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This newsletter is the first in some time and is the product of our new editor, Jackie Travison. Jackie volunteered to handle the newsletter and is committed to publish several issues in 2009. She brings much expertise to the battle but will need our support to put together an informative and interesting product. She has the skills and our job is to supply her with pictures, articles and anything that may be of interest to our members. We thank Paula for her efforts and look forward to working with Jackie.

2009 looks to be a challenging on many fronts and our region is in an excellent position to weather the storm. We had a reasonably good year in 2008, but were already feeling some reduction in entries for our track events. The solo programs are also doing well despite the doom and gloom we see in the news. Your Board of Directors are keeping an eye on expenses and looking at ways to keep our programs healthy.

I don't have room here to thank all the folks that are committed to support our regional programs throughout the year but whenever you attend an event be sure to seek out and thank those folks that make it happen.

We have an urgent need for an Assistant Race Chair. Amber and Mike Walters will not be able to attend all our events this year so, we will need some help on event weekends. Please call Mike at (904) 548-1506 or email me tmigchelbrink@rocketmail.com for more info on what that would entail. We always have room for new volunteers and have the skilled people that can help make you an integral part of the team.

Some sad news from the region. Our F & C Chief, Art Corbitt passed away on January 4th. Art and his wife, Judy, have been active in our region for many years. When I first met Art, he and Judy were running the Solo II program. They then began working at Roebling and were usually there on most weekends. Please keep Judy and her family in your prayers.

One highlight of the SEDiv banquet was our own Fred Clark winning the prestigious Robert W. Clark Award. This award is presented annually to a member of the SEDiv that has shown the spirit of SCCA in participation, dedication and service in multiple areas. No one is more deserving than Fred, we are so blessed that he is a part of our team.

Well that's it for now. You can check the website: www.buccaneerregion.com

for updates between newsletters. I hope to see you at one of our events soon. Thanks for your time.

Ted Migchelbrink

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Not To Be Missed Dates

The following dates are very important to the Buccaneer Region. We hope you'll mark your calendar and be present. Dates are subject to change; please contact the organizers to make sure they will be there.

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Mar 1	Jacksonville Solo Whitehouse Airfield Coastal Empire Solo Armstrong Atlanta State U
Mar 11 7 p.m.	Coastal Empire Meeting Lovezzola's Pizza Family Rest. 320 E. Highway 80, Pooler, GA
Mar 12 6:30 p.m.	Jacksonville Meeting O'Brothers Irish Pub 1521 Margaret St., Jax, FL
Mar 22	Jacksonville Solo Whitehouse Airfield
Mar 29	Coastal Empire Solo Hutchinson Island
Apr 6 7 p.m.	Board Meeting Golden Corral GA I-95, Exit 38 114 Golden Isle Mem Pkwy Brunswick, GA
Apr 8 7 p.m.	Coastal Empire Meeting Lovezzola's Pizza Family Rest. 320 E. Highway 80, Pooler, GA
Apr 9 6:30 p.m.	Jacksonville Meeting O'Brothers Irish Pub 1521 Margaret St., Jax, FL
Apr 18	Jacksonville Solo Whitehouse Airfield
Apr 19	Coastal Empire Solo Armstrong Atlanta State U

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	At Roebling	At Roebling Road	
	Feb 12-15	SCCA Double Drivers School Buccaneer Region	
	Mar 6	SCCA Open Practice	
	Mar 7-8	Tom Nehl National	
	Apr 24	SCCA Open Practice	
	Apr 25-26	Jim Stark Double SARRC	
	Jul 2	SCCA Open Practice	
	Jul 3-5	SCCA Double National (SE Div)	
	Sept 4	SCCA Open Practice	
	Sept 5-6	SCCA Vintage	
	Oct 4	SCCA Solo	
	Oct 9	SCCA Open Practice	
	Oct 10-11	SE Div SIC	
	Nov 14-15	SCCA Buccaneer Region	

Please check our website for updates www.buccaneerregion.org

Time Trials I

In Memory of Art Corbitt

The Buccaneer Region is very sad to report the passing of one it's most dedicated workers, Art Corbitt. In the past few years his health had been failing, but when it allowed, he was always at the track and proud to serve in his position of Flag Chief. A Memorial Service will be held at Roebling Road Raceway, March 7, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. Our sincerist sympathies to his wife, Judy and his children and grandchildren.

There are not enough words to describe how much Art will be missed. Therefore, what better tribute to a man we all knew then to share his life. Rest in Peace, Art.















2009 SARRO News

The Southeast Division (SEDiv) has premier regional racing series in SCCA, the South Atlantic Road Racing Series (SARRC). All races marked SARRC on the SEDiv schedule are SARRC point events. It is not necessary to join the series. Drivers region of record is one of the SEDiv regions automatically receive SARRC points. SARRC points are different from National points in that we award the race winner 24 points, second is 20 points, third is 17 points, fourth is 15 points, fifth is 14 points and so forth down to 1 point for eighteenth position. Drivers can count their best 6 races from the regular season races.

The final race of the SARRC season is the SARRC Invitational Challenge (SIC) which is scheduled for October 10, 2009 at Roebling Road. This is a double point race and those points are added to the regular season points to determine the SARRC Champion. The SIC is an invitation only race and is open to drivers who have finished three races in the class in which they wish compete. In 2009, the SARRC Committee will allow any driver who has entered and competed at 3

SARRC races to enter the SIC in the same class. In addition, we will also allow any out of Division driver who meets these same criteria to compete. We realize that the current economy may force some drivers to cut back and we want to make it possible for as many drivers as possible to join us at the SIC. The SIC entry form will be on the SARRC website soon after August 1st.

Another way that SARRC benefits the SEDiv drivers is by providing a number of Double SARRC events. Double SARRC races are two points races scheduled on the same weekend at the same track. In 2009, double SARRC races are scheduled at Daytona, Roebling Road, VIR, Carolina Motorsports Park, Nashville Speedway and Barber Motorsports Park. By picking any three of these events, a driver can get their 6 races and be ready for the SIC. The SARRC season ends with the SIC but begins immediately after the SIC so the series runs year round.

The SARRC Champion receives a paid invitation to the SEDiv Awards banquet for two held in January at Jekyll Island. Awards presented include a monogrammed jacket, t shits, hats, decals, patches, a plaque and a gear bag. Drivers who finish in second and third in classes with less than 100 entries and in fourth, fifth and sixth for classes with more than 100 entries receive a plaque and one paid invitation to the awards banquet. This past January 17th, 45 SARRC drivers attended the banquet where they received their awards.

All SCCA GCR classes and SEDiv Regional only classes are eligible for the SARRC Championship. SARRC points and rules are posted on the SARRC website at www.sedivracing.org. This website is sponsored by the SARRC series and provides information such as contacts, schedule and much more for all the SEDiv drivers and series.

Each year, SARRC has over 4000 total entries in the 25 race series. We invite you to join us for the best regional racing in SCCA. And when you qualify, join us at the SIC for the best regional race in the SCCA. For information, contact Jim Creighton at:

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News from Atlanta Region

The Six-Hour on Saturday, Feb. 21, is the first leg of the new "Atlantic Enduro Cup Powered by Long Road Racing." The second leg will be the Eight-Hour event at CMP on August 15-16, then the final leg is the annual 13-Hour at VIR the weekend of October 30-31. More information will be coming soon.

- Atlanta Region has adopted the NASA SSM (Showroom Spec Miata) class for 2009. These rules are also posted on our website and are intended to implement a class where folks can "buy a Miata, install a cage, and go racing." We will be running SSM at all our 2009 events, including the ARRC by GRM.
- It doesn't affect nearly as many people (yet), but we've also recognized the F600 class for 2009. This class is developing 600cc motorcycle drivetrains for eventual incorporation into F500 and we didn't want to impact the F500 competi-

tors during this evaluation phase. These F600 rules are posted on the website.

Fellow Racing Enthusiasts,

It's taken us awhile to cross all the Is and dot all the Ts, but registration is now open for our Atlanta Region Six-Hour Enduro, SARRC, and PDX events that will be happening at Road Atlanta the weekend of Feb 20-22.

- . Track test day on Friday (2/20)
- . SARRC and Enduro Qualifying Saturday morning
- . Six-Hour Enduro Saturday afternoon
- . SARRC qualifying Sunday morning
- . PDX during "Quiet Time"
- . SARRC races Sunday afternoon

Links to the Supps, Schedule, and Registration system can be found on the home page of our regional website, www.atlantascca.org. We are implementing a new (to us) on-line registration system so it will take a bit longer for you to enter your data, but this is only necessary the first time. We've gone to this new system because it's more robust than the previous one, it's more reliable and it provides additional flexibility to you, the racer/worker. Yes it's a change from what you're used to, but the system is fairly intuitive and if it works as well as we think it will the majority of the division will probably be migrating to it in the not-too-distant future.

If you have any questions be sure and send me an e-mail or contact Gwen at the Club Office (770-455-722).

Hope to see y'all at the track...

Butch Kummer Competition Director Atlanta Region, SCCA 770-314-2031

End of Year Party on Jekyll Island

by Jackie Travison

Enter into a lovely room with white linen table clothes, servers awaiting and at least 40 different chafing dishes of foods of all kinds to please all types of tastebuds on the buffet.

As one walked through the doorway, they were greeted by Faye Craft. Everyone upon entry received a warm welcome, a lovely Roebling Road at dusk mug and a raffle ticket.

The Buccaneer region's members looked different to me. Gone were the racing suits and the dust of the road, replaced the latest clothing fashions and smiles on all faces. (Makes one wonder why we don't have more socials during the year.)

We mingled and ate. Our table discovered the secret of Red Velvet cake and could see why it was such a Southern delicacy.

Thank you for turning the page and getting this far into the new newsletter. I have taken on the task of keeping our region informed and I will try to get us all up-to-date. This is the first issue of the new year, so a Happy New Year is in order.

This issue was started in December and has been a work in progress. I am now asking for all members to pitch in and help. You see, this newsletter can only be as good as you make it. We will need articles, photographs and your input.

It is time that this newsletter had a schedule. This one should be our Jan/Feb issue—but will call it our March/April issue. The deadline for the next issue, April/May will be March 15th. I hope you will all consider submitting those snipets that can

Ted Migchelbrink took charge of the meeting. A general announcement was made to recap the board meeting. Then the fun began. Everyone in the room won a prize. Each raffle ticket was called and the gifts were truly creative and nice. Each person was happy with the winnings. Then knowing that every number was called and had a person attached they were all put back in for the big drawing—a brand new 32" Flat Screen TV. Everyone held their breathe as the number was drawn. Everyone thinking that they would be going home with the grand prize. I'm sorry to report they didn't. Instead, my husband, Al Travison won that TV. He thanks everyone in the Buccaneer Region for it, and is enjoying his ownership of it.

Sad part to this story. We sat with a very interesting couple. I cannot re-

member their names. They were kind enough to send me photos of the party back in December, when I first started putting this newsletter together. Since then, our home has been turned upside down with every piece of furniture being moved for a "spring" cleaning. The photos were placed in a very safe spot, so safe, I haven't been able to find them. Please let me know who you are, and if you would be so kind to share the pictures again, I will publish them.

Meanwhile, please accept both sets of my apologies. One to the couple, whose names and photos allude me and to all of you, for not having the pictures in this issue to print. We will try to do our upmost to get it together the first time in the future.

Thank you.

Editor's Notes

by Jackie Travison

entertain and inform all of our Buccaneer members. I hope we can generate some enthusiasm among ourselves and get the creative writing juices flowing. If you feel you cannot write, that's okay. Send me your thoughts as an outline or in a few sentences. Let me know what you want to share so it can be included in newsletter for all to read.

I look forward to this newsletter growing and becoming an item that you cannot wait for. I have a vision for it, one that makes it an invaluable communicator for all the members.

Please give me a chance. I appreciate emails (I don't lose those as easily as packages around the house) and I will try to make this one of the best newsletters any club has ever seen.

Send me your editorials, rants, raves

and praises. There are many hard working members in our club, and we'd love to hear their stories. It's time to let the membership know that they are truly appreciated.

Again, if you have anything that you feel you'd like to share with the members, this is the place for it. You can send it to me at:

heron@hargray.com

and I will try my best to include all.

So get the old typewriters humming, turn on the word-processor, for those with computers (yeah) hook up to the internet and start sending.

If you have something to fax me, please use 843-757-0273.

I look forward to all of your contributions.

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The Board of Directors Meeting, Buccaneer Region, SQCA

was called to order by Ted Migchelbrink, Regional Executive, at 9:00 AM on **December 20**, **2008** at the Oceanside Inn & Suites in Jekyll Island, Georgia.

The following Board members were present: Ted Migchelbrink; John "Skippy" Boatright; Larry Buell; Fred Clark; Mike Walters; Don Johnson; Mark Eversoll; Robert Frazier; Andrew Blaske.

Jax Solo Report

Shaun Parks introduced David Flesher as the new Jax Solo Chairman for 2009. Back in August the Solo trailer was hit by a competitor's car. Per SCCA, Regional equipment is not covered by the event insurance underwriter. Shaun contacted Progressive Insurance and learned that the trailer has been totaled. They are shopping around for a new trailer.

Shaun gave a Solo financial report for the year. He also announced that Whitehouse Airfield should be available for use all year, barring any conflicts with the Navy.

Savannah Solo

Don Johnson gave a summary of the 2008 season with 209 unique entrants and averaging 41 entries per event. Only 25 drivers participated in 6 or more events.

Don gave a financial report. He also reported they are planning on 10 events for 2009 and 1 school. Don also reported the entry fees would be remaining the same.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the October meeting were reviewed. Robert Frazier moved to accept. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

Mark Eversoll gave a financial report of the Region for 2008. He commented that the Weekend Membership program is a disaster paperwork-wise, and that it needs to be (nationally) administered a little differently.

Track Managers' Report

Kaye McCloy gave a financial report for 2008. She stated it took 3 weeks to clean-up from the recent storm damage.

Ted brought up the subject of Track Taxes. He went to arbitration at Effingham County. He stated the County took any property large enough to have a house on them and taxed them as buildable. He was advised to incorporate the property just outside of the track fence into the rest of the track property. Next year's taxes should be better.

Race Chair Report

Mike Walters reported the Drivers' School info is on the Buccaneer website and on the DLB website for worker registration. There is also an advertisement in *Sports-Car* magazine, and has seen a good response. The 2009 Drivers' School entry fee was raised to \$425, up from \$400. Fees for the rest of the events will remain the same.

Amber Walters is stepping down as Race Chair in 2009 because of job conflicts. The position is open. Mike has been doing the preliminary work for the Drivers' School. The position is a full time job.

Old Business

Pole Barn at the track-Richard McCloy reported that the trees have been removed but the project is on hold.

Mark Eversoll reported on the Region's Volunteer Reimbursement Program for membership dues reimbursement. Log cards are currently required for reimbursement. Mark motioned to change from log cards to the volunteer report from SCCA.com because log cards have been phased out. Also, if the volunteer doesn't have computer access, they can still submit to the treasurer a log

card. Motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Andrew Blaske asked about Richard & Kaye McCloy's "retirement" date. Ted stated they are committed through 2009. Ted hopes to know by April or June if they will be leaving or if they can be convinced into staying.

By-Laws update. Larry Buell motioned to leave them as they are currently published with a "Reviewed 2008" notation. Motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

New Business

New Board of Directors - Mike Walters stepped down from the South. There were 3 candidates for 2 open positions in the South. The newly elected members from the South are Larry Buell and Robert DeLoatch. In the North, there were 2 open positions, and only one candidate was nominated. Ted Migchelbrink is returning for 2009-2010. Don Johnson was At-Large for 2008 and is stepping down from the North. Michelle Eversoll, Don Johnson, Darrell Mallard and Jackie Travison expressed interest in the open position from the North. The BOD held a vote to fill the open 2-year term. Don Johnson received the most votes and will serve for the 2009-2010 term. Michelle Eversoll received the 2 most votes and will serve At-Large for the 2009 term.

Mark Eversoll nominated Ted Migchelbrink for Regional Executive. No one else was nominated, Ted will serve as RE for 2009.

Ted Migchelbrink nominated Fred Clark for Assistant RE from the South. No one else was nominated, Fred will serve as Asst. RE for 2009.

Chiefs for 2009 - Karen Drum has re-committed to being Registrar for the Region for 2009.

Art Corbitt sent word that he wants to remain as F&C Chief. Bob DeLoatch will perform the duties of F&C Chief, and Art will have the "honorary" title of Senior F&C Chief and will no longer work corners.

Chief Starter – John Ingram is stepping down as Chief, but will Co-Chief with John Horn, and will still work one session per event.

Timing & Scoring will be David Williams. Sound Control will be Larry Buell. Merchandising will be handled by Faye Craft. Chief of Tech will be Rick Henschel. Course Marshal will be Ed Buell.

Paula Frazier agreed to continue as Secretary / Membership Chair for the Region. Jackie Travison volunteered to be the Newsletter Editor.

Larry Buell wrote a letter regarding an incident at Roebling Road during a Porsche Club event, where a competitor's car left the track at Turn 1 and hit a corner worker's personal car, totaling the worker's car. Larry would like to double the height of the Armco in front of Turn 1. The issue will be taken to Bob Horansky to see if he thinks anything more should be done above what is already being done in regards to track safety.

SEDiv meeting attendees will be reimbursed.

National Convention attendees

- Fred Clark motioned to send
David Flesher, Mark Eversoll, Bob
DeLoatch, and Ted Migchelbrink
to the National Convention. Motion passed with 6 For and 1 Abstained.

The next Board of Directors meeting will be February 2, 2009 at the Golden Corral, Exit 38 in Brunswick, Georgia.

Mark Eversoll motioned to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 1:45 pm.

Minutes courtesy of Paula Frazier

The Jekull Island SCOA Award Banquet

and the prestigious Robert W. Clark Award

Presented annually to a member of the SEDiv that has shown the spirit of SCCA in participation, dedication and service.

and the winner is...



Congratulation Fred Clark. "No one is more deserving than Fred..."



Meredydd and Ken Francke watch as Fred Clark receives his well-earned and deserved award



That evening, everyone felt like a winner watching the beautiful sunset befalling the island

Photos courtesy of Susan Young



Congratulations Paula and Robert Prazier on your newest edition to your family Olivia May she always be happy and healthy and a joy to you both

We wish Hyler Craft a speedy recovery Hang in there, we are all with you.

From your friends from the Buccaneer Region

