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As this long winter begins to end we are getting our 2011 events staged and ready for you all to take part in.

April 17th is our annual Tech Day and Open House at Westside VW in St. Louis Park. Keep an eye on our Website for more details. We are planning on a couple of presentations for new volunteers and participants. Paul Fox might even be bringing our new rescue equipment to the Open House to show off.

We are now only 1 month away from the CenDiv road racing season starting at the Driver's School and regional race at Blackhawk Farms. Land O' Lakes is back among the 4 regions helping to stage the event. The Blackhawk event will be the first event for a couple of new classes for CenDiv. Both GTA and Spec Porsche 944 have been added as classes in the CenDiv Championship.

A quick month after the Driver's School we will be at BIR for the Harvey West Memorial Day Classic. LOL is very proud to have an event named after Harvey. This event will be the first time the new Rational format will be used in CenDiv. Because of some scheduling complications, our particular use of the Rational format will be a Double Regional over Saturday and Sunday and a single National. The National event will span both days but only the Sunday race will be for both Regional and National points.

We are also adding SCCA Time Trials to our BIR events this year. In a Time Trial event you are competing for fastest lap on a race track and using limited passing zones to help prevent incidents. We think there will be interest in this type of event from people who are regular track day participants who are looking for a completion event and also from Solo participants who want to compete on a race course. Time trials are geared for street cars and follow Solo car classifications. It might be an option for one of your friends to jump in your race car for some fun too. We think it is a much needed bridge between solo and lapping and our club racing events.

Speaking of bridges to club racing. Many LOL members are involved with the SCCA Competition school at BIR in May. If you know anybody who is contemplating their entry into racing it's not too late to sign up for this class and race this year. As always, the success of all of our events all depend on the participation of our members. We are specifically looking for people to help out with Timing and Scoring at BIR. Know of someone who is good with Computers and wants a cushy inside job? Send them our way. We could also use help at Registration at BIR and maybe a few new bodies in Technical inspection.

As I mentioned last month – our club is in a great position. 2011 is really shaping up to be the next big step in our comeback.

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Mark Your Calendar!

- **BIR Work Day** April 16th
- **Tech Day** April 17
(see page 5)
- **Member Open House** Wednesday, May 4th at Maaco on Lake St.
- **BIR Competition School**
May 26-27

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**Land O Lakes Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
February 9, 2011**

Meeting called to order by Tom Fuehrer at 7:01 pm.

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

Members Absent: Janine Fuehrer

Guests: Mark Utecht, Mark Kaufman, Paul Fox, Dave Goodman, Steve Barkley, Andy Marchant, Chris Orr

January's meeting minutes were accepted online as posted on the forum.

Treasurer's reports were accepted as posted. Also 2010 tax returns were available to be signed by RE and submitted.

Web/Tonneau Report: Next edition (e-version) should go out next week. Get your comments to Kathy asap. Still discussing new website design.

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Membership Report: 478 members.

Marketing Report:

Business Cards and banner are available.

Working on a new brochure for local use also.

Folder created to handout at BIR schools presenting LOL SCCA information.

Competition Board Report:

New comp board chair is Chris Orr. Discussed future plans and hopes for the comp board. Recent years comp board has mostly been involved in points and awards across all disciplines. Want to expand that to promoting competitive participation across all disciplines.

RallyCross: Dave proposed providing a venue finder's fee to help find new, more venues. The board approved \$50 for this. 2011 schedule is out. March 5 first event.

Solo: Met council check was submitted. Their schedule is not finalized yet.

Club Racing: Discussed an LOL Club championship series to be created. Race planning ongoing. Rescue equipment needs to be picked up at TNT. Board agreed to cover gas costs for Paul to drive down and pick up the equipment.

Time Trials: Start reviewing requirements and what we can do to start hosting events at BIR.

Old Business:

Events – WoW will share/staff BIR booth. Unsure about Auto Show participation. BIR may also need help with Mall of America display.

Equipment sharing with CRA. Met with Mark Fisk and discussed options. Fire bottles will be easy. Basically we share maintenance expense, switching every other year. We will assume the inspection/testing charges for this year, CRA will do next year. Radios will be leased. If we purchase 6 radios this year (to replace older radios), CRA will comp us 2 years lease.

Drivers Seminar/Open House to be combined.

Tech Day, April 17, at Westside VW. Need tech staff.

New Business:

1. Board agreed to pay for AWT attendance.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm

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Members Absent: Randy VandeLoo, Dan Corgard,

Guests: Carrie Carlson, Paul Fox, Chris Orr, Alex Awsumb

February's meeting minutes were accepted as posted on the forum.

Treasurer's reports No report available this month.

Web/Tonneau Report: Latest version sent out and updated today. New email distribution system used.

We would like to get to a more structured publication schedule. Once a month email blast, via email, then quarterly hard copy. This means a hard deadline to have articles into the editor the 19th, meaning 22nd distribution.

Website update discussion. 2011 Calendar is about ready to be updated. Contact list will also be updated with the same info as provided in the last Tonneau.

Competition Board Report:

RallyCross: First event last weekend. Even had 6 two wheel vehicles participated in the snow. 28 total competitors. April venue is Raceway Park, but they just raised their fees significantly. Dave is looking for a replacement venue.

Boards voted (5 in favor, 2 against) and accepted Tombstone non-member fee of \$10 as requested.

Stage Rally: Rally MN date in May means only 2 Nemadji events this year. These events plus Ojibwe are used for Snow States championship.

Club Racing:

Memorial Day event – Regional Saturday, Rational on Sunday.

2011 LOL Champ Series – 4 races (2 weekends) at BIR this year will comprise this series.

Solo: Met council schedule finally complete and is posted in many forums. We will print and have available at auto show beginning this weekend. We also added a couple of Time Trials at BIR to this list.

Time Trials: Andy has been researching the SCCA requirements. Time Trial Level 2 is what we want to have at BIR. The board is interested in this type of program, but we will need more information on the program before the board is ready to authorize this.

Membership Report: 481 members as of 2/25.

Marketing Report:

Nothing new to report. Received copies of a new brochure handout.

Old Business:

Equipment discussion. Rescue equipment needs. Tom proposed we provide a lump sum for Paul to use to get what he can. The board agreed to provide \$1500 for Paul to begin purchasing equipment to support the list of equipment provided by Tom. CRA discussions are still on-going. Next discussion is next week.

Drivers Seminar/Open House is not feasible as a stand alone event will be combined with Tech day.

(March Minutes continued)

3. Tech Day, April 17, at Westside VW. Include rescue equipment and demo if we can find a wrecked car (Mark Kaufman??).

New Business:

Paul Fox was approached by Rally MN to use our rescue equipment (and Paul). Since this is a Snow States event, it is basically an LOL event. The boards agreed that we can share use of the rescue equipment. They do need to assume responsibility for breakage/damage.

General open house meetings will begin May 5, at Mark Kaufman's Maaco.

New car Auto Show starts this weekend. We will be in BIR's booth, mostly helping BIR. We will have banners, schedules and handouts for the club. No schedule yet. Contact Tom if you want to volunteer (promoting our events at BIR).

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm



Work Day at BIR, Saturday, April 16

Contact Kathy Gillen at 763-241-8010

We need your help to get BIR ready to race!

Tech Day At Westside VW

Sunday, April 17

10 a.m.-2 p.m.

In addition to having your car ready to race there will be Safety and Extraction Demos! Join us to see the tools safety uses to cut up cars (no, we won't blow anything up!)

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:

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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



It has been a while since we started the Ask the Mayhem Chicks Column. It has been fun, but we are ready for a change. So, for this month, we are going to try something different. Pretty much 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.

When it comes time to get ready for a weekend of racing, whether it is at the track, in the woods or even on the ice, Mary and I know that having quick and easy snacks is a must. One of our favorite snacks lately is granola. Not the kind you buy, the wonderful, honey coated stuff you make at home. Think it is too hard or takes too long? It is quite simple and easy to make at home and more delicious than what you can buy.

Here's our favorite recipe:

Homemade Granola

4 c. oatmeal (not the instant stuff)
 1/2 c. wheat germ
 1 c. sunflower meats
 1 c. shredded coconut
 1/2 c. honey
 3/4 c. vegetable oil
 1 tsp. cinnamon
 1 tsp. vanilla
 1/2 tsp. salt
 1/2 c. brown sugar
 1 c. dried sweetened cranberries

Mix together all ingredients except dried cranberries in a large bowl. Once evenly coated, spread on lightly greased cookie sheet and bake at 350°F for 30 minutes, stirring every 10 minutes.

Once cooked, stir in dried cranberries and allow to cool. Store in an air tight container.

The best thing about this recipe is you can change things up. I love adding pecans and almonds to it as well as dried blueberries and dried cherries.

We usually get our dried fruit at Costco, and a lot of the other ingredients come from our local coop.

Enjoy.

Mary Utecht & Carrie Carlson



Rally Minnesota™ Debuts Flat-Out in May 2011

Today the Rally Minnesota committee, with sanctioning body Rally America, is announcing a new rally on its way to Land of 10,000 Lakes. Rally Minnesota™ will launch cars into the woods on May 20th and 21st 2011, in Park Rapids, Minn. comprising of two co-efficient three rallies.

With this initiative, and thanks to the ‘press on regardless’ attitude that defines the community, Rally Minnesota™ has created a more direct and exciting link with competitors who identify and express themselves with this true rally attitude. This inspiration behind this new rally and its development will accurately define Rally Minnesota’s character. Chairman Mark Larson has worked on and with many rallies throughout the years and intends to make Rally Minnesota the premier regional rally event in the nation.

Those competing in the 2011 event will be treated to some of the best rally roads Minnesota has to offer.

Rallymaster, Breon Nagy, explains, “These roads are some of the best in the nation, let alone Minnesota. We look forward to a great showing for this inaugural event.”

Rally car racing is considered the extreme sport of automobile racing and is often described simply as “real cars, real roads, real fast.” This all-season motorsport sees drivers and their co-drivers take modified street cars to the limit as they achieve blistering speeds over courses that cover more than 100 miles of gravel, dirt or snow-covered roads.

About Rally Minnesota

Rally Minnesota is a Minnesota regional rally boasting two, coefficient three rallies spanning over

two days. In 2011, Rally Minnesota will be headquartered out of the C’mon Inn in Park Rapids, Minn. on May 20 and 21st.

About Rally America

Based in Golden Valley, Minn., Rally America sanctions the premier rally racing series in the United States, the Rally America National Championship Series. In 2010, Rally America will conduct six National Championship events at venues across the country, from Olympia, Wash., to Bethel, Maine, and three European style rallycross events in New Jersey.



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

Mark Kauffman started racing 3 years ago in San Francisco. He was immediately hooked, and left his executive job, moving to Minneapolis to buy his Maaco auto repair and painting facility in downtown Minneapolis.

"We do high quality repairs affordably. We are a full collision facility with state of the art laser-guided frame machine. We also provide full auto painting at 30% less than most body shops. We can do this because we are production line based with techs specializing in various areas."

Mark continued, "We are focused on making sure the customers AND employees have a great experience...it takes both to make it work."

This powerful philosophy shows up with the number of testimonial letters this facility receives from happy customers, as well as extremely low employee turnover. Talk to any employee and they make it clear they love working here!

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

In both paint and repair, this Maaco shop on Lake Street handles 40 cars a week...from Bentleys to Volkswagen VW Beetles.

“I'm reaching out to the racing community;" Mark said. "As a Spec Racer Ford driver and owner, I know how difficult it is to get high quality repairs done quickly and inexpensively. I'm passionate about racing and I'm passionate about providing the best service possible for drivers who want to get back on the track quickly."

Mark also says that through his sponsorship of SCCA he has 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!”

Mark recognizes the fine line between offering high quality paint jobs on a Racer's budget.

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.

Volunteer Incentives

I am sitting here trying to figure out where March went, knowing summer will quickly be upon us. With summer comes the opportunity to volunteer and race at the Jack Pine Sprints. Having been accused of an overactive volunteerism gene, you can guess what I will be doing. We would love to have you join us at BIR for the return of SCCA Club Racing to our region. I am excited to tell you about the great Volunteer Incentive Programs offered by SCCA for both current members and potential members.

Most of you reading this *Tonneau* are SCCA members, so I will begin with the benefits for current members who are volunteering. By working two days, just one race weekend, you receive a free Annual Hard Card, this acts as an annual waiver. You do not have to waiver at events, yes, you must still register and sign in, but it removes one step in the process. The more you work, the more benefits you receive.

Days Worked	Benefit received
2 days	Free Annual Hard Card
4 days	Hard Card and \$15 membership discount
6 days	Hard Card and \$22 membership discount
8 days	Hard Card and \$30 membership discount
12+ days	Special ID Card; Recognition in <i>SportsCar</i> , and \$45 membership discount!

To take advantage of this incentive program, you must log the days worked on SCCA.com.

In addition to these benefits, there are also membership referral incentives. If you have friends who are interested in joining SCCA, have them use your membership number as the referring member (if you don't know it, just give them mine J). They will get a \$10 discount on their membership, and you will get a \$5 credit at SCCA.com that can be used toward your membership, merchandise or entry to national events.

Do you have a friend who just wants to try volunteering at an SCCA Club Race? They can take advantage of New Club Racing Volunteer Program. This program gives you a free weekend membership to work your first event for free! If you get hooked like the rest of us, you can join SCCA for only \$30 per year for your first three years of membership, provided you work at least four days per year. That's only two race weekends!!!! And, if they use your member number as the referring member, you get a \$5 credit and they get \$10 off their membership.

Have questions, feel free to email me at

ccarlsondds@Comcast.net



Photo courtesy of Jerry Winker

SCCA Land O' Lakes Rally Cross



Photo by Jerry Winker @ ComicOzzie Autosport Photography

The 2011 Rally Cross Series is heating up! We're very excited to announce another great season of thrills in the dirt.

The 2010 season brought many changes to the series including two new venues, Raceway Park in Shakopee and Isanti County Fairgrounds in Cambridge.

In 2011 we are looking forward to our continued partnership with NOS Energy Drink and Morries Minnetonka Subaru as they will help support the series.

Special Notice: We are still attempting to secure additional venues for 2011. If you have any leads that result in a secured venue we use at least once throughout the 2011 season Dave Goodman, Rally Cross Chairperson is offering a \$50.00 Visa Gift Card for your help and support!

Inquiries, Venue leads, or questions please call or email Dave Goodman @ 612-408-1704 or rallyracing72@gmail.com

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

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