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RE-^{PORT}

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As the competition season is coming to an end, it is time to start thinking about elections and the banquet. If you are interested in being on the Board of Directors for LoL, please contact me directly at 651.408.1203 or lolregion@yahoo.com.

Be sure to reserve the date for this year's Land O'Lakes Region SCCA banquet. The banquet will be at DeGidio's again this year. Social hour will start at 6:00 on Friday, Jan 8, 2010. Dinner will start at 7:00 with the awards program to start after dinner. We need your input in the form of nominations for year end awards. You will find the nomination information located elsewhere in this issue of the Tonneau. Please forward any award nominations or comments to me in the same ways listed above.

By the time this gets mailed out, we will have two competition events remaining, the Dirty Jack O'Lantern RallyCross and the Tombstone Trail Rally. The Tombstone Trail Rally is the longest continuously running LoL competition event. You owe it to yourself to check it out. Go to <http://www.rallymasterpro.com/tombstone/index.php> for registration and more information.

Until next month, keep playing with cars!

Mary Utecht
Regional Executive
Land O'Lakes Region SCCA

BIR passed the inspection!

Wooohooo! Details P. 5

Mark Your Calendar!

The LoL banquet will be 6:00 PM Jan 8, 2010 at Degidio's

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**Land O Lakes Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
September 9, 2009**

Meeting called to order by Mary Utecht at 7:01 pm.

Members Present: Mary Utecht, Randy VandeLoo, Carrie Carlson, Jim Gillen, Eric Dahl, Aaron Jongbloedt, Dan Corgard, Jimmy Griggs, Joe Axberg.

Members Absent: None.

Guests: Mark Utecht, Tom Fuehrer

Treasurer's reports Approved as posted. One update a \$75 bank charge, one time event due to banking process change, Carrie will contact the bank about refunding the charge since we do not want to service.

Membership Report: 473 members.

Web/Tonneau Report: Working on next one looking for articles. Also talking to someone interested in advertising. Will need the next Tonneau to include award applications.

Competition Board Report:

RallyCross: Next event at Cannon Fall this weekend, Harvest Moon. Two more events yet this year.

Road Rally: US National event coming up in LaCrosse, noted in the SCCA SportsCar Magazine.

Stage Rally: Ojibwe event, see the video of Mark playing with a 2010 Mustang. Lots of fun had by all.

Solo: No report.

Club Racing: BIR would like another work weekend at the track. Track has attempted to contact Mike Engelke to schedule another inspection. Track has continued working, all the fencing has been added to the poles we put up. Still lacking on tire bundles. Nothing will be schedule there until track certified. If we can go forward, a mixed event weekend with Trans-Am and Show-n-Go.

Teen Survival: No report.

Old Business:

Trailer – Mark has located one – 6x12 that is serviceable. \$1300.00. Board unanimously approved the purchase. Permanent registration and license also taken care at a cost \$150.00.

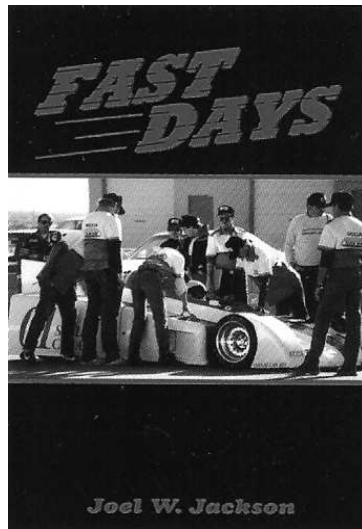
New Business

Boy Scout troop building a project car for the GrandAm series car, interested in participating in events with us. Mary will continue talking with them..

BOD election – Jim Gillen, Joe Axberg, and Aaron Jongbloedt are up for re-election.

Banquet – at Digidio's and confirm the date Jan 9, 2010. This date may conflict, so some research needed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:56 pm



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Snow States Plow

Nemadji 3 proves to be tough on Mustangs...and Zipties.

The third Nemadji Trail Rally of 2009 is in the books. It was a good event but it did pick on one particular vehicle line. After winning stage one, Mark Utecht and Rob Bohn pushed the limits a bit too far on stage two and rolled their Mustang in a decreasing radius left hand corner. The video can be seen at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ge57tISP1KQ>. On the next stage, within a quarter mile of the Utecht/Bohn incident, Bonnie Stoehr and Jake Weber had a similar off but managed to keep the car on it's wheels (with a little help from the woods. Jake's comment immediately after the impact was "Start 'er up, let's go". The video of their off is at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e4GG3Hdi8Ig>.

However, before all that, the swamp reached up and grabbed the Ziptie Rally team of Carl Siegler and Dave Goodman. The first four corners of the rally was all Ziptie would see this time. They carried too much speed into a decreasing radius right turn and had a multiple roll incident that left them in a swamp bottom. The video can be seen at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z1ZaugEGamw>. Thankfully, there were no injuries beyond muscle strain for all three cars that left the road.

Now for the folks that avoided the up close contact with nature. This rally saw the return of Doug Dill to MN stage rally competition. Denny McGinn rode in the terror seat with Doug and after the shock of the first stage settled in for a fun ride. Mason Moyle and Scott Putnam were back in their Open Light Impreza and gained valuable seat time with a finish in both events. Kazimierz Pudelek and Michal Nawracaj came up from the Chicago area to try and take some hardware out of MN. John Kimmes and Greg Smith were also there hoping for more seat time and good finishes.

Winning Group 5 in both rallies was the team of Brian Dondelinger and Dave Parps. The Group 2 winners for both events were Dam Adamson and Chris Gordon. The SP winners for both were Slawomir Balda and Piotr Boczek. Coming out on top of the open class was the team of Dustin Kasten and Corina Soto.

Finally, winning the Open Light class, winning the rallies overall and winning the Inaugural Jeff Moyle Memorial Trophy was the team of Janusz Topor and Michal Kaminski in their Subaru Impreza.

Carrie Carlson



The Mayhem Chicks...live and in person!

Ask the Mayhem Chicks

The Mayhem Chicks are Mary Utecht, Amanda Ingle and Carrie Carlson. We are three of the four regular crew members for Mayhem Racing. We are also involved in our local SCCA region. Mary is the current RE of Land o' Lakes and Carrie is the treasurer. Carrie is also on the board of the Snow States Autosports Club. Carrie, Amanda and Mary are organizers of the Nemadji Trail Rally Series as well. We can be seen at any number of SCCA and Snow States events.

It seems like every time I see you three, you have bandanas on your heads. What is up with that?

The simple answer to this question is comfort. Bandanas work great to keep our hair out of our faces when we are busy, whether working at the track or working on the rally car. Other benefits of bandanas include being able to use them to wipe your face when sweaty or to wipe up a spill when there isn't anything else handy. Try wearing one, you might just like it.

The Mayhem Chicks welcome your questions. Email us at MayhemChicks@earthlink.net. We look forward to your questions.

BIR Is Now Certified

The track has been inspected by the Cendiv Executive Steward.

IT PASSED !!!!!!!!

Thanks to the Copham's and Gary Curtis for all of their efforts and to all the Land O' Lakes members who have been working on this "item" for nearly all of the last decade.

Bring on 2010 - lets go racing!!!

Tom Fuehrer

The Board of Directors will be compiling a list of necessary chairs and positions and post to the SCCA-LOL website to make the volunteering as easy as possible.

In the meantime, think about your strengths and what you'd like to do. Then, please start telling everyone you know the great news!

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**ANNUAL AWARD NOMINATIONS
LAND O'LAKES REGION SCCA and
SNOW STATES AUTOSPORTS CLUB**

Each award is listed with its description. Please provide the name of the nominee and the reason for the nomination and submit that information to the Competition Board Chair. In order for your nomination to be considered, you must give reasons and examples for your nomination as they relate to the award description.

All nominations will be forwarded to the Competition Board and the Worker Awards Committee for final consideration. The person(s) selected will be announced at the Land O'Lakes/Snow States Autosports Club annual Awards Banquet. Any of the awards may be rested when no member of the region meets the qualifications for the award.

SKOGMO MEMORIAL AWARD

Given annually to the MOST IMPROVED DRIVER IN LOL/SSAC. To achieve this award a driver should have made dramatic improvements in a season of competition. The award may go to an average driver of long standing who suddenly becomes outstanding, or one who has shown steady improvement over a season, or to a beginning driver who made outstanding progress during a season.

The Skogmo Award was named in honor of Kristin Skogmo, daughter of LOL racer Don Skogmo. Kristin died as the result of an accident while preparing to attend a race at Road America. The award was established in 1958. Don Skogmo died at Road America in 1966.

BROOKE KINNARD TROPHY

Given annually to a driver who most exemplifies the characteristics of the amateur driver. This driver will have shown an ability to overcome adversity, a willingness to help other drivers, an interest in the activities of the Region, and ability and enthusiasm as a driver.

The Trophy was named after Brooke Kinnard, an active LOL member who served as Regional Executive, as well as being an active small production car racer. Brooke loved racing and the people involved in it. He died during the 1965 June Sprints.

SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD

Given to a driver, group of drivers or other individual(s) who have shown extraordinary sportsmanship towards a driver or group of drivers. The person(s) selected to receive this award will have shown a willingness to sacrifice for the ultimate good of the sport.

JUDY KRAUSE AWARD - Outstanding Worker

Awarded to a worker chosen for his/her longevity, quality, and diversity of involvement in LOL/SSAC.

The previous recipients choose the individual given this award through the use of the list of nominees.

CREW MEMBER OF THE YEAR

The recipient of this award will be an LOL/SSAC member who serves as a crew member on a racing car. This individual may perform mechanical preparation of the racing vehicle or engage in any number of other functions a crew member may be called upon to perform during an event weekend.

ROAD RACING DRIVER OF THE YEAR

Awarded to the outstanding road racing driver who best "carried forth the colors of the LOL Region and SCCA" during the previous season. The road racing driver of the year shall have shown outstanding ability as a road racing driver and participated in the activities of the Region with a positive attitude, serving as an example to others. The recipient will have demonstrated pride in his/her membership in LOL/SCCA through performance as a road racing driver even under the most difficult of circumstances. The Road Racing Driver of the Year shall be outstanding in every respect and shall have served as an inspiration to LOL/SCCA members in every way.

SOLO II DRIVER OF THE YEAR

Awarded to the outstanding Solo II driver who best "carried forth the colors of the LOL Region and SCCA" during the previous season. The Solo II driver of the year shall have shown outstanding ability as a Solo II driver and participated in the activities of the Region with a positive attitude, serving as an example to others. The recipient will have demonstrated pride in his/her membership in LOL/SCCA through performance as a Solo II driver even under the most difficult of circumstances. The Solo II Driver of the Year shall be outstanding in every respect and shall have served as an inspiration to LOL/SCCA members in every way.

RALLY DRIVER OF THE YEAR

Awarded to the outstanding rally driver who best "carried forth the colors of the Snow States Autosports Club" during the previous season. The rally driver of the year shall have shown outstanding ability as a rally driver and participated in the activities of the program with a positive attitude, serving as an example to others. The recipient will have demonstrated pride through performance as a rally driver even under the most difficult of circumstances. The Rally Driver of the Year shall be outstanding in every respect and shall have served as an inspiration to program participants in every way.

RALLY CO-DRIVER/NAVIGATOR OF THE YEAR

Awarded to the outstanding rally co-driver/navigator who best "carried forth the colors of the Snow States Autosports Club " during the previous season. The rally co-driver/navigator of the year shall have shown outstanding ability as a rally co-driver/navigator and participated in the activities of the program with a positive attitude, serving as an example to others. The recipient will have demonstrated pride through performance as a rally co-driver/navigator even under the most difficult of circumstances. The Rally Co-driver/Navigator of the Year shall be outstanding in every respect and shall have served as an inspiration to program participants in every way.

ROAD RACING ROOKIE OF THE YEAR

Given to the road racing driver who excels in his/her first year of driving. The person selected will have overcome his/her fears, shown enthusiasm for driving and the Region's activities, and helped promote the sport of amateur road racing. The person selected must be a driver in her/his first year of SCCA road racing.

SOLO II ROOKIE OF THE YEAR

Given to the Solo II driver who excels in his/her first year of driving. The person selected will have overcome his/her fears, shown enthusiasm for driving and the Region's activities, and helped promote the sport of Solo II. The person selected must be a driver in her/his first year of SCCA Solo II competition.

RALLY ROOKIE DRIVER OF THE YEAR

This award is given annually to the Driver who, in his or her first year of competition in Road Rally, RallyCross, or Stage Rally, has demonstrated exceptional skill and aptitude in rally driving ability. In addition, this individual will have shown sportsmanship qualities in dealing with all officials, workers, organizers, and other competitors. He/she will have carried the colors of LOL/SSAC forward, and contributed to the betterment of the sport.

RALLY ROOKIE CO-DRIVER/NAVIGATOR OF THE YEAR

This award is given annually to the Co-Driver/Navigator who, in his or her first year of competition in either Road Rally or Stage Rally, has demonstrated exceptional skill and aptitude in rally navigating/co-driving ability. In addition, this individual will have shown sportsmanship qualities in dealing with all officials, workers, organizers, and other competitors. He/she will have carried the colors of LOL/SSAC forward, and contributed to the betterment of the sport.

SERVICE AWARDS

These awards are given to people who have made significant contributions to LOL/SSAC. People receiving multiple nominations and whose contributions committee chairs recognize will be considered for these awards.

2009 Run Off Results!

Most notable, Aaron Ellis finished 3rd in F500.

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89 Brakke, Jon R
 Fargo, ND 1999 Mazda Miata Red
 Margaret Peterson Bars
Finished 24th

F500

Jondal, Steven A
 Somerset, WI Red Devil js08 Blu,Wht
 Comfortably Numb Racing
Finished 9th

Ellis, Aaron W

Farmington, MN Ellis AE06 Red
 Carlisle/CFF/Ellis Motorsports
Finished 3rd

FV

Livermore, Bruce
 Stillwater, MN Mysterian X-M2 Mrn,Slv
 BeebeBuilds/VeeTech/LRE/Hoosier/BRP
Finished 28th

GT2

Gray, Timothy
 Eden Prairie, MN Porsche 996 GT3 Cup Wht,Ylw
 Ryan Companies US,Inc
Finished 5th

SM

Randall, James
 Montrose, MN 1997 Mazda Miata Blk,Grn
 Randall Racing
Finished 27th

SRF

Johnson, Reid
 Hamel, MN SCCA Spec Racer Ford Blu
 RJR Racing
DNF

Gray, James C

Minneapolis, MN SCCA Spec Racer Ford Blu
DNF

SSC

Daly, Thomas
 Minneapolis, MN 2007 Volkswagen Rabbit Blk
 Luther Westside Volkswagen
Finished 11th

Dog Daze RallyCross

Our National Challenge RallyCross (formerly our divisional RallyCross) at Corcoran Lions' Park has always drawn a crowd and this year's event was no different. Thirty-one drivers competed in this year's event. The gravel surface at Corcoran adds a nice variety to our series, as most of our events are in fields. Dust was not much of a factor at this event, mostly because we water the daylight out of the course!

Rally masters Brent Carlson and Jim Cox teamed up for the third year in a row to create a challenging yet fun course. Every year these two seem to pull something different out of their hats and 2009 was no different. This year's course included an increasing radius corkscrew turn that kept competitors on their toes.

Fierce competition and sportsmanship were evident at this event. Mark Utecht was originally planning on competing in M2, sharing John Kimmes' VW Golf. During John's first run, he broke an axle and retired the car for the day. Mark Holden was generous enough to let Mark co-drive his Sentra.

Ken Cashion made the drive from Denver, Colorado to challenge local competitors. Ken placed first in Modified Four-Wheel Drive and first overall in his Mitsubishi Evolution. Second place in M4 was Dan Drury in Amy Springer's Subaru Legacy. Amy finished third in class.

In the highly contested Modified Two-Wheel Drive class, Brent Carlson took first place driving his 1985 Volkswagen GTI that is destined for stage rally. Carlson finished second overall. Second in M2 was Mark Holden, driving his Nissan Sentra. Finishing third was Nick Dahlen in his Mazda Protégé.

Prepared All-Wheel Drive was won by Matt Walters driving his Subaru Forester. Matt finished third overall. Second in PA was Jesse Lang. Finishing third was Anthony Mills. Both Jesse and Anthony were driving Subarus as well.

Aaron Jongbloedt finished fifth overall and first in Stock Front-Wheel Drive in a Volkswagen Jolf (cross between a Jetta and a Golf). Finishing second in SF was first time RallyCross competitor Jeff Forss.

Dustin Nevenon finished first in Stock All Wheel Drive followed by Daniel Mooers and Dan Madsen. SA was another class dominated by Subarus.

Paul Peters took first in Stock Rear-Wheel Drive in his "Ataim adzam" also know as a Mazda Miata. How did he run a convertible, you might ask. He had the hard top on and by SCCA RallyCross rules this is allowed.

Erik Dahl finished first in Prepared Rear-Wheel Drive in his Toyota MR2.

One other notable car was the RX 7 piloted by Doug Dill and Denise Nygaard. While not fast, it was definitely fun to watch.

Special thanks to our rally masters Brent Carlson and Jim Cox for putting together yet another excellent event. There were several folks who came out on Saturday afternoon to help lay out the course and water, I don't have everyone's names, but if you were there, you know who you are, and your help was greatly appreciated. Thanks to Denny McGinn who came out to be our Safety Steward. Thanks to our Timing and Scoring crew, Mark Utecht, Mary Utecht, Carrie Carlson and Amanda Ingle.

July 26, 2009
AP, Elkhart Lake, WI
ROAD AMERICA

The Race Report – Cat Nationals and 40th Anniversary of FORMULA FORD

Schnauzee gets his ass kicked by driver going in reverse!

Road America was host to what is believed to be the largest gathering of Formula Fords ever, in the USA, and maybe the world. The final count was around 200 of the cars first conceived in England in 1967. 37 Marques were represented, with the cars coming from all across the USA and Canada for the 40th Anniversary of Formula Ford in the U.S.

Thousands of photos were taken of the cars, in selected groups as well as in action on the track. A Main Straight photo shoot saw Jacques Schnauzee, the World Famous Racer and the TEAM Schnauzee car placed near the front, highlighting the beautiful paint work done by Fireball Fuehrer.





Group photo on main straight, Team Schnauzee far right. Bill Bergeron's (LOL area) car seen on the left Schnauzee seen in his car during the Main Straight Photo shoot. Fans lined the wall. Posters available, \$100 framed, \$30 unframed.



A group of English built Formula Fords. Team Schnauzee is seen in the left rear.

Jacques, hoping for a Top 100 finish in the weekend's event, Qualified 15th, and it appeared he would have a shot at it. The Group 4 Restricted Regional would be the largest Race Group ever assembled at the famous 4 mile road course. 112 cars would be in the race, 45 in FF, and 67 in CFF. Jacques got a good start, but apparently began having trouble early on. Lee Lloyd, a driver from Maryland whom Schnauzee beat here in May, proved to the aging daredevil what many drivers have said all along— they could beat him driving in reverse! Lee passed the legend in his own mind on the third lap – going BACKWARDS! *See Photo.*

Unfortunately for Lloyd, he was unable to make the pass stick as he turned for the infamous left hand Turn 5, forgetting that it would now be a right turn for him. Schnauzee regained his position as Lloyd hit the wall.

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Lee Lloyd (#61) on the right, passes Schnauzee (#8), center, going *backwards* into Turn 5.

Schnauzee continued on his charge, until a Full Course Yellow preceded a Black Flag on Lap 4. With the exception of the five cars that were piled up, three of them in Turn 1, Lloyd and one other in Turn 5, the entire field headed to Pit Row, where they would sit for the next 32 minutes. This of course closed the field up for a tight restart. Schnauzee, now in 14th position, was unable to see over the hill on the main straight to see the green flag as it dropped on the restart. He gave up a few positions early on. This seemed to motivate the has been/*never was* to drive his fastest lap yet. Apparently he scared himself, as after moving up as high as 11th position, he began to fade. A few laps later, Schnauzee (conveniently) developed “engine trouble”, and slowed on the final three laps of the race. Jacques did manage to nurse his ailing car to the finish line 16th in Class, 31st overall, giving up the final position by a mere .001 seconds!

Later on, 88 Formula Fords running in the National FF Group took to the track for what would be an exciting but rain shortened race, with many of the beautifully restored cars going off track, their slick tires having virtually no grip on the slick track. A few cars were damaged and a couple of drivers injured, none too seriously.

Steve Barkley

Who is Jacques Schnauzee? No one really knows for sure, but the guy leads quite an interesting, if not totally imaginary, life. Huge EGO. Usually refers to himself as the World Famous _____ (fill in the blank)

Jacques' background is a rather long story. We first met back in college days. That should help explain. My buddy Scott, who now lives in Boulder, and I were out skiing one day. This was back in the days of the big rivalry between Hart Skis and Head Skis. I had Hart Javelin's. Standing in line, a huge dude skis up on his Head's and proceeds to give me shit about my skis. Not only huge, but obviously drunk. I'm just ignoring him, when my good buddy, (you never know what this guy will say to people) at 5'9", gets right in this guys face and shouts "Do you know who this is? DO you? THIS IS JACQUES SCHNAUZEE, MAN. The WORLD FAMOUS SKI RACER!!, SO BUTT OUT !! " Instantly, Jacques was born. We don't really know how to spell his name, and we think he's Austrian, but we're not certain.

Thinking I'm about to die, he asks, "Oh yeah, well you want to race ME?" Being the famous ski racer I am, I have no choice but to accept the challenge. "But of course, you fool". "On that hill?" "I am Jacques Schnauzee, the World Famous Ski Racer. I will race anyone, anywhere". "Bombing it?" "Zat is zee only vay too race!, you stupid *American!*" Now I know I'm going to be killed. But instead, he says, "OK, let's go". So I kick his ass in the "race". He gives me more shit about not crossing the finish line or something, I again call him a "Fool", and we disappear. Quickly I might add.

After the lifts closed, we headed to the bar. We had just enough money for one beer each. There we were, enjoying our beers, when suddenly who shall appear? You got it. And he's heading for us. NOW we're going to die.

He walks right up, starts apologizing profusely! He "didn't know who you were, man. I was really drunk and I'm really sorry. I *really* didn't know who you were. (no shit Sherlock) Let me buy you guys some beer" "It iz not necessary, you fool." "Oh please, I'm really sorry" "Vell, then, a pitcher of Heineken if you must!"

Moments later, we were enjoying that pitcher.

And to this day, Jacques has never been forgotten. In fact, a few years ago, Patty and I were going to Colorado for some skiing. Scott said he'd pick us up at DIA, we wouldn't need to rent a car. As we get to the main terminal area where people can greet arrivees, there he is, standing there with a dorky chauffer's hat and a cardboard sign that has scrawled across it, yup, you guessed it "**SCHNAUZEE**"

So now you know.

And now he's taken up racing. God help us.

Steve Barkley

Check out our website: <http://scca-lol.org/>

BIR passed the inspection!

Wooohooo! Details P. 5

Mark Your Calendar!

The LoL banquet will be 6:00 PM Jan 8, 2010 at Degidio's
Nominations/awards needed, P.6

Watch our website, <http://scca-lol.org/>
for more information

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