

A note from the president.

On December 4th your board had its fourth and final meeting of the year. Our next scheduled meeting will be February 19, 2017 at Panera Bread in Deerpark, IL. Come and share your thoughts and comments.

In attendance on Sunday were: Dennis M. Sbertoli, Tony Cavaliere, Dave Johnson, Barb Carroll, George Mikhail, Chip Van Sant, Sandy GaNun, Gregg De Zutti, Don Brubaker and Wayne Seely. Though not currently board members, Don and Wayne participate in most board meetings as they are instrumental in organizing our web site and track events.

The main item up for discussion was our calendar. Following, you will find proposed dates and events for the year. I have recently learned that Eastwood Products conducts tech sessions at their Alsip store on weekends. We may try to get in on some of these. Watch for an announcement.

Most immediately forthcoming is our 2017 banquet which will be at Pescatore Palace, 3400 N. River Road, Franklin Park, IL 60131. This will be on Saturday January 21, 2017 starting about 6:00 PM. Mark your calendars.

We had some fine outings this year. We start, or finish our year, depending on your perspective, with our banquet. In January 2016 we met at Chicago Prime in Schaumburg and had an excellent turnout with great food. This year shows equal prospect.

In April we had our annual model car night. I'm always amazed by some of the collectibles our members bring out. This year Tony Cavaliere stole the show with the hand made Bugatti pedal car he made in his own shop.

The first Saturday in May is no longer "Derby Day" in my world, but has been superseded by the Wisconsin Chapter's New Glarus Hill Climb. We had a good showing of our members to run with the Wisconsin folks. A plus is the fact that New Glarus is such a great town. All should go at some point. The New Glarus Brewery is truly a sight to behold.

Summer is always filled with racing at your favorite venues. I managed to make Road America 3 times this year plus a trip to Blackhawk farms for our yearly July 4th (about) Challenge. Great combined event with the Healey folks. We actually came out ahead on the financial part. We hope to do it again this year. Mike Besic, Mike Pranka, Wayne Seely, George Mikhail and Chip Van Sant, among others, put on a great show as they managed to go head to head at our favorite tracks.

Our picnic on August 14th was a great success. About 35 members with 20 cars came out to enjoy sausage, pasta, chicken and other foods from Billy's. As usual Barb, Dave and the Cavalier's did a great job organizing and setting up. For 2017 we plan a similar outing, again at the picturesque Barbara Key Park in Lake in the Hills.

Most recently I sent out our Notice and Call for Nominations. Please, if you enjoy your club, and I emphasize “your club”, come join the managing group. You may be a yet untapped source of ideas and information. We welcome the inclusion.

Now that our cars are stashed for the season we can hopefully attack some of that deferred maintenance. If you are like me, it will be May before you know it and you have not touched a thing. Meanwhile, I think we have some nice plans for next year so come out and enjoy with us.

For now, have a Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah and a happy, healthy and prosperous new year.

Respectfully,

Dennis M. Sbertoli