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## From the President

With the championship races completed and all the class winners decided, a very well attended fall Enduro behind us, it is time to turn our attention to the Annual Banquet.

It is my hope that everyone will plan to attend the Annual Banquet so that those deserving souls can be given a proper congratulation. I would like to have each class winner say a few words and maybe thank all those who contributed to their success. This should make the evening very interesting, or not. We have a great MC, who will spice up the evening. You don't want to miss all the fun.

Each club will be voting on the proposed rule changes in late October/early November, so remember to attend your club meeting and cast your vote. If you want to be heard, you need to vote. Don't let 10% of your club members decide your fate! Your vote is important, show up and be heard.

As this year rapidly comes to a close, I must ask for your assistance. Several positions will need to be filled for the 2015 season. The positions are: License Director, Sound Officer and President. Each member of Conference should consider volunteering for a position sometime in your racing career. Consider it as giving back to the organization that has allowed you the opportunity to enjoy your passion for racing. Maybe 2015 is your give-back year. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time as President and prior to that as Assistant Steward.

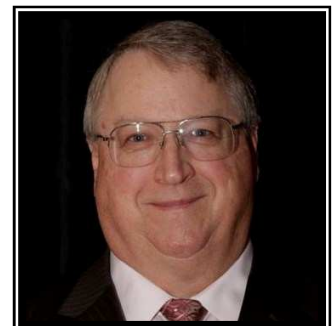
Conference has been blessed with dedicated volunteers that brave the elements so that our drivers can pursue their passion for racing. We need to increase our core of volunteers so that racing can continue in the future. I have had several discussions with drivers and workers about how to build our core group. Although there is no clear path forward, one consistent message is that we need to find a way to get new people involved that have a desire to be near the action. My request to everyone is talk to your friends; find out if they would be interested in volunteering for a day at the race track. Let the ROD director or the Chief of Flags do the rest. Most races require 30 volunteers (min) to make the show happen. It would be great to see three people at each station. Let's find a way to make it happen in 2015.

Remember, the Annual Banquet is a great opportunity to thank our entire volunteer group and spend some time with them away from the track. They have lots of great stories to share with each of you.

Come out and support your club and Conference.

See you at the Annual Banquet.

Dave Bennett  
ICSCC President



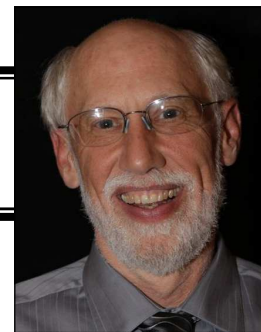
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## STEWARD'S CORNER



Hello,

Wow, my final Steward's Corner. The 2014 Championship race season is over and so is my Stewarding of the races (I still have the fall meeting to preside over before my duties are completed). Like so many Stewards before me the year ends with mixed emotions, no, really. I always thought the past Stewards said this just to be politically correct so as not to make the incoming Steward wonder what he had gotten himself into, but I found it was the truth, at least for me.

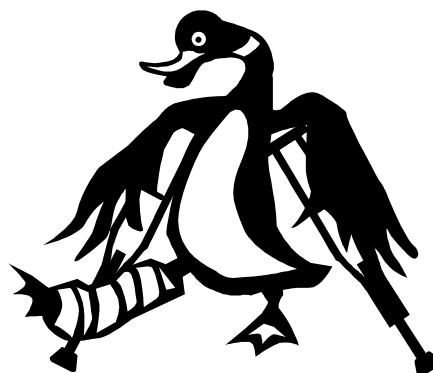
I took on the Stewarding position because I enjoy racing and someone has to volunteer for these positions or we all can't race. So I thought I would put in my time and endure the year. Well my first learning was that you can have a good race weekend and be Steward, in fact we didn't have a bad race weekend. A lot of the credit for the good year goes to my Stewarding staff. Bob Mearns and Dan Heinrich were fantastic. Bob was extremely motivated, eager to take on responsibility and diligent. And Dan knows our rules inside and out and can always be counted on to offer historical perspective and just good common sense. My thanks to both. It would have been a much different year without you.

It was also an easier Stewarding year because our entries were down this year, partly due to SCCA runoffs being on the west coast and partly because some chose to try other clubs that have recently moved into the region. Small grids lead to less incidents and less incidents reduces the Stewarding activities. In fact we had a couple races with NO incidents, what a wonderful surprise.

The last race of the year was the exception. I'm pretty sure it had the largest entry count of the year and with 20 incident reports and 15 fines it was the busiest of the year. But this was also a good Stewarding weekend. Partly because the crack Stewarding staff had hit our stride but more importantly because 95% of the drivers we dealt with were great. They readily accepted responsibility and were usually very apologetic. So thanks to you all for making this a good Stewarding year.

It was a great year to be Steward, now back to just being a driver again.

Mike Tripp  
ICSCC (lame duck) Steward





Fun at The Ridge





# ICSCC AWARDS



*An Evening of Stars*

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## FROM THE LICENSE DIRECTOR

### ICSCC License Director Report for 2014 Compared to 2013

Following is a recap of the Novice Racer program for the International Conference of Sports Car Clubs:

Novice Race #	Date	2014 Track	Novices (CW and OW) Completing Race 2014	Upgrades to Area Road Racer 2014	Novices (CW and OW) Completing Race 2013	Upgrades to Area Road Racer 2013
1	April 26 and 27	PIR	15	2	25	7
2	May 10 and 11	TRMP	9	0	18	5
3	May 30	SCR	9	5	19	7
4	May 31	SCR	5	1	8	4
5	June 14 and 15	PR	8	3	21	8
6	June 28 and 29	PIR	9	3	4	1
7	July 26	ORP	6	0	3	1
8	July 27	ORP	3	0	16	5
9	August 9 and 10	PIR	12	3	8	6
10	August 30	MRP	12	2	16	2
11	August 31	MRP	9	0	7	2
12	September 20 and 21	TRMP	9	4	1	0
13	NA	NA	0	0	9	4
Totals			106	23	155	52

Based on the above statistics, we averaged just under 9 racers completing each of the 12 novice races, including both closed wheel and open wheel categories. This compares to an average of 12 last year, when there were 13 novice races. In addition to the 23 Area Road Racer licenses issued in 2014, we also had 27 upgrades to International Road Racer license status. Last year we had 52 ARR upgrades and 19 IRR upgrades.

These numbers are a bit troubling to me since they represent a 32% drop in novice entries and a 56% drop in ARR upgrades. I take small solace in the facts that we had one fewer novice races this year and that we had a strong increase in upgrades from ARR to IRR status. Maybe word got out from 2013 to 2014 that the same geezer was going to be License Director again and maybe some people postponed entering the novice program hoping there would be an upgrade in the quality of the geezer. Or maybe the geezer did such a great job of upgrading in 2013 that the backlog from the prior geezer was cleared out. Or maybe it was competition from other race groups. Or maybe we can blame it on the economy. Heck, we blame the economy for a lot of things these days, so why not?

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No matter the reason, the reality is that 2015 needs to be a better year for new racers or our beloved Conference is going to start contracting in licensed racer counts. It is incumbent on all Conference officials and racers to promote our form of club racing. We still have a fantastic program so let's beat the drum and encourage our friends and acquaintances to come join us.

None of these statistics or my melancholy should be taken as a sign that the quality of our racers is in question, because it isn't. We graduated a whole new class of top notch racers and we are very fortunate to have them running with us in their respective groups. For that I am truly thankful. I just wish there were more of them; that's all.

As I have mentioned in ICSCC Memo articles this year and last, we have also had a very cooperative and enthusiastic group of senior drivers who not only gave great feedback as senior observers during the novice races, but also went out on track with them on several occasions. I want to especially shout out the Pro3 group as they went above and beyond in that regard. For those efforts I am grateful.

It has again been my great pleasure to serve as the 2014 License Director. But it is time to get myself back to racing. My outstanding wife Carol has graciously allowed me the privilege of serving Conference in this way, but she deserves to take a real vacation that doesn't end up at a race track. (I wonder if a trip to Montreal would count as a vacation. Unlikely, if it happens to coincide with the Canadian Grand Prix.)

I do look forward to assisting the new LD to get acquainted with our process and procedures and to introduce that person to all the wonderful colleagues who help put on our great events. I am even open to occasionally filling in for the new Director, assuming of course that doesn't scare more novices away. Guess I will keep that a secret until the last minute.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott Faris  
2014 ICSCC License Director

All photos in this issue courtesy of Doug Berger. Thank you, Doug!

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#53 \$50 for Avoidable Contact
- Group 4: #85 \$50 & loss of 1 lap for Pass Under Yellow  
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#107 \$50 for Pass Under Yellow  
#115 \$50 & loss of 1 lap for Pass Under Yellow  
#402 \$50 & loss of 1 lap for Pass Under Yellow  
#701 \$50 & loss of 1 lap for Pass Under Yellow
- Group 5: #248 \$50 for Avoidable Contact
- Group 8: #404 \$50 for Avoidable Contact  
#750 \$100 for Unsportsmanlike Conduct

## 2014 ICSCC Event Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Club</u>	<u>Location</u>
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November 8/9	ICSCC Fall Meeting	All	SeaTac Marriott



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