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## REPORT

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This Month's report will get to you all prior to our BIR race over Memorial weekend - The Harvey West Memorial Day Classic.

This is our event to honor our fellow LOL'er Harvey West who we lost a few years ago. Harvey was the consummate club racer and SCCA member. He was probably best known within the American Sedan National race community (the Whoomah! crowd) but Harvey was never far from the Regional racers as well as his local Solo group. He is still greatly missed by all of us. We are thrilled to have the other half of Team West as our Chief Registrar for the event. Make sure you give Sharon a big hug or two at the races and remem-

ber Harvey as you execute a nice dive-bomb pass in Turn 12, he will be watching.

You will see a new event added at both of our races at BIR races this year. We are adding SCCA Time Trials to our events. We are doing Level 1 Time Trials, also known as PDX over the lunch break on Saturday and Sunday. On Sunday we will be holding a Level 2 Time Trial, also known as Club Trials. While PDX can be described as simply lapping, Club Trials is a timed event.

While LOL has done a PDX in the past, the new version of the SCCA Time Trial program is much larger in scope than before and gives our club the ability to now bring even more people our events. The PDX will give people the chance to drive on a race track for the first time and Club Trials will give people the opportunity to compete for quickest laps with their street car. Club Trials will hopefully draw from the existing BIR track rats that want to step up and compete for fast laps. It should also appeal to some of the Solo racers who want to go faster than a parking lot can let them. While some people will take part in these events simply to enjoy what they have to offer, we hope that the program also allows people easy stepping-stones toward becoming club racers.

Building up our participation base is a main element for our success. Going forward we can't rely on participants from outside of our region to make our events a success. The reality of \$4 a gallon gas and the fact that we are a long tow for most of Central Division can't be ignored. We

plan to build our events around a core of participants from our own region. This includes Regional and National Racers, Time Trials and our friends at VSCR.

The other element to our success is our great

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### Mark Your Calendar!

- **Member Open House** Wednesday, May 4th at Maaco on Lake St.
- **BIR Competition School** May 25-27
- Harvey West Memorial Championship at BIR, May 28-29
- Jack Pine Sprints at BIR July 9-10
- TransAm at BIR

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## Land O Lakes Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

April 12, 2011

Meeting called to order by Tom Fuehrer at 7:00 pm.

**Members Present:** Tom Fuehrer, Jim Gillen, Randy VandeLoo, Kathy Gillen, Stacy Scharch, Jimmy Griggs, Janine Fuehrer, Dan Corgard,

**Members Absent:** Aaron Jongbloedt

**Guests:** Paul Fox, Mark Kaufman, Chris Orr

**Treasurer's reports** Statements at the meeting, to be posted tomorrow.

**Web/Tonneau Report:** Next (monthly) Tonneau, articles and pictures due next week.

Still interested in updating the web site, but other activities keeping everyone busy right now.

### Competition Board Report:

**RallyCross:** No update

**Stage Rally:** No Update

#### Club Racing:

2011 LOL Champ Series – want an introductory article for Tonneau

Board approved the \$250 increase in region cost for CenDiv DS-Regional.

**Solo:** No update

#### Time Trials:

Staffing for PDX – during lunch, both days.

Time Trial will be Sunday (4 sessions)

Chief Instructor will be Gary Curtiss

Need Chief Steward and Safety Steward

Need to provide transponders for rental for Time Trials

**Membership Report:** 466 members.

Membership meeting – May 4<sup>th</sup> at Minneapolis Maaco on Lake Street

**Marketing Report:**

Marketing team asks for help accessing all the various forums to add the SCCA events out.

**Old Business:**

Equipment Project

Emergency Equipment - Paul is still buying equipment.

Fire Extinguishers have been inspected. 8 of the Water extinguisher cannot be repaired/certified.

CRA Equipment contract - board approved.

Open House and Tech Day Sunday April 17, 10 AM - 2 PM.

Paying for junk car for safety equipment demo - it will cost \$80 for delivery and disposal. Board approved paying the cost.

3. BIR entry fee. Tom and Kathy have been discussing this fee with the track. The compromise is to allow 3 free crew members and children 12 and under are free. But, above this, Memorial Day Spectator fee is \$30 per day. Volunteers also are provided free entry, but no free guests.

**New Business:**

LOL Volunteer Shirts - different colors for different disciplines, with LOL logo and some local sponsor logos. Need to determine costs. The shirts can maybe be used as an incentive for pre-registering.

Laminator equipment needed for registration use for photo ids. Also, what equipment needed for taking and printing pictures. Board approved buying the laminator. More research on camera and printer.

Meeting adjourned at 8:52 pm

(RE Port (continued))

group of volunteers. The only thing wrong with that group is its size. We have about 500 members now that should give us a good group of folks to enter and stage events but we seem to be relying on the same folks to do the mainstay of the work. Many of us are taking on multiple roles within the club to help make sure we succeed. Don't for a second think that just because we have a functioning race track once again that all is well. We need more help from our members to make sure we can continue to hold events.

I encourage all of you to come out to our Membership Meetings this summer to visit with your fellow club members and see what we are up to. Our next meeting is May 4<sup>th</sup>, with more to come through the summer.

See you at the races (and the meetings)!

Tom

**“This is the first sale we made from our Tonneau Advertisement!”**

We attended the sponsor party for Lion Leaders/Fox Racing last night.

They were the first sale from our Tonneau advertisement! Attached is a pic of my wife Tiffany wearing an example of the work we did for them.

Alex Awsumb

Stitch Studio



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## **Open House at Maaco on Wednesday, May 4th-6pm**

**Maaco Paint and Collision is hosting our next Open House.**

When: Wednesday, May 4th, 6:00 pm

Where: Maaco at 2005 E. Lake St

"Amore Victoria is catering our event!" owner Mark Kauffman said. "Stop in and have some refreshments and see some cool cars."

Join us as we discuss the upcoming race at BIR. Feel free to bring guests as well.

**Drop by the Maaco in Minneapolis and say "hi" to Mark Kauffman and his crew. You can find him at 2005 E. Lake St, Minneapolis, MN, or call him at (612) 721-6448.**

**SCCA-LOL Welcomes Maaco in Minneapolis  
and Mark Kauffman as a Platinum Sponsor!**



## Support our SPONSORS!

**Note from Kathy:** Please contact me if you would like to be a 2011 SCCA-LOL sponsor. Our goal in return is to help their business grow, so be sure to check this list before you hire anyone else! Be sure to mention you are an SCCA member!

### 2011 SCCA-LOL Sponsors

#### Platinum Sponsor:

**MAACO Paint and Body**

**Mark Kauffman**

You can find him at

2005 E. Lake St, Minneapolis, MN, or call him at (612) 721-6448.

#### **Comment from Platinum Sponsor, Mark Kauffman:**

*“Through my sponsorship of SCCA I have already had the privilege of painting several race cars as people prepare for the coming season. A lot of the racers have brought their personal cars in for repair as well.*

*“Being a Racer myself, I understand balancing the a racing budget with the cost of a great looking race car!”*

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# Feasting with MAYHEM



By now everyone knows that Mayhem Racing eats well both on and off the track (or wherever we are racing). This is primarily because of Mary and I and the time we spend in the kitchen.

## **We both love cooking**

and especially enjoy cooking together. It isn't unheard of for us to spend a day cooking up treats and savory morsels to freeze and use at a later date (whether at home or at the track).

Sometimes it is smoked turkey and pork butt, others it is meatballs, corned beef hash and sloppy joes. Whatever we cook up, it is usually tasty (occasionally we have flops) and more importantly we get to spend time together.

We want to use this column to share some of our favorite recipes with you. These are recipes that can easily be taken to the track, to a RallyCross, out in the woods or enjoyed at home. We hope you enjoy them as much as we do.

As we get ready for the upcoming race season, Mary and I will be busy making some great (and easy) make ahead dishes to have at the track.

## **This month, Walking Tacos.**

Last year we made this delicious dish for several events, including ChumpCar, TransAm, several RallyCrosses and Nemadji Trail. It is a fun and easy meal whether you are at home or at the track.

We have found that it is easiest to heat our taco meat up if we seal it in a FoodSaver™ vacuum sealer bag. We then freeze the meat until we are ready to use. Throw the unopened bag into a big pot of water, heat it up and presto! Hot taco meat. This also works great for heating up soup or sloppy joes. There are no worries of scorched food. Just be careful to make sure there isn't too much air in the bag or it might explode!

We also prepare our topping ahead of time to make meal preparation a breeze.

## Walking Tacos

- 1 lb. prepared taco meat
- Lettuce, shredded
- Diced Tomato
- Salsa
- Shredded Cheese
- Chopped onion
- Sour Cream
- Taco Sauce
- Individual sized bags of chips (corn chips or Nacho Doritos work best)

Heat up the taco meat.

Take a bag of chips. Crush chips before opening. Scoop taco meat onto chips. Top with your favorite taco toppings.

This is a great meal even for picky eaters. Everyone gets to choose what they want! Be creative and add other toppings like guacamole and black olives if desired.

Enjoy.

Mary Utecht & Carrie Carlson



## 2011 Land O'Lakes CHAMP Series!

It's my sincere pleasure to be acting as the LOL Comp Board Chairmen for the 2011 racing season.

After many years away, I returned to LOL and SCCA Road Racing last year in a Formula F. It only took a lap to remember why it was my passion for so many years. There is simply NO SUBSTITUTE for the thrill of SCCA competition. So whether your a Wiley old veteran looking to make a comeback or young gun out for recognition, I have great news.

It's my pleasure to announce that the **LOL Regional Championship is Back!** Sponsored by our friends at **Maaco Auto body** for 2011, this series will re establish a long standing LOL tradition of recognizing the best local talent and it will help spark new interest in road racing at BIR.

For 2011 the rules are simple, all races count for points. That's four regionals (over two weekends) on BIR's short course. Please reference the **Cendiv Regional Championship rules for specifics related to your class.**

**All four races count.!**

<http://www.cendiv-scca.org/03racing/01news/2011/2011%20Cendiv%20Regional%20Championship%20Series%20%20Rules.pdf>

To the victors go the spoils. Awards you'll be proud to display will be presented at the annual banquet. Please join us at the races, drive to win and help make LOL a success story.

See you at the track!

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## **Performance Driving Experience**

All of us have done the burn-out at a red light, or taken that curve at more than the “suggested speed,” imagining ourselves as racers while never leaving our street cars. With Performance Driving Experience (PDX) events, you don’t have to dream anymore!

This is one of the many reasons you want to join SCCA so you can learn more about driving

### **So You Think You Want To Be A Racer**

Run at different track locations throughout the country, the PDX provides an instructional environment for drivers who simply want to improve their driving skills and increase their enjoyment of driving their street vehicle. True to the “run what ya brung” adage, all it takes to be a part is your street car, a valid license and a helmet.

### **You Will Be A Better Driver**

PDX events are about you, the driver. Plenty of seat time, plenty of individual instruction and a ton of driving exercises make up a PDX; all of which is designed to educate you and make you more confident behind the wheel, both on the track and on the street.

Participants receive a solid blend of driving instruction, ranging from the classroom to in-car training to “follow me” drills. A wide range of topics are discussed and shown at a PDX, including: following a “racing line”, passing zones, speed limits and other general driving techniques. Of course, each driver receives feedback from his or her instructor at the end of each lesson.

PDX events are non-competition based. Why? Because the focus is on you. Three other levels of the Time Trials program provide competition, but it’s important that the skills taught at a PDX are learned beforehand so you as a driver can enjoy the latter levels of the program the way they were intended.

### **Next Stop: Club Trials**

Now that you’ve received some instruction and feel you’re ready for something a bit challenging, Club Trials is where you want to be.

Club Trials continue the instruction you received in the PDX, but adds advanced driving techniques, competition rules and introduces the elements of a timed event. Your street car is still perfectly acceptable, but you might start to see a few race-prepared vehicles too!

With Club Trials, you now get to feel what it’s like to be on the track and go against the clock no matter what you’re running that weekend.

There are two more levels to the Time Trials program, designed for even more racing action! Check out the Time Trials page for more information about the levels discussed here and on Track Trials and Hill Climbs, the third and fourth levels of the Time Trials program.

## **Register for the Club Trials on May 28-29 go to:**

<http://www.motorsportreg.com/index.cfm/event/event.advert/uidEvent/97DB8D54-BC71-45DA-162752FC345256B5>

**Now you are ready for Competition**

Obtain a legal race car (with cage, 7 point harness, etc.)

Attend a competition school where you will earn your Competition Racing License

(link to Gary's Racing School)- and BIR CenDiv driving school at Black Hawk Farms, April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2011.

SCCA Competition Class

Finally, it's time to race!

You can drive at either of our events in 2011 on Memorial Weekend and July 9-10.

**Registration for the Club Trials is open! Go to:**

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If you want to register for the PDX just go to BIR

**May 28-29 2011**

***Harvey West  
Memorial Day Classic  
Regional and Rational Races***  
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**Saturday Night Pig Roast**

**Club Trials (Time Trials)**

For anyone who has some experience in a track day, Rally, etc. Race for your personal best time!

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Warm up for the KIC at Road America

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**Volunteers who Pre-register receive a Free Gift**





## SCCA Land O' Lakes Rally Cross Season is heating up!

The **NOS ENERGY DRINK** sponsored *Tax Brake Rally Cross* was held on April 3<sup>rd</sup> in Cannon Falls, MN.



The April 3<sup>rd</sup> event was the second round of the 2011 season and it turned out to be a great day! The rain held off, the course was dry, and the stage was set for a very exciting day playing in the dirt.

Taking 1<sup>st</sup> place overall by a land slide was Dustin Nevoenen running his 2011 Subaru STI in the Stock All Wheel Drive Class (SA). Dustin was smooth throughout the day and ended with a 8 second lead over the 2<sup>nd</sup> place competitor, Matt Walters. Only 2 seconds separated 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place and was secured by was Michael Walters.



Photo provided by Midwest Rally Media

Next event will be held on Saturday May 14<sup>th</sup> in Cannon Falls, MN. Be there!!!!

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