

# S P K E S M A N

November 2004

Official Publication of the Philadelphia Region SCCA



## Rob's REmarks

This is going to be a short column this month.

It's almost the end of the year and there isn't a lot of motorsports activity but that doesn't mean the club is inactive.

This month, we have regional Board of Directors elections coming up. We have 5 qualified candidates running for 3 positions. I expect that the election to be very close so every vote will count.

My next topic is about the website. We implemented discussion forums on the site. I imagine this will eventually take over the role the PHAX email list does now for general announcements and news. It will also eventually sunset the 6 or 7 other email lists that we currently use and all our communication will happen in one place.

The PA State Solo II Championships will be over when this is delivered to your mailbox. I wish all the Philadelphia Region participants luck. Last year we swept many classes and had two teams tie for the Team Competition. Having yellow jacket after yellow jacket receive the trophies was a remarkable achievement.

**Rob Leone**

Regional Executive

## Meeting Notice

All meetings will occur at PJ Whelihan's on Route 202 in Blue Bell near route 73. The Board will meet on Monday, November 8 (BOD) and the general meeting will be November 10 (General Membership). Look for an announcement of a special Holiday meeting in December on the website.

## Ballots are in the Mail

The ballots for the [election to the Board of Directors](#) are in the mail to all region members. If you have not already received yours, please contact **Steven Rosenberg** or **Robin Lumb**. Their contact information is in the back of the Spokesman.

## Index

- |  |   |   |
|--|---|---|
| • <a href="#">BOD Meeting Minutes - Pg. 2</a>        | • <a href="#">Solo I Update - Pg. 6</a>             | • <a href="#">Classified Ads - Pg. 8</a>    |
| • <a href="#">General Membership Minutes - Pg. 4</a> | • <a href="#">Membership - Pg. 6</a>                | • <a href="#">Regional Officers - Pg. 9</a> |
| • <a href="#">Club Racing Report - Pg. 5</a>         | • <a href="#">BOD Candidate Biographies - Pg. 7</a> |   |

**Location:** P. J. Whelihan's Pub, Blue Bell, PA

**Attendance: BOD:** Rob Leone, Jon Rush, Judy Bloeser, Steven Rosenberg, Joe Aquilante, George Bloeser, Frank Gonzalez, Steve Landstra, Lori Leone. Others: Wendel Green, Rob Montgomery.

### **Treasurer's Report – Steven Rosenberg**

Income for the month was \$11,690.46, over \$10,000 of which was Solo II income. Expenses were \$6,333.93. The balance is \$37,374.39.

The BOD agreed that we would only accept checks from members at all of our events. The only exceptions would be Solo II novice School, Evolution School or other events where registration is required by check and must be sent prior to the event. If a check is written for a regular event, then the membership number must be written on the front of the check. (Motion: **Rosenberg**, Second: **G. Bloeser**)

### **Club Racing – George Bloeser**

Tri-Region is scheduled to meet on October 12 (note: postponed until Oct. 27) to discuss plans for the 2005 year including events to be scheduled. The Double National critique meeting was very productive, and finances on the Double National were thought to be at least "break even."

The Runoffs, as reported in the Spokesman, were very successful. Record breaking driver attendance, a week-long period of dry weather and comfortable temperature, excellent on-track competition, the National SCCA 60th birthday, and separate wins by car owners **Joe** and **Tom Aquilante** made this an outstanding week. Some of our expected Philly Region workers had hurricane related problems and could not attend, but those who did would recommend the experience to anyone. Jay Smith, who had stepped in as Co-Race Chairman of the Double National, stepped in again at the Runoffs and gave **George Bloeser** a hand in Pit-Tech when some scheduled workers had to back out.

The contract to hold the Runoffs at Mid-Ohio will expire in one year. A number of tracks are bidding for the opportunity to host the annual event. **Steve Landstra** asked **George Bloeser** to talk to SCCA National staff to try to influence hotel owners in the Runoffs area to not raise prices during that week.

**Judy Bloeser** reported that the number of passings (cars crossing the Start/Finish line) at the Runoffs was 39,937. As a continuity taper, Judy's hand was busy.

### **Road Rally – Wendel Green**

Although the rallies scheduled for October and November have been cancelled by DC and South Jersey Regions respectively, the Philly Region sanctioned "Chester Twister" will be held as scheduled on December 11 with the length being about 140 miles. **Wendel Green** said he and others should have rallies written and tucked away for use when a Tri-State Rally Series scheduled rally has to be cancelled.

The SCCA is no longer sanctioning Pro or Club Rallies. They will continue to sanction brisk tour rallies. The 2004 Pine Barrens Express (PBX) is classified as a brisk rally and will count as a National Points event.

A standard road rally score card has been developed for all the area regions to use. It is in the form of a spreadsheet that can be divided into sections so multiple computers can be used to do results. This should help to minimize scoring delays.

The date for the Rally in the Dark for 2005 has not been set, pending coordinating with other dates on the calendar.

### **RallyCross – Jon Rush**

New site possibilities exist, but nothing is definite yet. **George Bloeser** is working with Jon on a couple of sites in the Coopersburg area.

### **Solo I – Rich Sweigart**

[See Solo I article for report](#)

### **Solo II**

2004 was a good year for Solo II with all events being well attended. The double event weekend at Nazareth showed that people would choose one day or the other, not both, so having two events on one weekend should be avoided in the future.

Looking at 2005, the tentative schedule includes a Novice School early in April. This will include a Friday night classroom session, a Saturday novice-training event on site, and a regular Sunday Solo II competition event. The Evolution Performance driving school will be back on the schedule on April 23 & 24. The registration form will be up on the website in December and registration will begin Jan 1, 2005. We will have to pay to use Nazareth next year. There will be 4 or 5 winter dates at Ripken as well as a half dozen summer dates. These dates will be set after the baseball schedule and other stadium commitments are determined.

Four more Solo Safety Stewards have been trained and are ready to take on the role at events.

## Banquet

The 2005 Region banquet is tentatively scheduled for one of the last Saturdays in February at the Doylestown Country Club.

## Spokesman

A letter from **Fred Livezey** was distributed to the BOD.

An interested person was interviewed for the position of Composer of the Spokesman. He is a Graphics Designer whose work is well known by a BOD member. Having taken time to look at previous copies of the Spokesman, he displayed some of his work and listened to our needs. The ensuing discussion resulted in Rob Montgomery being offered the job of compiling the newsletter at \$150 per issue. (Motion: **Landstra**, second: **Aquilante**) This is a one-year contract. He accepted the offer. He will be working with Jon Rush who will accumulate all articles, proofread and edit them to make sure that redundancies and discrepancies do not occur, and help with the layout priorities. Rob was given a copy of the BOD policies addressing the Spokesman. The Spokesman will be composed for website viewing with an additional printable version that will be mailed by the Secretary to those who request it.

The BOD thanked **Jon Rush** for his efforts in getting the two interim issues of the Spokesman to the readers.

A request for articles on all aspects of our motorsports experiences was made. All members are encouraged to submit articles, drawings, pictures, or other items for use in the Spokesman.

## Website – Lori Leone

Discussion groups (forums) have been introduced to the website. These are being tested to determine the reactions of users and use patterns. This format may eventually replace the various phax groups as people recognize the positive aspects of reading an entire thread (subject) without advertising. It also allows for “foot traffic” as people who go to the website decide to check on what the recent topics of discussion have been and learn more about the Region and its programs. A variety of software is being considered for the capacities to bulk email or individual alerts to information which would motivate the user to go to the forums. The Chiefs and Chairs would be the Moderators.

## Election

The nominees for the three positions on the Board of Directors are: **George Bloeser**, **Ken Buck**, **Lori Leone**, **Corey Ridgick**, and **Jon Rush**. The ballots will be designed by Jon Rush and mailed by **Steven Rosenberg/Robin Lumb**. **Bill Sherwood** will be the Teller. Ballots will be mailed no sooner than Oct. 20, nor later than Oct. 27. The election will be final at the November General Membership meeting.

## Other Business

Tow money (\$40) will be sent to all who competed in the Solo II National Championships and the Runoffs.

The Mercury Ride/Drive was successful. Six people participated on October 2 at the King of Prussia Mall. **Judy Bloeser** set up the Region participation in the event and Bob Allen coordinated the on site details.

The 2004 NEDiv Mini Convention will be held in Uniondale, NY on November 12-14. The 2005 Mini Convention will be hosted by Philadelphia Region. Seminar tracks were discussed and members were asked to think of ideas to make the event meaningful in all of our areas.

The Camden Vintage Grand Prix is scheduled to take place May 6, 7, 8. It was requested that these date be kept clear of other events because many members will be needed in on track capacities (racing specialty licenses are not required). This event will be a coordinated effort on the part of South Jersey and Philadelphia Regions.

The Region truck may be replaced in the next few months. It has significant electrical problems and deteriorating physical integrity. The BOD has asked for a written description of the needs/wants for the design/construction of a replacement.

Respectfully submitted,  
**Judy Bloeser**, Secretary

**Location:** P.J. Whelihan's, Blue Bell, attendance 20.

The discussions in the meeting generally reported and amplified information contained in the BOD minutes for October 11, 2004. The following additional announcements and information were noted:

## Club Racing:

The Tri-Region meeting is postponed until October 27. The Northeast Division event date requests are being coordinated by **Donna McDonough** in preparation for the scheduling meeting at the Mini Convention. Tri-Region is looking to change its June date at Pocono to a week later to avoid being up against two other Regional events. The goal is to have a Regional event in June and a National event in August. Heartland Park (Topeka) has been investing considerable money in updating the track and facilities and is expected to have a strong bid for holding the Runoffs starting in 2006.

## RallyCross:

There seems to be a cooperative land owner in the Coopersburg area who may be able to provide land for our use and/or get a neighbor to do so. Frequently the interest initially stated by a land owner wanes when details are outlined. RallyCross is a timed "loose surface car control" on a defined course for street based production cars. The course is designed for a top speed of no more than 45 mph and a cornering speed of 25 mph. A RallySprint is a Club Rally over a shorter distance and is no longer being sanctioned by SCCA.

## Recognition:

It has been announced that the Region's Solo II program will be receiving the Grant Reynolds Trophy at the NEDiv Mini Convention.

## Solo II:

This season the Region held 13 points events, an outstanding Divisional weekend, schools, and Test & Tune days. Even with no Winter Series for 2004, the Solo II program had a very profitable year. Dates are being set for 2005 at Ripken. Boeing and the large NCCC lot are expected to be used for some events, and Nazareth could still be available to us. We may not be participating in Sportsfest this year.

## Banquet:

Most likely the banquet will be held the first weekend in March at the Doylestown Country Club. The date will

be set once the Solo II National calendar is set. **Steven Rosenberg** is looking for a speaker and give-aways. Any help would be appreciated.

## Spokesman:

We have changed the editor/publisher, and will now be producing a web-based newsletter with a printable version for about 1/5 what the cost had been. A copy will still be mailed to anyone requesting it. Jon Rush will be the editor and Rob Montgomery will be the publisher.

## Website/Forums:

Rob Leone said we are trying to get all communication in one area and away from Yahoo advertising and delays. The discussion groups (forums) are found as a clickable area on the left side of the website screen. That leads the viewer into all areas we are involved with. To post, you have to register, but you can "lurk" (just read) if you choose. These will be open forums, but community discipline among group members should prevent malicious statements. There will be a moderator for each forum who will be able to eliminate any posts that are grossly inappropriate. It is believed that the Philly Region-centric forum concept will help with "cross pollination" of our programs.

## Election:

Candidate bios will be sent with the ballot and posted on the website.

## Mercury Ride/Drive:

Bob Allen reported that it was a very successful event with 550 people taking a drive.

## NEDiv Mini Convention 2005:

On November 11-13, 2005 Philly Region will host the NEDiv Mini Convention which will have seminars by and for drivers as well as the Solo, Rally, and Club Racing tracks. 2005 is the 60th Anniversary of Philadelphia Region.

The Camden Vintage event (May 6-8) will be sanctioned by VSCCA. Insurance coverage will be checked. Workers do not have to hold SCCA worker licenses, but every corner should have at least one licensed F&C person. They will be traveling at "exhibition" speeds. **George Bloeser** is discussing the particulars with JD King because this will be a Philly/SJR supported event.

Respectfully submitted,  
**Judy Bloeser**, Secretary

## Club Racing Report

George Bloeser, Chairman

I decided to switch gears for this month's report. Instead of writing primarily about club racing activities, since we are in the "Post Runoffs" period, I thought that writing about one of the finest club/pro racing road courses in the Eastern U.S. might be of interest to you. The venue to which I am referring is [Virginia International Raceway \(VIR\)](#). VIR is located near the Dan River outside Danville, Virginia (just over the North Carolina border, on what had been a 1200 acre farm.

The 3.27 mile road course originally opened in August 1957 with a weekend of SCCA racing. The feature race was won by Carroll Shelby in a Maserati 450S ahead of **Walt Hansgen** in a D-Type Jaguar. The track hosted sports car, motorcycle, and kart racing through 1974 when economic hardships caused it to be closed. Among the highlights of the track's history were hosting the fourth race of the SCCA Trans Am's inaugural season in 1966, as well as the first ever IMSA race in 1971.

Following a 25 year hiatus, VIR was brought back to life in 1998 by **Harvey Siegel** (a partner in the proposed Thunderbolt Raceway – NJ Motorsports Park, but more on that in a later report). A New York based real estate developer and long time Vintage sports car racer, **Siegel** saw the possibility to create America's first true "motorsports country club" and brought in friend and investor **Connie Lee Nyholm** of Martinsville, VA, as a co-owner. Together they brought the concept to fruition and reopened VIR to road racing in 2000.

Currently, VIR's 3.27 mile circuit follows the same road course as constructed in 1957, widened a bit with more run-off room added and up-to-date facilities and amenities. The track is now configured with cross-overs to allow simultaneous racing on the North (2.25 miles) and South (1.65 miles) courses (see track layout diagram). For the 2003 season the track opened with a revised configuration of connected crossovers to create the additional, twisting 1.1 mile Patriot Course, better suited for smaller race cars and shifter karts.

The original Foote family home, an 1840s-era plantation house, has been restored for use as the centerpiece of the VIR Club. Membership has been growing steadily. The track is booked nearly year round for racing (clubs and pro), testing, schools, television productions, and corporate events.

My personal experience with VIR began as a pro racing official with the American Cities Racing League (ACRL) in April 2001 when I worked my first event as their new Tech

Chief there (my wife Judy was their new Chief Registrar). I have been back to the track on several occasions, once as a driver in an ITS Neon, that I shared with its owner **Alan Leshner**, for a double Enduro in October 2002. The full 3.27 mile course is a blast to race on with two high speed straights and the very difficult "Oak Tree" right turn at the south end of the circuit.

In 2004 I was given the opportunity to visit VIR as a guest of the track for two totally different events (the result of a surprise birthday present from my son and daughter-in-law who live in Norfolk, VA). The events were the "Sun Trust Grand American Rolex Sports Car" event 10/1-3/04 and the "SVRA - Season Finale Grand Prix and Formula Car Festival" 10/15-17/04. We ended up with full VIP/Hot credentials, after showing them our National SCCA licenses, when we registered for the event. This enabled us to go any where and visit with the friends we have who were participating as drivers/crew/officials in these events.

At the Grand Am event we renewed acquaintances and discussed past events (from other racing series) with **Mark Rafauff**, Director of Competition, and **Rob Elson**, Technical Director. We also spent quite a bit of time with Philly Region member and pro driver **David Donohue** (who was co-driving the #58 DP Porsche Fabcar with **Darren Law** for Team Brumos) in his pit and paddock. David seems happy to be with an established team with the resources to be competitive and utilize his considerable driving and car set-up ability to achieve success at the track. A very special surprise was to find that **Chris Economaki** was the event's Grand Marshal. I have had the privilege of getting to know Chris over the 30 years of my officiating with several race sanctioning bodies (SCCA, IMSA, USAC, CART) and have the greatest respect for him as the "Dean of American Motorsports Journalists." Judy and I thoroughly enjoyed several hours in his company, and although he is now 83, he is as sharp as ever and is dear to the heart of VIR, having been the trackside announcer for the circuit's inaugural race in 1957.

The SVRA event was a more laid-back event with a season ending festival atmosphere. We visited with old friends Mike Swain (Grid Chief) and Neil Harmon (Chief of T&S) and were invited to the SVRA Annual Banquet on Saturday for an evening of good food, drinks, and bench racing. Our highlight of the SVRA event was spending some time with Philadelphia Region's Chuck Christ who was racing his 1960 Saab 93F (the only model 93F still in competition in

*Continued on Page 6*

## Solo I Update

By Rich Sweigart

There are presently 14 active Solo I members in the Philly Region

Duryea had 103 entries with 9 Philly drivers.

Results of interest:

<b>John Moyer</b>	5th	GT5
<b>Brian Yoder</b>	2nd	FP
<b>Chuck Christ</b>	3rd	Vintage 1
<b>Mary Ann Fieux</b>	4th	Vintage 1
<b>Rob Campbell</b>	1st	Special 2
<b>Lance Smith</b>	1st	Special 3
<b>Joe Perlo</b>	3rd	Special 3

The Fall Jefferson event had 59 entries.

Results of interest:

<b>Mary Ann Fieux</b>	3rd	SSC
<b>Steve Mestrow</b>	2nd	Club Ford
<b>Joe Perlo</b>	1st	Special 3

Thanks to Hurrigan Ivan, the Fall Weatherly had only 53 entries

Results of interest:

<b>Steve Mestrow</b>	2nd	Club Ford
<b>Roy Dean</b>	2nd	ITB

SEDiv is having the East Coast Solo 1 Championship on Halloween weekend at VIR. Entry forms are out. This event does not count for the NEDiv Championship.

The next NEDiv Solo1 event is the PHA banquet to be held at the Bethlehem Holiday Inn on November 20. See [www.pahillclimb.org](http://www.pahillclimb.org) for more details.

## Club Racing Report

*Continued from Page 5*

North America). Chuck is the epitome of what a club racer should be. Not only does his self-prepared and maintained 44 year old Saab consistently run well, but he frequently takes the time to help his fellow competitors at an event keep their cars running. This time it was pulling an engine from a late 60s Corvair to try to repair it before the car's race group was scheduled to run. This is the attitude that should permeate an SCCA Club Racing program, especially at the Regional level, and I hope all of us will always have that as a priority during our participation in a racing event.

If you would like additional information on VIR, please contact them at 888-RACE099 or check the VIR website at [www.virclub.com](http://www.virclub.com).

## Membership - 822

### We Welcome These New Members

Michelle E. Ellis  
Eric Kimball  
Jeff Snyder  
David A. Brooks  
Joshua M. Kunz  
Michael Fiugalski  
Brian Fray  
Joan Mower  
Cliff Murray  
Robert W. Bollinger  
Darryl Baxam  
Bob Post  
Bill Rolland  
Richard Y. Oh  
Daniel H. Tilotone  
Steve Brettschneider  
William McCready  
Guy W. Wagner  
Linda B. Wagner  
Mary B. Wagner

## **BOD Candidate Biographies**

The following biographies were written by the candidates for the three open seats on the 2005 Board of Directors.

### **Ken Buck**

---

Where to start? I went to my first SCCA autocross with Blue Mountain Region in 1992. At the time I was a Delaware Valley College Biology graduate going to Kutztown U. for my teacher's certification in Secondary Education- Biology. I then built Team Pizza Hut for the Allentown Downtown 500 Mini Grands Prix, two years running. Before I knew what happened, I was in charge of the Solo II program for Philly region. I served on the Philly Region BOD from 1996-1999, and was RE in 1999, the year we won a national award for best medium size region. I fulfilled my term on the BOD, and then took a back seat to further my career. After completing my Master's Degree in Education Leadership with Principal's certification, taking a job as Assistant Principal at Berks Career and Technology Center, and fulfilling the Temple U. requirements to be a Supervisor of Vocational Education, I am ready to step back in the ring and be a leader in Philly Region. I have already re-accepted the role of Solo II Chairman for the region, and look forward to serving Philly Region as a BOD member.

### **George Bloeser**

---

I am presently a Philadelphia Region Board member, completing a reappointment to the Board of Directors after having been your RE in 2003, and would like the opportunity to continue to serve the Region as a BOD member for the next three years.

For many years my involvement with SCCA activities has been my major form of recreation. I have been both a worker and driver in the four (Solo I, Solo II, Road Rally, Club Racing) competition programs in the Philadelphia Region and have enjoyed my participation in all of them.

Although I have spent much of my time in the Club Racing area (National Scrutineer, Chief Pit Marshal, SSC and ITS driver, Region Competition/Club Racing Chairman, Vice Chairman of Tri-Region Race Group and Anthracite Racing Associates), I have, as a Board member and Regional Executive, strongly supported our Region's Solo II and Road Rally Programs. Currently, the Philadelphia Region Solo II Program is the sustaining force, both financially and in level of member involvement, and must continue to be nurtured and grown via new sites and strong events. The Board of Directors, as the Region's guiding and governing body, must recognize the key role of Solo II while maintaining active Road Rally, Club Racing, and Solo I programs. This is best accomplished by a BOD that is made up of a balanced group of people with a good mix of Solo, Rally, and Club

Racing experience.

It is also important to have a good understanding of how the SCCA Divisional and National organizations operate and a close working relationship with key members of those organizations. These are additional assets that I bring to the BOD, having been Northeast Division Administrator of Race Control for five years as well as attending and actively participating, as a Philadelphia Region representative, in all of the Divisional meetings in the last eight years and most National Conventions during that time.

### **Lori Leone**

---

An SCCA member since 2000, I am very dedicated to the Philadelphia SCCA programs. I have been an active board member and am the Publicity Chair since 2004. This past year, I created and currently maintain the new PhillySCCA.com website for an all-encompassing regional resource. I sent out press releases to promote our charity event, the Holbert Memorial.

Even though I gave birth to my son in April, I was still able to participate and help organize the Solo II Northeast Divisional Championships as Chief of Timing and Scoring. In Solo II, I have held regional chief positions in Registration, Safety Steward and Timing & Scoring. By attending many regional events outside of Philadelphia, I observe their operations to improve ours. I have participated in two National Championships, numerous National Tours, four Divisionals and a Pro Solo. I have also competed in road rallies and have helped at the Nazareth Pro events.

Outside of the SCCA, I work hard managing my company's websites and have been on many strategic committees and projects. I am also pursuing an MBA at LaSalle University.

### **Corey Ridgick**

---

I have been a Philadelphia Region member of the SCCA since 2002. In my short time as a member, I have been involved mostly in Solo II. 2001 was my first year autoxing and it is the year that got me hooked on Solo II with the SCCA. In 2003 I started going to National events and attended my first National Championship in Topeka, KS. I drove my car in STS in 2003 and won the Philly Region

*Continued on Page 8*

## BOD Candidate Biographies

*Continued from Page 7*

“driver of the year” award. This past year I concentrated mostly on National level Solo II and ProSolo events. I also won Philly Region “driver of the year” for the second year in a row.

My duties in the Philly Region have consisted of assistant Chief of tech in 2003, and most recently, I have been Chief of course design for our Philly Region Solo II program. I have also completed the Solo Safety Steward training and will be a Safety Steward in the near future. I would like to continue to serve our Philly Region members on our Board of Directors. My exposure to National level event execution has been a great experience and should be a valuable asset to the Philly region BOD. I believe that I am forward looking, have an open mind and would work great with the current members of the board. I have a passion for all aspects of racing and my goal is to use my energy and enthusiasm to continue move the Philly Region in a positive direction for years to come.

Thank you for your vote,

### Jon Rush

---

My goals for the Philadelphia Region of the SCCA are for it to be the friendliest, most well run and most fun region of its size in the nation. I would appreciate your vote for Board of Directors so I can continue my work towards these goals.

I'm a mechanical engineer who owns my own consulting business. I help companies improve existing products and develop new products using computer-aided design and analysis tools. In addition, I consult on failure analysis, engineering process improvements, best practices and product usability. I also do training in computer-aided design and analysis. Outside of work, I am married and have two young sons whom I hope to introduce to motorsports participation as they mature. I volunteer as a financial director of a non-profit organization and teach personal finance classes.

I've been involved with the Philly Region since 1989 starting with Solo II and expanding my participation into most of the other regional programs. I've been a competitor, instructor, course designer, safety steward and organizer for the Solo II program. I have been a participant, rallymaster and safety steward in Road Rally. I've flagged and announced at vintage and Club races. I began chairing our RallyCross program this year, attempting to secure sites for us to hold our inaugural event. I recently accepted the position of Spokesman editor. The highlight of my participation with the region has been winning the Solo II Driver of the Year in 2002. As for motorsports outside of the SCCA, I've crewed

for an IMSA Camel Lights team, helped design race cars and racecar parts and been an avid fan of professional open-wheel and sportscar racing.

I've served on the Board of Directors of the region for more than 3 years, initially completing a partial term for a board member who resigned. I've been the Assistant Regional Executive for the past two years. One of the modern philosophies of engineering is Continuous Improvement. That philosophy states that no product or process is good enough or inexpensive enough that it can't be improved. I've brought that philosophy to my participation in the region. If you've worked with me, you know I rarely complete a region event without at least one suggestion for improvement. I initiated the effort to make this a permanent part of the Solo II program. I've also tried my best to keep our regional programs financially sound and planned with good fiscal responsibility. Another modern engineering philosophy is Team Collaboration. In short, give all the people on the team access to the latest and best information and work together to come up with the best solution. I've worked hard to make sure our regional decisions included the latest and best information and thoughts from the involved people. I will continue to champion inclusiveness and collaboration in everything the region does.

You have a great slate of people from whom to choose your Board representatives this year. All bring excellent skills. Yet I believe I have served the region well these past three years and have shown that I can deliver results that make the region friendlier, more fun and better run. I would welcome your vote and support of these goals.

### Classified Ads

Classified ads in the Spokesman are FREE!! and run for three issues. Submit your ad to: **Rich Sweigart** 215-249-9138.

You may email your ads to [RSRacing356@cs.com](mailto:RSRacing356@cs.com) (my preferred method, please title as Spokesman Classified).

Deadline for inclusion in the following month's newsletter is the 15th of the month before publication.

## REGIONAL OFFICERS

### Regional Executive

Rob Leone - 215-355-2456 (05)  
58 Heather Rd.  
Churchville, PA 18966  
robleone@comcast.net

### Assistant Regional Executive

Jon Rush - 610-965-2815 (04)  
2131 Hamilton Drive  
Coopersburg, PA 18036-3436  
jdrush@enter.net

### Secretary

Judy Bloeser - 610-965-0585 (05)  
PO Box 346  
Coopersburg, PA 18036  
610-966-1061 FAX  
macmassie@aol.com

### Treasurer

Steven Rosenberg (06)  
845 Plymouth Road  
Plymouth Meeting, PA 19462  
610-313-9397 home  
215-576-6666 work  
scooter11fm@comcast.net

Anyone wishing a copy of the Region budget or monthly Treasurer's Report should contact Steven Rosenberg.

## Other Board Members

Joe Aquilante - 610-482-0141 (05)  
1435 Dogwood Lane  
Chester Springs, PA 19425-1501  
jfaphoenix32@aol.com

George Bloeser - 610-965-0585 (04)  
PO Box 346  
Coopersburg, PA 18036  
610-966-1061 FAX  
indy33@aol.com

Frank Gonzalez - 215-643-5968 (06)  
1033 Hemlock Dr.  
Blue Bell, PA 19422  
gonzalezfj@cs.com

Steve Landstra (06)  
974 St. Matthews Road  
Chester Springs, PA 19425  
610-827-9420 home  
484-923-2261 work  
stlandstra@aol.com

Lori Leone - 215-355-2456 (04)  
58 Heather Rd  
Churchville, PA 18966  
Lori\_Leone@lenox.com  
lorileone@comcast.net

## Regional Chairs

### SPOKESMAN Editor

Jon Rush - 610-965-2815  
2131 Hamilton Drive  
Coopersburg, PA 18036-3436  
jdrush@enter.net

## SPOKESMAN Classified Ads

Rich Sweigart - 215-249-9138  
1004 Broad Street  
Perkasie, PA 18944  
RSRacing356@yahoo.com

### Club Racing

George Bloeser - 610-965-0585

### Licensing (Driver)

Dave Drissel - 570-325-8278  
158 Blackberry Lane  
Jim Thorpe, PA 18229  
drissel2@ptd.net

### Licensing (Officials)

Marc Gerstein  
PO Box 7  
Center Valley, PA 18034  
610-282-3932 (after 8 PM)  
marcag7@cs.com

### Membership

Robin Lumb - 610-313-9397  
845 Plymouth Road  
Plymouth Meeting, PA 19462  
rl40fm@comcast.net

### Merchandise

John Groves - 610-430-7157  
2 Hyllwynd Dr.  
West Chester, PA 19382  
jgroves@jenntec.com

### Rally

Wendel Green - 610-527-4223  
45 Parkridge Dr.  
Bryn Mawr, PA 19010,  
wendel\_green@hotmail.com

### Solo I

Rich Sweigart - 215-249-9138

### Solo II

Ken Buck  
5659 Mt. Pleasant Rd.  
Bernville, PA 19560  
acouplebucks@comcast.net

### Publicity

Lori Leone - 215-355-2456

### Racing Chiefs

Flagging and Communication  
Bob Lindenmuth - 610-358-3567  
sccaflagger74@yahoo.com

### Paddock

John Chatley - 610-696-7125

### Pits

George Bloeser - 610-965-0585

### Registration

Eunice Gerstein - 610-282-3932  
(after 8 PM)

### Scrutineering

Karl and Marg lochum  
215-338-7576

## Sound Control

George Miller - 732-545-4767  
gnmiller@patmedia.net

## Timing and Scoring

Judy Bloeser - 610-965-0585

## Anthracite Racing Assoc. Representatives

Brian Holtz - 610-867-0399  
George Bloeser - 610-965-0585  
Joe Aquilante - 610482-0141

### Alternates

Judy Bloeser - 610-965-0585  
Jon Rush - 610-965-2815  
Karl lochum - 215-338-7576

## Tri-Region Racing Representatives

George Bloeser - 610-965-0585  
Marc Gerstein - 610-282-3932  
Bob Peterson - 610-458-8148

### Alternates

Judy Bloeser - 610-965-0585  
Marge lochum - 215-338-7576  
Bob Maurer - 610-253-2870

## PHA Representatives

Rich Sweigart - 215-249-9138  
Connie Sweigart - 215-249-9138  
Chuck Christ - 610-395-8738

## SCCA National Office

PO Box 19400  
Topeka, KS 66619-0400  
800-770-2055  
785-357-7222  
Fax 785-232-7228

## Area 2 Director

Brian Holtz - 610-867-0399  
1775 Center Street  
Bethlehem, PA 18017-4625  
beholtz@compuserve.com

## Philadelphia Region Website

<http://www.phillyscca.com>

## Other Internet Sites

<http://www.scca.com>  
<http://www.nescca.com>  
<http://www.triregionracing.org>  
<http://www.na-motorsports.com>

---

**Address Service Requested**

---

Philadelphia Region SCCA  
845 Plymouth Road  
Plymouth Meeting, PA 19462

**Photographs**

We are once again accepting photos for the online version of the Spokesman. If you would like to share your racing or region related photos with the members, send them to Jon Rush at [jdrush@enter.net](mailto:jdrush@enter.net).

We would like a big bunch of photos in the Dec. issue of the Spokesman, a kind of Year in Review. So write a captivating caption and list all the people in the photo's names and car or event details and send it along with the photo.