

The Checkpoint

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RE-ramblings

2008 is upon us and that means new board members, new goals and new ideas. First off let me start by thanking everyone that came to the year end awards banquet. Special thanks to Tom and Judy Hudak for once again hosting a excellent event. Helping me lead the Club for 2008 will be Assistant RE Bob Olson, Mike Burgess, Dave Siniff, Chuck Tate, Jennie Roach, and Gary Barber. Already the new board is off and running with new ideas one of the biggest will be the overhaul of our website. Same name just new look and new features. Check the site often because one day it will just be different. Gary Barber is teaming up with Tom Hudak to chair ice runs this year, see flyer on page 4. Sean Tate has a new team and has room for a couple more on the solo board. The first solo board meeting is January 26th. Email Sean for details if you want to attend. Next month I will be reporting on what new ideas I got at the convention.

Stacey DeSpelder
Will drive anything RE

Event Report

2007 SVR Awards Banquet January 12th, 2008 at the Trillium Banquet center in Saginaw. This event may go into the history books as it is the first awards banquet in many years that there was no snow storm. 44 members came out for the night to celebrate the clubs and members achievements for 2007. First on the agenda was a fantastic buffet that had, chicken with peppers and onions, a fish and a prime rib. Or course there were some vegetable, potato, and salad dishes to go with that. Next on the agenda emcee Dave Feighner gave a brief overview of what events the club did for 2007. The first awards that were handed out were membership year rockers for and SCCA pins. Tom Hudak got the pin with the highest number as he received a rocker for being a member for 40 years. His rocker was special in that it came with a SVR SCCA jacket as well. After all the rockers were handed out it was time for class and class

champion trophies. I did my best to keep Stacey on his toes trying to figure out what type of trophy I was going to announce next. We had the trophies in order but apparently my order does not follow conventional wisdom. Once again this year there were jackets handed out to first time class champions. Repeat champions will get their jackets updated and where given a class champions plaque. For the index awards sponsored by Showcase Mitsubishi and My Auto Events.com Andy Lieber and Steve Couture took over the floor and announced the top 10 and handed out personalized helmet bags. Number one on the index and care taker of the Boreen Cup until the next banquet is Andy Lieber.

The Most improved driver for 2007 was awarded to Terrance Daniels. Terrance actually detuned his potent SM Nissan 240sx to help make the car faster. I guess sometimes it is true that you have to slow down to go fast.

Each year there are special service awards and this year there was plenty. First there was two new member awards given to a member that has a been a member of Saginaw Valley Region for 18 months or less. This year one was given to a individual Stephen Dormann. The other was given to a couple Gary and Terri Barber. The George Austin award is given to a member that has served the club in a unselfish and exemplary manner. This year the award was given to Tom Hudak. To wind down the evening I had made up a few trophies that I cast R.E.S.T. awards Regional Executive Service Trophy. I said I had a few but it took 3 boxes to hold them all. This time I glued Hot Wheel Cars to some left over pylons that we had from the GASS event trophies. In closing I handed it over to Stacey DeSpelder the RE for 2008. Afterwards we still had the place for about a half hour and everyone did a little bench racing a was able to drive home in no snow storm.

Dave Feighner
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40 Years Ago**February, 1968**

The Annual Awards Banquet was held with the NEM Region at the VFW Hall in Flushing. Florence Austin received the Spouse-Member of the Year Award; Doug Eads, the Male-Member of the Year; Tom Hudak the Rallyist of the Year and Dick Smith the Competition Driver of the Year.

This was the year that the Michigan Turn Marshals began to get organized. Thirty-one cars competed at the first Ice Run. FTD went to Dale Collins of Flint in a SAAB. The Night Ice Run also ran with 30 cars, but on an abbreviated course.

40 Years Ago**March, 1968**

At the regular monthly meeting held at the Freeland Memorial Park Bldg., the guest speaker would be a top Canadian woman race car driver, talking about the new Michigan International Speedway. The third Ice Run at Ross Lake had 43 entrants; Bill Schmitt took fastest time of day in his Porsche. Fifty-three cars were entered in the 4th Ice Run at Ross Lake. Chuck Fahlgren took FTD by only .02 over wife Joan in their family Mini. SVR Spokesman Les Burtnett was invited to join the Saginaw Safety Council. Jerry Pat Miller was recuperating from a leg injury. Former SVR members Bill & Mary Lou Main said "hello" from Dayton, Ohio.

30 Years Ago**February, 1978**

George Austin was made an SVR Honorary Lifetime Member and should receive the Checkpoint each month. Bill Huller, R.E., expounded upon the coming ice runs, filling the needs of each club office and working on the new club trailer. The old trailer was returned to the Bay Valley Corvette Club, the new one was procured from the resources of Dick Lieber (truck bed, rear axle, wheels, tires, etc.).

The "Will It Snow?" Rally, with 14 cars, was won by Barb & Jim Doidge.

30 Years Ago**March, 1978**

SVR meetings were held at the Das Michigan Haus. Tim Williams, Treasurer, noted that the checkbook had \$1528.00. The previous two ice runs went well for most ...but Brian Rebney retired his car. The Board decided to purchase a new tow strap for Chuck Fortino....as it was worn out from the last ice run. Don Jekel was planning a St. Valentine's Map Rally.

For whatever reason, SCCA Denver had no record of 4 SVR members. R.E. Bill Huller wrote that not only was the wolf at his door, so was Marianne Sherven, the Checkpoint Editor...impatiently waiting for the R.E. column.

20 Years Ago**Feb./Mar, 1988**

The Annual Awards Banquet was held at the Pioneer Club of Saginaw. Tom McDonald was the guest speaker. Mike Havilland, a D-Sports racer in our club, received the New Member of the Year Award, as well as being named the 1987 Competition Driver of the Year. Unfortunately, Mike was moving to Oxnard, CA. to become the Director of Economic Development.

It was unseasonably warm for the January 17th Ice Run. The warm weather produced fog, mist & slush on top of the 20 inches of ice. The event scheduled for January 31 could have been cancelled for warm weather, but it was the Sheriff's Department that suggested we not hold the event. Larry Hall & Brian Rebney had other ideas...like opening the dam!!!

10 Years Ago**February-March, 1998**

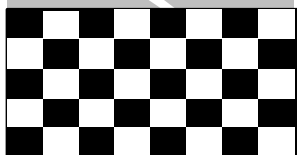
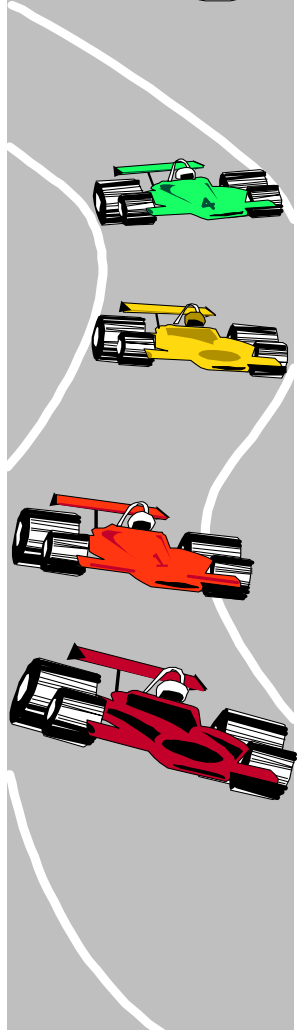
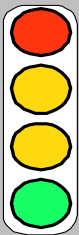
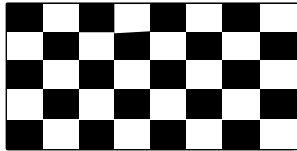
In this issue, new R.E. Chris Pruett vowed to provide more "fun for your buck" and established goals for the coming years of SVR. Some of them were to replace old Solo II cones; think about replacing the club timer (\$2000.00); think about a new portable computer, printer & generator (\$2000.00); hold SVR Membership / Board meetings at a "standard & central" location to all; fix the SVR van, rather than replace it; and how about a "night Solo II event". The 1998 Solo II Schedule was in print along with the chair people. Speaker at this year's Award Banquet was State Representative Mike Goschka. Although he spoke about a number of items, he summed up the talk with "Don't just sit there, do something!"

Dennis Mashue, the new Checkpoint Editor, wrote about some of his goals for the club publication: a new look Checkpoint, more advertisers and distribution to auto related businesses. The George Austin Service Award went to a stunned Mike Horning; New Member of the Year Award went to the duo of Jeff Grabowski & Eric Haiss; Snyder Racing Enterprise Most Improved Driver Award went to Jeff Grabowski.

Garage Sale

Four each Michelin 185 x 15 red line tubeless tires (tubes also available, n/c) \$20.00. 4 each 5J x 13 steel wheels, good gray paint, no rust, will fit Nissan, Toyota or Honda, \$30.00. Place Racing Cold Air Intake System for 2002 - 3 Nissan Sentra SER V-Spec, easy installation \$100.00. Roof rack for cars with gutter rails \$10.00. Tom Hudak 989-695-6141, tjhudak@tir.com.

Saginaw Valley Region SCCA



Tentative Schedule:

- *Saturday, January 26
- *Saturday, February 16
- *Saturday, February 23
- *Saturday, March 1
- *Saturday, March 8

(* Weather Permitting)

Pre-register to email below

Location:

Linwood Rd., Public Boat Ramp
Exit I75/U.S. 23 @ Linwood Road – Go East to
end of road on to ice & turn left (north) to
Ice Run site.

Registration: 9:00 a.m.

Cost: \$25 Member \$35 Non Member

Practice Runs: Until 11:00 a.m.

Timed Runs: 11:30 a.m.

Tech Inspection, Seat Belts & Helmets Required

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Above Tom Hudak 2007 recipient of the George C. Austin Service Award



Above Andy Lieber winner of the Showcase Mitsubishi My Auto Event. COM Boreen Cup for 2007



Above Stephen Dormann received one of the New Member awards for 2007



Above Terrance Daniels with the Most Improved Driver of the year trophy for 2007



Above Gary and Terri Barber were recipients of the 2007 New Member Award



Above 8 of the top 10 from the Showcase Mitsubishi, My Auto events. COM index. Dave Siniff, Sean Tate, Lorien Feighner, Andy Lieber, Jarrod Hoops, Dave Feighner, Lisa Krueger and Mike Burgess.

January 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	Rolex 24 Solo Board Meeting Ice Run 26
Rolex 24 27	28	29	30	31		

February 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4	5	6	7	8	Budweiser Clash 9
Qualifying 10	11	12	13	Gatorade Dual 14	Craftsman 250 15	Nationwide 300 Ice Run 16
Daytona 500 17	Inputs due for next checkpoint 18	19	20	21	22	Dixie National Tour Ice Run 23
Dixie National Tour 24	Board Meeting Ponderosa Alma 7pm 25	26	27	28	29	

SAGINAW VALLEY REGION
SPORTS CAR CLUB OF AMERICA
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES
October 14, 2007

TIME: 5:00 PM

PRESENT: Lisa Krueger, Mike Burgess, Dave Siniff, Stacey Despelder, Jarrod Hoops, Dave Feighner, Lorien Feighner and Steve Munsell.

EXCUSED: Chris Pruett

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Dave Feighner at 5:00 PM. A motion was made by Dave Siniff seconded by Mike Burgess to approve the minutes from the September meeting. Motion passed.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: 92 members plus dual members.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Club is in the black. All bills paid, including \$200 bill for Barstow Airport Runway light. Balance includes the deposit from the Viper Ride and Drive. Steve Munsell is getting the paperwork ready to transfer the checkbook to Chris Pruett.

EQUIPMENT REPORT: The equipment will be stored for the winter. Dave Feighner will look into securing base for the timer head.

MERCHANDISE: Sticker money in merchandise box was given to Steve Munsell.

SOLO RPT: Last event is complete. Board discussed putting in a tentative bid for a GASS event in 2008.

OLD BUSINESS: Stacey Despelder will be attending Roundtable and representing Saginaw Valley Region. Stacey mentioned that Ft. Wayne region is doing another Street Survival session in November. Stacey would be willing to attend the National Convention if not working at that time. Dave Feighner will get information from other regions on how much region members are reimbursed for attendance at the National Convention. Dave Siniff coordinated Timing and Scoring for Viper/SRT Ride and Drive. Steve Munsell, Stacey Despelder, Chris Holm and Doug Harvey assisted. Viper/SRT paid \$1600 for efforts and provided lunch. Dave Feighner authorized payment of \$50 to each member and free entry to an event to all that worked the event. Tom Hudak provided Board with two estimates to have new SVR sign created. Dave Feighner will ask Andy Lieber to obtain quote from person that does graphics for Showcase.

NEW BUSINESS: Dave Feighner advised Board that topic of a Great Lakes Drivers school in 2008 would be discussed at Roundtable. Mike Burgess made a motion, seconded by Dave Siniff, that Saginaw Valley Region not support a Great Lakes Drivers School in 2008. Motion passed. The 2008 Annual Awards Banquet will be conducted on January 12th at the Trillium Banquet Facility in Saginaw. Mike Burgess suggested that perhaps banquet would be more successful if held in November versus January. Lorien Feighner will include a survey on the elections to get thoughts from membership. Board discussed potential recipients of the George Austin and New Member awards. Stacey Despelder will check with Chris Holm to see how much time remains on the hosting and domain name contracts.

NEXT MTG: The next meeting is scheduled for Monday November 12th at 7:00 in Alma at the Ponderosa.

ADJOURNMENT: There was a motion by Mike Burgess, seconded by Jarrod Hoops, to adjourn the meeting at 6:41 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lorien Feighner, Secretary

**Next Board Meeting
February 25th
Alma, Michigan Ponderosa 7pm**

SAGINAW VALLEY REGION SPORTS CAR CLUB OF AMERICA
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES
November 12, 2007

- TIME:** 7:30 PM
- PRESENT:** Lisa Krueger, Mike Burgess, Dave Siniff, Stacey Despelder, Chris Pruett, Dave Feighner and Lorien Feighner.
- EXCUSED:** Jarrod Hoops
- CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order by Dave Feighner at 7:34 PM. A motion was made by Dave Siniff seconded by Mike Burgess to approve the minutes from the October meeting. Motion passed.
- MEMBERSHIP REPORT:** 92 members plus dual members. SCCA has variety of membership reports available. As soon as we receive an expired member report, Stacey will call the individual to ask reasons why he/she did not renew.
- TREASURER'S REPORT:** Club is in the black.
- EQUIPMENT REPORT:** Insurance on van has been changed to comp only. Dave Feighner asked Andy Lieber to change the oil in the van. Dave is not sure if he has sent bill to Steve Munsell yet.
The charger for the timer box has disappeared. Dave Feighner to check with Rick Myers to see if it was misplaced with the Detroit Region equipment after the Formula SAE event.
Still need to get base for new heads. Dave Feighner reported that JACircuits has a new black box design that is weighted and has reflective tape. The boxes are \$45 each. Also JACircuits has adapters that would allow the old timer to connect to the new wires. Chris Pruett made a motion, seconded by Dave Siniff to purchase 2 black reflector boxes. Motion passed.
- MERCHANDISE:** We have a small supply of 40th Anniversary coolers. These could be used as giveaways at the banquet. We need to update the membership pins. Dave Feighner to look in merchandise box to see what is available and what needs to be ordered. Chris Pruett made a motion seconded by Lisa Krueger to purchase 40th Year Jacket for Tom Hudak with SCCA embroidered on back with membership number on front. Motion passed.
- SOLO RPT:** Dave Siniff has not heard any response from Delphi. They are still open to allowing us use of the log in 2008. A bid for the 2008 GASS Series has been submitted.
- OLD BUSINESS:** Dave Feighner presented a brief update on the Roundtable meeting. GLDiv is moving forward with driver's school in 2008. Several discussions took place in regards to "worker demise" – not enough workers, too many events. The board discussed reimbursement for board members for attending Roundtable, Spring Training and Convention. Chris Pruett made a motion seconded by Dave Siniff to allot for 10% of the treasury balance (determined after year end banquet fees paid) to pay for expenses to attend the National Convention; Roundtable and Spring Training meetings. The RE will determine how to allocate the expenses. Motion passed.
Banquet is scheduled for 1/12/08.
The website hosting and domain are set to expire 2/12/08. Chris Holm provided the costs to renew for 1 year as well as multiple year renewals. Chris Pruett made a motion seconded by Dave Siniff to spend up to \$450.00 to renew for 5 years. Motion passed. Stacey Despelder to get with Chris Holm to have this taken care of.
- TABLED:** Dave Feighner to contact Kelly regarding the type of material that would be used on the sign that she has quoted price for.
- NEW BUSINESS:** Election results have been tallied. The board members for 2008 are Gary Barber, Mike Burgess, Robert Olson, Jennie Roach, Dave Siniff and Chuck Tate. Dave Feighner would like to contact individuals that did not get elected to the board to see if they would like to be chairs for any of the specialties.
The Board discussed Goals for 2008, including setting Solo Season Schedule by April 1st; have at least one Solo Board member attend and/or provide RE with status report for each Board meeting; personal appearances at Board Meetings for Solo Sites.
- NEXT MTG:** The next meeting is scheduled for Saturday January 12th at 5:00 in Saginaw prior to start of Banquet.
- ADJOURNMENT:** There was a motion by Chris Pruett, seconded by Stacey Despelder, to adjourn the meeting at 8:56 PM.

Respectfully Submitted, Lorien Feighner, Secretary

SAGINAW VALLEY REGION SPORTS CAR CLUB OF AMERICA
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES
December 9, 2007

TIME: 2:48 PM

PRESENT: Dave Siniff, Stacey Despelder, Dave Feighner, Chuck Tate, Jennie Roach, Gary Barber, Terri Barber, Bob Olson, Steve Dormann, (Mike Burgess and Lisa Kruger (by phone)

EXCUSED: Jarrod Hoops, Chris Pruitt

CALL TO The meeting was called to order 2:48 pm , Motion to approve minutes Dave Siniff second Stacey Despelder

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: 91 members plus dual members as of 12-6.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Club is in the black.

EQUIPMENT: We now have 3 timing heads. New easy align timing reflectors to be ordered in January for a total of 3 reflectors. Discuss adding serial port to club laptop, Dave Feighner to follow up with price. Received \$231 back from approximately, \$900 in full coverage insurance premium refund. Inland Marine is for contents and trailer policy is priced separately, and still in effect.

Merchandise: Lots of coolers remaining to be used as door prizes. Motion by Stacey, seconded by Dave Siniff to spend up to \$400 to order 20 new SVR pins. Motion passed. Stacey to order pins.

Solo Report: Michelle pursuing GASS site for 2008 at Delphi plants 6 and 7. No news back from Delphi as of today. GASS entries for 2007 totaled 887 over 8 events average entry 111. SVR total solo entries 407 in 2006 and 402 in 2007. Solo entries nationally in 2007 topped 80,000 entrants. Final Solo Board to be appointed prior to Banquet. Solo Board first meeting Jan 2008.

OLD Business: Road racing school for Great Lakes Divisional no update from GLDiv. May be assessed a regional fee for the school. National roundtable in San Antonio Texas, SCCA subsidizes \$300. Registration is \$250. Flight \$280. Hotel \$120 a day. Motion by Dave Siniff second by Stacey to approve reimbursement of Dave Feighner convention expenses for 2007. Motion passed.

New Business: Banquet added to MAE. Assistant RE for 2008 to be voted on at January 2008 meeting. Bob Olson is interested in the position.

TABLED: SVR By Laws Digital version? PDF format Can it be added to website and provide to new board members.

New Business: Year end trophies bigger than last year. Total number of new jackets 12 @\$ 75, Update 15 Jackets @\$ 10, 43 class/ service award trophies. Motion by Dave Siniff to approve trophy budget of \$3,000.00 seconded by Stacey. Motion passed.

NEXT MTG: The next meeting is scheduled for Saturday January 12th at 5:00 in Saginaw prior to start of Banquet.

ADJOURNMENT: There was a motion by Stacey to adjourn the meeting at 8:56 PM. Seconded by Mike Burgess.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sean Tate
Secretary fill in

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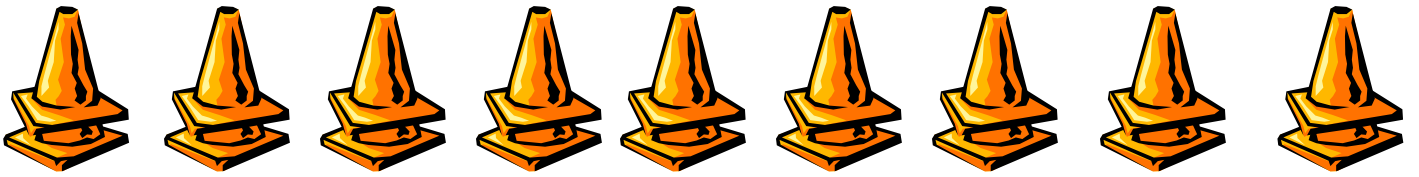
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