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## From the Driver's Seat

- Fred Petersen, President

Hope you're enjoying the Holiday season! It's a great time to reflect back on the last race season, anticipate and prepare for the upcoming one. There has been a lot of print about the 2012 SCCA requirement for Head & Neck Restraint systems. For those of you that don't already have such a system, I/O Port has them on sale and the package includes a contribution going to the Thunderhill Workers Fund. That's sort of a double layer of protection. A good deal on a HND, and support for the workers that may be the primary "safety system" we have. Call or I/O Port for details.

The RDC Board met on November 16 and among the items covered in the meeting was selection of the winner for the RDC's 2012 Driver's School Scholarship. It will go to Gary Corsiglia, Gary began Flagging in 1973, raced with us in an RX7 during the 1990s, and returned to Flagging in 2005 when his son expressed interest in Flagging. We're looking forward to watching Gary successfully complete the school in February!

The final 2011 RDC Driver Points results are posted on the RDC website. If you would like to commemorate your 2011 success with an RDC Photo Trophy, please go to Chuck Koehler's website, [cwk-photo.appspot.com](http://cwk-photo.appspot.com), select the image you prefer, and e-mail that to me at [Peterson@astound.net](mailto:Peterson@astound.net). We'll have it for you at the next race or region event you plan to attend.

Since this will be the last 'Presidents Message' of the year, I'll take the opportunity to review some of the RDCs' accomplishments for 2011. RDC started a Mentoring Program aimed at the 2011 Driver's School graduates, but open to anyone desiring assistance in improving their driving skills, or even in merely understanding the racing processes in this Region. We had more than 6 takers and all had high praise for the support they received. The drivers doing the Mentoring seemed to get as much or more back from their involvement and we all benefit from a better racing experience. We continued to offer Orientation Ride-Arounds for the initial visit to each track this year. These too were well attended and received high marks from the new drivers. The RDC, with help from I/O Port,

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supplied prizes to the Spec Racer Ford and Miata Festivals. The final event of the racing season was the RDC Classic Illgen 4 Hour Enduro. Our thanks to AIM Tire, Roger Kraus Racing, and I/O Port for their generous support providing prizes for the RDC Enduro. I hope you read the Enduro coverage in last months' Newsletter. Rod Simmons did a fantastic job of pulling together short articles from the class winners to make the best RDC Newsletter I've seen.

The previous paragraph highlighted the RDC initiatives for the regions' drivers. That being said, we all know that without the Volunteers, the drivers would not be able to enjoy racing, so here is some of what the RDC has done to support the Volunteers. Perhaps the biggest item is supporting a dedicated Volunteer through the Drivers School Scholarship, and this year was no exception. 2011 saw Seth Reid graduate from Drivers School and complete his Novice Program. Our gratitude goes to Michael Smith for loaning his Miata and Crew in support of Seth. Next up is the Worker Appreciation Fund, which RDC contributed to for Driver's School, the Double National Race weekend, and all of the Regional Race weekends. RDC recognizes that there is a tight symbiotic relationship between the Volunteers and the Drivers, but we also believe that the relationship could be better if it was not split into two separate groups, but rather consolidated into just one group of dedicated racing participants. To help that process RDC contributed to the SFR Social Fund to open the July Regional Saturday evening dinner to all of the participants at Thunderhill. The RDC also made contributions to expand the 'Meet the Team' Socials at Thunderhill to draw more of the participants together.

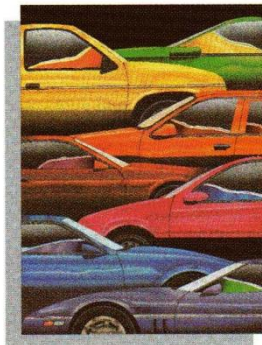
As with the RDC Enduro participation, 2011 RDC Membership was down from 2010 (more than 15%), probably due to the current economy. The RDC will strive to reverse that in 2012. In starting that action, an item covered in the November RDC Board meeting was setting the 2012 Membership Dues schedule. In light of the current economy, RDC has elected to continue with the current rate of \$35 for membership paid prior to June 30, and \$55 after that. However we reduced the "family package" fee to \$10 for the second Driver/Spouse of the initial member. The practice of offering free membership for the 2012 Driver's School graduates through June will continue. The biggest change was to extend free membership to those desiring 'Affiliate' Membership. All of the Volunteers, non-driver Spouses, Team Members, etc. that would like to support the RDC can join for free. All Affiliates and Members will receive the RDC Newsletter by e-mail link thanks to the work of Rod Simmons and Tony Tabacco. 4 Members have already renewed for 2012. We hope you feel good about what RDC is doing and will send your renewal in soon!

Hope your 2011 season was the best and 2012 even better!

See you at the Track - Fred



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## Request for YOUR Help to make our next Newsletter

Hello RDC Members,

As you may recall, in our previous issue, we printed stories, pictures, and video links from the class winners of the 52nd **RDC** Illgen Enduro. In this issue, we have presented various photos taken before and during the 52nd Annual RDC Illgen Enduro to share with our membership.

The RDC would like your helping in building our next issue. We are requesting;

- Stories or recollections from yours or others experiences relating to the **RDC** Enduro
- Photos related to your **RDC** Enduro experience
- YouTube or Video links related to the **RDC** Enduro

Any and all help would be appreciated.

Please contact us at [RDC.Newsletter@gmail.com](mailto:RDC.Newsletter@gmail.com)

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## October 2011 RDC Board Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the RDC Board of Directors meeting held October 10, 2011 in Lafayette, California. President Fred Peterson called the meeting to order at 7:15 PM.

Members attending: Fred Peterson: President, Enduro Chair, Trophy Chair, SanF Board Liaison; Rod Simmons: Vice president, Newsletter Editor; Dave Jalen: Secretary; Anthony Tabacco: Web Master, Scholarship Chair, and soon to become a newly elected SanF Board Member

1. Approval of previous meetings minutes: Rod moved the minutes be approved as corrected. Tony seconded the motion. The motion to approve the corrected minutes was passed unanimously.
2. Membership Report: Fred: The membership has increased by two new members.
3. Treasurer's Report: Fred: The RDC had some large expenses this month. The expense items were \$400 for the Enduro's Social Event and \$345 for Patches for the aforementioned Enduro.
4. Web Site: Tony reporting: The RDC website is up and current. The link to SCCA National is performing well.
5. Enduro Report: Fred reporting: The RDC is ready to stage another Enduro.
6. Mentoring program: Tony: The program has been completed for the current season (2011).
7. SanF SCCA Liaison Report: A V-12 Challenge is being planned.
8. Newsletter-Rod reporting: Rod would like a link from the Newsletter to the RDC Website. He would like to have the Newsletter posted on the Website. This will enable him to e-mail just the link and not the full newsletter.
9. 2012 Will Pool Driver Scholarship: The RDC has received one self-nomination to date. The RDC is expecting a few more before the end of the year. In order to properly assess the number of Scholarships' that will be awarded for the 2012 SanF SCCA's Driver's School, the RDC needs to establish what resources are available.
10. Old Business
  - a. 2012 dues structure: Tabled.
  - b. A yellow caution light to supplement and assist the flaggers for Thunderhill was discussed. Fred will investigate this item further.
11. New Business:
  - a. The RDC Year End Awards will be discussed and decide upon at the next meeting. Fred requested the Board's input regarding same. The four awards are:
    - i. President's Award: Fred will decide this one on his own.
    - ii. Most Improved Driver: The Board will nominate the candidates and select the recipient.
    - iii. Good Guy Award: The Board will nominate the candidates and select the recipient.
    - iv. Worker Performance Award: The Board will nominate the candidates and select the recipient.
  - b. The RDC Board positions were discussed. The discussion also concerned the need to work in 2012 to increase Board membership. It was suggested that linking some positions to minimize redundancy and extra work, such as Treasurer and Membership Chair could help reduce these issues. Also discussed was the possibility of reducing the number of Board Meetings and supplementing the discussions and conducting voting by e-mail to reduce the Board Members time commitment.

The next meeting will be the third Wednesday November 16, at 7 PM in Lafayette. President Fred Peterson adjourned the meeting at 8:12 PM.

Dave Jalen, Secretary, respectfully submits these minutes.