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Since my last column I have had the advantage of being able to look over two months participation numbers and yes this is a tight, tough year financially but the numbers are rebounding more than just a little so things are not as bad as I have outlined in the last few months. The club is not out of the woods by any means but the club will survive and hopefully weather the economy downturn.

ProRacing is tracking ahead of budget on the bottom line with a positive cash flow and Enterprises may just have a record year for profits.

Now for the more important things in area thirteen, a tip-of-the-helmet goes out to Randy & Jim Graffy to offer a roof to worker Bee Margie Swanson while her condo gets ready for move in. Also a get well and a tip-of-the-helmet goes out to one of the two best tire guys in the business Warren "Mr. NW Goodyear" Secord who is up and around again after a medical procedure. Also a tip-of-the-helmet and a get well goes out to maybe the number one SRF racer in this land Todd Harris who suffered a cracked wrist at Watkins Glen and will miss his chance at the Run-Offs this year.

As this is being written there are six hundred twenty nine entries for the Run-Offs. So here are the area thirteen drivers you need to cheer for when you watch the coverage on SpeedcastTV.com. John Blizzard is doing the double in American sedan and GT-1, Ken Shreve is also doing the double in GT-3 and EP. Look for Larry Bangert and Mark Keller in FF and is this Mel Kemper's first trip to the Run-Offs in FM? Bob & Quin Posner along with Dennis Andrade are the ones to watch in FV. Duane Davis goes for another national championship in GT-2 along with rookie David Cormier. GTL finds Rob MacFarlane a rookie along with Jim Hargrove in his black Honda. T-3 has Lynne Griffins while T-2 finds the beautiful Blue 350Z of John Baker. SSC is Ali Naimi looking for a podium while Lance Stewart and Eddie Nakato are in the SSB race. SRF has the crowd from the NW at the Run-Offs national winner Steve Fogg along with his partner John Tipton (they are never seen apart). Tom Burt and Johnny Humphreys complete the ProDrive / Flat Out stable of competitors in SRF.

Also as this is written eleven hundred sixty four people have entered the Solo National at Lincoln NB which I am sure is a record. After a three year absence I really look forward to meeting all of the area thirteen entrants there and enjoying the good times with them. Solo people and in particular "Team Zebra" really know how to have a good (GREAT) time.

Worker of the year and Hall of Fame nominations are due in the national office in Topeka contact Howard "the good" Duncan about the details.

Now is the time for all good members to come to the aid of their Club. This is the time of the year to send your resume's to Topeka. Ad Hoc, advisory and all committees have turnover so if you are not happy with the path the club is taking in your area PLEASE stand up and be heard. Be part of the process and help get that part of the club that is "near & dear" to you on the correct path.

A best wishes and get well soon goes out to my favorite machine shop operator and GTL campaigner Dan Hall.

Well hopefully next month this column will be full of reports from Lincoln and Road America also a look forward to the Rallycross championships in Colorado Springs and the USRRC in MN.

Just think three more columns and this will be done.