**WORKER OF THE YEAR 2018**

All of us who are staff work hard to put on races and we on the Board realize how difficult it is to choose someone who is deserving of this honor. The Banquet is our one opportunity to recognize the years of service as a dedicated worker.

If you could name one value that defines Worker of the Year – what would that be? It would probably be the passion to perform that job at the track to their fullest and still have lots of fun. The people from the past who have won this could be found at tracks thru the Midwest and many times - across the country at races.

A worker getting this award is someone with the talent to get others to pull together as a team…, and someone who will perform double duty if the team is short - handed.

We found one of us that has offered their talents for not only this year but over many years. The nominee I speak of is just a couple years short of being with us for three decades. What started out as a way to see races up front turned into a dedication to BVR that is remarkable.

Our nominee started in Flagging – standing out on corners in every kind of weather. He has been captain and communicator as well as Chief for many events. If you didn’t see our nominee out on some back corner, you might have seen him assisting in Registration on Friday nights over the years. Over the years this person worked every event in Cendiv as well as pro races at tracks around the country, and many Runoffs, as team leader of the Cendiv delegation in F/C.

A while back he volunteered to be on the BVR Board where he gave years of service to our club – engaging with our regions concerning the goals of SCCA. In this capacity his ability to blend BVR’ goals with those of other Cendiv regions helped all of us regions move us into the new, more challenging landscape we all see today.

This year in addition to working Cendiv races he worked at the first inaugural New York City E-Prix, a street race with electric cars. Our nominee also sponsored the band we enjoyed at our July race. Always eager to find new ways to make the worker experience more enjoyable, he has over the years, devised incentives to get new people involved and retain the current people. We owe our thanks to this years recipient of Worker of the Year,

**BOB NEWBERG**