

Greetings from Fort Wayne.

A quick note to bring you all up to date on some things in general.

First, I have completed my cardiac rehabilitation program and my health is now again very good. It was a rough spring and summer, but it's all in the past now and I have a 15 year warranty on the valve job (undercut and illegal, but FAST).

I just returned from attending the Solo Run-Offs at Heartland Park. I did not get an absolute final count, but over 1,100 entrants ran the two courses. This was a slight increase over last year so the price of gas apparently had a minimal effect on the premier event for auto crossing. The weather was spotty but tolerable and everyone seemed to be having a great time.

Shortly I will be back at Heartland for the Road Race Run-Offs. The count is down a bit right now on entries. It is a shame, as I had a chance to get a couple of laps in on the newly configured course and it is a great improvement. Eric Prill said he had gained six seconds a lap over last year in his Lotus Super 7. Ray Erwin has worked hard to make many requested improvements to the track itself. Hopefully, it will make everybody happy (sure, and I believe in the Easter Bunny too).

Shortly you will be receiving details on the new temporary membership program for 08. This will replace the present program and has been extended to rally and solo areas, meaning that any active participant in these programs must be an SCCA member. It does NOT include people who are there to watch. Full details are coming, perhaps even as you read this. Before you e-mail me to complain, be advised that I voted AGAINST this proposal when it came before the board. What more can I say?

The Roundtable is scheduled for Fort Wayne on Saturday, November 3. There will be a Street Survival the following day, Sunday, November 4, here in Fort Wayne. I urge you to stay over and get a first hand look at the program because it will be rolled out for all regions at convention. More on this in a minute.

Cost of the roundtable will be \$25.00 per person, which includes Friday night hospitality, continental lunch, and meeting room costs. I wanted to charge \$50.00 and discount it by \$25.00 for solo folks, since some of my solo friends don't feel they should pay full price. Then I realized we would have to discount it to \$25.00 for Road Race people so they did not feel left out, and that would mean that the only person having to pay the full \$50.00 would be me, so the price to all is \$25.00.

The second Street Survival was run in Fort Wayne several weeks ago and it was a huge success. As many of you already know, Fort Wayne Region has decided not to conduct a Brat Bash in 2008 and instead to concentrate on Street Survival programs. We already have sponsor and site commitments for three events next year and more will follow. We would like to conduct six of these next year. Once some of the community movers and

shakers see what this is all about, things start happening. I urge you all to try and stay over for Sunday to get a first hand view of the program.

As the Chairman of the Board of the SCCA Foundation, sanctioning agency of the Street Survival programs, I have undertaken the task of raising enough money to cover start up costs of the program. These costs will include training the trainers and covering any losses of regions just getting started.

When I took over as Chairman we had around \$3,000 in our account. We now have close to \$50,000 and I think we will need around \$100,000 to be safe in our roll out, so, when you renew your membership add another 10 spot to the area that says Foundation Donation. And yes, I am going outside the membership with grant requests but those take time and we need a big roll out commitment at Convention. Your help is needed.

My e-mail will change in 2 weeks as I go to a Wild Blue up/down link, but for now the old lwdent@localnet still works if you need to contact me.

Cheers to all, and KEEP THE FAITH. Larry Dent, Director Area 4