

CAROC
December 8, 2019
Meeting Notes

On Sunday December 8, 2019, your Board of Directors conducted its fourth meeting of the year. Members present were: Dennis Sbertoli, Sandy GaNun, Barb Carroll, Tony Calvaliere, Wayne Toberman, Marco Battistoni, and Robert Clauss. Wayne Seely appeared via telephone and John Gobey, Don Brubaker and Cindy Bennett also participated.

The next Board Meeting will be February 9, 2020 and we welcome any member's attendance. Check the web site to verify location and time. We truly want your input.

Matters under discussion Calendar Generally

K1 Racing

We agreed on an outing to K1 in Buffalo Grove for Saturday March 7, most likely in the afternoon. Wayne Seely will follow up on details. For a discounted group rate we do need a guaranteed minimum participation.

Model Car Night-March

To be at D'Agostinos in Park Ridge, if available. Thursday, March 19th. Dennis Sbertoli will make the arrangements.

Blackhawk Farms Raceway

We have tentatively selected June 6th for our annual track event. It was moved from the proximity of the July 4th date to accommodate a request by BFR as another group wants to conduct a two day event. We agreed not to seek a partnership with AUDI. Wayne Seely has had conversations with the Lotus Club about possible partnering with them or, in the alternative, offering them a discounted rate IF they would guaranty a minimum number of participants. This is a work in progress and more details will be released as things develop. BFR did offer us a discount if we agree to do a two day event. A two day event would be approximately \$16,000.00 as opposed to about \$9,000.00 for a single day. The consensus is that we do not want to take a financial risk of a two day event.

We recently did get a check from AUDI in the amount of \$2,298.94 representing their share of the loss taken on BFR 2019.

Don Brubaker announced he is no longer willing to participate in the management of the BFR. We thank Don for his previous years of dedication. We will need to select an individual to pick up the responsibilities in Don's absence.

Slick Track

An outing to the Sugar Grove Family Fun Center for the slick track outing remains an option. In the past we've done it during the Summer months on a Saturday evening. I anticipate sending out inquiries to gauge interest.

Slot Cars in Des Plaines

In lieu of our standard monthly meeting on April 16, we agreed to go back to Dad's Slot Cars in Des Plaines. Robert Clauss agreed to make arrangements.

New Glarus Hill Climb

Conducted by the Wisconsin chapter on the first Saturday in May. Runs from about 9:00 am to 1:00 PM. Registration is conducted through the Wisconsin Chapter. [Www.aroc-wisconsin.org](http://www.aroc-wisconsin.org)

Spring Tour

Robert Clauss again agreed to lead a spring tour. Date and destination have not yet been confirmed but Targets in discussion include the Studebaker Museum, www.studebakermuseum.org in South Bend Indiana or the Gilmore Museum in Hickory Corners, Michigan.

Www.gilmorecarmuseum.org.

Kettle Moraine in Southern Wisconsin is also an option.

There was also discussion of partnering with the Northern Illinois Streeters for a tour.

National Convention

Cindy Banzer, the national president. Recently reached out to Wayne Toberman about us possibly hosting the 2020 event. Due to the magnitude of hosting this event there is much trepidation on the part of our Board Members. Dominant concerns are the financial obligation and securing a sufficient amount of volunteers.

The question was also raised as to whether or not AROC would contribute seed money and whether that have a designated member to assist in planning. I will contact Cindy Banzer to find out.

Banquet

Our Banquet is scheduled for January 25th at 100 S. Chop House in Elmhurst. George Mikhail is our chair on this event. Wayne Toberman agreed to contact the Rizza dealership for contributions for door prizes.

Relationships with Dealers

Marco Battistoni agreed to follow up with Richard Fisher to see if he is still interested in engaging with us. I was recently introduced to Linda Troha at Naperville Italian Autos by Julie Fixler. Naperville expressed an interest in engaging with us. There is a possibility of them hosting one of

our monthly meetings or doing something on a Saturday, weather permitting. I will follow up with Linda.

Call for Elections

We circulated solicitations for elections a couple weeks ago and so far there has been zero response. Wayne Seely will send out the notice again.

Finances

We have about \$12,000.00 in the bank at this time.

To the extent that our events are posted with tentative dates watch the CAROC Website for further details. Additionally, we anticipate detailed email blasts to go out in advance of the events. And, of course, don't forget we do not meet on Thursdays in December or January so our next regular monthly meeting will be February 20, 2020, 7:00 P.M., at Famous Dave's in Addison. In the event of a change, it will be posted.

We are an all-volunteer organization and are always looking for more participation from our members. If you have an idea for an outing or event, let us know. If you have a special skill to contribute, let us know, we need everybody to make it a better group. Please consider offering your service as a board member. **We have not put out our newsletter, *The Sotto Veloce* for several years now and are looking for an editor. If you are willing to take on the task of publishing we definitely want to hear from you.**

Calendar Dates by month:

January:

25th Banquet

February:

20th Monthly meeting

9th Board Meeting

8-17 Chicago Auto Show

March:

7th K1 indoor karting-Buffalo Grove

19th Model Car Night D'Agostinos-Park Ridge

April:

16th Dad's Slot Cars-Des Plaines

May:

1-2 New Glarus

15-17 Road America, Spring Vintage

21 Monthly Meeting

June:

6 Blackhawk Farms

12-14 Road America, June Sprints

18 Monthly meeting

July:

16 Monthly Meeting
23-26 Road America, Redman
30-Aug 2 Road America, IMSA

August:

20 Monthly Meeting
28-30 Road America, World Challenge

September:

5 Meadowdale Car show?
6 Board Meeting
17 Monthly Meeting
18-20 Road America, Vintage Fall Challenge

October:

9-11 Road America, SCCA Runoffs
15 Monthly Meeting

November:

19 Monthly Meeting

December:

No Monthly Meeting

January, 2021:

23 Banquet–Tentative.

Respectfully,

Dennis