



Nuts & Other Loose Things - Wayne Armbrust, Region Executive



Vision

Standing deep in the crowd pushing up against the fence to watch the cars come sweeping through the wide corner, just millimeters apart at blinding speeds. The noise is deafening with the high whine and roar of the engines at wide open throttle. It is impossible to distinguish any sounds coming from the crowd as they cheer in hopes of making their favorite car or driver go even faster. With not much of a hillside to stand on, nearly level, further in the back it gets more difficult to see through the

crowd packed twenty or more disorganized rows deep. All the motion, bouncing up and down across the crowd looks like a rough sea with hair.

As the big guy with the oversized dirty tan Dan Blocker (Hoss) rounded crown cowboy hat, without consideration or regard, pushes in and steps in front of me, I have to say something. He can't possibly hear me until most of the pack train of fast cars is past and long gone down the straight. As soon as the cars clear I shout at him "You are blocking my vision!"

With no more reaction than a puzzled look he turns and says, "Sorry, I didn't know you were having one."

Well, sometimes from the Boardroom it is easy to get tangled in current events and lose sight of the vision of where we are headed, where we should be, and where we want to go. If we are lucky, when it does come back in focus it will bring new perspective with it.



We are seeing a whole horizon filled with opportunity open up before us. New venues, growing interest in a variety of programs and events, new ideas, old ideas

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reworked, and a mission. A mission to reach into the future and snatch some fruit to plant and grow. We are setting our sights high.



We have a senior leadership team working with Dominion Raceway to develop a series of Region Track Events that are available to the Washington DC Region Members in the general area of Nokesville, Spotsylvania-Richmond Corridor through Williamsburg and surrounding areas. In general, this touches about eight hundred of our two thousand members, although anyone is welcome to be part of the action. We have to pull together the folks interested in stepping into lead roles to work directly with Dominion Raceway to

develop these programs. Our existing Program leadership has its hands full operating our very successful programs as they exist now.

In our vision for the central WDC Region is a second Track Events HPDE Program, Time Trials, and developing a Club Racing Experience entry level program for racing inexpensive cars with minimum preparation and a valid state driving license. Even a possibility for an intra-Regional Time Trials Championship or Mini-DC-TT-Runoff.

In the longer-term future, a {SBRR} Sprint Bracket Racing Program tailored to a format for the Dominion Raceway lap times may be a good fit. Maybe even a something similar to the Restricted Regional Racing of the old days and run a Production "Prod" series sanctioned championship, maybe even a revival of Formula Vee program.

Moving our sights to Summit Point, there is similar hopes in moving toward pressing the Summit Point Shenandoah facilities into a similar use. With potential configuration changes opening the opportunities for participation on many fronts and possibly opening up a chance for an Intra-Region Championship series for Time Trials and Production series cars, etc. Without doubt a broad range of possibilities waits to be unveiled. There is a lot of work, coordination with people, facilities relationships and planning, and money yet to be spent on both sides.



The vision doesn't stop with track events. We are looking to developing new resources for the Region's high-profile Autocross program. Finding a permanent home where the event is the priority, not the parking spaces. We have some ideas and projects in progress. Pursuit is underway as fast as we can manage it. In addition to a permanent home, there is room for development of SCCA Autocross

Programs in the Richmond area. Cumberland – Western Maryland area should not be ruled out as a candidate for SCCA supported Autocross events.

Rally Cross is hunting alternate and new venues. We may be on to two or three possibilities, hopefully three! It would be nice if we could provide Rallycross events close to everyone throughout the Region's territory. We are in the process of identifying some dedicated properties that could become desirable Rallycross destinations. A couple of the venues encompass the Western Maryland Chapter area.

Road Rally has our blessings to grow and go! It would be great if we could develop a couple more Road Rally groups, to reach Western Maryland interests, Morefield, West Virginia and surrounding communities, along with potential for growth from the Richmond, Virginia area.

Teen survival is a program we should look at expanding opportunities for our backing and venues for Tire Rack Street Survival School through the entire region.

Our goal is to open the horizons for all of the Region's membership to grow to feed their passion for motion.

Our Membership Committee has been on the move too, driving hard at finding ways and means of realizing our visions. They are reaching out to our membership in many ways. Exciting ideas including opening a study on large volunteer organization operations with the possible aid and help from Shephard University out of Shepherdstown, West Virginia.

Our Board members have been working to develop an opportunity and relationship with our military friends at Quantico. We are reaching out to explore helping the Marines develop recreational auto-sports events, mainly Autocross, to help their troops learn to manage the high-performance cars they buy. Perhaps leading some to step into the world of HPDE or even Time Trials, among other opportunities.

No, the Boardroom is not sitting static, we are on the move too. Let the music begin (anyone remember the theme music for Grand Prix?).

{SBRR} Comes To New Jersey

Through the efforts of a lot of folks in WDCR the South Jersey Region has agreed to hold a trial run of Sprint Bracket Road Racing at MARRS 3 and the Lightning Challenge! This is our chance to show them how flexible and fun this racing format can be. The race will be run under our bracket rules. Ted Cahall has adapted his online timing app to work at Jersey and Brian Donatti has said he will come down and call the race. Please consider joining us in the inaugural Jersey Bracket race! Register today:

<https://www.motorsportreg.com/events/lightning-challenge-njimp-scca-south-jersey-sjr-club-racing-702696>

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 July 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

9 April 2019

Region's Operating Budget reconstruction is complete. Region's individual programs now have a picture closer to reality to work with. Only the year will tell us how well it is working.

Director Kahlil Natriboff introduced a concept of developing a relationship with Shephard University Business Program in getting some of their students involved in a intern program with our business model. It idea is intriguing enough that Kahlil and other Board members met with Doctor Best from the University to discuss potential.

As reported elsewhere in this issue, the RE has developed a long-range vision of what could be in the future. In addition to being a very active and accomplished Region in all that we do now, there is more out there to reach for. We are all very busy now, but if we keep our eyes well ahead to where we would like to go some amazing things can happen. See the RE's column Nuts and Other Loose Things for the article Visions.

Effective as of the April Board Meeting, The RE has created a new Liaison Position intended to keep a finger on the pulse on Region venues outside of the Annapolis, Baltimore, DC Metro areas. Region Development Liaison Officer will follow any development of Dominion Raceway interests and act as Western Maryland Chapter contact point. Any other activities and development of Region interests in outlying areas will also be linked through the new Liaison connection. For the time being, the Assistant RE Dave Fitzgerald will carry the position linked to Region Development.

As a matter of housekeeping on documents and policies, Bylaws for the Region were cleaned up in detail and language and submitted as a Resolution in the corrected format. The Board adopted the revision unanimously.

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*

BREAKING NEWS



Save the date! It's going to be a big one! **Dominion Raceway**, in a cooperative effort with **Washington DC Region**, are hosting and presenting an organizational meeting for **SCCA** members and those interested in **SCCA** events destined for Dominion Raceway.

SATURDAY
24 August 2019
3:00PM

On Saturday 24 August, **SCCA** members and guests are invited to attend an orientation at Dominion Raceway. The purpose of the event is to introduce **Dominion Raceway** to members who have not been there and to generate interest in participation for Track Events beginning in 2020. There will be discussion about how to put programs on at **Dominion Raceway** including sanctioning, need for volunteers and officials, and potential participants.

Following program development discussions, there will be a low speed learn and turn familiarization with the track. The track will be open for pace-controlled laps for about an hour following the meeting.

Food will be provided following the meetings and parade laps.

Dominion Raceway and Entertainment is providing a very special evening for the group attending the SCCA meetings. There is not any racing scheduled for the center track oval, but there is a wonderful concert.

Shenandoah and Restless Heart will be providing a show and entertainment for the evening beginning 7:00PM. **Shenandoah** is an outstanding country act with 13 #1 hits, 3 certified gold albums and placed 26 singles on Billboards hot country song chart.

Steve Britt and the **Dominion Raceway** are putting out the red carpet for the WDC Region. The Champion Suite has been reserved and we will all be guests of Dominion Raceway Management for the evening.

Registration to open in June. Keep watch for the announcement!
Please register early. It is free, but you must be pre-registered to attend.

Update on 2019 Volunteer Incentive Program:

We are often asked about which events are eligible to count towards volunteer credits. Below is a summary of the program. In addition, here are the current program fees:

[2019ProgramEventFeesrev012319.pdf](#)

The Club Racing Volunteer Incentive Program was launched in 2008 to reward SCCA volunteers for days worked at SCCA Club Racing events. Since then, the program has evolved to include other programs. Here are the current program details:

ELIGIBLE SCCA-SANCTIONED EVENTS*:

- Road Racing (Driver Schools, Bracket Enduro, Enduros, Regionals, Conference Majors, Hoosier Super Tour)
- HillClimbs
- SCCA Pro Racing events
- SCCA Support Sanction events for Non-SCCA events

**Time Trials/Track Events are no longer eligible for volunteer credit.*

HOW DO I EARN DISCOUNTS?

Workers are required to self-report days worked at eligible SCCA-sanctioned events in order to earn discounts. Earned discounts will be applied automatically to a membership renewal.

- 4-5 days worked..... \$15 Membership Discount
- 6-7 days worked..... \$22 Membership Discount
- 8-11 days worked..... \$30 Membership Discount
- 12 or more days worked..... \$45 Membership Discount
- Commemorative ID Card
- Recognition in SportsCar Magazine

HOW IS THE PROGRAM FUNDED?

Each eligible event pays a VIP fee of \$4.00 per unique driver entry per class per weekend. For the SCCA Support Sanction events, regions remit payment for each worker that volunteered at the event. Only the events (see eligible SCCA-sanctioned events) that pay VIP fees are eligible for this program.

HOW DO I REPORT DAYS WORKED?

ONLINE:

- Log-in to your SCCA.com profile account.
- From your profile page, find the SCCA MEMBERSHIP menu box on the left side of the screen and select VOLUNTEER PARTICIPATION.
- Click the link "Add Volunteer Participation" and complete the required fields.
- Click the red button "Add Volunteer Participation".

PAPER FORM:

- Download the [Club Racing Volunteer Incentive Program form](#).
- Visit SCCA.com and click on ABOUT in the top navigation bar.
- Select DOWNLOADS from the list.
- Scroll down to the Road Racing section and select VOLUNTEER INCENTIVE PROGRAM under General Downloads.

Letters to the Editor

Good Evening Straightpipe Editor,

I served as Editor of Washington DC Region, The Straightpipe from 1986-1990.

During that time, Jim Krosen (Sp?) served for several years as Copy Editor, not exactly sure of his position. He was a tremendous help, also served with Timing & Scoring during race weekends, and worked in the tower, Road Atlanta SCCA Runoffs. After a serious illness, and also copy-reading during his hospital stay at NIH, he passed, was buried at Arlington National Cemetery. I visit Washington DC from time to time and want to visit his burial site in the columbarium, however I am unable to find his place, because I do not have the correct spelling of his name. He was a great friend.

Somewhere in The Straightpipe print version archives, there may be some copies with his name. I would greatly appreciate a print copy of one or two of these issues, or a scan of the "contributors" page.

I greatly enjoyed serving as Editor, had tremendous support from so many WDCR members contributing time, energy, articles, photographs; contributing to our success in winning awards during the five years that I served, all because of this incredible group of volunteers. Additionally, Tom, Jeanie and Timmy Balzer, as well as Sue Roethel were also a huge help to me.

Thank You very much indeed for your kind assistance!

C Olivia ("OC") Carlisle

Thanks for writing. I will forward your note to the WDCR archive team that is going through all our printed history to catalog, scan, and eventually post online for easy access – A.C.

Re: Doc Wylie

Thanks for including the newsletter from 1956 with the article on the hillclimb.

I was particularly interested to see mention of Doc Wylie, who as it turns out lived near me and I passed his farm on the way to work every day not realizing that a legend lived there. Unfortunately, I found out that he lived there on the day that he passed away, as I was one of the crew from the Rescue Squad that responded to his house that night.

Robert J. Lye

Thanks for writing. I enjoyed including the step back into hillclimb history in the two previous Straightpipe full issues (January 2019 and May 2019, found at <https://www.wdcr-scca.org/straightpipe-newsletter> for those who may have missed them). Both have proven to be excellent background information to peruse in advance of this year's Polish Mountain Hillclimb, which will be held on August 2-4 in Flintstone, Maryland – A.C.

Letters to the Editor are always welcome. Email to straightpipe@wdcr-scca.org

ID Checks at Summit Point

NEW POLICY AS OF MAY, 2019: In order to increase the safety and security of the facility for staff, clients, participants, spectators, and other personnel, Summit Point Motorsports Park, Summit Point Raceway Associates, Inc., and BSR have started to provide a 24/7/365 security presence on site. Anyone leaving the immediate area of the Summit Point Circuit or Gasoline Alley may be asked to show a government-issued ID.

Program Update: RallyCross

Article and Photos by Josh Hickey

DC RallyCross held its second event of the season on April 28th, again using the huge Panthera facility in Old Fields, West Virginia. The day began with a rainy drive up for the competitors, but relented by mid-morning, resulting in surprisingly good course conditions throughout the day. There was no dust, no standing water, and just enough tackiness to allow good grip for all the cars – except on transits through tall grassy areas, which were an adventure in traction or lack thereof. The weather all day was partly cloudy, keeping sun glare down and perfect working conditions for course workers.



40 drivers competed in the second event, spread out primarily between four classes. In the all-wheel-drive classes, Stock AWD (SA) points leader Julian Zottl was absent and Brian Clarke took full advantage, winning the class by almost 10 seconds in his Subaru Sti Type RA over several other Subarus and a Jeep Renegade. In Prepared AWD (PA) Austin Jackson drove Clarke's car to a second class victory, crushing an experienced group of competitors by over 20 seconds. In the highly-competitive Modified AWD (M4) class, Adam Kimmitt registered a commanding 21-second win over the competition, though the entire class kept course workers busy shagging cone hits.

In front-wheel drive, the recently-popular stock (SF) class saw Spiro Voudouris, visiting DC from Susquehanna Region, edge several veterans and newcomers for the win. Kris Hamilton won Prepared FWD (PF), while Andy Thomas beat out several fast drivers in his Celica, easily winning Modified (MF).



Rear-wheel drive continued its strong turnout once again, in spite of the threat of slippery conditions. Stock (SR) was smaller than usual, with Elijah Hecox winning in his Jeep Comanche, always a crowd favorite. Several of the prepared-class regulars were absent or running in other classes, and Shawn Roberts, as usual, won the class against his co-driver. Modified RWD (MR) as always turned out a large entry, with 12 competitors. With at least five cars within a few seconds of each other in the afternoon, Josh Hickey pulled away for an 8-second win over Neil Cox, with Nick Drymalski, Jeremy Sitar, and Josh Sennett close behind.

With a late start due to the weather, competitors managed to get in 10 total runs.

In spite of a multitude of cone penalties, Adam Kimmitt set the fast time of the day (FTD) at 702 seconds in his Subaru, with Hickey and Thomas only a few seconds behind in their 2WD cars.

DC's next event will again be at Panthera on Sunday June 9th, with our annual two-day Double-Cross.

Program Update: Autocross

Stop me if you've heard this one before: our schedule has had to be adjusted due to the NFL schedule being released and affecting dates we had reserved over the winter. This is not unusual for WDCR or any other club that runs at a football stadium; we try to set dates well before the NFL sets its teams', and then we deal with the fallout once more information arises.

Having said this, here is the schedule as we know it:

- Sunday, June 2 – Championship Event #1
- Sunday, June 23 – Championship Event #2
- Sunday, July 14 – Championship Event #3
- Sunday, July 21 – Championship Event #4
- Sunday, August 18 – Championship Event #5
- Sunday, September 29 – Championship Event #6
- Sunday, October 27 – Championship Event #7

This remains, as always, subject to change.

Since the Straightpipe went to print last, there haven't been any SCCA events held locally. However, a number of WDCR regulars made the trip to East Rutherford, N.J. to run the only "local" Pro Solo this year. Conditions were less than ideal, with Saturday starting wet after overnight rains, though everyone got to enjoy dry runs for the Saturday afternoon session. Then the rain moved in again Saturday night, and, with the chances of anyone improving positions nearly impossible in Sunday's steady sprinkles, officials called off the balance of the event and sent everyone home. While some might have enjoyed getting some practice in the rain, the decision to cancel was the right one.

Notable WDCR regulars in the New Jersey Pro results:

- Larry Casey and Cody Hunt, 4th and 5th in A Street (15 drivers)
- Rusty English, 1st in B Street driving Justin Rogers' impressive Tesla Model 3 (12 drivers)
- Greg Pollack, 9th in E Street (16 drivers)
- Sam Strano, 2nd in Super Street R (13 drivers)
- Brian Karwan (2nd), Marcus Pyne (6th), Mark Shrivastava (7th) in Street Touring Roadster (33 drivers)
- Lenworth Woolcock, 4th in Street Touring Sport (21 drivers)
- Ally Arts, 3rd in the combined Ladies class (9 drivers)
- Danny Kao (4th) and Clyde Caplan (9th) in Street 4 (28 drivers)

For the traveling sort, New Jersey was just the first trip of many in the coming weeks. While Mother's Day weekend is quiet, after that is the Finger Lakes Championship Tour in Romulus, New York. Following that is Memorial Day weekend, which means some will be making the trek halfway across the country to run Spring Nationals in Lincoln, Nebraska. Both the Pro Solo and the Championship Tour portions of Spring Nationals sold out, so there will be plenty of competition over four days at Lincoln Airpark.

When we come back from that, it's time to kick off the WDCR championship season.

