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This off-season has been a little more relaxed for Team Fuehrer than the past several. The Mustang will get a little freshening-up before the season starts but nothing too tough. The LOL board of directors hasn't been too relaxed though. We have been very busy getting ready for our 2007 events. There is a little uncertainty about a few details but this could wind up being the best year we have had in a long time.

Banquet Recap

Our 2006 banquet is now history and was a great event. We had a new venue for the event this year and it turned out to be perfect! DeGidio's on 7th Street in St. Paul treated us very well. The highlights of the banquet were Harvey West receiving his 45-year membership award, the first annual SSAC competition awards and probably the shrimp appetizer. I also need to mention how well Rick Albrechtson has been taking care of the SCCA Solo group down in La Crosse. It's a great program

and the thought that goes into his award selection is very impressive.

LOL BOD Elections

The results of the 2006 board of director's elections are complete. Hopefully no one should be surprised that all three candidates received enough votes to fill the 3 open BOD spots. Hopefully next year we will have even more people stepping forward to participate in the LOL BOD.

Our newest BOD members are Jim Gillen and Aaron Jongbloedt. Steve Olson was reelected. We are very happy to have these guys on the board. Their contact information is listed in this edition. Take a moment to welcome them to their new positions.

I am the RE for another year. Randy Van de Loo is Assistant RE, Jim Gillen is Secretary and Mary Utecht is your Treasurer.

2007 Road Racing Season

The 2007 LOL Road Racing season is still a little uncertain. We have arranged with BIR to hold a Double Regional SCCA sanctioned race

at the track over Labor Day weekend. Sounds good right? The downside is that it is on the yet-to-be build club track! Of course we are thrilled to have the possibility of holding SCCA races at BIR in 2007 but a whole lot of work needs to be completed at the track to complete the club track construction. In addition to the track surface there needs to be pits, paddock and a control tower that needs to be constructed. The track owners and management is completely committed to complete the construction in time for races next year – so that is indeed comforting.

To hedge our bets we have also talked to our friends at Donnybrooke Motorsports about sharing their weekend at BIR. That weekend is July 22/23 at the BIR "Classic" course. We will relay the exact makeup of these events as we progress through the next few months. In the meantime try to keep both of these weekends open on your calendar.

The first Central Division Road Race event this year is the Quad Driver's School on April 27-29th

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at Blackhawk Farms. This annual Double Driver's School and Regional race is always a great way to start the season as a driver or volunteer.

Auto Show

Steve and Ardis Olson along with Justin Parizek and busy making plans for the upcoming Minneapolis Auto Show. If you have an interest in helping out LOL and SSAC at the show please contact them (see the contact page). The show is at the Minneapolis Convention center March 10-18th. We are always looking for people to spend a few hours at the booth as well as needing Solo, Road Racing and Rally cars that represent the types of events that LOL and SSAC organize.

Member Activities

We are continuing to hold and publicize non-competition events that our members would like to attend. We have realized that "social" events are very important to our members. We have several events listed in the club calendar that you may find interesting. If you have any ideas for events or outings that may interest other club members please let the LOL/SSAC boards know. This can be anything from a Go-kart evening to a Saturday shop tour (Hint - the later is an ideal way to get your business noticed).

Pace truck (?)

Since my Mustang race car doesn't need too much work this off season I've been working on a new project this winter. Many of you may know I also have an interest in Street Rods as well as race cars. I have started a street rod project with a small amount of Road Race influence. I'm hoping it's something fairly original, a little tough to do with the all the guys building street rods. There can't be too many '48 Chevy 1/2 ton pickups out there powered by a 500 CID Cadillac motor with C4 Corvette front suspension, custom 5-link rear suspensions and coil-over shocks at all 4 corners. It will even have some big brakes on it and run 17" wheels and tires. There is some chance it will be complete this summer - I'd be happy for us to use have the club use this as our official LOL / SSAC pace "vehicle". Any volunteers for a Pace Truck driver?

So the 2007 has the promise to be another fun and interesting year for our club. Join us and hang on!

Motorsports Memories

Will Return in the next Edition of The Tonneau.

Harvey West 45 years of dedication, written and presented by Randy Van de Loo.

So I was reading the Letters to the Editor in Chris Economaki's SpeedSport news back in September of 2003.

There was one letter that hit so close to home - I could have written it myself.
The writer was talking about Minnesota Memories in a style that was very familiar!

The letter goes like this;

Chris Economaki's recent comments on the demise of the Minnesota State Fair racetrack really hit home. I grew up just a few blocks from this historic track, and my parents took me to my first auto race there in 1941, igniting a passion for motorsports that still burns today. In 1958, my future wife and I watched the IMCA sprint cars there on one of our first dates.

I treasure the memories of many pleasurable hours spent watching sprints, late-model stock cars, modified stocks, midgets and motorcycles at this famous venue. Emory Collins, Deb Snyder, Jerry Richert, Mario Andretti, Troy Ruttman, Ernie Derr, Ramo Scott and Dick Trickle were just a few of the drivers who helped make these memories for us.

Attend the Minnesota State Fair in the future? Sorry, but that chapter in my life is over. I won't set foot on the Fairgrounds again. But, I'll be at Elko Speedway to watch the traditional ASA Labor Day race again next year, hopefully. At least a remnant of a great racing tradition remains in Minnesota.

** Harvey West
** Owatonna, Minn.

Was the writing style familiar? It should be. It was written by Harvey West. His Tonneau Articles such as; A Mini History of Racing in Minnesota and Motorsports Memories have triggered the recall of many memories for me - giving me an inside view of some of Harvey's memories as though I were there through it all..

Harvey's not just a fan of Motorsports with a knack for writing - During his years with LOL he has served as Corner Worker, Driving Instructor, Board Member, Secretary and Assistant RE and is probably LOL's premiere ambassador to Motorsports.

In 2002 Harvey was awarded the Brooke Kinnard.

Harvey and Sharon can be seen at racetracks all over the midwest racing their BLACK, 1989, MUSTANG, LX #60..

My numbers may be off a little here so please bear with me but I believe that Harvey & Sharon have roughly 300 starts in Club Racing and have been in competition at the SCCA Runoffs for the last 15 years.

2006 Runoffs finish;

* 2006 Heartland Park - Topeka KS 2.5 mile track finished 14th of 29 entrants.

Please join me in recognizing the contributions of Harvey and Sharon West over the last 45 years with LOL.

Event Calendar

Auto Shows:

February 3,4th. World of Wheels, St. Paul MN.

March 10-18th, GMADA Minneapolis MN.

LOL/SSAC February Social Events:

Feb 3rd Open House at Carriage House Customs, Wanamingo MN.

Feb 18th Daytona 500 Party at Murray Motorsports, Monticello MN.

LOL/SSAC Annual Open House - Details TBA

Minnesota Road Racing and Lapping Open House March 31st Orr Autosports, Eden Prairie MN.

Yucatan Safari Rally – Saturday, March 24 – LaCrosse

Annual Tech Day April 21st, Westside VW, St. Louis Park, MN.

Beginner Rally – Saturday, April 21 – LaCrosse

Headwaters 1 Stage Rally, May 12, 2007, Kerrick, MN, (TENATIVE)

Laker Rally – Friday, May 18, Prior Lake, MN

Test & Tune (Solo) – Saturday, May 19 – Winona

LOL Champ. Solo – Sunday, May 20 – Winona

Mall of America Display - Scout Pinewood Derby, June 2 & 3

Shooting Star Rally – June 8 & 9, Mahnommen, MN

LOL Champ. Solo – Sunday, June 10 – LaCrosse

Test & Tune (Solo) – Saturday, July 7 – Winona

LOL Champ. Solo – Sunday, July 8 – Winona

SCCA/SSAC/Donnybrooke Road Racing, Lapping and Time Trials - July 21/22 -
at BIR.

LOL Champ. Solo – Sunday, August 5 – LaCrosse

Ojibwe Forests Rally – August 24 & 25, Bemidji, MN

Test & Tune (Solo) – Saturday, August 25 – Winona

LOL Champ. Solo – Sunday, August 26 – Winona

SCCA Double Regional Road Races- September 1st and 2nd at BIR Club Course.

45th Annual Oktoberfest Solo – Sunday, September 23, LaCrosse

Test & Tune (Solo) – Saturday, October 6 – Winona

LOL Champ. Solo – Sunday, October 7 – Winona

Tombstone Trails Rally – Saturday, October 27

SCCLAC Annual Banquet – Saturday, November 10 – La Crosse

Awards Banquet – Saturday, January 5, 2008

Help Wanted

Tonneau Editorial Staff.

We are in dire need of a person or group to take on the creation of the Tonneau. It deserves a person who can get editions put together on a regular basis.

It's not a tough job and is actually very fun. Using Microsoft Publisher creating the Tonneau is about as easy as creating a Word document. The finished edition is then emailed to the publisher. The entire job can be done while sitting on your couch. There is also plenty of room to add your creative touches to our newsletter.

F+C Workers, Equipment Chief, Tech Inspector Trainee

Even though we are in the off season, this is an ideal time to step forward and get ready to help stage next year's events. The spring training weekend will be held in February at Wisconsin Dells. Any club member looking to gain knowledge in several areas is invited to attend.

Project Coordinator – The Gopher Restoration Project

We are still looking for a person to look after our club Icon - The Gopher. Wouldn't it be great to see this old friend up and running at BIR next year? Some window replacement, a fluid change and a little TLC will get it up and running. This would be a great father/son project - anybody out there want to lend a hand?

Ad Manager

We have identified the need to have a person who can coordinate advertisements in the Tonneau as well as ad space on our Web-site. Contact the Tonneau editor for more details.



March 10-18, 2007

Volunteers needed!

Please contact Steve or Ardis Olson if you are interested in working the booth or have a car for display. We will also have a booth at the World Of Wheels show in St. Paul in February. They can be reached at 763-478-3540



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Upcoming LOL / SSAC Membership Activities

March - Annual LOL/SSAC Open House - Location TBA

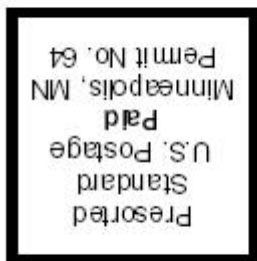
April 21st - Tech Day - Westside VW

May - Rally Night

July 21/22 - SSAC HPDE at BIR

Labor Day 2007 - SCCA Double Regional at BIR

**Check the LOL website for last minute additions/corrections to the calendar.
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