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President's Message

Congratulations to all for a great weekend! Everyone was fantastic, from Tech in Turn 8 (Walt, Rich and Tim) through Drivers' Services (Marie, Linda and Debbie C.) to Registration (Debbie M., Bonnie and Karen). This acknowledgement does not take into full account the several people who did service in all 3 areas. Major credit needs to go to Race Control (Scott and Dave), Pre-grid (Keith, Marie and their 2 compadres), and Timing & Scoring (Perry, Elsie, Ken and Linda). No less is due to Ken and Al for the wi-fi and Kerry for the radios that kept all groups in constant contact. The turncrew's and E-crew's work was of the highest standard, which we have come to expect but will never take for granted. Finally, a great thanks to Car Tender, for their generous sponsoring of the race, which allowed us to come up with some really wonderful trophies. At just about every meeting there is a call for more volunteers (and we do need more), but then I look out at a race weekend and see the 60+ people going about their tasks with such skill that I can feel nothing but complete pride in our collective accomplishment. I can only hope that my own small efforts can add to that accomplishment because I am humbled by the commitment and abilities of these people.

Ron Johnson—Together for Racing!

What Are We Talking About at the General Membership Meetings?

Does the future growth of IRDC rely on enrolling new drivers, broadening our focus to include automotive interests other than on-track racing alone, or some other direction? What do you think?

The new website is under development – The Webmaster, Glen Peterson, wants photos of cars, drivers, and interesting.

Should drivers check Saturday morning results sheets in order to catch any data errors early in the Timing & Scoring process?

Jeff Clark led a Rules Change Proposals Meeting on August 6; results will be published in The Memo, with voting at the November 5 general IRDC meeting.

How can we draw more volunteer workers for our events?

Quick, without stopping to think about it, do you know what makes IRDC and its sister clubs in ICSCC so special in the world of amateur road racing? If you answered "the fact that the drivers get to make all the important decisions," good for you! Every year, drivers suggest new rules and propose changes to old ones, vote on the changes, and take turns serving as elected officials (also called board members) and hand-picked standard-keepers (e.g., stewards and race chairs).

Now, when was the last time you took a turn at serving the club in one of these positions? If the answer is "not lately," please think about doing so – especially in a position you haven't held before. If the answer is "not yet," boy, is this your lucky time! Our new radio and wi-fi equipment is working beautifully, we have skilled volunteers in charge of our race operations, and in general our organization is in great working order. The focus now will be growing into the future – can you see yourself helping make that happen? The race we just completed in August was the best one in years; those who worked so hard to bring all this about would like to turn the controls over to some new brains with fresh ideas. Could that be you?

There are several members of IRDC's Board who are resigning this year, but not because they don't find the experience worthwhile! The Secretary and Treasurer have each served for six years, and are convinced that new perspectives would be good for all. The President is also ready to give someone else a turn at the helm. There are two Director positions to be voted on this year. If you have any interest in these positions at all, or any suggestions for individuals who might, please contact the incumbent and find out what's involved – it might not be as much work as you think. Sure, Racing is fun, but there's great satisfaction in making a great event come together. The comradeship shared by those who have worked for the good of the group is possibly the best thing about becoming a Board member, and we all hope the same for you! Nominations will open at the September club meeting, close at the October meeting, and voting will take place in November.

All you glory-hounds, take note!
October is the official start of the awards nomination process, and we're looking for names! If you or someone you know deserves to be noticed with a handsome trophy and the applause of the multitude, contact any member of the board with that information. Awards are given for the Driver of the Year, Crew of the Year, Worker of the Year, Communicator of the year, and Screw-up of the Year. We also honor very special folks with a Lifetime Achievement Award (which you get by sticking around a long, long time). There's more, too, but you don't get to choose them (sorry). And don't forget that these awards are presented at our banquet in January 2009, which is actually a very enjoyable event, with tasty food and excellent company. So step up and nominate the worthy, and watch for further banquet details!

IRDC Race Club Officials

President – Ron Johnson
Vice-President – Rick Bostrom
Secretary – Bonnie Johnson
Treasurer – Debbie Carton
Board Members
Al Carton
Scott Morton
Lee Fjellanger
Jon Holt
Scott Ahrens
E-Board Rep – Al Carton
Contest Board Rep – Jeff Clark
Race Chairman – Bruce Boyd
Registrar – Debbie Morton
Membership – Bambi Jilek

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS **First Wednesday of Month starting at 7:00 PM**

Location:
Sizzler

16615 Southcenter Pkwy
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Everyone Welcome at Meetings!

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