

THE INSIDE LINE

A newsletter for all area 11 members from Area Director **Marge Binks**

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RE: Notes from the Board of Directors meeting and SCCA National Convention in Boston, 23-27 Feb 1994

HAPPY BIRTHDAY SCCA! On the 50th anniversary of the SSCA, take this opportunity to thank those whose presence, efforts, and participation over the years have made our Club the great organization it is today. Recognize our long-standing members, celebrate our successes, enjoy our collective accomplishments.

SoPac GOES FOR THE GOLD. One of the most important activities at any National Convention is publicly acknowledging the efforts and successes of the members and Regions throughout the country. Here is a list of SoPac winners and their awards. Our friend editor Jane Shaw won second place in the jumbo category for Region newsletters, but in our book she's first in class. Congratulations to everyone!

Tom Burke Award - outstanding recruitment by a region: Hawaii Region, M.G. Lewis, R.E.

SPDiv Steward of the Year: Fred Slick, CSCC

SCCA National Steward of the Year: Fred Slick, CSCC

Regional Publications Awards:

Medium 1st - Checkered Flag, LV, Donna Lee Laduhl

Med/Large 1st - Grid Lines, SD, Linda Hareline & Mark Williams

Jumbo 2nd - California Sports Car, CSCC, Jane Shaw

Road Rally Unequipped Class winners: Dave Kolb & Jeanne English, CSCC

Divisional Pro Rally Program of the Year: Mike & Paula Gibeault, Rim of the World, SPDiv

Pro Rally Promoter of the Year: Mike & Paula Gibeault

RUNOFFS. Preparations continue for the 1994 RunOffs at Mid-Ohio. The construction and facility upgrades I described December are ongoing. Ron Sharp, the event chair, has announced that the worker application/registration will first appear in the April or May SportsCar and all workers are encouraged to complete and return the form right away.

The Directors accepted a Club Racing plan to change the formula to distribute the RunOffs Tow Fund, As you may know, a fee is paid into the Tow Fund for each National race entry across the country. This Fund is then divided among the RunOffs entrants to assist them in getting to and from the event. Under the new formula, Arizona and Las Vegas members who go the Runoffs will receive \$1250 (a slight increase from prior years), and San Diego and Cal Club members will receive \$1500 (no change).

PRO RACING. Ongoing discussions continue to schedule at least one TransAm on the west coast for 1994. For 1993, the number of spectators at TransAm events increased by 185,000, while for CART the number was up only 118,000 and for IMSA the number of spectators actually decreased by 130,000! Our Pro Racing program is very strong and growing. The first event in 1994 at Miami drew 42 TransAm entries and 52 World Challenge entries!

All TransAm races will be televised on Prime Network. While most races will be tape delay, some will be live. Check your local listings.

SCCA TREASURER'S REPORT. Our Treasurer Peter Hylton, Area 4 Director, presented a very comprehensive and useful report. I have included it with the request that all SoPac newsletter editors reprint it.

ENTERPRISES. For the first time in its history, SCCA Enterprises has made 7 ontime consecutive repayments (totalling \$85,000) on its loans from SCCA, Inc., which have been consolidated into one note. Under a 10 year contract with Roush, R&D is continuing (at Roush's expense) on the Spec Racer Ford program, with plans to begin shipping cars and kits in the next month. 42 cars and 106 kits have been ordered as of late February.

Roush elected not to ship anything to Enterprises until problems with the SRF program could be resolved. Without any product to sell for two months, Enterprises has come into a cash-flow difficulty for which they requested a loan from SCCA, Inc. The Board reluctantly approved a \$400,000 short-term (9 - 12 month) loan which will be used to pay Roush for the parts needed to complete the cars on order, so that they can be delivered within the next month.

I voted in favor of the loan, as their last "get out of jail free" opportunity, because with the funding, they