

History of Wayne Zitkus, Professional and SCCA;

Professional;

Engineer by education, BSME and MSIE

Employment, Libbey Glass Inc., having retiring recently after 50 years of service.

Career Highlights include, 15 US and International patents, Plant Manager at Syracuse China for 7 years, responsible for building Libbey's latest glass tableware plant in China where Wayne lived for three years.

SCCA;

In between 50 years of service to Libbey Wayne slipped in a little time for SCCA. He joined SCCA in 1962 after running his first rally in 1961 when the office secretary asked him to navigate a local TSD rally in her MGA. Wayne caught the bug and became very active in the Northwestern Ohio region, serving in all regional offices. The early 60's saw him winning the regional rally championship several years in a row. Competition expanded to divisional and national rallies. Wayne is currently 6 Th on the Masters life time points standing not having run a National rally since the early 1980's. Completion spread to endurance rallies where Wayne won the famous POR two times and placed second 3 times. Competition included the Canadian Winter Rally.

Wayne interest in administrative challenges with SCCA started as a member of the NWOR and spread to Chairman of the CENDIV rally board in the late 60's which led to being a member and chairman of the National rally board in the 70's. Highlight of serving on the National rally board was the creation of the SCCA PRO rally program in 1973. Wayne is considered the "father" of the PRO Rally program.

In 1966, 1967 and 1969 Wayne showed his organizational skills by chairing the Andiamo National rally and winning the award for the Best Rally of the year. A first, for the same rally two years in a row and another first, when the 1969 rally won the best rally of the year again and Wayne won the Arthur J. Gervais award in 1969. These accomplishments made the NWOR noticed and members of the region competing in other aspects of SCCA competition noticed within the SCCA ranks. Wayne was a pusher for other NWOR members to become involved in Divisional and National actives within the club.

Wayne's competitive highlights besides winning the POR include winning many National rallies and the 1973 SCCA PRO Rally championship in 1973.

In 1976 after serving as Chairman of the National rally board, Wayne was asked to serve on the SCCA Board of Directors by Ruth Nixon, then a board member. Accepting the appointment led to Wayne running for election two more times and being reelected. His fellow directors appointed him Treasurer of the Club. After his term expired in 1984, Wayne was asked to continue his service as Treasurer of the club, a first in SCCA history. Wayne served for an additional four

years as Treasurer. As his roll of Treasurer Wayne institute operational budgeting processes (not inclusion of the Trans Am royalty money in operating budgets) and strict monthly review of the SCCA financial operation in the 1980's.

Besides winning three National awards for the Best Rally of the year, Wayne has also been awarded the Robert V. Ridges Award in 1975 (If you get a chance as Wayne about his ride in Bob Ridges 120 Jag, a fun story) Arthur J. Gervais Award in 1969 and the Carl Hass Cup in 1997.

In the 1980's Wayne's responsibilities at Libbey Glass increased and time for SCCA competition was limited, however Wayne and Ruth got involved in Timing and Scoring and worked or was Chief of timing and scoring at Regional, National and Pro races for several years.

Highlights of Wayne's SCCA activities include Regional leadership roles, Divisional Leadership role and National Leadership roles. As Treasurer Wayne's leadership led the SCCA through difficult financial times as Trans AM royalty incomes vanished. Wayne was on the committee that led to the purchase of the Denver office building as well as on committees to choose the various Presidents of SCCA during the 80's.

Wayne's SCCA life started as a regional competitor, a regional organizer of events and office holder. This early "local" start led him to Divisional duties and onto National positions and eventually to serve on the SCCA Board of directors as a Board member and officer for 13 years. Today while Wayne is not active, he still keeps in contacts with many close SCCA friends and competitors he has known for more than 40 years.