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A NEWSLETTER FOR ALL AREA 11 MEMBERS FROM AREA DIRECTOR MARGE BINKS

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RE: NOTES FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING IN DENVER, MAY 19-20.

It's official - I prefer earthquakes to tornados! I attended the SCCA-IMSA PRO WEEKEND AT LIME ROCK. It was great. The racing was close, it's a beautiful track, the people were wonderful - we just had a lot of fun. The weather, however, was another story. The village of Great Barrington is not a place where you'd expect a tornado, but the tree that fell within five feet of my rental car, and the incredible damage were testament to their destructive power. From my particular perspective (standing in the dark in the shower stall), I can confirm that they do sound like locomotives. Fortunately, there were few injuries. But it was scary. Being Chairman is really an adventure!

But, on to Board business. During our meeting in Denver, we spent a good deal of time on ENTERPRISES. I'm glad we had completed an inventory and audit less than two weeks before the accidental fire which destroyed the building (we lost over \$700,000 in parts and other equipment), and our insurance covers 100% of the loss. We're working with our suppliers and expect no interruption in service to our Spec Racer and Spec Racer Ford owners. If you have any problems, please contact Martyn Thake or me. The temporary seal for heads and valve covers has been extended to 8/1/95.

Here are updates for CLUB RACING:

- Look for 1995 RUNOFFS Supp Regs and worker participation form in the current issue of SportsCar. 16-17 year olds will be able to compete this year, and we're working with Mid-Ohio to enable them to work in 1996. Drivers - the Board does not intend to issue waivers this year, so be sure your Division and Region-of-Record are correct.
- Check the current SportsCar for the new TOURING CLASS rules, which are based upon member input. Please review them and let us know.
- Beginning 1/1/97, the SOUND LIMITS will drop to 105db. The Board feels strongly that we must be sensitive to the needs of the communities where our tracks are located.
- Club Racing is working with SKIP BARBER AND BONDURANT Schools to allow them to train potential drivers for Regional Competition licenses. We believe these agreements will expose the SCCA to a new group of drivers, and there will be significant benefits to Regions and our Driver Instructors. As details develop, we'll let you know.

Here is the RALLY/SOLO news:

- Plans for the SOLO II NATIONALS IN TOPEKA continue. Tire Rack has signed on as title sponsor, and the Chamber of Commerce is very enthusiastic in its support for the event. I'll be there, and look forward to a very strong SoPac showing.
- SCCA constantly evaluates pricing structure, especially for entry level/low cost programs like road rally and solo. Read the article in SportsCar for a discussion of the structure and why SCCA is considering small increases for sanctions and licenses in 96 and 97.

MEMBERSHIP AND REGIONAL RELATIONS:

- CONVENTIONS will take on a new look. The Board accepted a proposal