

NeDiv Council Meeting – November 11, 2010

**Convened at Rochester N.Y., Hosted by the Finger Lakes Region
Chaired by the Chairman, Northeast Division Council: Tom Campbell**

Meeting was called to order at 9:00 am.

Welcome and Introductions:

Tom Campbell – Chairman
Peter Roberts – Treasurer
Sandy Sanders – Secretary
Phil Henderson – Member at Large
Dave Panas – Member at Large
Guest – Jeff Dahert President SCCA

Roll Call of the Regions:

Regions in attendance – Central New York, Finger Lakes, Glen, Mahoning Valley, Misery Bay, Mohawk Hudson, New England, New York, Northeastern Pennsylvania, Northern New Jersey, Philadelphia, South Jersey, Steel Cities, Washington DC, Western New York.

Regions not in attendance – Blue Mountain, Central Pennsylvania, Southern New York, Susquehanna

Acknowledgement of members who had passed during the past year:

Ray Oliver, Brian Holtz, Frank Gonzalez, David McConklin, Chris Fox, Delores Oliver, Kathy Zebriski, Wayne Randall, Phillip and Nina Caruso, Eddie Spreen.
A \$500 donation to the SCCA Foundation will be made in their memory.

Chairman's note: this donation was made and a note of appreciation received from the Foundation.

Minutes from March 14, 2010 Roundtable:

Motion to Approve the Minutes of the March 14, 2010 – By Chris Fransen, George Bloeser 2nd –
Approved Unanimous

Treasurers Report-Peter Roberts

Interim report has been placed in all regions mailboxes

No assessments for the 2010 racing season other than \$25 for Timing and Scoring. All others were waived because of our cash situation and needing to reduce our cash reserves down to a reasonable level.

Although the end of year finances aren't yet completed we did reduce the cash on hand by about \$5000 as intended.

The Glen Region subsidized the nat'l race assessments as agreed from the proceeds of their double national, contribution was \$5000.

The NEDIV treasury is currently at about \$45,000.

Motion to accept the treasurers report as given – George Bloeser, Barry Kaplan 2nd. Approved Unanimous

Jerry Wannarka

Special presentation to John Sheridan, thanking him for his 6 years of service on the SCCA Board of Directors.

Program Reports:

Solo – Dave Newman

Tina Reeves is stepping down from the SEB after 4 years.

1153 competitors at the Nationals this year

NE had 12 Championships in the Division - a record. Solo Cup went to Bill Goodall New England Region - again a National Champion, racing for 30 years at the Nationals and has brought home 30 trophies.

Western New York's Michelle Quinn brought home her Regions 1st championship.

Everyone please forward any potential sites for divisional Solo events to Dave Newman.

Rally – Hal Denim

Ted Goddard is stepping down and Steve McKelvey will be taking his place as NEDIV Road Rally Chair 41 events in 2010 – 337 drivers – 330 navigators without the last event.

Winter Rally Program: 6 events Vermont, NY and Canada

Rally Cross – no report

Time Trials – no report

Webmasters – Carl & Kathy Matusik

In 2009 223,476 hits-page loads, down for 2010 but it may not be bad may be because race results are coming in a more timely fashion.

Reminder the Calendar is available for all regions to use to list their events solos, rallies, races (not membership meetings) anything that you would like neighboring regions to attend.

Advertising on the website we have one paid advertiser: Speed One

Club Racing

Executive Steward – Earl Hurlbut

Introduced Tom Campbell as Area 10 Deputy Executive Steward

A.G. Robbins as Area 2 Deputy Executive Steward.

Peter Roberts will continue as Area 1 Deputy Executive Steward

New DA for Tech is Paul Morrison

Peer Review, Tom Hoffman – Chair.

NEDiv has stepped up with innovative ways to make our events fun & successful.

We had 3 Stewards and the Chief of Tech in Tech Inspection at the Run Offs from NeDiv. In all we had 13-14 Stewards from NeDiv at the event.

More innovations for 2011

We have one Rational in New Hampshire for 2011.

Need to improve communications between Drivers and Volunteers. Friday evening town hall with the Executive Steward at each race he attends.

The NRC is working well, they seem to be working as a team having rational discussions creating good results. Unique to the SCCA.

Scheduling

Donna McDonough

Few changes in the Division schedule that was discussed on Saturday

Nationals: Lime Rock National May not happening

Regionals: May 7 & 8 NNJ Pocono; Limerock MoHud 7/1 & 2; Tentative at Nelson; Aug 20 & 21 Jersey Racing Board MARRS race

Quad at Nelson should be under other events NeOhio

Drivers Schools – WDC Summit double Drivers School

Final Calendar to National SCCA by 12/31

Mother's Day Weekend Double Regional MARRS event at VIR

7 tracks 9 nationals – 2 double nationals

Chairman's note: the final NEDIV Race schedule has been published on the NESCCA Website.

National Racing Committee Ed Zebrowski –

The committee reviewed the numbers of entrants in division and out of division, finances and the impact of the Double National's and will continue to do so in 2011 and revisit the number of doubles for 2012.

Talked about mini-doubles -Terry Hanushek researched the concept and proposed the idea that at each single national one race group would race twice. Still in discussion stage will look into it further in March to determine time lines and rotations. Possible implementation in 2012. Will need approval by BoD

Discussed a more upscale regalia program, more promotion, banner's better "branding" of the division series.

Phil Henderson – revisited the regalia program worker patches, worker jackets, hats for winning entrant will continue for 2011, year end awards Red Jackets will continue.

Regional Series Reports

NARRC – Chris

2010 – 8 races, 5 weekends- 2800 cars

2011 – 7 weekends 11 races – some rule changes –to be eligible for the championship need to run 50% of the races offered + 1 race not points as in the past.

NYSRRC – Tim Meddaugh

9 races – 5 weekends

Awards banquet on November 27th

MARRS – Jack Burrows

Spring driver's school – 10 events

Kryder Racing Series – Reed Kryder

Awards Banquet November 20th

Enduro Series – Roy Bergman

4 events – limited success – no series for 2011

Series may return in the future if there is an interest. Rules will remain posted on the website for regions to use if they run enduros and need guidelines.

NE Racing Series- Jerry Rigoli

5 Events – 14 races – 2 drivers schools and rational

Old Business

Improving Meetings – Jack Hanifan

Scranton Wilkes-Barre is the population and divisional central location.

Spring Roundtable tentatively scheduled for the Scranton Hilton Conference Center 3/19 & 3/20 Saturday only – luncheon no dinner banquet to allow for some to commute if they care to. The only people that will need to stay overnight are those attending the council meeting on Sunday. This was done specifically to attract the workers that may be able to attend on the Saturday to focus on training but not stay over night. \$119.00 per night.

Chairman's note: Following the Convention, the Round Table was relocated to the Pocono Manor on the weekend of March 5-6 in order to avoid co-scheduling with the WDC Driver School.

Committee in place to coordinate the different responsibilities of the Roundtable. Jack Hanifan Facilities Coordinator, Planning Coordinator Kathy Barnes, Earl Hurlbut contacting DA's Stewards, Solo ? Rally ? Terry Roberts – Registration. Sandy Sanders ? Program – Meg Meyers. Meeting Rooms paid for by NESCCA .

Host for November Mini Cons

2011 – Saratoga Springs, MoHud

2012- Ithaca Ramada Inn - Glen

Money Reduction Program – Tom Campbell

Target to have in our account should be \$30,000 (2 years of business) Progress continues and will be reviewed and plans for 2011 established at the Round Table in March.

New Business

Review / Approval of Division- Class Rules – reminder to look at the class rules that are on the website and if there are any that need to be approved at the divisional level these meetings are the time to do it.

Registration – Terry Roberts

Marilyn Freeman, recognized as the pioneer of on-line registration for the NE Division and Steve Fondakowski recognized as our webmaster for on-line registration for the past 11 years.

There is a new system central to SCCA – they are now using Motorsports Reg also available to the division is DLB-Reg. The regions will have to choose one; DLB is compatible to Motorsports Reg which is mandatory for what ever on-line system a region would choose so that they will be able to tie into National. A Motorsports Reg representative and DLB representative will be available at the Round Table for training and available at other times based on need.

Approval of the Double Nationals –

Motion to approve the Double National At Watkins Glen International – Mike Toombs, Jack Hanifan 2nd – Approved Unanimous

Motion to approve the Double National at Pocono – George Bloeser, Bill Stewart 2nd – Approved Unanimous.

Motion to have no more than one double national on the schedule for 2012 – Evanthe Salisbury, Jerry Rigoli 2nd – discussion (tabled per the vote below)

Motion to table the motion from Evanthe to the NRC until March – Peter Roberts , Marc Gerstein 2nd – roll call vote 10 yes, 3 no, 2 abstain – Approved.

Mike Toombs opened a discussion on whether the NESCCA name is serving its purpose. Drivers , participants don't understand its meaning they recognize NEDiv. It has been discussed many times and has been determined that some want to recognize it and some choose not to. Logos comply with SCCA standards both in print and on the web. More discussion at the March meeting after regions discuss the image with their solo, rally and what their impressions are of NESCCA vs NEDiv branding.

Mini Nationals for 2011 or 2012? pilot would be discussed in March for 2012. Some Regions are exploring the feasibility of having some mini nationals in 2011.

NA Administrators Situation – John Sheridan

After discussions with Terry Ozment, Vice President of Club Racing it was determined there were more effective ways to work with our regions other than NA's. Some regions need more hand holding than others. Looking at ways to coach those regions the resources will be redirected from the NA's to the area's that need training or ad hoc field staff. Relieve us from the extra level of bureaucracy. DA's will still have responsibilities in their division we have just taken out the middle person.

Nominations & Elections

Tom Campbell – Chair

Sandy Sanders – Secretary

A.G. Robbins – Treasurer

Dave Panas – Member at Large

Phil Henderson – Member at Large

Motion to Close Nominations - Barry Kaplan, Ty Noles 2nd. Approved Unanimous

Motion to Elect the nominated slate of candidates by acclamation: Barry Kaplan, Ty Noles 2nd. Approved Unanimous

11:15am Move to Adjourn – Barry Kaplan, George Bloeser 2nd – Approved Unanimous