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DMVR Wins Web Site Award

by Ric Johnson

On February 3rd at the SCCA National Convention it was announced that the Des Moines Valley Region web site, www.dmvrscca.org, was awarded the First Place award for the Medium-Large Region category in the 2005 Regional Web Site Competition. The Medium-Large category is comprised of 26 SCCA Regions with memberships between 250 and 599 members. The SCCA Regional Web Site awards are judged by webmasters of SCCA Regional web sites from other size categories. Judging criteria include Timeliness, Ease of Navigation, Region News, Other News, Officers/Contacts, Calendar(s), Service, Use of SCCA Branding, E-Forums/Bulletin Boards, Links, and Innovative Usage.

Des Moines Valley Region was one of the first Regions in SCCA to recognize the value of a web site as a communication tool. Our presence on the World Wide Web began in 1996 with two small web sites, one created by Brian Putzier for the DMVR Race Officials community and one created by myself (Ric Johnson) for DMVR's Road Rally Program. In early 1997, I began the task of enhancing and expanding my site to encompass all the Region's activities. After a couple of years of hosting the site in the members section of AOL our friends at Triad Productions in Des Moines made the generous offer to host our web site on their server space at no charge which we gladly accepted. This allowed us to finally simplify the web address to the current www.dmvrscca.org and gave us the space to grow the web site to be substantially more comprehensive than our original small site.

As most of you are aware the DMVR site now contains a wealth of information for both our DMVR members, and those wanting to learn more about our club and its activities. Our site continues to see increases in visitors from around the world and we strive to make sure remains timely, accurate and informative. The web site is often the first point of contact for potential new members and we try very hard to make their first impression a good one. We are always open to suggestions for improvement, and would love to receive your comments, articles and photos about events you've attended, or anything else you'd like to share with the membership. The web site is a constantly evolving representation of the club and we'd encourage you to participate in that evolution.

One feature which has become increasingly popular, although still somewhat under used by some segments of the club, is our DMVR Message Forums. These are public forums which allow users to post information, news, photos and conversation, and offer a great way to do some electronic "bench racing" year round. If you haven't yet visited the DMVR Forums I'd encourage you to do so. There are message categories for all aspects of DMVR's activities, as well as for almost any other discussion of motorsport and cars both within and outside the SCCA. You can access the DMVR Forums by going directly to www.dmvrscca.org/bb.htm, or via the "Enter DMVR Forums" link to the Forums on the web site's home page.

I'm proud that our peers have honored the DMVR web site with this award, and look forward to making it even better as the Region heads toward our 50th Anniversary!

Our congratulations to Ric and our thanks for all the work he does on maintaining the DMVR web site. Way to go Ric!

REport

by Jennifer Igou

The other day I read an article about how to run a successful club. In reading it, two things jumped out at me. The first was that the most important persons in the club are the newsletter editor and webmaster as the primary means of communication with the membership. The second was that people generally want to contribute, but very rarely volunteer right up front. Human nature requires that they be asked to participate, and contributions to the organization grow from there. So this REport is going to do just that... communicate and ask!

The Region needs your help. The same basic group of people have been doing the various specialty jobs within the Region for a long time (the 80/20 rule), and as their participation lessens over time, we have not been doing a good job of recruiting in new people.

We need people to help with membership recruitment. A strong membership ensures the future! We need people to help organize DMVR's 50th Anniversary coming up in 2008. This will be one big shindig! We need people to help our Solo group run events more smoothly. This is a great way to meet new people, make friends and get involved in the club in a more meaningful way. We need people to help our volunteer workers at club races. We have a strong group of people who work hard in this area, but there is a finite horizon, with no one new in the pipeline.

If you want to help and get more involved in our club, please send me an email. I'm asking for your help!

Finally, I'll end with some celebration! DMVR and our own Ric Johnson received 1st place at National Convention for our Web site in the medium/large region category. Congratulations Ric! We appreciate all that you do!

Jennifer Igou, RE

From the Editor...

Watch for new look for Drifting next month. Thanks to DMVR member Todd Senne for offering the graphics services of his company, Trilix Marketing Group, for help in publishing our Drifting newsletter. I look forward to working with Todd and his crew.

I'm also working on a plan for online notification and distribution of Drifting. Ric posts on the DMVR Web site a .pdf of Drifting that we provide to him. Members will be able to opt out of receiving paper version of Drifting, receive email notification when the next issue has been posted, view Drifting in color on the Web site, save some money for the Club, and help save a few trees. Watch for details.

Your help is needed with articles, pictures, reports. Share your technical expertise or what's happening at events you participate in. And remember, Drifting also serves in documenting the history of our club. Contact me at mjrjshaw@aol.com or 515-277-4047 to volunteer.

Monica

P.S. Don't forget your local Webmaster also. Ric is always looking for additional info for the DMVR Web site too. Let's help him go for a 2nd trophy at National Convention next year.

MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS – First Tuesday of the month, 7:30 p.m.
at Noah's Ark Restaurant, 2400 Ingersoll Ave, Des Moines

BOARD MEETINGS – Third Tuesday of the month, 7:30 p.m.
at Autographs, Urbandale, IA

ALL MEMBERS WELCOME AT ALL MEETINGS!

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Julow Named New SCCA President

1/27/06 - TOPEKA, Kan. –

Sports Car Club of America, Inc. (SCCA), the 60,000-member motorsports organization boasting the largest active participant group in racing, announced today that James R. Julow will become its next President.

Julow brings a wealth of industry experience to SCCA, with a focus on marketing and operations. His 28-year automotive career has included stints with all domestic divisions of the current Chrysler Group, including serving most recently as the DaimlerChrysler Vice President of Motorsports and SRT Programs.

“Throughout this process, the Board of Directors’ primary goal has been to ensure the future leadership and excellence of the staff for this Club,” SCCA Chairman of the Board Robert Introne said. “We met with a number of excellent candidates, and Jim Julow stood out as an outstanding choice for the next president of SCCA. He brings a wealth of knowledge and leadership qualities to our company and has a proven record of success in his past business endeavors.”

“Given my broad background in the automotive industry and, more recently, consulting in high-tech growth marketing, I feel that there is a lot that I can bring to SCCA,” Julow said. “My goal is to turbo charge SCCA. It already has a great image and excellent programs, and I want to work to take everything to the next level.”

Under Julow’s leadership, the current Dodge Motorsports program, which includes a successful NASCAR effort, was born. Additionally, the Street Race Technology (SRT) program was conceived, and he oversaw the launch of the Viper SRT-10 convertible and SRT-4 as well as the distribution of the Viper Competition Coupe. While the Vice President and General Manager of Dodge, Julow set all-time records for sales, share and revenue for the Dodge Division.

In 2003, following his departure from DaimlerChrysler, Julow became a partner and Senior Vice President and Chief Marketing Officer for Swat Team, a growth marketing consulting company specializing in the high-tech industry.

Julow’s academic accomplishments include undergraduate and MBA degrees from Purdue University and certificates of merit from Harvard University and Michigan State University. He and his wife, Joan, will relocate from Bloomfield Hills, Mich. to Kansas. The couple has three college-aged children.

Julow replaces Steve Johnson, who held the Club’s top position from 2000 through September 2005, before moving to a similar position with Champ Car. Julow will officially take the office full time in early March, but will be on hand for the annual SCCA National Convention in Kansas City, Feb. 2-4.

NEW MIDIV SOLO SAFETY STEWARD APPOINTED

February 9, 2006

To all SCCA Mid West Division Solo Safety Stewards

Rob Pickrell decided to retire as our Mid West Division Solo Safety Steward. I would like to thank him for all of the hours, hard work and passion for safety he has given to the Midwest Division of SCCA. In a volunteer organization people who give time for a job as important as safety are to be commended. I hope you will join me in thanking Rob.

My name is Janice Rick and I have been appointed to this position. For those of you that do not know me, I have been in SCCA for about 20 years and in Solo as a driver for all those years. I attend regional, divisional, tours and national events. I have a background in construction management. I was a safety director for a contractor based out of St. Louis for over 10 years. I am an active member of the St. Louis Region. I am the Vice Chairman of the MiDiv Committee and on the National Time Trials Advisory Board. I will be running a 2005 Red MINI Cooper this year in GSL.

To contact me:

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News from National Convention in Kansas City.

Waivers will be a top priority in 2006. It is imperative that all information on each one be completed and witnessed. The SEB said that this is a duty we need to be diligent about and they are going to encourage all regions to add a “Chief of Waivers” to the regions solo program. This person is to assure they are completed and stored for the many years that are required.

Other items of interest.

I would be happy to teach a class at any divisional event (I am currently planning on attending all of them) and I hope each region will encourage people to get their solo safety licenses. Just contact me and we can get it set up.

There is always a benefit from communication in safety. If you are not already signed up for the SCCA Safety Stewards group email list, please do so and get the inside track to all the safety discussions from allover the country. To subscribe, go to <http://lists.carlc.com/mailman/listinfo/sss> (your SSS license must be current)

MiDiv Convention will be held in Omaha in November 2006 and a SSS class can certainly be held there for training for the next season.

If I can be of any help please contact me. I wish you all Speed and Safety.

Janice Rick

2006 Solo Meeting

When: Saturday, February 25, 2006
Time: 1:00 p.m.
Where: Chicken Coop, 1900 Grand Ave., West Des Moines
 (in strip mall with Blockbuster and Papa Murphy's)



Who should come?

Everyone who is interested in DMVR's Solo program!

What will be discussed?

2005 highlights & lowlights	2006 Event Schedule
Event Chair Assignment	Potential Event Sites
Event Improvements	2006 event articles & pictures
2006 capital expenses that will be needed	SOTY points program
Much, much more!!!	

Please come and participate and share your thoughts and ideas!

For more information or to confirm event status, contact:

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Official Regional Solo 2 Calendar of Events

Date	Event	Location
March 25	Test & Tune – SCCA Members Only	Sandpiper Recreation Area, Saylorville
March 26	DMVR Regional Solo 2 Points Event	Sandpiper Recreation Area, Saylorville
April 29	Test & Tune – SCCA Members Only	Sandpiper Recreation Area, Saylorville
April 30	DMVR Regional Solo 2 Points Event	Sandpiper Recreation Area, Saylorville
May 20	Test & Tune – SCCA Members Only	Sandpiper Recreation Area, Saylorville
May 21	DMVR Regional Solo 2 Points Event	Sandpiper Recreation Area, Saylorville
June 18	DMVR Regional Solo 2 Points Event	TBA (DMACC or Ames)
July 16	DMVR Regional Solo 2 Points Event	TBA (DMACC or Ames)
August 27	DMVR Regional Solo 2 Points Event	TBA (DMACC or Ames)
September 10	DMVR Regional Solo 2 Points Event	Sandpiper Recreation Area, Saylorville
October 8	DMVR Regional Solo 2 Points Event	Sandpiper Recreation Area, Saylorville
October 29	DMVR Regional Solo 2 Points Event	Sandpiper Recreation Area, Saylorville

The R&S Racing and Solo Performance Midiv Solo Series - 2006

Enter or get more info at www.midivsolo.org

Date	Hosted by	Location	Contact
April 29-30	Kansas City Region	Truman Sports Complex, Kansas City	Neil Leon
June 3-4	Arkansas Region	Walnut Ridge Airport, Walnut Ridge AR	Jay Jackson
June 24-25	Wichita Region	East Crawford Rec Area, Salina KS	TBA
August 5-6	Kansas Region	Heartland Park, Topeka KS	Jason Hull
September 3-4	St Louis Region	Gateway International, Madison IL	Reto Koradi

SOLO EVENT CHAIRPERSONS NEEDED ... Help the club and help yourself too.

- Earn extra SOTY (Soloist of the Year) points
- Compete in the event – no entry fee (*with minimum of at least 4 co-chairs; must be member*)

To sign up, contact: **Mike Slater at 515-992-3184, mslater@worldnet.att.net**
 Jon Payne at 515-287-3164, dmvrsolo@mchsi.com

DMVR Solo 2 Season Opener

March 25 – 26, 2006

Sandpiper Recreation Area, Saylorville

(Located between the marina and Caseys outside Polk City.
See map / directions on DMVR Web site, www.dmvrscca.org)

PRE-REGISTRATION RECOMMENDED!

Help speed up registration time –
pre-register online. Less time in registration ...
more time for runs!

Forms and directions at
www.slateracing.com/html/event_registration.html

DMVR Test & Tune

Saturday, March 25, 2006

Registration: 10:00 a.m.

Mandatory Drivers Meeting: 11:30 a.m.

1st Car Off: noon

Entry Fee: \$20.00

25 Entry Maximum – SCCA Members Only

This is not an autocross and will not count toward
DMVR year-end points. A simple course will be
set up for practice and car set-up.

Timer will be set up.

Subject to cancellation or postponement due to
inclement weather. Check the registration page at
www.slateracing.com for any notice of change.

Regional Points Solo 2

Sunday – October 30, 2005

Registration: 9:00 a.m. – noon

Tech Opens: 9:30 a.m.

Mandatory Drivers Meeting: 10:45 a.m.

1st Car Off: 11:00 a.m.

Entry Fees:

Members – \$20.00

Non-members – \$25.00

Event Chairs: TBA

Contact Mike Slater or Jon Payne to volunteer!

Season Passes:

- 9 Events, Locks in Vehicle Number, and Trophy Plaque - \$120.00
- 8 Events, Locks in Vehicle Number, and Trophy Plaque - \$110.00
- 7 Events, Locks in Vehicle Number - \$100.00
- 6 Events, Locks in Vehicle Number - \$ 90.00

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Learning to Recruit

by Roger Newman

Roger is a Tech and Flagging & Communications worker from Nebraska Region

Whether or not we know it, we have been recruiting all of our lives, and it's what we have a passion for and excitement that wins people over.

Remember the first bicycle you wanted, or first doll you just had to have or you would die? Or what girl or guy you had a crush on? Or a car you just couldn't live without? You married people, how about your spouse? When we have a real desire to promote ourselves, someone or something, we show the excitement in getting that goal accomplished.

So this is the reason for this article. I am by no means an expert in this field, but at age 53 I have learned a few things that do work, and some things that don't.

For the last 2005 MVRG event at MAM with the Enduro, I talked to several people about coming to the track and seeing if they would like to volunteer to help flag on corners or help Tech or Grid and see if they would like any of that. Some people I

have asked don't like racing (I know that is hard to believe), and that's fine. Some were busy or were committed to something on the race days, and that's fine. You are not going to hook them all, but if you enjoy volunteering like I do it should be a burn for you to share it.

Something I used this time to promote the races were pictures of all the different types of cars, drivers and haulers (from my trucking background) and explaining what I enjoyed about SCCA the CLUB. I am in no way patting myself on the back because it isn't always easy. And, it is, in my feeling, a responsibility to see to it they first enjoy it and find their area of volunteering enjoyment. But it seems to me if you show the passion and excitement you have for SCCA volunteering, it will rub off on some of them. Remember, you are not going to get everyone. It's a game of numbers, and the more prospects you talk to the more you will get.

In 2005, I lined up two sponsors and they donated gift certificates for drivers and workers for the Enduro race. One was a muffler shop where I had some work done. Another was a die cast place I deal with buying cars I can afford. Drivers and workers, use as many sponsors as possible

and tell them you appreciate anything they do for SCCA racing. This helps promote their business, and drivers and workers get some nice prizes. It's a win-win situation.

Businesses that you frequent all have an association with you and are looking for more customers to purchase their products or use their service. Ask them if they would be interested in donating something or would like to volunteer at the track. We don't want to turn an event into a mega advertising blitz, but a little goes a long way. Talk with the people you do business with and see what kind of support they could give.

Tell them why you volunteer and some of the fun things you have experienced. Excitement wins them over most of the time, and they will want to join in on your fun.

So let's talk to most everyone we come into contact with. You never know who will join in the fun and who won't.

See you... and lots of your friends... at the track!!!

Let's Go Racing!

The 2006 MVRG race schedule has been announced...

**April 22-23
Regional / National /
IT Tour**

**July 29-30
Regional / National /
IT Tour**

**September 16-17
School / Bonus Regional /
Enduro**



Mark your calendars and plan to join us at Mid-America Motorplex!

Schedule details and entry forms to be released soon.

Worker specialties – contact Worker Coordinator Monica Shaw at mjrshaw@aol.com to sign up.

- Course Marshall
- Flagging & Communications
- Grid
- Hospitality
- Paddock
- Pits
- Registration
- Scrutineering (Tech)
- Sound Control
- Starters
- Timing & Scoring

WE NEED YOU!

Every race needs many workers in the various specialties in order to have a safe event. It takes a good number of people who are dedicated and want to see the event a success.

Missouri Valley Race Group (MVRG) welcomes your participation as a volunteer in helping make our road racing weekends at Mid-America safe, fun and fair.

Each worker specialty has a different function, but the goal is the same – to have fun and enjoy the sport of auto racing. Below is a brief description of the different worker specialties. Check them out and let me know what you'd like to try. Experienced race officials will be there to help train new workers.

Our first event for 2006 is approaching. Be sure I have your current e-mail ID so you'll receive details as events approach throughout the year.

If you have any questions, let me know. I look forward to seeing you at the track.

Monica Shaw
MVRG Worker Coordinator

REGISTRATION

The registration workers are usually the first officials the drivers, crew and other workers meet when they arrive at the track. Registration workers organize official entry forms and check driver, crew and worker credentials. If you're efficient, patient and friendly, and like to rise with the sun (the day does start early for registration), this may be for you. A great choice if you want to work under a roof and meet lots of people.

GRID

Using the qualifying times provided by Timing & Scoring, grid workers line up the cars prior to race sessions and make last minute safety inspections. If you can

follow directions, deal effectively with people, tell time and read a schedule, you have the attributes needed. The grid offers you an excellent opportunity to viewing race cars close up and meet the drivers and crew.

STEWARDS

These are the individuals responsible for the overall running of an event, including enforcement of rules. The Chief Steward is the highest authority at a competition event and is responsible for coordinating the activities of the safety groups during the event.

STARTERS

All eyes, especially the drivers', are on the starter – looking for that green flag signaling the start of the race and the checkered flag at the end. After the green flag drops, a starter counts and charts laps throughout the race, and serves as a flagger. Starters are usually easy to spot in their black and white striped shirts, worn for visibility.

FLAGGING & COMMUNICATIONS

F&C offers you one of the best views of racing... trackside. Flag stations, strategically placed around the track where things are most likely to happen, are staffed by these white-clad officials often called corner workers or flaggers. Corner workers help provide a safe course by warning drivers of track conditions using flags or other signals, communicating course conditions to race control, handling fires, assisting damaged cars, or taking appropriate emergency action needed. F&C workers have the "best seat in the house", but these dedicated diehards spend all day outside on their feet. Remember, we race rain or shine.

COURSE MARSHALS AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

Course marshals make sure all emergency equipment is operational and in place. While often in the background and out of sight, when an incident happens emergency services (also known as EV) is always standing by and ready to move at a

moments notice. Backing up the F&C workers around the course are the EV medical staff and ambulance crews, as well as firefighters and tow truck crews.

TIMING AND SCORING

Another specialty generally inside and out of the elements, the timers and scorers use a variety of equipment from stopwatches to sophisticated computers and electronic sensors to keep lap-by-lap records of each car on every lap. Transponders to electronically track times are required in MiDiv, but staffing is still needed for certain tasks and as back-up.

PITS AND PADDOCK

Pit and paddock workers are responsible for safety in these areas of the track and for keeping traffic areas clear for the race cars to safely enter and leave.

SCRUTINEERING (TECH)

If you want to look at cars more closely, scrutineering (tech) may be for you. Scrutineers conduct safety checks to make sure every car, and the driver's personal safety equipment, meet SCCA safety regulations. They also inspect top finishers in impound after the race. Being interested in cars and technically oriented is a definite plus, along with good people skills. Be prepared to start early and work late ... but you get to know the drivers and their cars.

SOUND CONTROL

Sound control officials monitor the noise level of race cars on track. Noise levels are recorded, along with weather data and other information important to the stewards, who determine what action to take regarding violations of noise regulations. Being able to read and record data rapidly is a plus.

RACE CHAIRPERSON

If you want to be a hero and have skills in diplomacy, this is for you. A race chairperson serves as an organizer and liaison. Among the many duties of a race chairperson are helping plan and set up social functions at the end of the day, assisting the stewards and making sure the workers have what they need.

You Know You're A Racer If...

- Your email address refers to your race car rather than to you.
- You walk "proper lines" through the grocery store.
- You thoroughly enjoy showing the tailgater behind you how to drive around a highway off-ramp.
- You sometimes hear little noises from your passengers when you get on the throttle right after turning in.

BoD Minutes

by Rick Talbot, DMVR Secretary

October 18, 2005, Autographs, Urbandale

The October BOD meeting was called to order at 7:38pm by R.E. Jennifer Igou.

BOD Members Attending: Jennifer Igou, Talbot, Bell, Johnson, Bennett, Payne, K. Mandt, and Volante. M. Slater was absent. Drifting Editor Monica Shaw, MVRG President Jarrod Igou, and member guests Ron Shaw, Harlan Donaldson, Bart Holden and Lynn Bell were also present. All DMVR members are welcome at any BOD meeting.

OFFICER REPORTS:

Membership – Ralph Johnson reported a total of 268 members including active, charter and dual members. He has also sent out renewal reminder letters to members whose membership is expiring according to SCCA records. Ralph reported that he's ordered the year-end membership anniversary awards totaling \$98 plus shipping and handling.

Secretary – Fred moved that the September 27th BOD meeting minutes be approved as previously distributed. Dick seconded the motion; passed unanimously.

Asst R.E. – Dick reiterated that DMVR's Annual Meeting will be Saturday, December 10th at the State Historical Building of Iowa with food catered by Christiani's. Tickets at \$25 per person are available from Dick – see article in September DRIFTING for details. Dick coordinated with Jarrod Igou for picking up beverages for the meeting and Jennifer volunteered to assist with member registration the evening of the event. Dick mentioned he's been successful in obtaining some nice door prizes. There was some discussion of the possibility of organizing a silent auction in conjunction with the annual meeting, but it was felt such an event would be too time consuming and otherwise detract from the opportunity members will have to view the State Historical Building displays.

Treasurer – Fred Bell discussed the current club financial statements. Fred discussed the availability of more favorable interest rates for short-term investments. Jennifer discussed MVRG 2005 cash flow and the possibility of a distribution following year-end. Because of the uncertainty of MVRG cash distribution, a decision on investing excess DMVR cash in a short-term certificate of deposit was

deferred until the new year for the new Board of Directors.

Racing Competition – Dave discussed the recent race results for the final MVRG races at Mid-America Motorplex earlier in October. He discussed his budget for year-end competition awards (Driver of the Year, Rookie of the Year and Winged Bitch) and moved that a budget of \$250 be approved. The motion was seconded by Jon and passed unanimously. Dave reiterated that he and his wife would be hosting the DMVR Annual Meeting after party again at their home in Urbandale. Dave was reminded to print up some strip maps for members to find his home.

Solo – Jon announced that the last two Solo events for DMVR this year are at Sandpiper Recreation Area 10/30 and again the following week, 11/6. Sanctions and insurance certificates have been received from SCCA National for both events. September Solo event results have been compiled and furnished to Ric Johnson and Monica Shaw for publication on the DMVR Web Site and in DRIFTING, respectively. Jennifer added that Rob Pickrell acknowledged receipt of the special Solo event report package discussed at the previous Board meeting. Jon discussed his ideas for year-end Solo awards and moved that \$1,300 be allocated for those awards. The motion was seconded by Kris and passed unanimously.

Race Officials – Kris announced that the upcoming October 29th & 30th race at St Louis is the last nearby MIDIV race this season. Kris asks all DMVR race officials to send him their 2005 season number of days worked for year-end worker awards. He also will be sending out ballots for Worker of the Year and Rookie of the Year. Kris will also be accepting nominations for the I've Fallen and Can't Get Up award. Kris discussed year-end award budget for Worker of the Year, Rookie of the Year, WDM Fire Dept Appreciation Plaques and donation would be approximately \$300.00. One worker jacket would be ordered for a worker who received their National license this year.

Regional Executive – Jen reminded all that the deadline for nominations for the Hoskins Award would be the November membership meeting November 2nd.

OLD BUSINESS:

Nominations for the 2006 DMVR Board of Directors will close as of the end of the November membership meeting. All current Board members would appreciate

new members stepping up to assume some Board positions. The only position with a prerequisite is that of Regional Executive, who must have served previously in any position on a previous DMVR Board. Nominations should be submitted to the R.E. Jennifer by close of the November membership meeting. Ballots will be mailed out by the Secretary shortly after the meeting for any contested Board positions.

There was a discussion of DMVR's need to review their representatives to the MVRG Board. Current members, Jarrod (President), Greg Scharnberg (Treasurer) and Marina Kraft, have been on the board for several years. It is the intention to rotate membership while retaining some experienced members year to year. After some discussion, the following DMVR nominations of Dave Volante and Harlan Donaldson would be added to Jarrod Igou who agreed to remain on the board for 2006.

Jarrold discussed recent events occurring at the Hastings, NE racing facility. We have heard no official updates from Nebraska Region, but Jarrod did say that a rallycross event had been held recently at that location. {Secretary Note: At the October membership meeting 10/4, Jack Kish, MIDIV Executive Steward, showed attendees the proposed Hastings track layout designed by Alan Wilson, the same designer as Mid-America Motorplex.}

NEW BUSINESS:

Jennifer discussed the upcoming MIDIV Convention to be held in Witchita November 12th & 13th and moved that DMVR pay the \$50.00 registration fee for any DMVR Board member who chose to attend the meeting. Rick seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Jennifer led a discussion of the 2005 Region Achievement Scorecard. From the discussion items, it was apparent DMVR has room for improvement in several areas but improvement requires the efforts of a broader participation from the membership.

There was discussion concerning the 2006 MIDIV convention.

Monica discussed the MIDIV Worker of the Year award.

Next Board meeting - Tuesday, November 15th, 7:30pm at Autographs in Urbandale.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:08 p.m. by R.E. Jennifer Igou.

BoD Minutes

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The November BOD meeting was called to order at 7:38pm by R.E. Jennifer Igou.

BOD Members Attending: Jennifer Igou, Talbot, Bell, Johnson, and Bennett; M. Slater, Payne, K. Mandt, and Volante were absent. Drifting Editor Monica Shaw, MVRG President Jarrod Igou, and member guests Ron Shaw, Wes Krause, and Bart Holden were also present. All DMVR members are welcome at any BOD meeting.

OFFICER REPORTS:

Membership – Ralph Johnson reported a total of 269 members including active, charter and dual members. He has received “new” SCCA informational brochures from SCCA National.

Secretary – Rick moved that the October 18th BOD meeting minutes be approved as previously distributed. Dick seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Asst R.E. – Dick reported that as of the Board meeting he’d received payment from 38 members for the Annual Meeting December 10th, with reservations placed by another 12. Wine, beer and soft drinks, as well as table arrangements for the event were discussed. Jennifer led a discussion regarding DMVR’s opportunity for a guest speaker. Dick moved and Ralph seconded Jennifer’s motion that DMVR pay for the speaker’s and his guest’s banquet meal, and if required, hotel lodging. The motion passed unanimously. Jennifer will firm up the guest speaker arrangements.

Treasurer – Fred Bell discussed timing issues relative to Solo expenses and their impact on the current club financial statements. Rick moved the Treasurer’s report be accepted, Dick seconded the motion and the motion was passed unanimously.

Racing Competition – In Dave’s absence, Bart briefly discussed the ARRC race in Atlanta and his notable achievement of finishing the race. Additionally, he reviewed the recent St Louis race where DMVR Spec Miata racers Dave, Ray, Bart, Jarrod competed (while Tom rented vehicles for fun and profit).

Solo – Jon and Mike were not present but Jennifer recapped the Solo information presented at the MIDIV convention in Wichita and discussed the idea of having a winter Solo season planning meeting. Agenda items/issues for discussion should be sent to Jennifer.

Race Officials – Wes Krause, nominee for Race Officials Director, discussed recent events at the Newton Race Track now under construction.

OLD BUSINESS:

Jennifer recapped DMVR’s nominations for representatives to the MVRG Board. DMVR nominations of Dave Volante and Harlan Donaldson would be added to Jarrod Igou who agreed to remain on the board for 2006. Fred moved that Dave Volante, Harlan Donaldson and Jarrod Igou be DMVR’s MVRG representatives for 2006. The motion was seconded by Dick and passed unanimously.

Jarrold provided a brief status report on the Hastings, NE track. While the track did host the national RallyCross championship recently, no construction has started on the racing facility and no asphalt is in place. Given the lack of construction progress, the Hastings track does not have racing dates on the 2006 MIDIV calendar at this time.

NEW BUSINESS:

Dick will make meeting room reservations at Noah’s for monthly membership meetings and at Autograph’s for the monthly Board of Director’s meetings.

Jennifer discussed the recent MIDIV Convention and 2006 MIDIV Race Schedule.

Jarrold discussed MVRG planning for the 2006 racing season at Mid-America Motorplex (MAM). The proposed 2006 contract with the track has been received and is similar to that for 2005. The MVRG Committee will be reviewing the contract and submitting a 2006 MVRG racing budget to both DMVR and NER for approval.

Next Board meeting – Saturday, December 10th, following the Annual Meeting, at the Iowa State Historical Museum.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:43p.m. by R.E. Jennifer Igou.

BoD Minutes

by Rick Talbot, DMVR Secretary

January 17, 2006, Autographs, Urbandale

The January BOD meeting was called to order at 7:32 pm by R.E. Jennifer Igou.

BOD Members Attending: Jennifer Igou, Talbot, Bell, Johnson, and Bennett; M. Slater, Payne, Krause, and Volante were absent. Drifting Editor Monica Shaw, MVRG President Jarrod Igou, MVRG member Harlan Donaldson and member guests Lynne Bell, Ron Shaw, Nancy Pratt, Bart Holden and Greg Scharnberg were also present. All DMVR members are welcome at any BOD meeting.

OFFICER REPORTS:

Membership – Ralph Johnson reported a total of 266 members including active, 11 charter and 12 dual members. Ralph announced the recent increase in 2006 SCCA National dues with individual memberships increasing \$5.00 to a total of \$75 a year (incl. \$15.00 DMVR regional dues) and family memberships increasing \$10.00 to a total of \$115.00 (incl. \$20.00 DMVR regional dues). Ralph is working on the 2006 DMVR Membership Directory.

Secretary – Rick read the November 15th BOD meeting minutes. Fred moved and Ralph seconded a motion that the minutes be approved as read. The motion and it was passed unanimously.

Asst R.E. – Dick provided a recap of the December 10th Annual Meeting held at the State Historical Building of Iowa and catered by Christiani’s. While the event was a bit more expensive for the club, all seemed to enjoy the unique atmosphere and buffet dinner. Board thanked Dick for his efforts. Dick announced the tentative date for the 2006 Annual Meeting to be December 9th. He is currently investigating other locations and has reserved Christiani’s to provide the meal for the evening. Dick announced that DMVR will again have the annual picnic and Night Before the State Fair Scavenger Hunt events, and several are discussing the possibility of reenacting the Fun Rally Drive to Galena from 2004.

Treasurer – Fred Bell and Greg Scharnberg, outgoing MVRG Treasurer, discussed 2005 MVRG finances. MVRG had a financially successful race season, thanks in part to good weather and turnout

for the Fall Enduro which helps to subsidize the cost of the Driver's School. Fred raised the suggestion of having a non-Board DMVR member review the club's 2005 financial records; it being a prudent financial policy for periodic independent review. Fred offered to prepare a short financial records review checklist. There was a short discussion of DMVR's current financial position as current club checking account balance is a bit lower at the start of this year; due primarily to less Solo income in 2005 and higher than normal year-end annual meeting expenses. Dick moved and Rick seconded a motion to accept the Treasurer's financial reports as prepared. The motion passed unanimously.

Racing Competition – In Dave's absence, Jarrod announced the competition drivers would be having their pre-season meeting in February at Dave Volante's home. Jarrod will communicate exact date/time info to all competition drivers as soon as that info is confirmed. (Note: Meeting date subsequently set for Sunday, February 19th starting at noon and guaranteed to be completed prior to the green flag for the Daytona 500; all DMVR members welcome).

Solo – Jon and Mike were not present but Jennifer led a discussion of the past year's Solo program. The 2006 Solo schedule had not been firmed up and the Board discussed the goal of trying to get DMVR Solo events back to the standard 3rd Sunday of the month; except when such a date might conflict with MVRG races. After much discussion, Bart volunteered to follow up with Mike and Jon regarding the 2006 Solo schedule and planning for a Solo community meeting prior to the start of the autocross season. Bart will have an update available at the February DMVR membership meeting. Greg Scharnberg discussed the plans for having an All-Iowa Solo event at Waterloo this season. Final dates and arrangement will be announced at a later time.

Race Officials – Wes Krause, new DMVR Race Officials Director, was unable to attend the meeting. It was announced that the KAW Valley Race Group will be sponsoring a Race Worker School at the SCCA National Headquarters in Topeka, KS, the weekend of March 4th & 5th. This is a no cost event with lunch provided on Saturday and will provide instruction on all major race specialties, not strictly a Flagging and

Communication (e.g. Corner Worker) school, and is a prime opportunity to explore participation as an SCCA race official. There was discussion of necessary follow-up action regarding 2005 DMVR race official awards. Monica will contact Kris Mandt for his 2005 records and provide that information to Nancy Pratt and Jennifer Igou.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business discussed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Jennifer discussed the upcoming 50th Anniversary of DMVR which will occur in January 2008. Further discussion was tabled until a future Board meeting.

There was a short discussion about the annual purchase of 40 new autocross pylons. This purchase was approved by Board discussion and Jennifer will inform Mike to order the pylons.

Jarrold provided an update of the Missouri Valley Race Group (MVRG) of which DMVR and Nebraska Region (NER) are 50% owners. NER has appointed two new members to the MVRG board, Tim White and Stan Olson, who replace Jerry Doctor and Candy Gerber. They join Frank Safranek who remains as a NER representative on the MVRG board. Per Jarrold, the MVRG board is currently working on the 2006 race contract with Mid-America Motorplex and the 2006 MVRG budget. The MVRG budget will be presented to and approved by both region's Boards of Directors at their next meetings and may be distributed by e-mail for prior review. The MVRG board is working to identify MVRG board positions left vacant by departing board members. Jarrold discussed MVRG's needs in 2006 for capital expenditures for sound equipment and its testing/certification. Greg Scharnberg, outgoing MVRG Treasurer, discussed the possibility of a MVRG equity distribution in 2006.

DRIFTING Editor Monica Shaw requested DRIFTING article information ASAP.

Next Board meeting – Tuesday, February 21st, 7:30pm at Autographs in Urbandale at NWC of Douglas and 100th Streets.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:32p.m. by R.E. Jennifer Igou.

BoD Minutes

by Rick Talbot, DMVR Secretary

February 7, 2006, Noah's, Des Moines by Rick Talbot, DMVR Secretary

R.E. Jennifer Igou announced a special meeting of the DMVR Board of Directors by e-mail communication February 6, 2006, which included the MVRG 2006 Proposed Budget. The meeting was held Tuesday, February 7, 2006, immediately following the monthly DMVR membership meeting.

BOD Members Attending: Jennifer Igou, Talbot, Bell, Johnson, Bennett, Payne, Krause, and Volante. M. Slater was absent. Outgoing MVRG Treasurer Greg Scharnberg also attended.

New Business:

There was discussion of what DMVR should do with nine fire bottles the Region owns which are in need of recertification. These bottles have been used at MAM for events. The cost for DMVR to have the bottles recertified was only marginally less than the cost of purchasing new bottles. Dick moved and Wes seconded a motion that the fire bottles be donated to MVRG for use at MVRG sponsored events. The motion was approved by all Board members present.

Jennifer led a discussion of the MVRG 2006 Proposed Budget. The budget was based upon an assumption of similar number of vehicle entries for each event and took into account known cost increases in both track rental and SCCA related fees. The budget forecast an overall operating profit for the coming year similar to that achieved for 2005. Rick moved and Jon seconded a motion the 2006 MVRG Proposed Budget, which was based upon 2005 vehicle entry levels and which forecast an overall estimated operating profit of \$2,755.70, be accepted. The motion was passed by all Board members attending.

Next Board meeting – Tuesday, February 21st, 7:30pm at Autographs in Urbandale at NWC of Douglas and 100th Streets.

The meeting was adjourned by R.E. Jennifer Igou at approximately 9:15 p.m.

**CRASH, FIRE AND RESCUE SCHOOL
& ALL SPECIALTY TRAINING**

hosted by Kaw Valley Race Group, Inc.

Free to SCCA members & invited guests!

WHEN: Saturday, March 4, 2006

WHERE: SCCA National Office

Forbes Field, Topeka, Bldg 300, Street B

(just North of Heartland Park Topeka on Topeka Blvd)

and Heartland Park Topeka

REGISTRATION OPENS: 8:00 am, Lunch provided at noon

SPECIALTY TRAINING (*specialty break-outs depend on demand*):

Flagging & Communications Timing & Scoring Registration

Tech Course Marshal Sound Control Pit & Grid

Race Administration Starter Hospitality

REGISTER ON-LINE AT WWW.MYAUTOEVENTS.COM

(Enter "KAW VALLEY" into the "EVENT QUICK SEARCH" box at the right of the home page) or complete the form below and return to:

Neava Ford, 5025 Rosewood Dr., Roeland Park KS 66205; (913) 432-9630

NAME: _____ SCCA MEMBER #: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

HOME PHONE: _____ WORK PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____ REGION: _____

SPECIALTY: _____ LICENSE GRADE: _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT NAME & PHONE: _____

You are cordially invited to attend the

2005 Worker Appreciation Party

Hosted by Kaw Valley Race Group

Date: Saturday, March 4, 2006

Time: Cocktails – 6:30pm, Dinner – 7:30pm

Awards presentation to follow

Where: SCCA National Headquarters

Menu: Baked Ranch Chicken. Pork Loin Steak w/ sauce,

Cheesy Potatoes, Green Beans (w/ bacon & onion),

Salad, Rolls and a Variety of Desserts

Beer, Wine and Soda provided

Please RSVP to Marla at (913) 660-9337

or sccaworker@cableone.net

by Feb 28th

This is an event to benefit the Topeka Let's Help food pantry.

Workers are encouraged to bring items to fill the barrels for the charity.

Also accepted are personal hygiene items such as soap, shampoo, etc.

We invite all who wish to join us to come to this event. We simply ask a \$10

donation from all who did not

work an event during the 2005 season. Thank you.

*Thank you for all that you do to make the program
at Heartland Park Topeka so successful!*

Membership Updates

by Ralph Johnson, Membership Director

NEW MEMBERS

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Polk City, IA 50226-2070

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E-MAIL CHANGE

West, Harvey

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**Watch for updated 2006 Membership
Directory next month.**

National Membership Dues Change

Effective February 1, 2006, annual SCCA membership dues will be as follows:

Regular Member

National dues \$ 60.00

DMVR Regional Dues \$ 15.00

Total \$ 75.00

Spouse Member

National Dues \$ 20.00

DMVR Regional Dues \$ 5.00

Total \$ 25.00

Family Membership

National Dues \$ 95.00

DMVR Regional Dues \$ 20.00

Total \$ 115.00

First Gear Membership

(must be under 21)

National Dues \$ 45.00

Regional Dues \$ 5.00

Total \$ 50.00



313 59th Street
Des Moines, IA 50312

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

EVENT	REGION/SPONSOR	LOCATION
FEBRUARY		
18-19 Double National		Texas World Speedway
19 2006 Annual Drivers Meeting	Des Moines Valley Region	Volante's, Urbandale IA
21 BoD Meeting	Des Moines Valley Region	Autograph's, Urbandale
24-25 100 Acre Wood NON-SCCA Event	St Louis Region	
25 2006 Solo Meeting	Des Moines Valley Region	Chicken Coop, West Des Moines IA
MARCH		
4 Worker School / Worker Appreciation Party	KVRG	National Office, Topeka KS
7 Membership Meeting	Des Moines Valley Region	Noah's Ark Restaurant, Des Moines
11-12 Regional / National/ IT	MidSouth Region	Memphis Motor Sports Park, Memphis TN
21 BoD Meeting	Des Moines Valley Region	
25-26 Double School / Regional / PDX	St. Louis Region	Gateway International Raceway, St Louis
26 Regional Solo 2	Des Moines Valley Region	Sandpiper Recreation Area, Saylorville

2006 Solo Planning Meeting: February 25th at the Chicken Coop, West Des Moines IA. Be there! Details on page 4.

MiDiv Club Racing Season Begins: Regional / National / IT Tour, March 11-12 @ Memphis; Double Drivers School / Regional / PDX, March 24-26 @ Gateway International in St Louis.

DMVR Solo Season Kicks Off: March 25-26 @ Sandpiper Recreation Area. Details page 5.

