

**By  
George !**  
Your RE Report:

## **STEVE JOHNSON, SCCA President/CEO, to speak at Region Annual Banquet**

**O**ur Region's new year got off to a good start with a very successful BOD meeting on January 4th, involving more than four hours of in-depth discussion producing some very positive results. This was followed by an interactive General Membership meeting at Otto's Brauhaus. Approximately 30 members were in attendance, some for the first time, to hear a review of and expansion on the BOD meeting that in summary shows Philadelphia Region poised for an active year in Solo II, Rally, and Road Racing (see details in the minutes of the meetings included in this issue). Six "Goals" were approved by the BOD for 2003, and one of these, to put on at least three road rallies led us to get an early start on accomplishing it by having our Rally Chair **Allen Hefner** present a program about rallies in general, road rallies in particular.

Allen gave an excellent presentation, clarifying the difference between Pro Rally (as seen on tv), Club Rally, and Road Rally, pointing out that our 2/8/03 event is a time/speed/distance (tsd) road rally and explaining that rallying is really a mind game in which the competitor tries to beat the rules and/or arrive on time. He handed out a one page document entitled "What is Road Rally?" that gives a descriptive summary of the sport and explains that a rally is a "contest of precision, not a race" and that no prior experience is required to participate (additional copies are available from Allen). I strongly encourage everyone to participate in the February "Rally in the Dark" and discover the "fun factor" in Road Rallying.

**Brian Holtz**, our Region's own National Director, spoke about the current status of SCCA and gave us a summary of

his three-page December letter to Area 2 REs, noting that the feared increase in insurance rates did not occur for 2003, with no increase in Solo I/II and Road Rally, and only a \$100 increase for road racing events. The full contents of Brian's letter are available on the NESCCA website or from me.

Brian will provide the program for our February General Membership meeting at Julie's by giving us a Director's view of the results of the National Convention and also an open dialogue with Region road race drivers.

The Philadelphia Region Annual Awards Banquet will again be held at the Doylestown Country Club on Saturday, March 8. The venue, food, and services provided have been excellent with interesting speakers and an enjoyable program.

This year's Banquet will be further enhanced by our National SCCA President and CEO **Steve Johnson** accepting my invitation to be our guest speaker. Steve will be fresh from the National Convention in Kansas City less than a month earlier. He is a dynamic speaker with an upbeat delivery, who will be giving us a "from the horse's mouth" direct update on the current status and the future of SCCA, as well as the latest information on the new National Headquarters in Topeka, KS. This is a tremendous opportunity for our Region members who are unable to attend the National Convention to hear first hand the facts of what is going on inside SCCA and directly question our National leader. Don't let this possibly "once in a lifetime opportunity" pass you by!

In addition, we hope to have **Otto Linton**, one of the founding members of the Region, who joined SCCA in May of 1945, as our guest to meet Steve and our current active membership, and possibly speak to us about the early days of SCCA and the Region.

In closing, we have an exciting agenda of activities in the coming months kicked off by our first Solo II competition of the Winter Series in January. Hope to see many of you at these events.

## **New NESCCA Series for 2003**

(George Bloeser, Competition Chairman)

**T**his year, in addition to its long standing series of National road races in the Northeast Division, NESCCA will add at least one, and possibly two, new series of Regional races to be run in NEDiv during 2003.

- Enduro Series
- New England Challenge (NEC) for Formula Ford

The Enduro Series was first discussed in a meeting of drivers and officials at Watkins Glen in September 2002. Some basic guidelines were formulated and a second meeting was held during the NEDiv Mini Convention in November to develop a set of rules and operating procedures. The series proposal was then presented to and approved at the NEDiv Council meeting in November.

It is an Enduro Series consisting of the enduros already being offered by the regions in the Northeast Division that meet certain basic criteria. Some of the key criteria are:

- An enduro race must be a minimum of one hour in length.

- Any pit stop involving the opening of a fuel cell or driver change must last at least two minutes.
- Refueling, if done, must be by D.O.T. dump cans only, with no overhead fueling rigs allowed.
- Certain classes must be included: AS, ITA, ITB, ITC, ITS, SSB, SSC, SM, SRX7, and T2.
- There is a mandatory meeting (Chief Steward presiding) including at least one driver and one crew member from each team/car.

These criteria are only the minimums that must be met. Each host region may supplement the minimum criteria if they so choose.

Since this would be a division-wide series, it would be administered by the NESCCA Steering Committee and NEDiv Council (through appointed representatives) and thus would utilize the treasurer and points keeper already in place for NESCCA. The series would be self-supporting with all administrative costs and trophies to come from

## Meeting Notice

The February Board of Directors meeting will be held on Monday, February 10, at 7PM at Otto's Brauhaus, Route 611 in Horsham, one mile north of the Turnpike.

The February General Membership meeting has been moved to Julie's Steakhouse on Route 611 opposite the Willow Grove Naval Air Station. It will be held on Wednesday, February 12, at 8 PM. **Brian Holtz**, our SCCA Director, will catch us all up on the latest from Topeka and answer questions about rules, specs, and other matters of concern to all SCCA competitors.

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## Philadelphia Region Calendar

### FEBRUARY

- 1 Solo II, Camden
- 8 Rally in the Dark
- 10 Board Meeting  
Otto's 7:00 PM
- 12 General Meeting  
8:00 PM Julie's

### MARCH

- 1 Solo II, Camden
- 8 Annual Banquet at  
Doylestown  
Country Club  
Board Meeting  
Otto's 7:00 PM
- 12 General Meeting,  
8:00 PM
- 15 Solo II, Camden
- 28-29 Solo Novice  
School & Test &  
Tune (Tentative)
- 30 Solo II, Camden

### APRIL

- 7 Board Meeting,  
Otto's 7:00 PM
- 9 General Meeting  
8:00 PM
- 12-13 Solo Evo School
- 26 Solo II
- 27 ADA Mini 500,  
Philadelphia Park

## NEW MEMBERS

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# PHILADELPHIA REGION, S.C.C.A. Board of Directors Meeting

January 4, 2002

Location: Otto's Brauhaus, Horsham, PA. BOD Members in attendance: **George Bloeser, Jon Rush, Steven Rosenberg, Judy Bloeser, Tony Carroll, Sean Christie, Rob Leone, Kelley Nelson.** Others attending: **Lou Metzger**

Minutes - The minutes were approved as distributed.

## Region Business

The Board of Directors will continue to meet at Otto's. Tony will explore other options for the General Membership meetings.

Programs are set for January (Allen Hefner - rally) and February (Brian Holtz - National Convention and SCCA issues).

Reminder - any change of address, phone, email needs to be sent to National as well as Robin.

## Spokesman

The cost of the *Spokesman* in 2002 was \$15,646.76, while the dues in 2002 were \$12,705. To be fiscally responsible, the BOD will limit the costs of the 2003 *Spokesman* to \$12,000 by lowering distribution costs. To this end, there will be a notice in the *Spokesman* that all members for whom we have email addresses will receive notices via email each month that the Spokesman has been posted to the website for them to download. Printed copies will only be sent to those for whom we have no email address, individuals outside the Region who receive courtesy copies, and those who have specifically requested a printed copy. This will be announced in the February, March and April issues, along with a request for members' email addresses, and will go into effect with the May issue.

Concern was raised that the agreement made when the *Spokesman* size was decreased, that no pictures were to be included unless specifically requested by the BOD, was not followed relative to the January issue. In the future no pictures will be included in the *Spokesman* unless previously approved by the BOD.

The 2003 Spokesman issues will be submitted to the SCCA's newsletter judges for national judging.

## Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's report showed that deposits for the month of December were \$170.00, expenditures \$3,158.97, and \$3,000 was moved to the checking account from Prudential Bache, for a checking account balance of \$3,814.15. The Money Market Fund stood at \$19,417.28, for total cash available of \$23,231.43.

The treasurer presented a draft budget for 2003 which was reviewed and revised by the BOD. In developing the budget, worst case scenarios were used; income was kept low and expenses given high estimates. Copies of the budget will be available from the Treasurer upon request.

During the budget discussion, a motion was passed to increase the tow fund to \$40 to be paid to any Region competitor who participates in the year-end National Championship event in Racing, Solo II, and Rally.

## Solo II

Chairman **Rob Leone** reported that dates have been booked with Camden through May and that the rental for the lot has been increased to \$550. May and August dates have been confirmed with Nazareth, with a two-day weekend not yet finalized. Use of the Boeing lot is still expected although the status of the vacant building is unknown.

Participation in Solo II events will cost \$20 for members and \$30 for non-members.

**Judy Bloeser** introduced the idea of having individuals in the Solo II program trained in Critical Incident Management. The BOD asked her to pursue the possibility of having a 2-day basic training session scheduled for our area to which other Regions could also send representatives.

## Road Racing

The Bloesers will no longer be serving as Vice Chairman and Secretary of Tri-Region Race Group. Region member **Ellen Holtz** will be the secretary.

The possibility of a Solo II event at Pocono during the June Double Regional has been presented to Tri-Region. Consideration will be given to it after the track inspection has been completed and decision has been made as to which course will be used for the Double Regional.

There will be no compensation for the EZ-Up stolen at the Double National in August of 2002. Tri-Region does not consider it their responsibility, and a claim against the Tri-Region insurance was ended because of the \$500 deductible. The EZ-Up will not be replaced at this time.

## Rally

"The Rally in the Dark" is scheduled for Feb 8. It is a TSD rally mostly in upper Bucks County. Allen still needs help to complete the preparation for this event both before and on the day of the rally.

## Nazareth Pro Events

A Chairman is needed for the Nazareth events to advertise for workers, organize their activity with **Dale Gogel**, and interface with the track on particulars of the event.

## Merchandise

Chairman **Allen Hefner** will be asked to arrange for golf shirts and hats with the Philadelphia logo to be produced by the same company that does the Solo II jackets since they have our logo digitized. T-shirts are also to be ordered. These are to be available at the banquet on March 8.

## Banquet

The plans for the banquet on March 8 at the Doylestown Country Club are under way. A speaker has been selected and plans are being finalized. New and current merchandise will be available for sale during the cocktail hour and at the end of the banquet. A request will be made for items to be donated for a drawing.

## Policies

**Judy Bloeser** led a review of the draft policies. Changes were made. The BOD accepted the final document, noting that it is a "dynamic document," allowing for changes to be made when necessary. Copies are available upon request to the Secretary.

## Goals

The RE presented a preliminary list of goals for the Region in 2003. After discussion, the BOD accepted the following as goals for 2003: to increase the attendance at general membership meetings, to conduct a membership satisfaction survey, to complete the revision of the Bylaws, to put on at least three road rallies, to organize a rallycross program, and to be in a position to be able to host a Divisional Solo II event in 2004

Respectfully submitted,  
Judy Bloeser, Secretary

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## 2003 NEDIV Competition Calendar

The following calendar is complete as of this printing. Any changes from this will be noted in each month's issue of the *SPOKESMAN*. Please plan to become involved with the many activities of the Region and Division in Solo II, Racing, Rally, Nazareth security, and just having fun.

Series Identification: NA = NARRC, NE = NERRC, NY = NYSRRC, M = MARRS, K = Kryder  
DbI = Double

### MARCH

- 14-16 NEDiv Roundtable, Albany, NY
- 2-23 Drivers School Summit Point (WDC)

### APRIL

- 5-6 National Summit Point (WDC)
- 12 Regional NHIS (NER) NA & NE
- 13 Drivers School NHIS (NER)
- 26-27 Drivers School Nelson Ledges
- 26-27 Regional Summit Point (WDC) MARRS

### MAY

- 3-4 National NHIS (NER)
- 9 Drivers School Lime Rock (NYR)
- 10 Regional Lime Rock (NYR) NA
- 10-11 Regional Nelson Ledges (SCR) DbI K
- 16-18 Regional Pocono (NNJR) DbI NA & NY
- National Nelson Ledges (MVR)
- 24-25 Regional Nelson Ledges (FLR) NY & K
- 30-31 Regional Summit Point (WDC) 12 Hr. Enduro

### JUNE

- 6-7 National Lime Rock (NER)
- 13 Drivers School Lime Rock (NER)
- 14 Regional Lime Rock (NER) NA & NE
- 14-15 Regional Summit Point (WDC) M
- 21-22 National Beaver Run (SCR)

### JULY

- 3 Regional Lime Rock (MoHud) NA & NY
- 4-5 National Lime Rock (NNJ)
- 4-6 Regional Adirondack (GLEN) NY
- 12-13 Regional NHIS (NER) DbI NA & NE
- National Watkins Glen (FLR)
- 26-27 Regional Summit Point (WDC) M

### AUGUST

- 1-3 Double National Pocono Tri Region
- 2-3 Regional Beaver Run (SCR) DbI

- 8-9 Regional Lime Rock (NNJ) NA & NY
- 9-10 Regional Summit Point (WDC) M
- 16-17 Regional Nelson Ledges (MVR) DbI K
- 23-24 Regional NHIS (NER) NA & NE
- 30-31 National Mosport (WNY)
- 30, 9-1 Regional Summit Point (WDC) DbI M
- Regional Mosport (WNY) Reg + IT Enduro

### SEPTEMBER

- 6-7 NHIS (NER) DbI NA & NE
- 13-14 Regional Watkins Glen (FLR) DbI NY
- 15-21 RUNOFFS MidOhio
- 26-27 Regional Lime Rock (NER) NARRC Runoffs

### OCTOBER

- 4-5 Rausch Creek (ARA) Tentative
- 10-11 Drivers School Watkins Glen (GLEN)
- Regional Lime Rock (NER) Restricted
- 11-12 Regional Watkins Glen (GLEN) NY
- Regional Summit Point (WDC) M
- 18-19 Regional Nelson Ledges (MVR) DbI K
- 25-26 Drivers School Summit Point (WDC)
- Regional Nelson Ledges (WNY) NY & K

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**TOW VEHICLE and/or TRAILERS FOR SALE:** 1997 Chevy Suburban SLT Black/Red Leather, 454 engine, 3/4 ton chassis, posi-traction rear, dual air, new radials, two-wheel drive set up for towing, high mileage but good condition. **Trailers** - open 15 foot, dual axle, four wheel brakes, all steel, 2

5/16" coupler, 7,000 lb GVW, some used/new at \$1595, in stock; 20 foot enclosed (Classic), white, large side door, ramp door, dual 5,000 pound axles, never titled, new condition@cost \$6500. Call Steve Limbert at 717-432-4116.

**FOR SALE:** Four genuine Carroll Shelby wheels with oval slots. 14x7, 4 x 4 1/2" bolt circle fit Datsun, MGB, Ford, etc. Good overall condition with no significant dings or curb rash; just need a good cleaning. \$375 OBO. e-mail pix available. Dick Moritz, [dickmoritz@aol.com](mailto:dickmoritz@aol.com) (610) 279-1234 days, (215) 836-9386 home.

**FOR SALE:** 1993 Haulmark trailer, 16' by 7' with extra height (6'6" inside); twin Torflex, dark blue with black-n-white floor and diamond runners; bench and cabinets, winch, 110v wiring and outlets, motor-base plug, awning, tire storage along walls. Ran Mini, Lotus 7, DSR, Formula Vee from it, but it is too small for the current project. Very good condition. \$3,350 cash. David Reiter. 610-667-4190 or [david.reiter@mail.tju.edu](mailto:david.reiter@mail.tju.edu)

assessments received from regions hosting the enduros. It is hoped that this new series would benefit the participating regions by attracting more drivers to their enduro events.

The New England Challenge for Formula Fords (NEC) is still in the proposal stage with a preliminary "Business Plan and Operating Manual" published on the NESCCA website in January 2003. The Plan is to mirror the successful "East-West Challenge" held in CENDiv during 2002. There will be a limited schedule of events in 2003 for Formula Fords at selected NEDiv tracks with contingencies, awards, and other special perks. The series will be called the "New England Challenge." The "Challenge" will be New England Region's Formula Ford drivers vs. the rest of the NEDiv Formula Ford drivers.

There will be five regional events utilizing one race weekend at each of five different NEDiv tracks. The NEC will be run in conjunction with scheduled NEDiv regional race dates. The proposed schedule will be one event per month from April through September (except July) at the following tracks: Summit Point, Lime Rock, Pocono, Beaver Run, Watkins Glen. There will not be any back-to-back weekends and it will avoid conflicting with existing "special events" such as the NARRC Runoffs.

The car classes to be recognized in this series will be FF, CF (no spec tires), and NCF (NARRC and MARRS spec tire rules). The sponsoring regions for any NEC race will be requested to recognize these classes in presenting trophies. There will be a driver championship, and points will be awarded utilizing the existing 2002 MARRS points system. The goal for this proposed series is to draw an average of thirty cars per event.

I would expect that the NEC series proposal will be a subject of discussion at our NESCCA Steering Committee meeting on January 25 and will be presented for approval at the NEDiv Roundtable Council meeting on March 15.

I have more detailed information on both of the above mentioned series. If you are interested, please contact me.

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**DYNO TIME AVAILABLE:** Philadelphia tuning shop has dyno time available on their Mustang MD 250 load type dynamometer. Measure HP/Torque over the whole RPM range and graph the changes. \$75/hr. Group rates available. 10% off for club members. Call Helix Minisports at 215-739-8800. www.helix.com.

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**FOR SALE:** 1985 BMW 325 (not an is). White with black leather, sunroof. Approx 245K miles, 6 cyl, M/T, posi diff. Runs good. Clean, straight, decent interior. Needs repairs for inspection, would make a good fixer-upper or starting point for a competition car. Bargain priced at \$500 firm. Contact Gregg at 215-272-4407 or MelissaNGregg@comcast.net

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**FOR SALE:** Swift DB-2 S2000. Regional, National, and Pro Series wins; 6th at 2001 Runoffs, Fastest DB-2 around, tons of updates and stiffening mods, front & rear cockpit adjustable sway bars; Spare set of bodywork, 18 gear sets, 14 wheels, lots of spares (call for list). \$20,000. Call Jack Bahna 215-843-5939 (w) or 215-402-0808(h).

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**FOR SALE:** 1974 BMW 2002 Street/Autocross car. E30 M3 Engine, five speed trans with 75% lockup 3.9 diff, Zender fender flares, ITB suspension, Konis, Suspension Techniques sway bars, Kuhmo tires on 13x8 and 13x9 three-piece Revolution Wheels. Asking \$15,000. Call Jack Bahna

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## Gospel According to Marc

by Marc Gerstein

As this is being written, I have just gotten the opportunity to look over the insurance rates for the coming 2003 season. To say that the SCCA has dodged a bullet would be an understatement, to say the least. As we all know, or should know, the entire insurance industry is in turmoil since the combination of 9/11/01 and the declining investment market have had their effect. And, while there are some increases, they are not in the realm of what we were led to think they might be. Nonetheless, our rates, compared to last year, are relatively stable. And that is a reflection on our rules, and their enforcement.

I bring this up at this time because, while it is a cliché to say that safety is everyone's business, it is particularly appropriate to reinforce it at this time. Too many times we seem to rely on those specifically charged with safety to enforce the rules, while the rest sit back and watch. In these troubled times it is apparent that this stance is no longer a valid one. In order to keep our record as clean and good as we can, we must all get involved in one way or another.

With the great success of our Solo II program it is also apparent that we need more safety stewards there. The more that we have the easier time each one will have at each event. The load can be spread around, and each person will have more time to enjoy the event, as well as having contributed to it. If, during the coming year, a Solo Safety Steward seminar is set up, I urge all of those involved in that program, as well as other interested region members to take advantage of the session, and learn what's involved.

The same can be said of the Rally program as well. Whether we have one rally or five, and no matter how many cars show up, again, the safety of the event and those in it takes priority. I venture to say that there are those in the region who do not know that there is a Rally Safety Steward program as well.

And, of course, it goes without saying that those involved in the road racing programs should be constantly vigilant in our quest to improve racing safety. It is incumbent on those who work at the various racing specialties to be on the lookout on ways that can improve their areas. While any type of motorsport activity can be considered to have an element of danger involved, at the same time we must always look at ways to make it safer.

One thing that we should never forget is that safety is an ongoing and living thing. We cannot get complacent about it, or feel that the status quo is good enough. When new equipment comes onto the market, and new information becomes available, and new techniques are devised, it is our responsibility to look at them and see if and how they can fit into our various activities. My hope is that as the new season dawns on us, that we will all look at it as an opportunity to improve our sport.

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## Quick Takes

**RALLY IN THE DARK** through Bucks County on the evening of Saturday, February 8. For more information, check the Philly website ([www.autox4u.com/philly](http://www.autox4u.com/philly)) or call **Allen Hefner** at 215-328-9740.

**CHANGING YOUR ADDRESS?** Send the information to SCCA Membership

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# PHILADELPHIA REGION, S.C.C.A. General Membership Meeting Minutes

January 8, 2003

The General Membership Meeting was held at Otto's Brauhaus in Horsham, PA. Approximately 30 members attended.

The discussions of the business section of the meeting generally reported information contained in the BOD minutes of January 4, 2003, which were distributed at the meeting. The business section was followed by a presentation by Allen Hefner, Region Rally Chief, on the sport of rallying, especially the upcoming Rally in the Dark to be held on February 8. The following business items, announcements, and information were noted:

## Solo II

Solo II Chairman **Rob Leone** reported that the outlook for 2003 was as good as it ever has been with a full winter and summer schedule, with all lots still viable, two schools scheduled, and plans for a "big event" during the summer.

## Road Racing

Competition Chairman **George Bloeser** stated that there will probably be an Anthracite BOD meeting before the National Convention and noted that a major change had occurred in Showroom Stock and Touring which extends their eligibility to 10 years (beginning on 1/1 of its model year) starting with 1995 cars. **Marc Gerstein** explained that the track inspection scheduled for Pocono will not occur until April, leaving unanswered the question of which configuration will be used for racing. The idea of a Solo II event at the June Double Regional has not been ruled out.

## Other Business

1. Golf shirts, t-shirts, and hats will be ordered and available for the banquet.
2. **Garrett Mudd**, SCCA V.P. of Marketing, has approved our using the wheel without the attached "SCCA" for the PA license plates.
3. The February General Membership meeting will be held at Julie's. **Brian Holtz** will be the speaker. RE **George Bloeser** stated that one of his objectives for the year is to have meaningful programs for each meeting.
4. It was explained that pictures may appear in the *Spokesman* with BOD approval to make sure that the space is used for essential information and articles first.
5. Solo Rules Books, GCRs, and Rally Handbooks are being ordered.

## Allen Hefner

Allen clarified the differences between Pro Rally, Club Rally, and Road Rally, noting that our Feb. 8 event is a Road Rally using regular roads (some dirt or gravel, mostly asphalt) and legal speeds. He explained how rallying is really a mind game in which the competitors try to beat the rules. Some use gimmicks like the game of Clue as a base which require questions to be answered. In a time/speed/distance (TSD) rally, the objective is to follow the route instructions and arrive at a checkpoint at the perfect time as calculated by the Rally Master. One point is given for each 1/100 of a minute off perfect time. Time allowances can be taken at each checkpoint to minimize the time a car was off course (lost). Sometimes traps are written into the route instructions which cause the unwary to follow a different route than the real rally route, bringing the car to the same place, but with the wrong amount of time elapsed. Novices and unequipped cars may use stopwatches, non-programmable calculators, and conversion charts, while equipped cars will use computers and devices connected to the odometer. A rally usually ends at a restaurant, where everyone exchanges stories from the road and awaits the posting of results - a fun, social event.

The February 8 Rally in the Dark will be held mostly in Upper

Bucks County (see ad in this issue), ending at a restaurant. Allen explained the amount of work that goes into putting on a rally, from deciding on a route that begins in an accessible spot with a large lot and ends at an eatery, to writing route instructions and assembling the packets for all competitors, to calculating the t/s/d factors, to pre-checking the route, to manning the checkpoints at the time of the rally. He would welcome help with any phase of rally preparation on this and all future rallies.

## Brian Holtz & National News

Brian reported that the VIR Pro SCCA event has been cancelled and explained the delay with January membership cards. He stated that SCCA is in good shape financially and that the insurance fees have not gone up dramatically because of SCCA's excellent safety record and the club's surplus from last year's insurance fees. An increase in rates will occur for Pro events, and an increase of \$100 for liability coverage at racing events will be set. No increase will occur in Solo I /II and Road Rally.

He noted the outstanding marketing work being done by **Garrett Mudd**. In new programs, SCCA will have a presence at the Carlisle Custom Show with a Susquehanna Region event two weeks later. The Subaru membership deal is still ongoing and SCCA is looking for another car manufacturer to develop a partnership. He suggested taking a look at the latest issue of Grassroots, which is nearly 1/2 SCCA, and announced the passing of WDC member and long-time race official **Abe Kooiman**. Respectfully submitted,  
Judy Bloeser, Secretary

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Department at P. O. Box 19400, Topeka, KS 66619-0400.  
**ROUNDTABLE:** The 2003 NEDiv Roundtable will be held March 14-16 at the Best Western Sovereign Hotel in Albany, NY. Paperwork is not out as of the middle of January, but you may register by sending \$90 for the weekend to **Jack Hanifan**, 39 Ramsey Place, Albany, NY 12208. The special hotel rate is \$89/night. Call the hotel at 518-489-2981 and mention SCCA. The hotel is easy to get to. From the South: Take I-87 N (NYS Thruway) to Exit 24. Follow Exit 1 S to Western Ave. Turn left onto Rt. 20 E (Western Ave.), hotel is one mile on your right.

**WANTED:** Co-Chairman of Nazareth Security for the Pro event, May 17-18 and August 22-24. Work with **Judy Bloeser** to enlist workers, communicate information, organize and oversee work shifts with **Dale Gogel** and **Millie Perry**, and generally make the weekend experience valuable to the workers and the track.

**NEEDED:** Items for the banquet door prizes. How about an extra track giveaway or event souvenir? Maybe a "new" t-shirt with historic significance. Give all items to **Judy Bloeser** at a meeting or during the pre-banquet cocktail hour.

**BUYING A RADIO THIS YEAR?** If so, please consider purchasing from Racing Electronics by going through Tri-Region. Sounds complicated? Not really. Decide what you want to order and contact **Joe Wilkie**, Tri-Region Treasurer, at 570-823-3020. Joe will place the order on the Tri-Region account, and you will pay Tri-Region. The reason for this - to spend down a nearly \$2000 credit on the Racing Electronics books for Tri-Region.

**LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD MEN AND WOMEN!** **Ellen Holtz**, Tri-Region Race Chair, is inviting people to join her Race Chair's Committee for the two Tri-Region Pocono weekends, June 20-22 and July 31-August 3. She will train you to work in hospitality, trophies, or race administration. Contact Ellen at 610-867-0399.

**AWARDS BANQUET & WINTER GET TOGETHER**  
**SATURDAY, MARCH 8<sup>th</sup>**  
**DOYLESTOWN COUNTRY CLUB**

Cash bar opens at 6:30 PM. At about 7:30 we adjourn to our private room for a fantastic buffet dinner. As you'll remember from last year, the food is excellent and plentiful. And, back by popular demand: the Sundae Bar.

Our Special Guest Speaker

**STEVE JOHNSON**

**National SCCA President and CEO**

Will give us his take on the SCCA: Present and Future  
Steve's talk will be followed by a Q&A session.

Awards to be Presented

**Solo II Autocross Series and Worker of the Year Awards**

For the Solo II class winners of the 2002 series and to the most deserving worker.

**Schade Trophy**

To the club racer who has contributed most to the sport during the past year.

**Philadelphia Region Club Racing Driver of the Year Award**

To the driver who has shown the most competitive spirit and accomplishment.

**Mark Freed Award**

To the person who has contributed most to the region's success during the past year.

**Directions to Doylestown Country Club**

**From PA Turnpike**

Exit 27 Willow Grove – Route 611 North to Doylestown exit. To first stoplight, right on Ashland. Immediate right on Green St., 0.4 miles to DCC on the left

**From Allentown**

Route 611 south to Main St. exit. South through Doylestown. Bear left onto Green St. at Ashland, 0.4 miles to DCC on left.

**From Montgomeryville**

Route 202 North to Route 202 North/Route 611 Bypass. To Route 202 North "New Hope" to 1<sup>st</sup> exit, "Main Street". Left to light. Right and immediate right again onto Green St. at Ashland, 0.4 miles to DCC on left.

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Please mail this form along with your check (\$25/each), **payable to Philly Region SCCA**, by Feb. 21 to Lou Metzger, 986 Anders Rd., Lansdale, PA 19446. Phone(home): 610-584-5841. Email: [Louis.Metzger@uphs.upenn.edu](mailto:Louis.Metzger@uphs.upenn.edu)

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### The Bottom Line

by Judy Bloeser

In 2002 the dues we received from our members was \$12,705; the cost of printing and mailing the *Spokesman* was \$15, 646.76. To some that might seem like a nearly even trade - the money that comes in from the members is returned to them in the form of the newsletter, with the cost overrun coming from our highly successful Solo II program.

However, there are many other expenses incurred by the Region in the course of a year, from trophies to helmet stickers to tow funds and reimbursement for attending conventions, let alone registration, insurance, and gas for the truck.

Yes, our Solo program is a money-maker. And, yes, major expenditures have been made on solo equipment this year. But money also has been used to offset some of the banquet costs, as well as a discounted Arnold's experience and food for over 50

people at that event.

The bottom line is that we need to be fiscally responsible to the membership, looking for ways to cut costs without cheapening the experience of being a Philadelphia Region member.

In an effort to do this, starting in May, the *Spokesman* will be sent via email to all members for whom we have an email address, unless the member specifically requests a printed copy. The email will include a brief message with the *Spokesman* attached.

This way members can read and electronically file the issue or run it off for leisurely reading. Because we've moved the article submission date to the 15th of the month, the new issue should be composed and transmitted by the first day of the month of issue.

It's a win/win situation. You will receive the *Spokesman* in color and on time via email; the Region will save the cost of printing and postage while getting the information to you in a timely way.

To ensure that you receive your *Spokesman* via email, send your email address to Membership Chair Robin Lumb at [rl@netaxs.com](mailto:rl@netaxs.com).

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215-843-5939 (w) or 215-402-0808(h).

**FOR SALE:** 1965 RHD Series IV Sunbeam Alpine as raced by Buzz Marcus in 1965 for Motorsport, Havertown. Complete but rusty parts car including fiberglass hardtop and enough parts to make 2 cars. Entire package including special tools \$7500 or best offer. Trailer also available. Fred Livezey 215-542-7141 days or 215-887-7972 evenings.

FredLivezey@directvinternet.com

**FOR SALE:** Single Axle Open Trailer with lock box over hitch. Approximately 5 1/2 by 10 1/2 feet. Used to haul Lotus 7. \$200 or best offer. Near Philly. Contact Marci at [mseligsmoger@hotmail.com](mailto:mseligsmoger@hotmail.com)

**FOR SALE:** 1987 Mazda RX7 GXL, 5 speed, new tires 205/60 VR15, 6J aluminum wheels, good body, engine gently removed (not hack-n-

slash). Call Steve at 215-718-5508 or email [sgagnon2@net-zero.com](mailto:sgagnon2@net-zero.com).

**FOR SALE:** Four (4) Borbet Type H 15" alloy wheels w/ 4x100 bolt pattern. Have Bridgestone RE-71's mounted with about 2-5K miles left on them. \$400/OBO. Also, four (4) steel 14" 4x100 rims with Yokohama Guardex winter tires on them. The multi-cell/ice compound is pretty well finished, but the all-season tread probably has

another 15-20K miles to go. \$400/OBO. Both were originally on a Nissan Sentra SE-R. Contact Dave at 215.513.2233 or [barkerd@comcast.net](mailto:barkerd@comcast.net) for details or to buy.

**FOR SALE:** One Weber 32/36 DGV carb new in box. Will fit BMW, Fiat, Ford, or ?. PRICE REDCTION - asking \$150 (OBO). Contact David at 610.344.0322 or [david.free@vw.com](mailto:david.free@vw.com).