

Things look up for Race

Well, here we are at the end of yet another year, and there are changes in the wind. The past year was not one of our best for racing in the Northwest but we did manage to come out of it with sufficient money to start the new year so it has to be considered somewhat of a success. We lost one race do to a national exercise by the Department of Homeland Security and we canceled one because we felt we would not have sufficient turnout of drivers or officials because of competing events.

For next year, Race will have a new assistant regional executive. Chuck Huffington stepped up to the plate when I had to step down because I was elected to the position of Regional Executive. My thanks go to those of you who voted for me.

We have a completely different schedule for our region next year with our first race in May and a race in Au-

REGION REPORT

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gust instead of July as well as one we have added in October and, of course, our Double National in May. Our May event will be against an IRDC race at Pacific Raceways. We have been assured that we will have enough drivers to make it an event and we are hoping that all the drivers will step up and make that true. I will continue to be a part of the Race Committee and will be helping Chuck in whatever way he asks for it as well of course with continuing as a steward at the events. As always, if you have problems, bring them to me and I will be sure that they get to Chuck or the appropriate official so we can do what is needed to improve the situation.

As for the regional Board I intend to

make it more transparent to the region members by making sure our minutes are published on the Web site every month and of course unless there is a valid reason otherwise. Our meetings are always open to the public.

We will be doing more Street Survival courses to educate both teenage and adult drivers with the first one being planned for the end of March. I will be encouraging everyone to support this excellent program and to also help spread the word about NWR SCCA and all its venues. As I was told at our company meeting the other week "all of us are sales people," so it is our job to go out and sell SCCA and our region at every opportunity and to educate the public as to what we do and why we do it.

Play safe and have fun!

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SCCA revises 2009 fee structure

SCCA STAFF REPORT

TOPEKA, Kan. — The SCCA Board of Directors finalized its 2009 fee structure for dues, sanctions and insurance. While some areas of the business will experience inflation, others will enjoy decreases.

"Overall, the news is positive for active participants in SCCA," outgoing SCCA President and CEO Jim Julow said. "While there are some increases in our fees, we have also found considerable savings on the insurance side that offset these. Overall, the cost to Regions of running an event will not increase from 2008 to 2009."

Membership dues will increase \$5 from \$60 to \$65. Family dues will increase \$6 to \$101, while spouse memberships will increase \$3 to \$23. This is the first dues increase in three years. First Gear memberships remain unchanged.

Fee increases were offset by a reduction in insurance fees across the board. For the first time in several years, the club-wide insurance policy was put out to bid, with responses coming from four different carriers.

Additional changes included:

CLUB RACING

Increase Regional and National competition licenses by \$5

Elimination of distinction between spectator and nonspectator at a flat rate of \$1,400 for liability insurance

Decrease Club Racing PA insurance \$5 per car to \$28

Decrease Driver School PA insurance \$3 per car to \$19

Decrease Time Trials-Hillclimb PA insurance \$3 and \$4 per car, respectively

RALLY

Increase RallyCross sanction fee

from \$3 to \$4 per car

Increase Road Rally sanction fee for Regional events from \$2 to \$4 per car

Sanction fee for a 3-day or longer event changed to \$500 per event

Increase sanction fee for a charity event \$20 to \$70

Decrease RallyCross insurance fee \$1 per car to \$4

SOLO

Increase Regional Solo Sanction Fee from \$3.75 to \$4.50 per car

Decrease Insurance \$1 per car to \$5

With the changes, the Solo Department has made a policy change requiring event audits to take place within two weeks from the end of the event.

Volunteer Incentive Programs remained unchanged from 2008.

A full list of changes will be listed in the January 2009 Fastrack news.