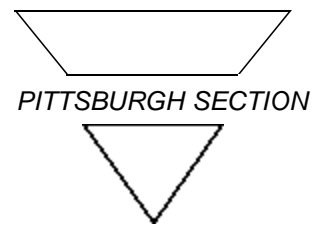


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SECTION NEWSLETTER

March, 2001

WHAT:

Have you ever gone to an auto show where there were concept cars or cars of the future? Typically the cars are displayed on an elevated turntable that affords a great view of the wheels, tires and the bumpers. Look inside or under the hood? NOT!!!!

In a recent issue of the prestigious magazine *Architectural Digest*, one of the feature stories was "Inside GM's Secret Design Lab." The General Motors Technical Center, located in Warren, Mich. has recently been updated with a six million dollar Virtual Reality Center. (VRC) The VRC, along with other elements of the Design Center takes computer-aided design from conceptual sketches to the creation of concept cars. In the VRC one can don a pair of 3-D goggles and view a three dimensional image of a car. The Chevrolet Super Sports Roadster (SSR), not truck, was the first concept car to be designed in this genre and was prominently featured in the article.



Thanks to the Don Ableson, past President of SAE, our section is being honored by the loan of this beautiful vehicle for the March section meeting. The SSR has been featured in most of the prominent performance related automobile magazines, including the cover of the August 7, 2000 issue of *AutoWeek*. How does a 6.0-liter V8, putting power through an electronic transmission, to one of a kind 20-inch rear tires, sound?

As March is not the best month for weather the car will be on display in a heated warehouse at Hq. There will not be any elevated turntables, restrictive rope barriers or beautiful models to distract your viewing of the SSR.

We have ten 1:64 scale die cast models of the Chevy SSR Concept Car from the Chevy Mall on line store. There will be a **FREE** drawing using the names of **ALL** attendees. Ten lucky people will get one of these limited edition models.

WHEN: Tuesday March 13, 2001
Reception 5:30-6:30p.m. Supper 6:30-7:30p.m.
Program 7:30 p.m.

WHERE: SAE World Headquarters
400 Commonwealth Drive
Warrendale, PA 15096-0001
DIRECTIONS: <http://www.sae.org/about/directns.htm>

MENU: *BEYOND PARSLEY CATERING'S low calorie BUFFET*

RSVP: **Kathy Goodell at 724-772-7140 or E-Mail: kgoodell@sae.org**
Make your reservation by e-mail or call SAE Headquarters. Please e-mail or call by Friday afternoon, March 9, so we can give a preliminary count to the caterer. Reservations will close at noon Monday, March 12.

**LOW COST: Program at 7:30p.m. – No Charge
Dinner and Program**

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| Non-member | \$20.00 | Student | \$10.00 |
| Member | \$15.00 | Retired | \$10.00 |
| | | Unemployed Member | \$10.00 |

WHAT'S HAPPENING

The next governing board meeting will be at SAE WORLD HEADQUARTERS in Cranberry on Monday, March 19, 2001, at 5:30 p.m. The Pizza will be from a different vendor and will be better than previous years. Please use the employees entrance at the back of the building.

The officer slate for next year is as follows: Chairman - Garland Steyer, Vice Chairman - Howard Earnest, Treasure – Dale Douth, Secretary - Peter Noble. Additional nominations can be made from the floor.

APRIL: This is Student Night and Bob Brant from **Brant Motorsports** and prime mover for the construction of the **Pittsburgh Auto Racing Complex (PARC)** that is to be built by the old Greater Pittsburgh Airport will be the featured speaker. The meeting will be at Peters Place in Kirwan Heights that is next to Bridgeville.

May: BIKE NIGHT!!!!!!!!!!!!!! As of this writing, it looks like we will have a presentation on the designing and the manufacturing of the all-NEW Honda 1800 Gold Wing. This is a totally new bike and ALL of the motorcycle magazines (well maybe not Hog related magazines) are singing its praises.