

The Heart of Dixie event is the single Club Race event each year co-organized by two small regions: Chattanooga and Tennessee Valley. It is obvious that the two regions work well together and enjoy an excellent relationship with Nashville Superspedway. The result is one of the best organized SARRC events on the SEDIV calendar.

Although this remains a lightly attended event in terms of entries, it was well staffed with volunteers in every specialty. Much of the F&C staff was new, but there were enough experienced hands to train newcomers and communication was good. Other specialties were primarily staffed by experienced volunteers from other regions and all areas ran smoothly.

Once again, the event utilized a Paddock Host who approaches the task more as a servant of the entrants as opposed to a paddock policeman. He is well organized and knows the location of every car – something that is quite helpful for the SOM. The drivers also appreciate the easy going atmosphere in the garage area.

Bag lunches were organized and compiled by the regions with freshly made sandwiches, fruit, chips and cookies. The Saturday social of pizza and beverages was well received by all participants. The social concluded with some very nice door prizes for the volunteers.

The SOM could find no meaningful criticism of the two regions holding the event. Because there had been a thunderstorm in the area, the SOM did suggest that they investigate the cost of a lightning meter. The two regions spend a lot of time working out all the details ahead of time and it shows.

It is always a pleasure to attend the Heart of Dixie event; one that many more racers should put on their calendar.

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