

Year in Review

I was appointed by the SCCA Board of Directors in December of 2016 to serve the remaining term for Steve Harris after his unexpected passing. It has been an interesting and fun 11 months. For the first seven months of my term the BOD concentrated on finding a new President for SCCA. All 13 members of the Board reviewed over 70 resumes and we narrowed the list down to a few to interview. The interview process was over two back to back weekends of very long Saturdays setting in a meeting room listening and discussing candidates. Historically SCCA has not had the greatest process for finding new leadership.

The process we followed this time required all members of the Board to review all the resumes received. Having the opportunity to participate in the interviews was exhausting and thorough. I must admit I was worried on that first day of interviews that we would find the resumes didn't match the people but my anxiety was not founded. The folks we interviewed were all great candidates and I was excited at the options presented. The second weekend went well also and now we had a decision to make. It was great to have excellent options. I am very excited about the candidate we choose and am looking forward to his Presidency. During the process there was nothing I could really share with the membership due to confidentiality. The process was developed with an outside consulting firms assistance and should serve the Club well in the future.

Since Mike Cobb's announcement as the new President of SCCA, the Board has only had one meeting and it was mostly normal business, rules, governance, etc. We are getting to know Mike better and he has been getting the feel of the land, both with the BOD and membership. I continue to have confidence in our selection.

The Club is having a pretty good year. Budgets are being met or exceeded and we have had record breaking attendance at our championship events in Solo and Club Racing. The DirtFish SCCA RallyCross National Championships are coming up and on pace to set a record as well. I plan to join the fun in Topeka in a few days.

I had the pleasure of attending the Solo Nationals and Cam Challenge events as a competitor. Did not do as well as I have in the past but had a great time seeing old friends and making new ones. The Runoffs at Indy was amazing. I have been to numerous Runoffs in the past as a spectator and the sheer number of competitors and SCCA members attending was impressive. The racing was fun to watch and from my spectator position, the event appeared to be well run. Feedback I have received so far seems to support this year being one of if not the best Runoffs experience in the fabled history of SCCA.

Pro Racing is struggling but looks to understand their issues and have plans in place to improve their performance in the near future. F4 and F3 are exciting products in the open wheel ladder. The SRF3 upgrades from Enterprises is going well and the racing is very competitive.

I very much appreciate the Board of Directors faith in my service in selecting me to serve out the remainder of Steve's term. Election Ballots should be arriving in your mailboxes over the next week. I would like to continue my service to our club, and specifically our area, so your consideration when you vote is much appreciated. Regardless of your preferences, I encourage you to be involved in the process and vote.

Why Running:

I am passionate about the Sport Car Club of America. I have made many great friends and had wonderful times with the Club. I feel it is my obligation as a member to do whatever I can to perpetuate the Club. My parents taught me growing up that if you cared about something you should give back your time and effort to make sure future generations have the same opportunities you do to enjoy it and never to complain about something unless you are will to try and improve it. I have worked hard to fulfill my obligation serving on the Board of Directors as a fill in these last 11 months for Steve Harris and in my previous stint on the Board 6 years ago. I just want the opportunity to make sure the Club prospers and continues to offer the best place to have fun with motorsports in the world.

A little about my SCCA background

Participant: rally, rallycross, solo, road racing (driver and F&C), track nights and Solo Nationals for 25 years. Stood on podium at Regional Road race and won numerous National, Divisional and Region Solo events and Championships.

Experience: member SCCA Board of Directors 2009-2011 and 2017; member and chairman of the Solo Events Board; member and chairman of the SCCA Hall of Fame Nominating committee; member of the Detroit Region Board of Directors; Regional Executive for Detroit Region; chairman for Detroit Formula SAE events for Detroit Region; chairman of numerous Regional, Divisional and National Solo Events; Chief Steward, Operating Steward, Chief of Grid, Chief of Impound and Safety Steward for National, Divisional and Regional Solo events; course designer for Solo Nationals and many Regional and Divisional events; instructor for Evolution Performance Driving Schools, Ford Driving Skills for Life, Street Survival and Starting Line schools as well as Regional schools and open track events.

SCCA Honors:

2012 Solo Cup Recipient

Detroit Region Ira Garfunkel Award, 2006

Lloyd Loring Divisional Achievement Award, 2005

1993 Detroit Region SCCA Solo Enthusiast Award

Inaugural Recipient of Chris Lindberg Memorial Sportsmanship Trophy (2004)

As for my professional background, I am a Professional Engineer licensed in the State of Michigan and have spent 30 years working in the aerospace and automotive industry. I currently am self-employed as an engineering consultant (www.memconsulting.net).

Please consider voting for me! For any questions please contact me with the information below or comment on Facebook @ <https://www.facebook.com/MEM4SCCADIRECTOR>

Thanks!

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