

## Message From the Incoming President

December 2011

Greetings,

With 2011 almost in the record books, it's time for all of us to prepare for the holidays, to look forward to spending some time with friends and family and to get ready for an exciting 2012 which is just a few weeks away. The past year has certainly been an exciting one for all of us in the Sports Car Club of New Hampshire. We've had many more events this past year than we've had in quite a long time – including the return of the legendary Climb to the Clouds! As a result, the SCCNH membership list has increased to more than 150 members which is by far the largest it's been in many years and has certainly kept our Membership Chairman, Dan Francis, busy sending out membership cards while George Young's monthly Treasurer's Reports have been going up and up every month!

As a result of this success, the Sports Car Club of New Hampshire membership decided at our November meeting to help a number of non-profit businesses in the local area by donating a total of \$2,000 to three different organizations – something that was wonderful to see. As we look forward to the year ahead, it's my hope that we as a group continue to enjoy the fun and success that the Club has enjoyed over the past few years, that we continue to grow as an organization and that we continually look for ways to help those around us.

Having been a member of SCCNH since 1978, I as well as a number of other longtime members know all too well how quickly things can change. With that in mind, I encourage everyone to please consider stepping out of their comfort zone a little bit in 2012 to take on a new responsibility or try something new within the Club. In other words, if you haven't competed in an Autocross before or for many years, why not give it a shot – we have a tremendous program. If you've been an Autocross competitor for a while but haven't tried a hillclimb yet, why not give it some thought? If you've never held an office or a position within the management of the Club, why not make 2012 the year you take on a new personal challenge? Trust me, you'll have an absolute blast!

Whatever your decision ends up being, I hope you'll give it some serious thought and try something new in the coming year. We can always use help on the administrative side of things – as an example, we need someone to serve as the Executive Secretary – taking minutes at the monthly meetings. We also need someone to take over for Terry Murphy IV as the Chair of the SCCNH Autocross series. As you know, Terry has stepped down from this role to serve as the Club's Vice President for the coming year after successfully managing and growing the SCCNH Autocross series for the past three years.

In closing, I'd like to say **THANK YOU!** to the entire SCCNH membership for an incredibly successful 2011 and wish you and yours a very happy and safe holiday season. Terry and I are very much looking forward to working with everyone in the Club as we do our best to continue growing the organization and having some fun along the way. Should you have any questions for me, or if you'd like to volunteer for a particular position within the Club, please feel free to send an E-mail my way at [paulgiblin@usa.net](mailto:paulgiblin@usa.net) or give me a call – my cell number is (603) 986-1217.

Sincerely,

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2012 President