



Straightpipe

Nuts & Other Loose Things - Wayne Armbrust, Region Executive



Council Fire

Sitting around the council fire in the smoky setting inside the council chambers, the chosen leaders sat to discuss the business of the clans. Leadership was at the forefront of the conversation. Each council member would speak their piece as the token pipe was passed. As they held the smoking pipe, they would address the council with their concerns and visions of the future.

Through the collective wisdom of the Board of Directors, the paths to be taken are chosen. Each Director willingly gives of their time and talent, applies their experiences and view in seeking influence on the longer-range plans for the Region and the Club itself.

New leaders are being sought to help in blazing a path to follow. Two of our board members are seeking reelection to remain in service with the BoD with the approval of the general membership. The third is stepping back as the final term expires on eligibility. Members of the Region are encouraged to bring their talents and ideas to the Board as elected Directors.

This year, Mike Snyder is stepping back from the Board of Directors. Mike has been an integral part of the function of the Board for many years. Over a decade of his time and life have gone into helping drive this Region to success and national recognition. I guess you could say he was retiring, but I don't think we have seen the last of his involvement by any means. Mike, thank you for a brilliant job of managing and growing our Region's financial position while staying in control of the tides of cash flow. Outstanding job, sir!

Within the current bylaws, the provision is to have a total of nine Directors. Each year three of those Directors are elected for a three-year term. This year, we are

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very fortunate to have five very qualified people seeking the blessing from our Region members to serve on the Board of Directors.

Those consenting to candidacy are as follows:

- Pamela (Pam) Richardson
- Russell (Russ) Gardner
- Michael (Mike) McKee
- Joshua (Josh) Rubenstein
- Brian Donati

Our Board of Directors strongly encourages our members to seriously consider each of these individuals and select their choice of the best three to fulfil the demands and needs of the Region through service as one of the Directors.

Our election participation history is a meager few. Typically, we have only seen 10% to 15% of the Region's membership making the choice to vote. It would be nice if we could inspire full participation.

Our current Board of Directors comes from a broad geographical swath throughout the Region and is well representative of each of the programs we manage. There is a strength shared in the Board Room that defines the Region, it is this strength, mutual respect, and diversity that helps guide our Region into the Future.

Tuesday October 8th our Region will present the Annual General Meeting. It is to be held at the College Park Holiday Inn. Come and meet your Board of Directors as we present the review of the year and a look ahead into the future. Results of the election of Directors will be announced at that meeting.

Our membership over the Region is distributed as follows

- Washington DC (2.2%)
- Maryland (45.4%)
- Virginia (40.7%)
- West Virginia (4.3%)
- Pennsylvania (3.3%)
- Other (outside Region boundaries) (4.0%)

A little closer to home, we need to reach within our own ranks and inspire our members to become involved in making our Region even better. First step in making anything happen is that precious opportunity to select the leadership. We have nearly 2,000 members in the region. That could make a pretty solid vote. Please step up to the ballot box and make your choice known.

Straightpipe Needs You

Straightpipe is the newsletter of Washington DC Region: your region. It's an ideal resource for members to brag about successes, lament about setbacks, relate stories from the road, and anything else. We're always on the lookout for stories and story ideas. If you wish to contribute, reach out to us:

straightpipe@wdcr-scca.org

Include photos if you can so they can be included.

We can even take your story over the phone and write it for you. We'll handle all the editing as well.

The next edition of the full Straightpipe will be published in October 2019. If you have a story, or even a story idea, contact us at the above address so we can start planning for the content.



Board of Directors Meeting Summary

13 August 2019

Liaison Officers reports covered areas

The takeaways are:

- Polish Mountain Hill Climb had 80 cars participating. Rain Friday night slowed things a bit on Saturday morning, but the rest of the weekend was filled with great runs and lots of fun. A number of incidents on the hill reduced the total number of runs, but the event was an overall success.
- Work continues in organizing the Dominion Raceway TE Organizational meeting.
- Regional finances are solid.
- Social Media Chair Anna Miars has stepped down, Dominic Mandile takes the lead of the WDCR Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter presence.
- Autocross program leadership is coordinating an AX event at Quantico for the Marine Corps
- Election committee reports five candidates running for the 2020 board three-position vacancy.
- AGM date reviewed; discussion determined there was no need to move the date in light of the conflict with the 2019 Runoffs.

Help Wanted

Track Events Program Volunteers – We are looking to organize a series of HDPE and Time Trials events to be operated out of the Fredericksburg-Richmond area at Dominion Raceway in Thornburg, Virginia. In need for leadership and organizers that will help pull a program together. Please contact the RE at RE-WDCR@Outlook.org or Paul Anderson at Member310@verizon.net or through Volunteer at membership@wdcr-scca.org SCCA Membership Required

Road Racing Worker Support – 2 Volunteers Needed. To assist with distribution of materials, equipment, water, supplies, etc. throughout the Summit Point Track at MARRS Events. Should be a minimum of 18 (or 16 with parental waiver) and possess a valid driving license. Should be able to drive a delivery van. Check with Registration, Race Chairman, or Flag Chief at any MARRS event. Or write to Volunteer at membership@wdcr-scca.org SCCA Membership Required

Road Racing Tech, “Scrutineer” – Volunteer Jobs open to help inspection of competition vehicles for safety and rule compliance. Help with Annual Inspections, Initial inspections for new or replacement Log Books, control traffic and assist with impound management and duties each MARRS Race weekend. Check with Registration, Race Chairman, or Tech Chief at any MARRS event. Or write to Volunteer at membership@wdcr-scca.org SCCA Membership Required

Road Racing Flagging and Communications – Volunteer Jobs open, come out and work on the corner stations with the experienced folks. Help make a difference in the races. Check with Registration, Race Chairman, or Flag Chief at any MARRS event. Or write to Volunteer at membership@wdcr-scca.org SCCA Membership Required

Track Events HDPE & Time Trials Flagging – Earn track time while you help. Volunteer Jobs open, come out and work on the corner stations with the experienced folks. Help make it happen, become an important part of our programs. Check with Registration, Worker Coordinator, or TE Safety Steward. Or write to Volunteer at membership@wdcr-scca.org SCCA Membership Required

2019 Board of Director Candidates

Voting for the Board of Directors election is open now at [this link](#). The election will conclude on Sunday October, 6th at 11:59 pm. There are three positions for election to the Board this year and you may vote for up to three candidates. Candidates are listed on the ballot in member number order, per our bylaws.

Please note that you must be a Washington DC Region member to vote in this election. Also, if you do not have an account in MSR, you will need to set one up to vote. [Click here to set up an account in MSR](#).

Election results will be announced at the Annual Meeting, which will be held Tuesday, October 8th 2019 at 8:00 pm at the Holiday Inn College Park, 10000 Baltimore Ave College Park, Maryland 20740.

Pam Richardson

SCCA Member: 33 years
WDCR Member: 29 years

WDCR Efforts

- Club Racing Steward Program, 2000-present
- CRC member/Big Bore Drivers' Rep, 2008-present

SCCA National Efforts

- American Sedan Committee, 2010-2018, Chair, 2011-2018
- Club Racing Board Secretary, 2012-2018
- National Club Racing Competition, 2001-2005
- Regional Club Racing Competition, 1992-2000, 2006-2018
- Crew Chief and Chief Engineer for the AS 15 Camaro, driven by Danny Richardson, 2005-present

Licenses

- Club Racing Competition, 1992-2018
- Steward, 2002-present

Personal: I worked for NASA (the space people) from 1975-2008 in the Space Shuttle Orbiter Experiments Program and Aerodynamic Computational Fluid Dynamics at NASA Langley Research Center, Hampton, VA. Then, in 1990, transferred to NASA Headquarters in Washington, DC, as a Program Manager for various NASA Aero Research Center Programs. The last 11 years of my career, I was in Safety, Mission Assurance, and Systems Engineering at Headquarters for the Aero Research Centers. A couple of highlights for that work are: the X-43 Scramjet Accident Investigation and Return to Flight Teams, and working the Space Shuttle STS-116 Flow from launch to return, from the Safety side.

Since I retired in 2008, I have been volunteering for SCCA, and managing the Richardson Racing Team American Sedan Camaro.

Becoming a WDCR Board Member will be a new experience for me, but, as I said about every NASA job I had, I had to teach myself how to do the job when I got there. I look forward to helping the region grow into the future.



Russell Gardner

SCCA Member: since 2005

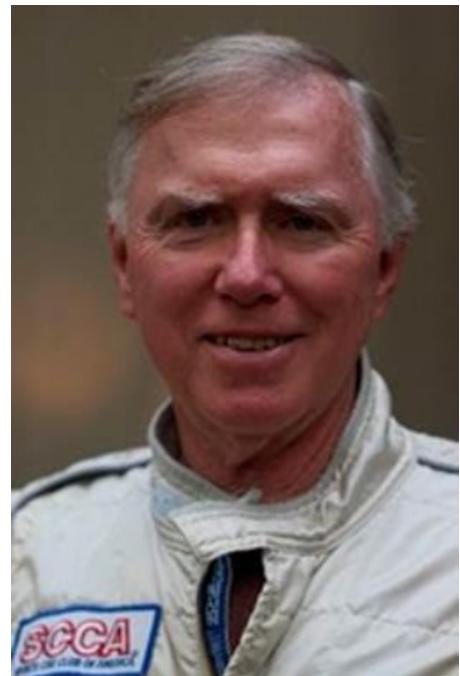
SCCA Involvement:

- Competition license (2005-20017)
- National Steward
- Assistant Chief Steward at Runoffs (2015-2018)
- Editor, "Stewards Notes"

WDCR Involvement:

- Member, Board of Directors (2017-present)
- Instructor, Driver's School
- Chair, Bylaws Committee
- Steward, Road Racing Events

PERSONAL: I am a semi-retired attorney, with a focus on employment law and related litigation at a national law firm. I now devote much of my time to serving as General Counsel to a rare disease patient advocacy organization. I make my home in Baltimore with my wife, Jeanne.



I have been fortunate to have had the opportunity to serve in numerous leadership roles throughout my career, from college class president to president of my HOA to chair of my law firm's practice group. I look forward to the opportunity to continue to serve you as a member of the WDCR's Board of Directors.

Mike McKee

SCCA MEMBER: since 2012

SCCA Involvement

- Joined NCC Autocross committee in 2015
- Served on Board of Directors 2017-Present

WDCR Involvement

- Participant in Autocross events since 2012
- Joined Autocross committee in 2016 as novice coordinator



PERSONAL: I'm a former Project Manager who has recently returned to teaching High School Science and Robotics at the Jemicy School.

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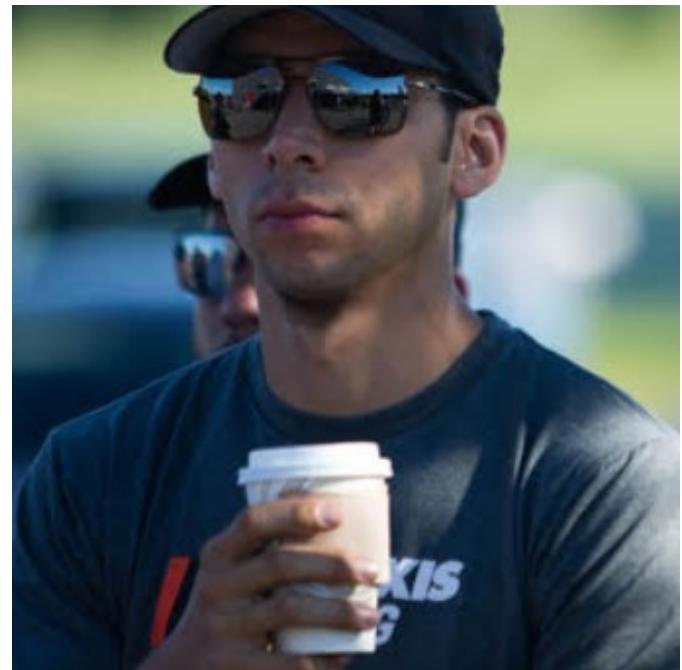
Joshua Rubenstein

WDCR SCCA Member: 5 Years

WDCR Involvement

- Time Trials and HPDE Participant
- Road Racing License Holder, 2018
- Time Trials Program Chair, 2018-Present Day
- Long-Term Planning Committee Member, 2019

A graphic designer, Josh Rubenstein has been working in communications for over ten years in both the non-profit and private sectors. He got his start in motorsports thirteen years ago as a member of the Sports Car Club at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, autocrossing the same Mazda Miata he races today. Josh joined the WDCR SCCA five years ago, earned his Road Racing license in 2018, and is chair of the Time Trials program and a member of the Long-Term Planning Committee.



Brian Donati

WDCR Member – 2014

WDCR Involvement:

- WDCR Drivers Representative for Small Bore (2017-2018)
- Regional Competitor (Legend Car Class)
- Driver School Instructor (2018-2019)

Highlights:

Have spent over 30 years in motorsports from managing teams to spotting for several high NASCAR and road racing teams. Recently moved to broadcasting side of races and completing driver interviews at all WDCR events at Summit Point and New Jersey Motorsports Park.



Competed as a driver in the legend car class from 2015 until 2018.

Personal: Have worked at SiriusXM for 11 years and handle our field team analytics and operations for over well 200 people. My wife and I moved to Round Hill, VA in 2012 and are regulars during each WDCR road racing event.



WDCR Track Events Organizational Meeting



Date: Saturday, August 24

Registration link: [Here](#). There is no cost to attend this event, but pre-registration is required.

Track location: 6501 Dominion Raceway, Woodford, VA 22580 (I-95 exit 118)

Format and schedule:

- 3:00 PM Meet and greet
- 3:05 PM Speaker introductions
- 3:10 PM RE speech – presentation begins
- 3:15 PM Steve Britt – DR&E presentation
- 3:20 PM Chuck Edmonson – HPDE/TT presentation
- 3:30 PM Wayne Armbrust / Paul Anderson – Workers/Licensing
- 3:45 PM Q&A
- 4:00 PM Paced track familiarization lap session
- 5:15 PM Dinner
- 7:00 PM Concert

This Saturday, the DC Region is kicking off the planning for a Dominion Raceway Track Events program in 2020.

Despite some false starts, Dominion Raceway and the WDCR are committed to providing previously underserved membership with a regional alternative for their #FunWithCars.

Saturday's event will begin at 3:00 PM with a meet & greet, followed by a short but informative presentation on the new program and will close out with a brief question and answer session.

Several Board members and Track Events program personnel will be on hand to walk participants through the vision and goals for an HPDE and Time Trials events at the Dominion Raceway facility in 2020 and members

and their guests will hear from the Club's principals as well as Dominion management about how important it is for the region to establish a Track Events program in the greater Richmond area.

Once all the fun classroom stuff has taken place, meeting participants will be treated to an hour of paced laps to familiarize themselves with Dominion Raceway's road course.

Dominion Raceway will provide a catered dinner from their in-house grill and have graciously invited everyone in attendance to a concert featuring two outstanding country acts, Shenandoah and Restless Heart beginning at 7:00PM.

If all this sounds like something you want to be involved with, it's not too late to register (yes, you have to register), just click [this link](#) to sign up through MotorsportsReg... oh did I mention this is all FREE!



Delaware Driver Claims Second Polish Mountain Hill Climb Title

FLINTSTONE MD – Bob Gardner, one of the East Coast's most formidable hill climb competitors in his sleek 2006 Stohr DSR sports racer, sat only third overall the end of Saturday at the 2019 Polish Mountain Hill Climb - trailing rival Brian Fritzler and rising star Mark Aubele by over three seconds as the event stood down after the first day.

Unphased by a weekend marked by drivers struggling with a deteriorating surface on the historic Gilpin Road course, Gardner calmly saved his best for last on Sunday. The Newark, Delaware-based veteran nailed down his second career Polish Mountain Fast Time of the Day crown with a breathtaking 54.337 second pass, reaching an event-best top speed of 114 mph at Turn 6 on that final run up the 1.2-mile course.

Aubele's outrageous American V8-powered BMW

M3 was second at 54.912, half a second behind Gardner but fast enough to set a new hill record in the SMX class. Saturday leader Fritzler, multiple Polish Mountain FTD winner, ended third overall, 0.25 seconds behind Aubele.



Other notable drives into the Top Ten included King of the Hammers racer Erik Miller's impressive run into 9th place overall in his Custom Miller-Pro Chassis rock crawler and Dave Stoner's thunderous attack at 10th place in his SSM class-winning C5 Corvette.

Standout class battles included Matt Huffman's RX-8, setting the DSP class record over Jason Fraley's Audi A3; Matt Philips upsetting Chris Carlisle in a battle of SAM-class Honda Civics, and a tight finish in F Production that saw Hunter Huffman's CRX Si squeeze by Chrystal Whisler's Neon by a scant 0.08 seconds.

Formula V results were also close as Dillon Axarlis's 1984 Womer EV1 nipped John Pittman's 1997 Caracal CR by half a second.

NEWS AND NOTES: 80 racers competed. The Saturday corn was amazing. Saturday and Sunday were dry. Local organizers have already set meetings with local officials to expedite SHA paving on Gilpin Road.