

KNOCKOFF



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MoHud Rally proves Success!

Rally chair and course designer, Jim Bishop to the left speaks to participants and workers at the winter rallye, Flocon de Neige held on Jan. 24th. Seems to have been a success. Details inside!



Jared and Jess Lendrum are still smiling when they showed up at a checkpoint during the rally. See photos & results on pages 10-11.

2009 National Convention News

Reports inside from RE Jack Hanifan and Area 10 Director, John Sheridan. Make sure you read what's new and what's changing!



Tony Leone was present at the February membership meeting and showed off his 2008 NARRC Championship jacket in the Formula Vee class. Hardy congratulations go out to Tony!



Former Chairman of the Board, Tom Campbell was seen wearing his 2008 Driver of the Year jacket at the last membership meeting. His jacket was awarded at the annual year end meeting in December held at the Holiday Inn.

SURPRISE! NEW MONTHLY CONTEST!
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RE REPORT

Jack Hanifan

At the February meeting, treasurer Chip Van Slyke presented a budget including our proposed National race at Lime Rock Park. After much discussion a motion to accept the budget without any reference to the race was passed overwhelmingly. There was then a motion to put on a race at LRP as outlined in Skip's budget. This motion narrowly passed. I want to thank all who were present and voiced their opinion on both sides of the argument. The great thing about this disagreement was that after the decision was made, members who were on both sides of the argument stepped forward to volunteer to make this the best race we have ever put on. Gene Tricozzi will be our Race Chairman and DJ McCardle, Jim Garry and Anthony Leone among others have offered to help.

Bob Zecca from Driving Impressions has offered to help us out with advertising and some give aways for the event. We will set up a meeting schedule for race volunteers and will start race meeting after the March meeting.

I have just returned from the National Convention. The meetings I participated in were:

Regional Executives: SCCA Operations Overview, with Rick Myers, Region Development Manger, SCCA. Rick covered some of the nuts and bolts about dealing with SCCA and important changes to some of our processes.

Membership & Volunteer Programs, with Colan Arnold, Vice President Member and Regions Services, SCCA. Colan covered current SCCA membership programs to attract and retain members and workers.

Regional Execs & Board of Directors- closed session.

This meeting was open only to RE's and members of the BOD. A roundtable discussion was held within and between the different Areas. The purpose was to determine what SCCA National could do to help the Regions.

Meet the President with SCCA President/CEO, Jeff Dahnert.

Jeff gave very candid and open answers to the members of SCCA in a Q & A session.

SCCA, Inc. Annual Meeting

This was the business meeting of the club including reports on the progress in 2008 and goals for 2009 and beyond.

SCCA, Inc.- Town Hall

This was a forum for questions from the membership to National Leadership.

Rallycross: Setting up a program in your Region, with Mike Utecht.

This was a discussion on the things necessary to start a Rally cross program, I made several contacts and I hope we can have a rallycross by the end of the year.

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RE Report continued

Attention All Drivers with Terry Ozment, Vice President Club Racing, SCCA

This session dealt with drivers determining what information they needed for their racing programs and how they wanted it delivered.

Club Racing Tech Compliance & Training, presented by Scrutineers and SCCA Technical Staff

This was a training and instruction on the tools used in tech for checking compliance with a special focus on Spec Miata Compliance.

Club Racing Board Town Hall, presented by the CRB with Bob Dowie, Chairman

This was an update on the CRB Tactical Plan followed by Q&A.

Executive Stewards Town Hall, presented by Divisional Executive Stewards, Ken Patterson, Chairman.

This was an update on the Executive Stewards Tactical plan followed by Q & A from the attendees.

Tire Rack Street Survival Teen Driving Program, presented by Matt Edmonds from Tire Rack and Bill Wade , BMW CCA National Program Manager for Street Survival and Howard Duncan, SCCA Vice President of Rally/Solo programs. This was an information session on how to put on a Street Survival program.

At the Saturday night Banquet, Larry Dent was presented with the Woolf Barnato Award and Paul Newman, Bill Chambres, Jim Kimberly, John Timanus and Bill Johnson were inducted into the SCCA Hall of Fame.

Carl Corrin 1938-2009 Former Mohawk-Hudson RE '74

Carl A. Corrin, 70, passed away on Sunday, February 8, 2009. He was a long-time active member of MoHud SCCA serving as Treasurer in '72, Asst. RE, '73 and Regional Executive in '74. Carl was an enthusiastic racer as well as solo guy with his corvette and went racing in a bug-eye sprite. When I joined the region, it was necessary to have a member sign your application, Carl signed mine. *Jack Hanifan, RE*



Carl Corrin sits in his Sprite while Jack Fantelli, Bob Claffie and Ed Holvea look on

COMPETITION CORNER... March 2009

Jack Hanifan, *Chairman*

The annual tech party is scheduled for Sunday April 5th at Bob Karl's Sales and Service on 6th Ave. in Troy. 12 Noon. Our host will provide the Barbecue Grille and the Region will supply the dogs and soda. Now is the time to get ready. All the drivers who attended the January Meeting said they had received their GCR's. If you have not, contact club racing. The SCCA Office toll free number is **1-800-770-2055**. The first major change in the GCR that may affect you can be found on page 76. 9.3.19. C- Required Equipment-Driving Suits. Brand names such as Nomex have been eliminated. The appropriate SFI or FIA standard labels must be on the suit. If you do not see a label, look on the outside back of the collar for embroidery. Note that you may need to wear underwear of fire resistant material may now have to be used with some 3 layer suits.

If you need a new suit, Bob Zecca from Driving Impressions has a deal for MoHud Drivers. Call him at **1-800-275-4667**, just tell him you are from MoHud. You will also want to look at the Category Specification for your car.

Any Changes in the GCR are marked by a vertical solid bar on the left side of the page. Changes or amendments are indicated by *italicized* text. A paragraph with a vertical bar but not *italicized* text indicates a deletion.

The National, NARRC and NYSRRC schedules have all been finalized. You can find them all on the NESCCA website at Nescca.com.

There is a Flag School scheduled for March 28, 29 at Lime Rock Park. If you ever wanted to flag at the races this would be a great event to attend. There is no charge and lunch is provided. If you have a friend who is interested, let them know about it. This is a golden opportunity to get into racing for free.

MoHud Car Show Coming Up May 17!

Once more we have been invited to participate in the annual car show at the Saratoga Auto Museum. This year it will be on Sunday May 17. As in the past, we will have the position of honor on the front lawn of the museum. This is about the 6th year we have done this and it is always a great time. There is a big crowd to see our cars and lots of other cars in the show for us to enjoy. It has always been a great way to start off the summer car season. Tom Campbell will be coordinating our participation. Please let him know soon if you would like to put your car in the show. In any case, plan to stop by during the day and see how things are going.

Tom Campbell 587-2522, scca10director@juno.com

February Board Meeting Minutes (1/26/2009) Submitted by Eric Kroth, Sec.

Meeting was called to order by R.E. Jack Hanifan at 7:30 PM.

Minutes from the January Board Meeting as printed in The Knockoff were approved.

Rally

The rally held January 24, 2009 was a success. There were 16 entries representing 32 total competitors. The overwhelming majority of the competitors in the event were non-region members. Results and photos will be posted on the MoHud web site.

Knockoff

Jack Hanifan reported that Lisa is working on drafting a postcard to ensure that she gets up-to-date e-mail addresses for the membership.

Membership

Dave Wachtel e-mailed to report that the membership numbers as listed in the February Knockoff are correct as listed.

Web

Dave Wachtel reported that there have been some minor changes to the web site. A new membership application form has been uploaded to the web site with revised sections for military membership and for current membership referral. National dues changes for 2009 are also included.

Solo

Russ Burckhard reported that Solo committee met and approved a tentative schedule of events for the 2009 season. This schedule is posted on the MoHud web site. Sites for the events are not listed yet as Russ is working on contracts for sites for the upcoming season.

Competition

Flagging and Communication School is scheduled for March 28 & 29 at Lime Rock Park.

The Annual Tech Party is scheduled for April 4 at Bob Karl's Auto Sales in Troy.

The region has received a contract from Lime Rock Park for the upcoming National July 31 and August 1.

Budget

Chip Van Slyke presented a draft of the proposed 2009 budget. All details of the budget were discussed. The budget will be presented for review and approval by the membership at the February Monthly Membership meeting.

MoHud Van

The region is shopping for new insurance for the MoHud van. Apparently our previous insurer has run a check on all individuals in the past who have driven the van and raised rates based on the information found so we are looking for better rates.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 PM.

February Membership Meeting Minutes (2/4/2009)

Submitted by Eric Kroth, Sec.

Meeting was called to order by R.E. Jack Hanifan at 7:30 PM.

Minutes from the January Monthly Membership Meeting as printed in The Knockoff were approved.

Knockoff Report – The February issue of The Knockoff is posted on the MoHud web site. Lisa is drafting a postcard to be sent to membership as previously discussed to ensure current e-mail addresses are on file.

Activities Report – In addition to the previously mentioned activities at the January meeting, Pete Smith is looking for suggestions for any other activities.

Membership – Dave Wachtel reported 3 new members and the latest notable anniversaries.

Web – The following items have been posted to the MoHud web site:

- .1 Results from the January 24, 2009 Flocon de Neige rally.
- .2 The 2009 Solo schedule.
- .3 An announcement for the Flagging & Communication school at Lime Rock Park.
- .4 New updated membership forms.

Rally – Jim Bishop reported that the 2009 “Flocon de Neige” rally was a success. 16 cars (32 participants) entered the event. Based on this, we will look to schedule additional rallies during the upcoming year.

Solo – Russ Burckhard reported that the Solo Advisory Committee met and has agreed to a tentative schedule of events for the 2009 season. 7 events are scheduled at this time with 1 or 2 schools possible during the season and several “Test & Tune” events. Eric Smith is working on any bugs in the timing system before the upcoming season.

Competition – Jack advised that information has been posted to both the MoHud and NESCCA web sites regarding the Flagging & Communication school at Lime Rock Park. Membership is not required to attend the school. However, pre-registration is required and you must attend the Saturday session of the school in order to participate in the Sunday session.

The annual Tech Party is scheduled for April 4 at Bob Karl’s Auto Sales in Troy.

Jack awarded two NARRC jackets to series’ champions Tom Campbell (F Production) and Anthony Leone (Formula Vee).

Board of Director’s Report – John Sheridan was unable to attend due to a death in the family. The only issue of note was that there has been no tire rule set at this time for Spec Miata.

Saratoga Auto Museum – Bill Green, Historian for the International Motor Racing Research Center will be a guest speaker on February 22, 2009. The annual car show is scheduled for May 16-17, 2009. Among the activities may be a road rally. The museum has recently purchased a racing simulator. The current exhibit is entitled “All That Glitters” featuring pre-World War I cars.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Budget – The proposed 2009 budget was discussed including details for the National to be held at Lime Rock Park July 31 and August 1, 2009. Two separate votes were held on the budget with the first vote to accept the budget excluding all items in the budget pertaining to the 2009 MoHud National. Discussion was held separately regarding the race with a separate vote to approve the race budget.

Motion #1 – To accept the proposed 2009 budget excluding all details regarding the race.

(Tom Campbell first, Roly Heacox second)

Motion carries unanimously.

Motion #2 – To approve the budget for the 2009 MoHud National to be held at Lime Rock Park on July 31 and August 1, 2009.

(Gene Tricozzi first, Russ Burckhard second)

Motion carries by 12 votes “Aye” and 10 votes “Nay”.

Waiver of Regional Dues – A motion was considered to waive regional dues for any MoHud member who is granted a lifetime membership by SCCA National (Jim Bishop first, Rich Alexander second). Motion carries unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 9:48 PM.

SOLO Report by Russ Burckhard

We are still in planning mode. I placed a few phone calls trying to get this year's sites lined up, but have not heard back as of yet. I did get a phone call about a potential new site that I will be following up on. About the only question on the site I have is the condition of the pavement. If it is all usable, it will be a little bigger than what we have at this time. Hopefully I will have confirmation of the schedule by the next issue.

At the time of this submission, I am preparing to go to the National Convention. My schedule will be full while I am there and I hope to get some questions I have answered. My main focus will be on SOLO, but I also want to find out what I can about PDX's and some of what the upper level has planned for the future of the club. Hopefully I will be able to get the answers I am looking for. A couple of the seminars I want to attend are being held at the same time so I will have to try and get some of the answers either before or after the scheduled times. I will let you know how I made out with a full report of my trip next month.

Russ

MEMBERSHIP REPORT 2-21-09

Please welcome these new members to the region.

Name	Joined	City	State	Comm.
Ron Carl Jr.	2/09/09	Troy	NY	(845)661-5702(H) RC14882006@yahoo.com
David Allen Galletly	2/15/09	Glenmont	NY	(518)767-9103(H) dgalletl@nycap.rr.com
Hilton Tallman	1/21/09	Middle Grove	NY	(518)584-5936(H) airadltd@saratogabreadbasket.co

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Solo

David Allen Galletly	Glenmont	NY	(518)767-9103(H) dgalletl@nycap.rr.com
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Anniversaries

Name	Joined on March	Years
David P. Hathaway	3/01/69	40
Robert B. Wright	3/01/74	35
Joseph A. Genovese Jr	3/24/99	10
Robert M. Stevens	3/04/99	10
Jared Lendrum	3/27/04	5.

There are 361 members in the region.

We are down three members from last time. Since transfer reports aren't available, I can't determine if the members have left SCCA or transferred to another region. This month there seems to be a number of members who have moved out of region, primarily to the south with the greatest number moving to Florida.

This is the time of year that is least active in terms of new membership. I expect that the number of new members should increase in the coming months. There also may be some stragglers who have missed their renewal dates and have been dropped from the list. My software "suggests" that there have been six members who have either not renewed or have moved out of region.

Some of the participants in the recent rally who are not current members of the region showed interest in joining so we see at least some of these joining SCCA in the next report.

Webmaster's Report

The results of the Flocon De Neige 2009 rally have been posted (thanks Jim). The tentative Solo schedule has been posted but venues have been left out by Russ request . When the locations are locked in, the venues will be added.

Carl Corrin, former RE, racer and autocrosser has passed away. There is a link on the main page to the notice in the Times Union.

Dave Wachtel
Membership Chair/Webmaster

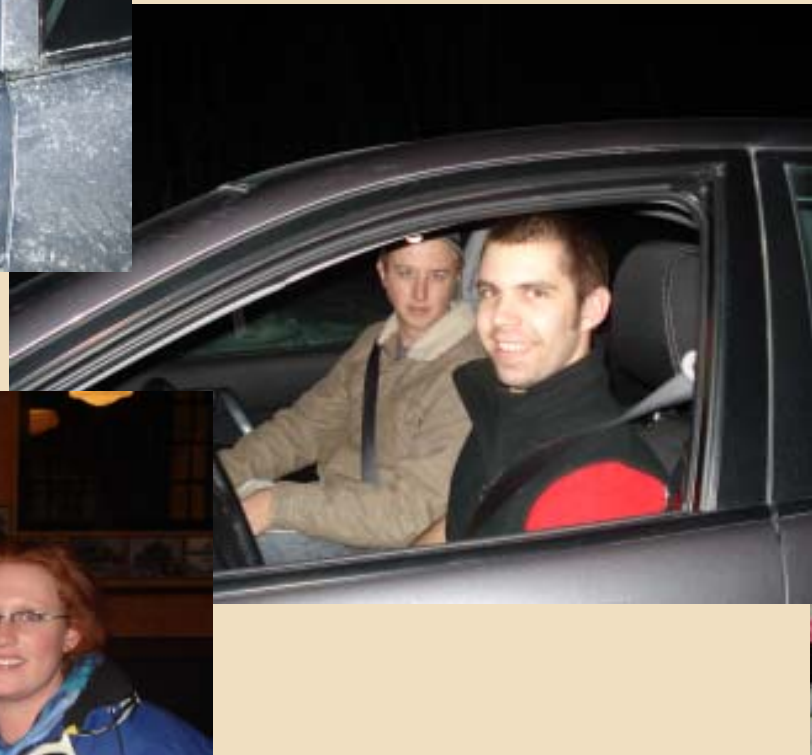
FLOCON DE NEIGE

2009 Rally Results

'Twas indeed a dark and cold night [but not stormy] - that's my story, and I'm sticking with it - when 16 cars entered the 2009 version of the Mohawk Hudson Region / SCCA Snowflake rally. The roads through the hill towns were passable, with minor drifting snow. As it turns out, we could have kept the section through Partridge Run - oh well. For 2009, a particular emphasis was placed on straightforward TSD route instructions, focussing on a goal of having everyone finish and possibly generate some enthusiasm for additional rallies in the future. Everyone did come to the finish, except for one car that was thoughtful enough to phone in that they were ok, but heading home. Even those who found following the route difficult seemed to be interested in trying again. We suspect that a large part of the difficulties encountered were seeing signs when it was really, really dark. The rallymaster



A great time on the rally was evidenced by the smiles on the many faces during and after the event.





New Monthly Contest

We are starting a new monthly contest for the **KnockOff**. Each month we will publish a photo, with a question below it. The first member to email or call the RE on his cell phone with the correct answer will win a prize. The prize will come from the vast collection of unused MoHud paraphernalia. The prize is guaranteed to have some value. Employees of the region are ineligible. The RE's decision is final. If anyone wants to provide a photo for future contests, please send it to the RE.



Identify the race worker pictured here.



Florida Beauties

by Jack Hanifan



From our Area 10 Ddirector, John Sheridan:

FROM NATIONAL SCCA

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE



SCCA Receives FIA Grant to Improve Track Approval Process; Seeks Applicants for Training Program

TOPEKA, Kan. (Feb. 13, 2009) – A successful application to the FIA has resulted in a \$50,000 grant for the Sports Car Club of America's Club Racing program from the recently developed Motor Sport Safety Development Fund. SCCA Club Racing will use the grant money to improve its track approval process and is currently seeking candidates to take part in a new track safety program.

The FIA Motor Sport Safety Development Fund was created with fines collected from the McLaren F1 team in 2007. Over the next five years, the Fund will disperse this money via three programs: the Officials Skills and Safety Training Program, the Facility Safety Improvement Consultancy Program and the Young Diver Safety Scholarship Program.

Seeking to enhance its track approval process, SCCA Club Racing submitted an application for funds from the Safety Improvement Consultancy Program and was awarded \$50,000. With the grant, SCCA plans to expand its pool of track reviewers, who are needed to approve circuit changes that go beyond the scope of a Division's Executive Steward. The training program will include formal classroom training as well as field experience with SCCA track reviewers and inspectors. By increasing the number of qualified personnel, the track approval process will become quicker and more efficient.

"This grant is a wonderful opportunity for our Club," SCCA President & CEO Jeff Dahnert said. "Congratulations to ACCUS for securing these FIA funds for American sanctioning bodies. Our Club Racing department has a solid plan in place for their use. Safety is paramount in everything we do at SCCA and we will continue to seek out opportunities such as this to make every effort to keep our participants safe."

The SCCA Club Racing department is currently requesting applications from individuals interested in becoming a track reviewer and participating in the new training program. Applicants should be knowledgeable with blueprints and technical documents, possess strong communication skills, have motorsports operations and/or safety experience and be able to commit at least five years of participation. Once the training is completed, a track reviewer may be called upon to perform rack reviews for new and/

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or significantly changed tracks. A description of the Track Reviewer role and a request for resumes will be posted on the SCCA website under the "About SCCA/Careers" section by the end of February.

SCCA

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A Note to SCCA Regions from Driving Impressions...

Dear SCCA Regions,

Driving Impressions is now private labeling its TeamDI brand of safety equipment for SCCA's Regions.

You can get the same exact product that we sell under our TeamDI brand, but fully branded with your regions logos!

The products to note that we can offer SCCA Regions include Mechanics Gloves, Nomex Driving Gloves, Helmet Bags, Balaclavas (Cotton, Coolmax or Nomex) as well as standard clothing apparel.

Wholesale discounts on these products range from 35-50%. If your region is interested in any of the products we offer, please contact me at 800-275-4667, or email Steve@teamdi.com.

Thanks for your time, its greatly appreciated and I look forward to working with you.

Regards,

Steven Jaffe

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From our Area 10 Ddirector, John Sheridan:

First Day of SCCA Convention Hands Out Region Honors; Talks With New President

LAS VEGAS, Nev. (Feb. 19, 2009) – The first day of the 45th SCCA National Convention at South Point Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas, Nev., saw several region awards handed out and the membership's first formal introduction to the new SCCA President and CEO.

The morning sessions were capped off with a leadership luncheon to recognize individual region achievements in membership growth, communications and overall excellence. The Tom Burke Award for region growth was awarded to Badlands Region in the small region category, to South Jersey Region in the medium region category, to San Diego Region in the large region category and to Colorado Region in the jumbo region category. For outstanding communications efforts, South Bend Region was awarded third place, Western Ohio Region came in second and Nebraska Region was declared the winner. For overall region achievement, Chattanooga Region (small region), Hawaii Region (medium region), Finger Lakes Region (large region) and Colorado Region (jumbo region) were recognized.

It was also announced at the luncheon that SCCA had grown to 114 regions, with the addition of the Eastern Idaho Region.

The day's activities ended with three key meetings: Meet the President, the SCCA, Inc. Annual Meeting and SCCA, Inc. Town Hall. SCCA's new President and CEO Jeff Dahnert spent some time introducing himself and reviewing SCCA's strategic plan at Meet the President. Dahnert emphasized a need for the club to focus on participation, repeating the theme of the convention, "make it easy, make it fun," as a motto for better customer service, keeping an open mind and treating one another with respect.

Representatives from the SCCA National Office, SCCA Pro Racing, SCCA Enterprises, RoadRally, RallyCross, Solo, Time Trails, Club Racing and the SCCA Foundation each presented their annual reviews to the SCCA Board of Directors. SCCA Enterprises and SCCA Pro Racing both posted profits and paid off substantial



sums on their loans. SCCA, Inc. reported an operational profit despite challenging economic times. It was reported that while all three companies were profitable operationally, there was an overall net loss due to investment returns.

There was a 2.5 percent drop in membership for 2008, but Vice President of Membership Colan Arnold was quick to point out that it was the smallest decrease in membership since 2002 and that 56 percent of new members were under the age of 35, combating the myth of a graying membership.

Additionally, three new board members were introduced at the Annual Meeting: Robin Langlotz for Area Three, Marcus Meredith for Area Four and Michael Lewis for Area 11.

Following the Annual Meeting, SCCA BOD members and SCCA National Staff entertained questions from the membership at the traditional SCCA Town Hall, before unwinding at the SCCA Welcome Reception Presented by Mazda North American Operations.

The 45th SCCA National Convention will continue tomorrow through Saturday, Feb. 21. Presentations and audio recordings from various sessions will be posted to scca.com shortly after the event.

Attached image: SCCA President and CEO Jeff Dahnert speaks at the SCCA National Convention.

Awards Keep Flowing at National Convention; Speaker Preaches Effective Communication

LAS VEGAS, Nev. (Feb. 20, 2009) – Day two of the 45th Sports Car Club of America National Convention at South Point Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas, Nev., was highlighted by a Rally and Solo awards luncheon and a presentation by Dr. Rick Brinkman, an expert in practical communication strategies.

To begin the Rally and Solo awards luncheon, it was announced that Marnie Soom had won the “All in a Day’s Drive” RoadRally photo competition. In addition to having her photo published in an upcoming issue of SportsCar, Soom receives \$250 and a year’s subscription to RACER Magazine.

The RoadRally awards continued with Detroit Region earning the Regional Achievement Award and Northeast Division claiming the Divisional Achievement Award. Oregon Region’s “The Barlow Trail,” was awarded National Tour Rally of the Year, and the region’s “Beaver Cleaver” won the Arthur Gervais Award for National Course Rally

of the Year. To close the RoadRally portion of the program, James Han, from the National Marketing Department at Subaru of America Inc., was on hand to collect the marque's fifth-consecutive RoadRally Manufacturer of the Year award.

From the RallyCross program, Colorado Region was presented with Regional Achievement award, while the Midwest Division came away with the Divisional Achievement award.

The Southern Pacific Division was named Solo Division of the Year. Solo Rookie of the Year honors went to Western New York Region's Stephen Yeon. Several Soloist who were presented with awards at the 2008 Solo National Championships were recognized again at the luncheon, including Driver of the Year Sam Strano, Johnson Spirit of the Sport winner Tommy Saunders and Diver of Eminence Andy McKee. The final award of the afternoon, the ProSolo JCJ Cup, went to Utah Region's Billy Brooks.

Day two concluded with a presentation on effective communication by Dr. Rick Brinkman. In keeping with the convention's theme of "make it easy, make it fun," Brinkman shared tips with attendees on how to improve customer service through clever insights on human behavior and methods for being a more conscious communicator.

The 45th SCCA National Convention concludes Sunday. Presentations and audio recordings from various sessions will be posted to scca.com shortly after the event.



*The crowd mingles in between sessions at the SCCA Convention.
Credit: SCCA/John Steflik*

Tire Rack Street Survival Partners with IndyCar Driver Scott Goodyear to Save America's Youth

GREER, S.C. (February 20, 2009) – Scott Goodyear, veteran IndyCar driver and expert race analyst, today announced his partnership with Tire Rack Street Survival®, a national non-profit teen driving program.



Every year more than 5,000 American youths ages 16 - 20 die behind the wheel. Nation-wide, a teen dies in a traffic crash an average of once an hour on weekends and nearly once every two hours during the week. That means every week more than 100 families will lose a child.

In order to lower that number and call attention to outdated and ineffective driver education programs, Scott Goodyear will share his expertise and knowledge as a professional driver with teen drivers enrolled in select Tire Rack Street Survival® programs across the country.

With more than 25 years experience racing at 240mph, Goodyear still finds driving on the road with inexperienced teens frightening. When it came time to teach his teenage son how to drive and prepare for unexpected events on the road, Goodyear chose to enroll him in Tire Rack Street Survival®. Goodyear's full support came shortly after his son successfully avoided an accident after executing a maneuver he learned from Tire Rack Street Survival® instructors.

"Usually the first time a young driver has their car skid or slide underneath them, they're on their way to their first accident," Goodyear said.

Tire Rack Street Survival® teaches teens the skills they need to stay alive behind the wheel. Unlike traditional high school driver education programs based on classroom theory and simple maneuvers, the Tire Rack Street Survival® program improves driver competence through hands-on experiences in real-world driving situations. Teenagers learn from knowledgeable enthusiast driving coaches how their actions govern a car's responses, what the limits of their vehicles are, and how to avoid accidents entirely.

"We are grateful to have Scott Goodyear support Tire Rack Street Survival®," said Matt Edmonds, Vice President of Tire Rack. "His expertise and knowledge of advanced driving techniques will prove to be invaluable in educating and preserving America's most precious resource: our youth."

"Few people realize driving is one of the most dangerous things they do," said Bill Wade, National Program Manager, Tire Rack Street Survival®. "A car traveling at just four mph has more energy than a bullet. That's a lot of responsibility," he added.

Working with regional members of the BMW Car Club of America, Sports Car Club of America, and other like-minded enthusiast organizations, Tire Rack Street Survival® utilizes local enthusiast volunteers to support a national program.

One-day Tire Rack Street Survival® classes are typically held on weekends in cities and towns across the country, and are open to permitted and licensed drivers ages 16 - 21. The cost is \$60 per student and some insurance companies offer premium discounts to graduates. 1,555 students participated in 72 schools in 2008. In 2009, 80 classes are planned with more to come. To find a program in your area, click on www.streetsurvival.org or call 864.329.1919.

About Tire Rack Street Survival®

Formed by the BMW Car Club of America Foundation (www.bmwccafoundation.org), the Tire Rack Street Survival® safe teen driving program (www.streetsurvival.org) was launched in April 2002. Tire Rack Street Survival® is built upon the premise that 'safe driving is learned by doing', and teaches students to avoid accidents by thinking and looking ahead. Tire Rack Street Survival® is unique in that it offers students instruction in their own cars so that they learn the limitations of themselves in their every day vehicle.

About Tire Rack

Tire Rack, headquartered in South Bend, Indiana, is America's largest independent tire tester and consumer-direct source for tires, wheels and performance accessories. A family-owned and operated company since 1979, its support of Tire Rack Street Survival® is reflective of its deep commitment to creating a new generation of safe drivers. Visit them online at www.tirerack.com.

SCCA

Founded in 1944, Sports Car Club of America, Inc. is a 50,000 member motorsports organization that incorporates all facets of autocross, rally and road racing at both club and professional levels. It annually sanctions over 2,000 events through its 114 regions and professional subsidiary. Landmark events and series for the Club include the SCCA SPEED World Challenge Championships; the Club Racing National Championship Run-offs®; and The Tire Rack® SCCA Solo National Championships and ProSolo Championship. For more information, please visit www.scca.com.

SCCA Announces Nationwide Point Structure and Club Racing Super Sweep Award



LAS VEGAS, Nev. (February 21, 2009) – Sports Car Club of America announced today the foundation for its new Club Racing Super Sweep program, honoring drivers who “sweep” all four criteria in a given season, including a win at one of nine key National events, a Divisional class point championship, a Runoffs class win and a class win in the newly formulated nationwide point structure.

The concept takes the Chicago Region SCCA Triple Crown® one step further, making it the most difficult accomplishment for an SCCA Club Racing driver in a given season.

“SCCA has formally recognized the Chicago Region Triple Crown for the last several years, and, while it continues to be a great program for the Region, we felt a program that was more inclusive was in order, particularly with the move of the Runoffs® to Road America in 2009,” SCCA President & CEO Jeff Dahnert said. “The components have been germinating in the marketing and Club Racing departments for some time now, and we feel that we’ve put them together into a great program. To win the SCCA Super Sweep will be an incredible accomplishment.”

The Super Sweep has four legs, which a driver must complete in the same class, including:

Leg 1: A class win at one of the following events:

- April 4, Buttonwillow, Race one of the SPDiv Double National
- May 2, Daytona Int’l Raceway, SEDiv National
- May 2, Heartland Park Topeka, Race one of the MWDiv Double National
- May 2, Texas Motor Speedway, Race one of the SWDiv Double National
- May 10, Portland Int’l Raceway, NPDiv National
- May 31, Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course, GLDiv National
- June 20-21, Road America, CENDiv National
- July 4, High Plains Raceway, Race one of the RMDiv National
- July 12, Watkins Glen, NEDiv National

Leg 2: A divisional class championship

Leg 3: An SCCA National Championship (Runoffs win)

Leg 4: Class Champion of the newly-created nationwide points championship.

The points will be distributed as follows at each National Club Racing event (retroactive to the start of the 2009 season):

- Base points per the GCR (12, 9, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1)
- One bonus point for each starting car a driver beats (capped at 10)
- A driver may count his/her best seven races regardless of Division

In addition to up to six regular season races, points will be added to a driver's total for the Runoffs on the following schedule:

- Double GCR base points for the top nine finishers (24, 18, 14, 12, 10, 8, 6, 4, 2)
- One bonus point for each starting car a driver beats (no limit)

The driver with the most combined points will be declared the winner of that class. Ties will be broken per the GCR. If ties cannot be broken the final tiebreaker will be the total number of cars beaten in that season.

“Unlike the iRacing.com Cup in 2008, the new nationwide point structure is automatic and includes every driver competing in National events,” Dahnert said. “Drivers don't have to do anything special to qualify for the program other than go out and race. This allows a driver from New York to match up against a driver from Colorado or California without ever going head-to-head. The driver who beats the most cars throughout the year wins.”

“We would like to acknowledge the Chicago Region for creating the Triple Crown, which has added to the Runoffs over the last several years,” SCCA VP of Club Racing Terry Ozment said. “It's a wonderful program that we understand will continue on in the Region.”

The winner of an SCCA Super Sweep will receive a special trophy and recognition after the National Championship Runoffs.

The Nationwide Point Structure will be updated weekly on SCCA.com.

For additional information, contact the SCCA Club Racing Department.

Club Racers Honored, SCCA Hall of Fame Adds Five as National Convention Closes

LAS VEGAS, Nev. (Feb. 22, 2009) – In addition to another full day of productive seminars and meetings, the final day of the 45th SCCA National Convention, at the South Point Hotel and Casino, in Las Vegas, Nev., recognized achievements in Club Racing and added five new members to the SCCA Hall of Fame.

Like the previous two days, Saturday's convention schedule was chalked full of valuable sessions to keep members up-to-speed with the latest happenings in SCCA. Throughout the convention, each program department held a town hall meeting, allowing the program's leadership to field questions from members. Several technical and steward training sessions were also held throughout the event.

On day three, a session on volunteer and event best practices gave Region Executives from the jumbo regions (1,000-plus members) a chance to share their success stories with leadership from other regions and provide ideas for new communication tools, volunteer incentives, budget planning and community outreach.

Sessions regarding the Tire Rack Streets Survival® program are always popular at the SCCA Convention and this year was no different. One of the final sessions of the event, presented by Tire Rack® Vice President of Marketing Matt Edmonds, BMW CCA National Program Manager for Street Survival Bill Wade and SCCA Vice President of Rally/Solo Programs Howard Duncan, covered the basics of what the program is, how it works and why it's important for SCCA.

Several prestigious Club Racing awards were handed out at lunch. Lone Star Region's Jim Averett was awarded the David Morrell Award for his work as a steward. Runoffs E Production polesitter and podium finisher Greg Ira, of Florida Region, was presented with the Kimberly Cup as the most improved Club National driver. Reigning Formula Ford Champion Chris Keller, of the San Francisco Region was presented with not one, but two awards. Keller took home the Jim Fitzgerald Rookie of the Year Award, as well as the Road Racing Drivers' Club Mark Donahue Award. The shock of winning both awards left young Keller practically speechless on stage, but he did express his gratitude to the Club for welcoming him like a second family.

The 45th SCCA National Convention closed with the Awards and Hall of Fame Induction Banquet Presented by American Honda. Though previously presented with his award at the 2008 Solo National Championships, Raleigh and Velma Boreen were recognized as the Solo Cup winners. Andy Porterfield was named the John McGill Award winner for significant contributions to the Club Racing program. Three-time Formula Continental National Champion Niki Coello was selected for the President's Cup. The inaugural SCCA Worker of the Year Award went to Carol Cohn, for her years of service to the club. SCCA's

highest honor, The Woolf Barnato Award for outstanding contributions to the Club, went to longtime member and current SCCA Foundation Chairman Larry Dent.

Paul Newman (accepted by racing partner Michael Brockman) led the list of SCCA Hall of Fame inductees, which included Bill Chambres, Bill Johnson, Jim Kimberly and John Timanus.

Presentations and audio files from the 2009 SCCA National Convention will be posted shortly on www.scca.com.



*Larry Dent receives the Woolf Barnato Award at the SCCA National Convention.
Credit: SCCA/John Steflik*

On the Road again...



Bored on a long trip north from Florida, days before leaving for Las Vegas, taking photos of the dash in the latest Miata from the Pete Smith stable of vehicles, Jack Hanifan tested his skills of ambidexterousness (is that a word?)



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Saratoga Automobile Museum

AWARD WINNING PHOTOS ON DISPLAY AT MUSEUM

Carrying on what is becoming a popular tradition, the award winning photographs from the Eastern Motorsports Press Association's Brice Auto Parts/ NAPA Photo Contest are currently on display at the Saratoga Automobile Museum.

For the second consecutive year, the winning photos went directly from the press association's convention in Philadelphia to the Saratoga Springs museum.

"Last year was the first time we brought the photos to New York and they were a big hit with the public," said Racing in New York gallery coordinator Ron Hedger, who is also a director of the press association. "Whether museum visitors are race fans or not, they can appreciate the skill level involved and the emotion shown in many of the photos. Dozens of photo boards were 'turned down,' one by one, until the elimination process left the top three in each of the contest's eight classes, so every photo is outstanding."

Judges also awarded Best in Show, with the honor going to Jim Smith of Toms River, NJ. The other designation outside the regular classes was Portfolio of the Year, which was awarded to another New Jersey photographer, Ace Lane Jr.

The photos will be on display until May, with visiting race fans also sure to enjoy the newest addition to the Racing in New York gallery, the famed Ferraiuolo #73 Gremlin modified that the legendary Gary Balough drove to three consecutive Super DIRT Week wins on the Syracuse Mile. Scheduled to arrive in late February, the newly restored racer, built originally by Indy car and USAC fabricator Grant King, is on loan from New Jersey's Ferraiuolo family, who fielded the car in its glory days.

The Saratoga Automobile Museum is located on the Avenue of the Pines in the Saratoga Spa State Park, just off Exit 13N of I-87, the Adirondack Northway. More information is available online at www.saratogaautomuseum.org.