

# Spokesman

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## **Rob's REmarks**

**By Rob Leone**

The motorsport season is coming to a close and I just want to review some of what we, as a region, accomplished this year.

We started a RallyCross Program. Under the leadership of Jon Rush, we are investigating sites and getting safety stewards trained.

We initiated two Solo II Safety Steward Instructors into the Region. Ken Buck and I each applied for and were accepted to become instructors.

Our Club Racing Chairman, George Bloeser, worked with Tri-Region to host a double National at Pocono Raceway.

One of our members, Lori Leone, created and is maintaining our own website, PhillySCCA.com.

Our Solo II Program held: 13 points events, 2 Test and Tunes, held an event in conjunction with Sportsfest in Allentown, and hosted the Northeast Divisional Solo II Championships.

Our Road Rally program, with Wendel Green at the helm, was involved in 5 road rallies and still has 2 more scheduled in the fall.

Rich Sweigart's involvement in the Pennsylvania Hillclimb Association (PHA) resulted in 8 Solo I events in which we were included.

All totaled, I count 45 days of motorsport activities that we, as a region, are involved in through the end of the year. Considering that this year our Solo II Program didn't even have a

winter series, I'd say that we were busy. I don't see next year's schedule slackening, in fact I see us being even busier. I spoke to Ken and plans are in the works to revive the Solo II winter series. We are hosting the 2005 Northeast Convention. I'm expecting that Tri-Region will not only host the Double National again next year but also host a Regional race as in years past. Our Road Rally program will continue to grow. RallyCross will catch on and become a featured program of the Region. 2005 is going to be a fun year, so start preparing now.

## **Meeting Notice**

All meetings will occur at PJ Whelihan's on Route 202 in Blue Bell. The Board will meet on Monday, October 11, at 7:00, and the General Membership will meet on Wednesday, October 13, at 8:00. The November meetings will be November 8 (BOD) and 10 (General Membership).

# PHILADELPHIA REGION SCCA

## BOD Meeting

September 1, 2004

### *Location:*

PJ Whelihan's Pub, Blue Bell, PA

### *Attendance:*

#### Board of Directors:

Jon Rush (ARE)  
Judy Bloeser  
Steven Rosenberg  
George Bloeser  
Frank Gonzalez  
Steve Landstra  
Lori Leone

#### Others:

Robin Lumb  
Wendel Green.

### Treasurer's Report – Steven

#### Rosenberg

The accounting for the Solo II Divisional is nearly completed. Income for the month was \$8356.00 with over \$6000 generated by two Solo II events and the Test & Tune Day. Expenses were \$6864.75. The balance is \$31,656.04.

### Club Racing – George Bloeser

The Tri-Region Double National weekend at Pocono was generally a success even with the torrential rain, which caused a modification of the schedule. The Tri-Region Board held a good, constructive critique of the event and expectations

are that the event will break even financially once all bills and cancellations are accounted for. The Double National was like a mini-Runoffs with drivers' home towns in 24 states, 2 Canadian Provinces, and the Bahamas.

The National Championship Runoffs at Mid-Ohio will take place September 20-27. Anyone still wishing to work should contact Ron Sharp (material in Sports Car).

### Road Rally – Wendel Green

Fourteen cars competed in "The Furnace Run" rally on August 21 after the same torrential rains experienced at Pocono. There were 17 timed legs handled by six people. Because of the creation of Emergency Instructions and Checkpoints to compensate for a flooded road, as well as being short staffed, all scoring had to wait until the end of the rally and took longer than anticipated. A written critique by Fred Cochran was appreciative of Wendel's efforts and pointed out that the rally made experienced teams really work and leveled the playing field.

Labor Day weekend is the traditional double National rally put on by WDC Region.

The next Philadelphia Region (Tri-State Series) event will be "Get the Dust On." It will take place on October 23 (originally reported as October 16) beginning in Bel Air, MD, just three

minutes south of Ripken Stadium (one of our Solo II sites). A Monte Carlo rally will take place in November, followed by "Chester Twister II" on December 13 which has been designed with two possible routes depending on whether there is snow. Steven Rosenberg is working on the route for the February 2005 "Rally in the Dark."

Some changes are taking place administratively. For "The Furnace Run" every Control crew received a photo of the checkpoint and a highlighted map for easier, more accurate identification. It has been decided that in the future there will only be open passage and DYI controls used.

Score sheet and scoring methods are being revised. Once revised by Wendel Green, Clyde Heckler, and Chris Beane, the same sheets and procedures will be used for all DC, SJR, NNJ, Philly, and Brandywine events.

As soon as the racing schedule is set, Wendel will work out the 2005 rally schedule for the Region and for the Series.

Wendel will be making two complete sets of 12" X 12" magnetic numbers on good, heavy-duty sheets so that the numbers will be visible at night while the car is moving.

### **Rallycross – Jon Rush**

Various site possibilities exist. Each is being considered on size and maintenance/remediation factors.

### **Solo II**

The Boeing event brought out 104 cars. The upcoming schedule includes three weekends in a row (Ripken, Sept 19; Double at Nazareth, Sept 26 & 27; and Nazareth for the finale on October 2).

Tony Emrich and Rob Leone were attending a meeting this evening on a possible site acquisition.

Jon Rush, Frank Gonzalez, and Joe Aquilante will develop specs for a replacement Region truck.

### **Website – Lori Leone**

Pictures have been changed on the home page.

### **Nazareth – Judy Bloeser for Patrick Weaver**

The Pro weekend went smoothly. Many members stayed late on Sunday waving “goodbye” to the haulers at the last scheduled Pro event at the Speedway.

### **Other Business**

The Spokesman will continue to appear on the website. It is scheduled to appear on or before the first day of the month. Jon Rush will continue to compile the articles for each issue until a new composition person is found.

The new PA state license forms have arrived. The process is continuing.

The Nominating Committee will be headed by Robin Lumb. Jon Rush will make up the ballot.

The BOD approved the Region’s involvement in the Mercury Ride/Drive to take place on October 2 at the King of Prussia Mall. Judy Bloeser will coordinate this program.

A group interested in holding a Vintage race in Camden has approached George Bloeser to coordinate the SCCA aspects of such an event (similar to the Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix). George will be attending meetings and working with South Jersey as soon as the final decision to hold the event is made.

Respectfully submitted,  
Judy Bloeser, Secretary

## **PHILADELPHIA REGION SCCA General Membership Meeting September 1, 2004**

Location: PJ Whelihan’s Pub.

As only one additional person arrived for the General Membership meeting, no formal meeting was held. Conversation on a variety of topics continued.

### **Road Rally Announcement**

The “Get the Dust On” rally has been cancelled. The next rally that will count for Tri-State Series points will be held on November 7. “Which Way to Salem” will be hosted by South Jersey Region with Clyde Heckler as Rally Master.

Two out-of-Region, but within driving distance, rallies may have some interest for you. On Sunday, October 24, Misery Bay Region (Northwest PA) will hold its annual “Covered Bridge” road rally. It runs between Ashtabula, Ohio and Erie, PA. The website is :  
[mbrscca.com/covered\\_bridge\\_info.htm](http://mbrscca.com/covered_bridge_info.htm).

Another upcoming rally, and one that people talk about every year, is the “Pine Barrens Express,” (PBX) on the calendar for November 20. Quoting the Rally Master Fred Cochran, “We’re ready for another crack at the forests,” the forests being the Pine Barrens in Southern New Jersey where the rock-free, sandy roads and scrub are visited in the night with passages on the dikes above cranberry bogs. He writes that there will be a new starting and finishing place in Lakehurst, the start and finish will be an hour earlier than in past years, the route will be about 160 miles, and there will be a “double shot at the cranberry bogs”. The website for the PBX rally is  
[home.att.net/~pbxrally/](http://home.att.net/~pbxrally/).

Judy Bloeser

## **Mini-Convention: Nov. 12-14**

**Judy Bloeser**

The annual Northeast Division Mini-Convention, hosted by NY Region, will take place on November 12-14 in Uniondale, NY, on Long Island.

Although official information has not been added to the NY Region or NESCCA websites, it should be available shortly. Checking with the group sales office of the Long Island Marriott, the site of the Mini-Con, I was told that the discounted room rate for the reserved block of rooms will be \$125 + tax.

I also talked to George (GeeDub) Henderson who said the hotel is easy to get to from four major highways, situated by the Nassau Veterans Memorial Coliseum. The address and pertinent info is: Long Island Marriott Hotel & Conference Center, 101 James Doolittle Blvd, Uniondale, NY, 516-794-3800 or 800-832-6255 (phone) and 516-794-5936 (fax).

We'll get you the final, official information about registering and room reservation and any program information as soon as it is available.

The BOD encourages members to attend these Northeast Division meetings to participate and learn, since the agenda usually includes something of interest to everyone. The Board policy for

reimbursement of convention expenses reads:

*Officers, board members, or other designated Region representatives attending the National Convention, a NEDiv Mini-Convention, or a NEDiv Roundtable will receive reimbursement for the registration (paid by that member) equal to the amount budgeted for reimbursement of convention registration divided by the attendees, but in no case to exceed the amount of the full registration. To be designated as a Region representative, a member must apply to the BOD prior to the event, agree to attend meetings and seminars at the convention, and report back to the BOD and/or membership on what was learned.*

## **Club Racing Report**

**George Bloeser, Chairman**

I am writing this month's report while heading East on I-80 in our motorhome, returning from eight days at the "SCCA Club Racing National Championship Runoffs" at Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course. Judy has just taken over as relief driver while I attempt to collect my thoughts on what I have just experienced as an official for this incredible event. I was Chief of Pit Tech (i.e. Black Flag Tech located in the Pits) during each race and I also captured the correct top six finishers after the checkered flag. By Thursday I started to use an "i-card," and that really helped me quickly verify the top six cars at the conclusion of each of the twenty-four races.

SCCA moved the Runoffs to Mid-Ohio in 1994 and currently uses the 13-turn, 2.25 mile course (without the chicane before the keyhole). The track is 40 feet wide with an 1160' long pit lane. SCCA's contract with Mid Ohio to hold the Runoffs there runs through 2005.

This year a new record number of driver entries (726) was set, with 709 actually competing in the 24 races. In an interesting note, counting only the three days of racing, and realizing that there was some attrition, Judy (in T&S) wrote down over 13,000 car numbers while doing her continuity tapes.

Although the number of licensed SCCA officials/workers was down a little from last year, we still had over 500 from all over the USA and Canada performing in all of the specialties with the largest group being the 143 flaggers required to staff the 15 stations around the course. Philadelphia Region originally had 10 workers planning to participate, but only 7 (5 in addition to Judy and me) were able to get there. They were: Karl and Marge Iochum, Scrutineers (Tech-AS); Steve Limbert, Steward (Appeals Court); Jay Smith, Scrutineer (Pit-Tech); and Brian Holtz, Director Area 2.

It should also be noted that cars built by Joe Aquilante won two races, John Heinricy (Corvette) in T1 and Mark Sandridge (Cadillac CTS) in T2; a car built by Tom Aquilante also won a race, John Heinricy (Pontiac Firebird) in AS.

As some of you may know, the Runoffs encompasses an entire week (Monday through Sunday) of on-track action. The drivers practice on Monday, qualify Tuesday through Thursday (20-minutes sessions for each car class) with the sessions in different rotation by class each day, followed by three days of racing Friday through Sunday (20 laps or 40 minute duration per race). Officials and workers can work all seven days or, if not a chief of a specialty area, can take one or two days off to spectate and relax. Lunch coupons and dinner tickets were provided for each day worked (free

box lunches on race days). There were also two special parties – the “Worker of the Year” party held Thursday evening and the “SCCA 60th Anniversary” party on Saturday, both with live music, free food, and drink. During the Saturday night party, the SCCA historian Pete Hylton held a trivia contest on the history of SCCA. Judy and I were both able to come up with correct answers to questions asked and won prizes. She won a copy of the soon to be released book SCCA - 60 Years in Photos, and I won a certificate for a “Bertil Roos

Racing School” to be held at Pocono Raceway

The activities for the week concluded with the presentation in Victory Circle of the President’s Cup presented to Jeff Loughhead, FV Champion (Chicago Region) and the “Road Racing Drivers Club Mark Donahue Award” presented to John Saurino, FP Champion (NE Oklahoma Region), a fitting end to this year’s outstanding Runoffs for the SCCA National Championship.

Nine drivers represented Philadelphia Region in seven races with the following results:

Class	Name	Car	Finish	Start	# Starters
T1	Andrew Aquilante	Corvette	10	11	30
T1	Joe Aquilante	Corvette	14	23	30
FP	Les Handly	Porsche 914-4	7	19	33
T2	Don Knowles	Cadillac CTS-V	5	1	35
DSR	Bob Gardner	Stohr	7	14	33
AS	Tom Aquilante	Pontiac Firebird	22	40	43
EP	Steve Lmbert	Porsche 914-6	22	37	42
GT4	Howard Gerstein	Nissan 200SX	6	7	21
GT4	Joaquim Banha	VW Rabbit	10	21	21

See next page for the television schedule for these races

## SPEED TV Runoffs Schedule

Speed TV recorded all 24 SCCA National Championship Runoffs races and will have the initial showing as follows:

Sat., Nov. 20	2 PM	GT-5
	3 PM	GT-2
Sun., Nov 21	12 PM	SSB
	1 PM	HP
	2 PM	FA
	3 PM	T1
Sat., Nov 27	2 PM	FP
	3 PM	FM
Sun., Nov 28	12 PM	S2
	1 PM	T2
	2 PM	F500
	3 PM	DSR
Sat., Dec 4	2 PM	AS
	3 PM	EP
Sun, Dec 5	12 PM	GT-3
	1 PM	FC
	2 PM	SSC
	3 PM	CSR
Sat., Dec 11	2 PM	FV
	3 PM	GT-1
Sun., Dec 11	12 PM	FF
	1 PM	SRF
	2 PM	GP
	3 PM	GT-4

## Classified Ads

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Please try to follow the format below. Deadline for inclusion in the following month's newsletter is the 15th of the month before publication.

### FOR SALE

1993 Mazda RX-7 twin-turbo, silver, black leather interior. Only 54,500 original miles. Beautiful condition and well maintained. No add-ons and never raced. \$17,000 or best offer. Adam Levy 215-233-0398 or [adamslevy@comcast.net](mailto:adamslevy@comcast.net)

### FOR SALE

1979 Triumph Spitfire. Completely restored including new interior and top. Call George for details at 610-965-0585

### FOR SALE

2 front. and 2 rear Neon ACR (00&up) adj. struts, they are used with approx. 40k mi. on them but, are in good. cond. can supply camber adjusting bolts (crash bolts) asking \$250 o.b.o. also have new 2.0 sohc cyl. head complete w/ valves,

springs, cam and is assembled asking \$275 o.b.o. call Joe at 215-671-1033 after 6 p.m. or leave message.(10/04)

## Current Membership: 793

We welcome these new members:

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 Anthony S Robison  
 Lance Wyson  
 Anthony J Williams  
 Chris Walton  
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### Newsletter Help Wanted

We are still looking for people to help assemble the articles for the Spokesman each month. As we transition to a Web focused newsletter, we will need people who understand formatting for the Web.

As always, your story submissions are welcome as well. Send them to Jon Rush at [jdrush@enter.net](mailto:jdrush@enter.net)

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