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My Friends and Fellow Members,

It is morning again in the SCCA. Our best days are ahead of us; our club is not broken; and our glorious past is not lost.

Our vision of the next decade of the SCCA is clear and we have the roadmap and the resources to achieve it.

Thanks to the energetic work of our President, Steve Johnson, and other club leaders, we are no longer the "Secret Car Club of America". Thanks to the vision and dedication of our Board of Directors, our Program Boards, and other members, today's youth recognize SCCA as the preferred venue for single competition on both dirt and pavement; our club Racing programs, always known for fun, fair, and safe competition, will begin to embrace the full spectrum of modern, high performance automobiles seen daily on our highways; and our subsidiaries Enterprises, Pro Racing, and the Foundation are, more than ever, playing vital roles in our vision of the future.

Most importantly, all of the ideas and strategies for growth which are now being pursued have come to the club's leaders directly from our members; auto sports enthusiasts are clearly the most prolific group of innovators on the globe.

Our objective is to increase the rate of positive development in all areas of our members' interest, accelerating the pace of innovation by allowing our boards and committees to be more transparent in their processes and more receptive to member input than in the past.

As your Chairman, my principal goal is to renew our sense of purpose and to lead you in celebration of the once and future grandeur of our club. Each month in this column, I hope to highlight a specific area in which positive change is being initiated and pursued as a result of member input.

Stay tuned, and I'll see you at the races!

Gary Pitts

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