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Notes from the Director's Chair

Area 4 Director Update for August 2022

This month I competed in a GLDiv Solo in Fort Wayne, IN and worked F&C at the SBR/DET Major at GingerMan Raceway. I will also be driving to Kansas City for the BoD meeting on 7/29, 7/30. While there, I will also be sitting in on the CRB meeting on 7/28.

I also contracted COVID on 7/2 while boating on Lake Michigan and watching fireworks display in Muskegon. My symptoms weren't too terrible but it wasn't a picnic either. The hardest part was isolating at home and not going out. It is frightening how quickly one can get bored while trapped in your own home. Please note that COVID is not over. Please take the appropriate measures and remain vigilant. As a reminder, if you need some home test kits from the CDC, click [here](#).

Video Conference Meetings:

- Club Racing Board (CRB) (7/5): We discussed roll cage rules after the severe impact that a Spec Miata incurred at Road America. On one hand the cage did its job but on the other, the driver was seriously injured. The T1 Town Hall Zoom meeting was discussed. We reviewed the Runoffs Tech Inspection lists. More work was done on the face-to-face meeting to be held in July (7/28). I updated the CRB on the work the EVAC has been doing. The results of CRB rules changes can be seen [here](#).
- Electrified Vehicle Advisory Committee (EVAC) (7/13): With the revised SCREV sent on its way to the various program boards and their BoB liaisons, we concentrated on preparing the Club Racing rules packages. We discussed some feedback we had gotten from the Production, Touring and BSpec committees.
- Solo Events Board (SEB) (7/13): This meeting was to discuss the revised SCREV document with the SEB. They asked a lot of pertinent questions and I hope I answered them to their satisfaction.

SCCA Events:

- Fort Wayne Region Solo (7/23): Since I will be travelling to the Solo Nationals on Labor Day (9/6), I will not be able to participate in the WMR Solo at Grattan Raceway. As a result, I needed to attend another Solo to work on my skills. I checked the schedule and decided to go to FWR's event on 7/23. I drove down the afternoon before so I wouldn't have to get up at an ungodly hour on the day of the event. This would be first time I've competed in a divisional Solo and I was looking forward to it. When I got to the site, I realized that I wasn't prepared to keep my gear from getting wet in the impending rain. Many thanks to Kevin Keys for helping out an unprepared newbie by allowing me to store my gear in his trailer. The day started out with a HUGE thunderstorm rolling through the area. VERY heavy rain and lightning dancing all around us. After a 90 minute delay for the obvious safety reasons, we got started around 11a. I was to run in the first heat and work the second. There were three cars in my class (HS) and I ended up finishing in 2nd place. FWR puts on a very nice event and I hope all of you can make it to one of their events soon. Results for this event can be found [here](#).
- SBR/DET Major (7/24): I signed up for this event so I could help out our friends at SBR and DET while enjoying some fun at GingerMan Raceway. As it turned out, there was more rain in order (it

seemed to follow me during he weekend) but fun was had regardless of the weather. As usual the host regions ran a great event. During the “quiet time” period lunch was served which consisted of a fantastic “build your own” hot dog assembly line with chili, cheese, onions, relish....all the fixings. As an added perk for me, I got to see my old race car on track in the hands of its new owner. Quite a sight!

- CRB (7/28): I'll report on this meeting in next month's report.
- BoD (7/30): I'll report on this meeting in next month's report.

Be sure and visit the [GLDiv website](#) for information about all of the SCCA programs within the division. We have schedules, official's contact info, standings, etc. for all the SCCA programs.

The various national schedules for 2022 are starting to coalesce and they can be found here: [Pro Solo/National Tour](#), [Time Trials National Tour](#), [Hoosier Super Tour](#), [Enduro](#).

Please take a few minutes and make sure your contact information is accurate in the SCCA database. It's important to have the correct information there so the club knows how to contact you. Log in to your my.scca.com page and check.

As I mentioned previously, there is a new path to getting your annual waiver. You can now get it through the Member Account Portal (MAP). Follow this [link](#) to get the instructions. There is also a story about the program [here](#). I've done it and it only takes a couple of minutes. Be prepared to upload a headshot picture of yourself.

Just a quick reminder, if any region out there wants to have an “Ask the Director” session during your monthly meetings, please do not hesitate to contact me so we can schedule a visit. I retired last summer so have plenty of free time and would thoroughly enjoy the chance to visit with your members.

Thank you for your time and I look forward to hearing from you soon. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or comments you may have about any facet of the GLDiv. I want you to make the most of your membership and I will help out in any way possible to make that happen.

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