT3, totaling up 184 SARRC points along the way. And Justin Deffenbaugh was awarded Most Improved Regional Driver of

the Year. He finished 16th in IT-7 with 34 points, but competed in just 2 races. It's tough to do better when you are still in college and driving dad's race car.

We also awarded the Hard Luck and Perseverance trophy to three drivers this year. Assistant RE Heather Powers and Steve Rose in Regional Racing had car troubles all year but kept on trying, repairing, and re-entering. And David Bryson got the Hard Luck and Perseverance award in National Racing. He was first in the national standings in FP in SEDIV with 6 first place finishes and 72 points. His friends expected him to do well at the RunOffs but his car broke catastrophically in the first qualifying session and could not be rebuilt in time. Characteristically, all he said when asked about it was, "Well, that's racing."

We did not forget the volunteers when it came to awards. The following folks were awarded Rookie of the Year honors in these specialties:

**Fire and Safety:** Justin Evans and Neal Moser

**Flagging and Communications:** Pablo Escalera

**Grid - Junior Division:** Clayton Condrey

**Grid - Senior Division:** John Keadle

**Solo:** Thomas and Laura Guest

**Sound Control:** Courtney Dennis and Scott Keadle

And there were Outstanding Service Awards for veteran volunteers as well, for their tireless service in various specialties:

**Pace Car Driver:** Patrick Pardee

**Pace Car Communicator:** Brenda Lyons

**Paddock Marshall:** Hayden Beatty

**Registration:** Walter Michael

**Solo:** Jeff Eng

**Tech:** Dwight Cooke

**Tech:** Jack Rafferty

In addition, Outstanding Service awards in Fire and Safety were awarded to Tim Gardner, Pete Pappas, Jordan Lipman, and Brendan Scullion. These guys gave up a Saturday and provided the

volunteer labor to refurbish Wayne Quick's antique wrecker so we could use it at Rockingham.

And there were several unique service awards. Ron Gentry was awarded the E. Gordon Warren Steward of the year award for his work as a steward at our events while serving on the Board of Directors, and for the excellent job he has been doing as series chief steward in the Carolina Cup Pro Series. Alan Martin was awarded Worker of the Year in Flagging and Communications for his services at our racing events. He made every one this year. On Blair "Pepe" Stitt was bestowed the "NCR Customer Advocate" award for his service on the NCR Board and as SARRC Representative, always championing the rights of our competitors. He warned us constantly to be more accommodating and to help people have a good time at our events. Julie Snow won the "Extra Mile" award for always doing something a little bit beyond what others do, whether helping the race chair or being pressed into service at the Region's recruiting booth at the Double National. We were told she even succeeded in getting some new people to sign up! Treasurer Steve Keadle got the "Teamwork" award for his tireless efforts working on the budget, helping the committee chairs and specialty chief understand what to do, and providing the Region's first ever comprehensive financial report. Jameson Jones was awarded the "SCCA Spirit" award for volunteering at our events and at tracks all across the Southeast despite the fact that he's a broke college student who doesn't even have his own car. And Alana Long was given a Special Recognition Award for Outstanding Service to the NCR Racing Program. Her idea that we could have personalized trophies made just-in-time trackside when the race concluded was revolutionary. She made it happen and now our trophies are among the most coveted in the Southeast. Thank you one and all!

By the conclusion of the awards ceremony it was clear just what a great club this Region is. We have many excellent drivers, many spirited competitors, and many, many dedicated volunteers. It was a pleasure to meet and talk with so many of them at the annual meeting and awards dinner.

The partying got really underway at the close of the awards ceremony. We turned up the music and got the dancing started. Many members danced and partied until the end at 11:00 PM, and then some of the more adventurous ones took to the streets to find what other nightlife Wilmington had to offer. You should have been there!

## Reports from Daytona

### Scenes from Turn 5

By Peter Romanowski

The annual pilgrimage to "sunny" (?) Florida is over and everyone is back home safe and sound. The North Carolina Region was well represented staffing Turn 5 for four days of racing including the twice around the clock affair. With a little help from Blue Ridge Region, all of us who work together at VIR had a great time. From Jimmie Johnson crashing the Gainsco Chevy Riley into the Armco on Thursday morning to the final checkers flying over the Porsche Riley of Action Express Racing and the RX-8 of Speedsource on Sunday the crew at Turn 5 acquitted themselves as only the best corner workers can. After taking a year off I was glad to organize the staffing of Turn 5 at



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Speedsource RX-8: The GT Winner



Action Express Racing Porche: The Winner



**Rolex 2010 T5 Group Picture**

Bottom (L-R): Peter Cary, Heather Clark, Walker Nelms, Pablo Escalera, John Uftring  
 Standing (L-R): Larry Gilbert, GH Jones, Pete Romanowski, Mike Stringfellow, Eric Danielsen, Jane Combs, Kim Romanowski, Blair Alexander, Craig Pierce, Jameson Jones, Lynn Combs, Eric Springer, Jon Hoover, Terry Whitt, Charles Hamm, Steve Rose, Ralph Johnson, Alan Martin, Michael Wahl, WA Wells

## Driving the Pace Car

By Don Knowles

Hey, I drove the pace car for the 24 Hours of Daytona. I pulled two shifts, four hours each, the

first from 11:30 pm til 3:30 am, and then again 11:30 am through the end of the race at 3:30 pm.

The pace car has two people in it at all times – the right hand seat handles the communications to the tower, waves cars by at the direction of the tower, turns the pace car lights on and off, responds to directions from the tower (like speed up or slow down, look for debris, etc), while the second person literally drives the pace car and does nothing else.

The first shift, I was in the right hand seat (my first time ever) and we had three yellows. My driver team mate was a French Canadian named (I swear) Gilles Villeneuve!! Gilles does the pace car for all the F1 support races at Montreal and used to be the F1 pace car driver at the Montreal track. Grand Am has what appears to me to be a complicated yellow flag situation but it comes clear when in the pace car.

My second shift, I was in the driver's seat and I was looking forward to making some laps at Daytona in the RX-8. My communicator was former Ford SVO engineer Don Hayward, who is a real pace car pro. But we had no yellows in the last 4 hours. In 2009, there were twenty-seven yellows; this year I counted seventeen. One reason was fewer cars and therefore less opportunity for conflict.

Eight hours sitting still with earphones is not as easy as it might have been in the past, especially the 11:30 pm to 3:30 am shift, but we had a nice seat for the race and I have always enjoyed the close up viewing of good drivers in good cars. We were stationed at the track out from turn 3, which is the east/International horseshoe.

I was reminded again how good the good guys were, and also how easy it is to tell when the cars had changed drivers--each driver sort of had their own signature, how hard they braked, when they downshifted and how much engine rev they used, how quickly they turned in and how consistently they were at the apex, how aggressive they were on the throttle, their tendency about how to attack the car in front of them, how closely did they come to the edge of the road on track out, etc..



Don't know if I will do this again but it was fun for omce.

On Thursday and Friday, I got to stand on top of the 10 story Daytona tower and spot for the Subaru team running in a 2.5 hour race. Even with my acrophobia, I had to say it was a great view and definitely a good place to watch from.



The NCR Crew



The NCR Banner



An F-1 Salute

## **"Thanks" from the Board's New At Large Member**

By Wayne and Jean Quick

We would like to thank everyone on the Awards Committee for the award we received at the annual banquet. Over the years we have observed many

people who do a lot more for the club than we do and they continue to do so without a thought for themselves or any glory; they are happy just to be of service. We feel very proud to be considered among such a class of workers.

As a new Member at Large, I would like to invite anyone who has a concern they feel needs the Board's attention, to communicate with me and I will bring it to the Board; our board meetings are open to anyone who wishes to attend. In any event, I will be happy to help anyone with their concern. I know it's not always possible to make the trip. I invite all members to use my contact information listed on page 2.

Again, thanks to all who help to make this club great!!!

## **Triangle Chapter Report**

By James Shanks

The Triangle Chapter kicked off the 2010 season at our favorite watering hole, the El Rodeo restaurant on Pleasant Valley where it crosses Glenwood. It was a good turn out for a chilly night and the hot topic of conversation was who went to Daytona. Several folks it turns out. John Uftring brought his lap top with plenty of photos to share. Peter Cari and Pablo Escalera regaled us with tales of their adventures. And those who did not attend had only one question they wanted answered, "How did Freedom Motorsports do?"

The short answer to that question was, third, tenth, 17th, and 22nd out of a field of 37 ST cars. They put an MX-5 on the podium and a new MazdaSpeed 3 in the top ten. Derek Whitis and Tom Long started on the pole but lost fifth gear



and had to settle for 17th. They're off to a great start in 2010. Congratulations, guys.

Our business meeting was quite short. We announced the election results for those who could not attend the annual meeting and awards dinner. Then we introduced all the award winners who were present, including Pablo Escalera, who did not know he was Rookie of the Year for F&C and was surprised to be presented with a plaque and a round of applause. Afterwards, RE Rex Deffenbaugh told us of his impression of the 2010 National Convention in Las Vegas, as did new Member at Large Wayne Quick. I won't recap Rex's words here. I'm sure he'd rather do it himself in the RE's column. But Wayne told us that he attended some seminars on race car preparation that he thought were helpful and informative. Both he and Rex emphasized that attending the convention is a great experience and they wished more members would go, not just Club officers. The only other news was that some folks are looking into the possibility of us using a test track facility in Roanoke Rapids for a PDX event in the future. More on that as details emerge.

The final order of business was the 2010 Triangle Chapter meeting schedule. Because the May meeting would fall on Cinco de Mayo, our regular meeting place would not be available, so Scott Keadle suggested we try his place of business in Cameron Village. The Chapter members agreed and we'll meet there in May. But the next meeting will be Wednesday, March 3rd, at El Rodeo. I'll see you there . . . or at the races!

## **Summary of the Minutes of NCR-SCCA Monthly Board of Directors Meeting**

December 16, 2009

Present: Hayden Beatty, Steve Keadle, Glenn Long, RE, Mark Senior, Buddy Matthews, James Shanks, Ron Gentry, Scott Gallimore, Rex Deffenbaugh, Blair Stitt, Wayne Quick, Jerry Pell, Brad Draughon, John Lindquist, Heather Powers, Bruce Dover, Ginny Condrey, and for part of meeting Eric Danielsen

1. The meeting was called to order by Glenn Long, RE, at 7:50 p.m. at the Sagebrush Restaurant, at Exit 147, Highway I-85/40, Graham, NC, Highway 87.

2. The RE recognized guests, including Bruce Dover, Wayne Quick, Hayden Beatty and Scott Gallimore.

3. Motion (Matthews/Lindquist), to approve the Minutes of the BoD Meeting of November 18, 2009; Passed.

### **FINANCIAL REPORTS**

1 Treasurer's Report: Steve Keadle, Treasurer, reported as to the Region's cash position in the Bank, and what it earned in interest on its deposits last month. The Treasurer presented Financial Statements (Reports), as of November 30, 2009, including a Balance Sheet, a P&L, overall and by club events.

The Treasurer pointed out that the Region in December will make a deposit to VIR of \$29,000, in connection with its track events at VIR in 2010.

The BoD discussed the fees paid to CCPS in 2009, as they were approximately double the amount paid to CCPS in 2008. Copies of the Financial Statements Reports presented by the Treasurer are attached to these minutes.

A portion of the Financial Statements included the Budget Requests for 2010, same being a part of the Financial Statements attachment.

The BoD discussed the subject of SCCA Pro events at VIR. Eric Danielsen, F&C, offered his remarks as to the Region's use of VIR flaggers for some of the NCR's events, in the past, related to the delay by SCCA workers (volunteers) to sign up for the event, thus triggering the need for the Region to secure flaggers through VIR.

Eric Danielsen suggested that the Region put on a "crash and burn school" at VIR, in conjunction with VIR workers, possibly the weekend of February 21 and 22, 2010. He indicated that a cost of that school would include the cost of refilling fire bottles.

Eric also suggested that SCCA corner workers who wish to flag SCCA Pro events at VIR may need to sign up to be a worker at VIR, under their corner worker program, when the Region is not providing flaggers for SCCA Pro events. The issue of insurance coverage for SCCA members working at a VIR manned event was discussed, including the coverage of workers compensation insurance provided by a private employer, such as VIR, was mentioned to the Board.

Heather advised that the track rental agreements normally designate the number of corner stations to be manned. The issue of being a corner worker, at VIR for a SCCA Pro event, and being covered by VIR's liability insurance may be an issue if the corner worker, who is a SCCA member, is not also an employee of VIR. Mark Senior indicated that he would discuss with VIR a process whereby SCCA members could possibly work corners at SCCA Pro events, being manned by VIR.

Motion(Pell/Shanks) to authorize Mark to discuss with VIR a program (procedure) which may allow SCCA corner workers to work SCCA Pro events, at VIR, with our SCCA members being covered by the track's insurance for those SCCA workers who choose to do so; Passed.

Continuing with the Treasurer's Report, the Treasurer pointed out that the 2010 Budget proposal is contained and presented in multiple pages of his Financial Statements.

The RE suggested that the BoD might consider using a professional advertising agency to set up our Region's advertising program for 2010, if the Board wished to pursue an inquiry as to what should be budgeted for advertising from a professional organization.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

1. The Board discussed the upcoming National SCCA Convention and it authorized the RE and the Assistant RE to attend on behalf of the Region, with their expenses to be paid by the Region from the amount allocated for the National convention, at the last Board Meeting. The balance of the allocated amount, not used to pay the expenses of the RE and the Assistant RE, are

then to be divided among the other attendees, being Sara Snider, Gerald Pell, Wayne Quick, Jean Quick, Clyde Kiser and Ron Gentry (Note: Kaye Fairer did not attend) in partial reimbursement of their convention expenses.

2. The BoD was advised that approximately eight individuals have planned to attend the Southeast Division's Meeting in January, 2010, at Jeckel Island, from the Region, with the Region paying their travel expenses, registration and hotel, as said expenses have been paid in the last two years.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

1. VIR Contract, 2010: The Board discussed the VIR contracts for 2010. Heather questioned the increased rental rate for the Region's Double National in April. The Board discussed the fact that the camping fee at VIR is not applicable to the SCCA workers and that there is a limited number of fuel containers which a driver may bring to the track with fuel. It was pointed out that all scheduled SCCA events at VIR are spectator events and that VIR deducts from the gate receipts the track's costs of hosting said spectator events. The Board also discussed the off-road vehicle policy-registration fee, as well as the specified corner worker's minimum age of 18 and how to deal with this as National SCCA, through its minor releases, authorizes corner workers as young as 16. The BoD also discussed drive around participation and the issue of requiring helmets etc. Also, the PDX requirements do not comport in all respects with some provisions of the rental contract at VIR. The BoD discussed the issue of jacking vehicles on the pavement at VIR and the requirement for plates to be under the jacks and jack stands, if such jacking is performed.

The RE suggests we now send the required deposit to VIR, for 2010 events, as a show of good faith, and authorize Mark to work out the details as to contract terms which may prove to be inconsistent and/or unnecessary. Motion (Shanks/Matthews) to that effect; Passed.

2. Car Show in January: The Greensboro Coliseum Car Show set for January 29 and 30, 2010 will, again, have an SCCA booth, through the efforts of John Lindquist. Motion (Pell/Matthews) for the

Region to pay \$100 in partial reimbursement to John Lindquist for renting the booth for the Region; Passed.

3. Website Re-Design: The Board discussed potentially re-designing portions of the Region's website. Brad Draughon made suggestions in that regard; the RE suggests that a RFP may be a good way to obtain an estimate of the costs of a re-design of the site.

## REPORTS

1. Cape Fear Chapter: Brad Draughon, Chapter Coordinator, reported 24 people attended the last Cape Fear Chapter meeting in November, and that he has been re-elected as Chapter Coordinator for 2010.

2. Triangle Chapter: James Shanks, Chapter Coordinator, reported that 27 people attended the last Triangle Chapter meeting in November, on a rain night. A few new members attended the meeting. James Shanks will be the Chapter Coordinator again in 2010.

3. West Chapter: John Lindquist, incoming West Chapter Coordinator for 2010, reported that 11 people attended the last West Chapter meeting, in November.

4. Awards: The Awards Committee will meet after this BoD meeting. James Shanks, Chairman of the Committee, advises that he has sent out information to the Committee members.

5. Banquet: Banquet Committee reports everything is on go for the January event, and that invitations are going out soon, to the membership.

6. Competition Board: The Board reports that there will be a mini PDX at the March Memories event at VIR in 2010. That event will include a PDX, SARRC, ECR and CCPS programs. The PDX will have two groups, with three sessions on Saturday.

7. SOLO: SOLO Committee advises that it anticipates a two day event in 2010, also, a Street Survival event is planned for 2010.

8. PDX/TT: Mark Senior will be the Chief Instructor for the PDX event in March, at VIR.

9. Membership Committee: No report.

10. Publicity Committee: No report.

11. Charities Committee: No report, however, at the March race the Region is planning to have a drive around on Sunday, which may benefit the Boy Scouts fund from donations collected at the drive around.

## ADDITIONAL NEW BUSINESS

Motion (S. Keadle/H. Powers) that the Region pay the membership of an SIT, named, as he has agreed to resume the program; Passed. Ron Gentry says a Steward has requested that the Region adopt the DC Region's ITE Rules; it was pointed out that the Competition Board is now working on a North Carolina Region set of rules for ITE, for future use by the NCR.

The RE expressed his appreciation to the BoD for their cooperation and hard work during the RE's term of office. The RE advises that he attempted to accomplish three things as RE: 1) Better communications, 2) Formation and compliance with an annual budget, and 3) Increased track usage time. The RE expressed his opinion that he felt that he had been successful on the first two items and may have planted an idea for better track time usage, with reference with the third. In conclusion, the RE said he appreciated the passion of the BoD's members in the performance of their duties.

Motion (Powers/Stitt) to adjourn at 9:50 p.m.; Passed.

## NCR Crash and Burn School

2010 NCR and VIR Crash and Burn School is in the history book and it was a tremendous success. Take a look at the pictures in the NCR Photo Gallery to see the fun and games that Eric used to teach veteran and rookie flaggers alike something they didn't know. 2010 is off to a great start. Let's keep the momentum going!

First, was the "Bag Off" competition:





A little classroom instruction:



Moving outdoors for some “hands on” training:



Putting out fires:



Setting up for a mock-race:



And, most importantly:



Let's have a great 2010!!!



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February 20-21: Spring Fling AutoX, Annual Tech, Pre-Season Test & Tune. Cape Fear Community College - North Campus, Wilmington.

March 6-7: **March Memories** Club Racing. SARRC, CCPS, ECR, PDX. VIR

March 27-28: **Back in Blackwater** AutoX. Free Novice School. Cape Fear Community College - North Campus, Wilmington.

April 10-11: **Redline on the FlightLine** AutoX. Free Novice School. MCAS Cherry Point - Havelock

April 16-18: **Oak Tree Double National** Club Racing. VIR.

May 8-9: **Al Fairer SARRC/MARRS Challenge** Club Racing. Double SARRC, Double MARRS. VIR.

May 16: AutoX (TBD)

June 12-13: **24 Hours of Blackwater** AutoX. Two Day Event! Cape Fear Community College - North Campus, Wilmington.

July 24-25: **Sounds of Freedom** AutoX. Free Novice School. MCAS Cherry Point, Havelock

August 15: **Riverfront Grand Prix** AutoX Cape Fear Community College - Downtown Campus, Wilmington.

September 25-26: **Return to the River** AutoX. Free Novice School. New River Air Station, Jacksonville.

October 9-10: **Back to Foxtrot** AutoX. Free Novice School. MCAS Cherry Point – Havelock.

October 23-24: **Goblins Go** Production Festival Club Racing. SARRC, CCPS, Double ECR. VIR.

October 29-30: **Charge of the Headlight Brigade** 13-Hour Enduro Club Racing. VIR.

November 21-22: **Blackwater SOLO Shootout** - Charity AutoX. Cape Fear Community College - North Campus, Wilmington.