

PITBOARD

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SCCA
Sports Car Club of America



Blast from the Past

-Article and photographs by Lloyd Loring

What do past Regional Executives do to keep busy? Well, in the case of John Norton, he builds his own car: a hot rod, harkening back to his roots. In his case it is a "lakester" roadster that will have a genuine flat head Ford V-8 installed. It is not yet ready for the streets of South Bend, but John has almost all the parts, including a fine looking motor with some newer technology that should make it a fun car for drags or cruises.



John Norton stands proudly with the mock-up of his new hot rod

It is a labor of love and John is probably enjoying the building as much as he will enjoy the car when it is finished. While it will look like the cars of the past, John is including some newer bits that will increase reliability and responsiveness.

Building and rebuilding cars is nothing new to John. In fact, he has one of the best jobs any mechanically-inclined South Bend Region member could imagine. John is chief wrench for Tom Mittler (who arguably has the biggest garage in the region) and he is responsible for making sure Tom's vintage cars are ready to drive at any time. This includes the cars Tom races in vintage races and are some of the most desirable wheels you can imagine.

In an earlier life, John had his own heating and air conditioning business. He also was involved in drag racing with the Coachmen club (who stage the annual Cavalcade of Wheels). When he joined the South Bend Region he started doing some road racing in a Formula V that became one of the fastest in the Midwest with John at the wheel and behind the wrenches.

One thing led to another and John took on the care and feeding of the Mittler stable of cars full time. It takes him to famous race tracks around the world where he is immersed in the fascinating world of vintage car racing. Whether it is a tiny Italian OSCA, or a fire-breathing Can-Am car like the Ford-powered Honker II, John gets to enjoy these unique machines at close range.



But back in his own garage it is a hot rod that has pride of place. And when it is done it will be like no other. John has his own ideas about the mix between the past and the present.

Unlike vintage cars, his car can be anything he wants it to be. Stay tuned. This will be fun!

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SBR Spotlight

RE Notes

Jeff Luckritz

As a racing enthusiast and a driver education instructor, I think I know a thing or two about good driving skills and driving habits. One of my favorite magazines, Autoweek, devoted an entire issue to driver education programs in this country.



The main theme of the articles is that drivers in America, especially teen drivers, are ill-equipped to be considered safe on our roads. They cite lots of statistics about teenage deaths and the attitudes that we as Americans have regarding these deaths. It's true that 16-19 year olds are the statistically the worst drivers, and I totally agree with their facts. It's their solution that I have a problem with.

The authors contend that sending teens to advanced driving skills that teach emergency lane changes, threshold braking and skid control is the cure-all to reducing teen deaths. In this "experts" opinion, advanced driving schools may help, but they won't significantly reduce teen deaths on our roads.

In my unofficial surveys in talking with teen drivers who have had accidents, car control is not the issue. Attitude and carelessness is. One teen from a local high school lay in a coma for months because she didn't stop at a stop sign and got broadsided by a car going 55 mph on a country road. Another teen rolled her pickup truck because she was distracted by her fellow passengers, yet another was given a 400 hp Pontiac GTO and wrecked it on the very next day when she crossed the yellow line and ran into a family of 4, killing one, paralyzing another and seriously injuring the other two. All tragic stories that have nothing to do with being able to control a car like a race car driver and having everything to do with being immature.

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New Members

Please welcome...

Tim Gilvin — Tim is interested in Club and Pro Racing.

Not a member and want to become one? It's easy! All the information you need is on page 6 of this edition of PitBoard

September Meeting Minutes

ATTENDEES: Kim Bollinger, William Loring, Paul McBride, H.C. Colwell, Jeff Luckritz, Paul Stock

Approved minutes from 8-1-06.

TREASURER'S REPORT- H.C. Colwell:
Positive income (after expenses) for the month.
Our balance sheet is more positive than last year at this time.

MEMBERSHIP:
181, a drop of 5 from last month.

SOLO-Kim Bollinger:
57 entries participated at the Lake Shore High School 8/6/06 event. Moved and passed to donate \$100 to the Lakeshore High School Electric Car Fund in lieu of them not charging us maintenance fees for the use of their facilities which would have run us more than that amount based on past history. Lap top computer replacement is becoming more of an issue due to current hardware problems. Will monitor it for another month before making a new purchase decision. Entries for next SOLO event are coming in slow, but seems to be the norm so no concerns for now.

RACE: Paul McBride
We have not received our check from NEO for the July race. We should break even or better after deducting expenses from the Driver's School. Discussed 2007 Race Schedule for Great Lakes Division. Currently investigating co-chairing a National with INR, Detroit, WMR (Michigan Challenge), or Ft.Wayne at Gingerman Raceway.

PROGRAM CHAIR:
Rich Palicki of Circle Oil came and spoke with us at the September meeting regarding racing fuels, oils, and their benefits. Rich held a door prize drawing in which he handed out many of the products he sells. He invited us to send him information about our club activities which he would distribute at his place of business.

OLD BUSINESS:
Discussed Life-Time Membership Fee Reimbursements at different years of progression (30, 40, 50 years). Tabled for further review. Discussed several different options to honor Bert Olson: naming a race after him; SNELL Memorial; trophy; street sign at Gingerman in the Pit area-BERT OLSON PIT LANE. Will continue discussion at next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:
November 5th is the date set for Round Table for establishing the 2007 racing season schedule.

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Monthly Meeting

When: First Tuesday of the month

Where : Mancino's

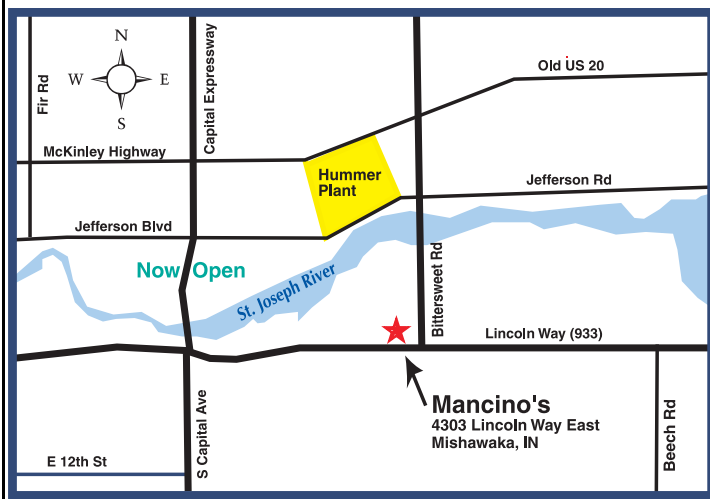
4303 Lincoln Way East
Mishawaka, IN

(see map)

Who : You do not need to be a member of SCCA to attend. Members and guests are always warmly welcome at all SBR meetings

Time: Board meeting at 7:00 PM, General meeting at 8:00 PM

Note: All times are South Bend, IN times



Free SCCA dues for 1 year!

If you qualify for any of the positions listed below, you will receive full SCCA dues for a regular member(local + national).

National Race Worker License Holder
PitBoard Editor
Race Chair
Regional Executive
Solo Chair
Treasurer
Webmaster

Or, hold any of the positions listed below and receive 50% of full dues for a regular member.

Activity Points Keeper
Car Show Coordinator
Divisional Race Worker License Holder
Club Secretary
Solo Chief Safety Steward
Solo Timing and Scoring Chief
Solo Course Design Chief
Solo Equipment Chief
Solo Trophy Chief

Please see SBR By-Laws for details. Contact Jeff Luckritz if you have questions.

SCCA, Great Race Announce Partnership to Expand Rally Competitions

TOPEKA, Kan. (Sept. 12, 2006) – Sports Car Club of America (SCCA) and Rally Partners, Inc., organizers of Great Race motorsports event, announced today that they would jointly develop and promote automotive competitions in the United States. The exponential growth of the collector car hobby has fueled the demand for motorsports events created and sanctioned by both organizations.

As part of the alliance, SCCA will add a Great Race class to selected RoadRally events on its schedule, to introduce Great Race's challenging style of competition and vehicles to SCCA members. Through Great Race events, Rally Partners will introduce SCCA sanctioned events to its racers to provide a broader array of competition opportunities.

"We can't think of a more natural partnership than this one with SCCA, the organization synonymous with grassroots motorsports competition in the U.S.," said Bill Ewing, Rally Partners CEO. "Being able to compete in SCCA events and Great Race events expands the market reach for both of us, attracting new enthusiasts."

According to Pego Mack, SCCA Rally Manager, this partnership creates opportunities far beyond the ability to share motorsports sanctioning opportunities.

"Motorsports competition is experiencing tremendous growth, particularly in the sport of rallying and this is a wonderful opportunity to reach even more participants," Mack said. "We think Great Race is the ideal partner to further expand the sport of rallying."

ABOUT RALLY PARTNERS, INC.

For 24 years, the Great Race has delivered family entertainment and community events in more than 900 cities in North America. Rally Partners, Inc., the event organizers, is focused on bringing experiential automotive events to consumers both nationally and internationally through Great Race events. Jack Roush, one of NASCAR's leading team owners and Corky Coker, CEO of Coker Tire are two members of the Rally Partners organization. For more information, visit www.greatrace.com.



Michael Martin (driver) and Bill Seacrest in Martin's 1953 Buick Wildcat Sport in the 2005 National Guard Great Race (Great Race Image)

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You want a simple solution? Raise the minimum age of drivers to 17 or 18. Those of you that are parents don't need a multi-million dollar study to tell you that 16 year olds are a whole lot more immature than 18 year olds. I am all for advanced driving techniques, and believe me, I am more than qualified to teach these skills to youngsters. But that won't stop a kid from having 4 beers, climbing into a car and launching the car over the small ramp that leads up to the train tracks at a 75 mph and smashing into a tree 15 feet above the ground!

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OTHER:

Dave Bowman will head up nominating committee for 2007 club officers. Paul Stock's position as past RE will be open. All other positions currently filled will be sought by their current officers. Nominations will be accepted in October with a club vote in November. William Loring indicated that he would like to relinquish his position of web site maintenance if someone else would be willing to step up and take it over.

GENERAL MEETING:

23 in attendance with two guests including one potential new member.

Respectfully submitted,
Leon Krauss, Secretary

Solo #6 Results - Lakeshore H.S. in Stevensville, MI

Super Stock' - Total Entries: 1 Trophies: 1				Region	Times					Total
1T	1	Michael Blessinger	Silver 93 Mazda RX7		40.029+DNF	38.208	37.716	37.987	37.643	37.643
B Stock' - Total Entries: 1 Trophies: 1				Region	Times					Total
1Tm	1	Bill Wah	Blue '04 Mazda RX8	SBR	39.192	38.176	37.699	38.089	37.418	37.418
C Stock' - Total Entries: 4 Trophies: 2				Region	Times					Total
1T	4	Miles Barden	Silver 06 Pontiac Solstice		36.984+1	35.587+1	35.961	35.194	34.534	34.534
2T	9	Steve Swanson	Green 00 Mazda Miata		37.263	36.080	35.306	34.950	34.886	34.886
3	19	Brian Husted	Green 00 Mazda Miata		39.574+DNF	38.187	37.309	38.887+2	37.233	37.233
4	36	Jerry Secor	Blue 00 Mazda Miata	WMR	38.013	37.706	37.935	37.987+1	37.703+1	37.706
D Stock' - Total Entries: 3 Trophies: 1				Region	Times					Total
1T	23	Ryan Von Steinon	Black 95 BMW 325i	WMR	35.559	35.200	35.067	34.677		34.677
2	3	Brandon Patenaude	Black 95 BMW 325i		36.291	35.780+1	35.342+1	35.752	35.431	35.431
3	9	James Rose	Orange 05 Dodge Srt-4	INR	37.111+1	35.950+1	37.707+1	35.959+1	36.276	36.276
E Stock' - Total Entries: 4 Trophies: 2				Region	Times					Total
1T	98	Brandon Blaga	Bluish 95 Mazda Miata	Detroit	33.774	33.127+DNF	33.121	32.855+1	32.958	32.958
2Tm	69	Stan Jones	Red 95 Mazda Miata	SBR	36.348+DNF	35.720+1	34.996	35.546	35.018	34.996
3 m	12	Kent Crussemeyer	Red 88 Pontiac Fiero	SBR	35.700	35.806+DNF	35.399+1	46.193+DNF	35.681	35.681
4	1	Bruce Secor	Red 92 Mazda Miata		40.716+DNF	40.020	39.074	39.004+1	40.225	39.074
F Stock' - Total Entries: 3 Trophies: 1				Region	Times					Total
1Tm	48	George Williams	White 02 Chevy Camaro Z28	SBR	33.478+1	33.301	32.901	32.757	32.403+1	32.757
2	3	Adam Locsi	Green 03 Ford Mustang GT		33.707	33.692	34.385+3	33.714+DNF	33.081+1	33.692
3	235	Darryl Dupre	Green 96 Ford Mustang GT	Chicago	33.903+1	34.311	33.800+2	34.156+1	35.136+1	34.311
F Stock Ladies' - Total Entries: 1 Trophies: 1				Region	Times					Total
1T	215	Caitlin Dupre	Green 96 Ford Mustang GT	Chicago	38.849+1	38.014	36.608	37.329	36.765+1	36.608
G Stock' - Total Entries: 5 Trophies: 2				Region	Times					Total
1Tm	63	William Loring	Blue 00 Toyota Celica GT	SBR	34.706	33.582	34.003	33.419+1	33.206	33.206
2Tm	68	Parker Brown	White 99 Ford Contour SE	SBR	34.627	35.001	35.420	34.941	35.042	34.627
3	26	Paul Rossetto	Silver 03 VW GTi		37.654	36.446	36.017	35.838	34.957	34.957
4	98	Tim Dubois	Green 97 Audi A4		39.431+2	37.360+DNF	38.036	37.033+DNF	37.177+1	38.036
5	51	Scotty Johnson	red 90 Nissan 240 SX	SBR	42.387	42.170	41.964	40.618	40.240	40.240
G Stock Ladies' - Total Entries: 1 Trophies: 1				Region	Times					Total
1T	51	Nancy Cobb	Red '91 Nissan 240SX	SBR	44.204+DNF	42.275+DNF	42.644+DNF	44.062+2	42.347	42.347
H Stock' - Total Entries: 6 Trophies: 2				Region	Times					Total
1Tm	23	Patrick Ohmann	White 91 Ford Festiva	SBR	38.162	37.245	37.554	36.793	36.783	36.783
2Tm	36	Bob Bowman	Blue 05 Pontiac Sunfire	SBR	40.037	38.118	38.743	38.229	37.270	37.270
3 m	999	Aaron Westfall	White 91 Chevy Cavalier	SBR	40.025	39.166	38.394	38.097+1	39.010	38.394
4	45	Gary Groat	Red 82 AMC Spirit		40.336	39.605	39.061	38.460	38.551	38.460
5 m	996	George Westfall	White 91 Chevy Cavalier	SBR	41.697+DNF	41.794	40.031	38.623+DNF	40.346+DNF	40.031
6	123	Casey McLaughlin	White 91 Ford Festiva		40.219+DNF	39.754+DNF	38.359+DNF	38.514+DNF	38.558+DNF	DNF
H Stock Ladies' - Total Entries: 2 Trophies: 1				Region	Times					Total
1Tm	23	Megan Ohmann	White 91 Ford Festiva	SBR	41.173	40.619	39.559	38.498	37.778	37.778
2 m	36	Glenda Bowman	Blue 05 Pontiac Sunfire	SBR	40.628	41.210+2	39.017+2	39.773	39.931+DNF	39.773
Street Touring' - Total Entries: 2 Trophies: 1				Region	Times					Total
1Tm	44	Adam Lewis	Maroon 1995 Saturn SC2	SBR	37.606+DNF	36.691	36.812+1	39.521+DNF		36.691
2	9	Nathan Bulmon	Black 04 Ford SVT Focus		38.342	37.976	37.257	39.253+DNF	36.761	36.761
Street Touring Xtreme' - Total Entries: 1 Trophies: 1				Region	Times					Total
1Tm	59	Mark Manninen	Silver/Blk 03 Mini Cooper S	SBR	35.080	35.445	34.758	34.821	34.921	34.758
Street Touring Ultra' - Total Entries: 1 Trophies: 1				Region	Times					Total
1T	43	John Hutchinson	Blue 05 Subaru Legacy GT	SBR	37.089	34.409	33.852	34.075	33.543	33.543
B Street Prepared' - Total Entries: 1 Trophies: 1				Region	Times					Total
1Tm	38	David Bowman	Red 76 Chevy Corvette	SBR	39.324	35.403	35.208+2	34.888	35.612	34.888
B Street Prepared Ladies' - Total Entries: 1 Trophies: 1				Region	Times					Total
1T	38	Kimberly Hooper	Red 76 Chevy Corvette		43.136	40.893	39.705	42.134	39.915	39.705

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Membership Application

Dear Prospective SCCA Member:

To apply for membership in the Sports Car Club of America, the world's largest member participation automotive organization, please complete the form below *in full* and return, with payment, to the South Bend Region, SCCA Membership Co-Chairs: David & Tami Bowman 3807 Fern Hill Dr, Mishawaka IN 46544-6267, or to the SCCA Membership Department, PO Box 19400, Topeka, KS 66619-0400.

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE

Applicant's Name _____ Birth Date _____ / _____ / _____
Month Day Year

Address _____ Telephone (_____) _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ County _____

Single Married E-Mail: _____

IF SPOUSE ONLY APPLICATION: Present (Spouse) Member Number _____

IF REGULAR + SPOUSE OR FAMILY APPLICATION:

03 Spouse's Name _____ Birth Date _____ / _____ / _____

IF FAMILY MEMBERSHIP: (husband/wife & children) list names and ages of children **under age 21:**

04 Child Name _____ Birth Date _____ / _____ / _____

05 Child Name _____ Birth Date _____ / _____ / _____

06 Child Name _____ Birth Date _____ / _____ / _____

Have you been an SCCA member before: No Yes Year _____ Previous Member No. _____

PRIMARY INTEREST(S) IN SCCA:

Please send me a free Crew License (check box to left)

Please indicate the area(s) of SCCA in which you plan to participate, or which interests you most. Your response will be used to allocate some of your National dues for the area(s) you indicate. Thank you.

Club Racing Pro Racing Road Rally Solo

Annual Dues	National + SBR	Regional	= Cost	Total
01 <input type="checkbox"/> Regular Member	\$60.00	\$15.00	\$75.00	\$ _____
03 <input type="checkbox"/> Spouse Member	20.00	5.00	25.00	\$ _____
10 <input type="checkbox"/> Family Membership	95.00	20.00	115.00	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> First Gear Member*	30.00	15.00	45.00	\$ _____
			Grand Total	\$ _____

*First Gear member must be 21 or under.

National Office Use Only	
C- _____	\$ _____
C- _____	\$ _____
C- _____	\$ _____
Source	<input type="checkbox"/>

Enclosed is my check or money order for \$ _____ U.S. Make payable to SCCA. DO NOT SEND CASH.

Visa MC No. _____ Expiration Date _____

I hereby apply for membership in the Sports Car Club of America, Inc., and its **South Bend Region #35**, and agree to abide by the bylaws.

Applicant's Signature _____ Date _____

Dues include payment for subscription to SportsCar magazine (\$24 value.) Dues are not deductible as charitable contributions.

'C Street Prepared' - Total Entries: 1 Trophies: 1				Region	Times				Total	
1T	12	Brad Meyer	White 91 Toyota MR2	Furrin	35.819+2	33.863+1	33.291+1	32.738	33.205+1	32.738
'C Street Prepared Ladies' - Total Entries: 1 Trophies: 1				Region	Times				Total	
1T	21	Angela Johnson	Black 94 Mazda Miata	SBR	43.275+DNF	37.118	43.343	36.720	36.389+DNF	36.720
'E Street Prepared' - Total Entries: 2 Trophies: 1				Region	Times				Total	
1T	3	Gary Burton	'90 Ford Mustang	FWR	33.494	34.415+1	33.353+1	33.082+2	33.297	33.297
2 m	42	Josh Westfall	red 94 Chevy Camaro	SBR	34.929+1	34.998+1	34.363+1	34.368	36.091+1	34.368
'F Street Prepared' - Total Entries: 1 Trophies: 1				Region	Times				Total	
1T	20	Robert White	Red 77 Austin Mini	SBR	43.631	42.427	42.572	41.472	39.805	39.805
'Street Modified' - Total Entries: 5 Trophies: 2				Region	Times				Total	
1T	187	Steve Jackson	Red 02 Chevrolet Camaro Z28		33.338+2	32.450+2	31.893	32.172	32.253	31.893
2T	93	Mike Zimmerman	Teal 92 Eagle Talon TSi	SBR	33.880	32.991+DNF	32.967+DNF	32.247	32.383	32.247
3 m	86	Jason Gast	Copper 99 Mercury Cougar	INR/SBR	34.835	34.004	33.263	33.214	33.244	33.214
4	87	Scott Jackson	Red 02 Chevrolet Camaro Z28		33.369	33.318+1	33.318+1	32.543+1	33.678	33.369
5	3	Bruce Clevenger	Blue 93 Mazda mx3	SBR	34.835	35.221	35.235+1	35.359	34.721	34.721
'Street Modified 2' - Total Entries: 1 Trophies: 1				Region	Times				Total	
1T	11	Charles Wheeler	Blue 92 Mazda Miata	INR	34.076	34.416+1	33.699+1	33.775+1	33.576	33.576
'G Prepared' - Total Entries: 1 Trophies: 1				Region	Times				Total	
1Tm	94	Steve Bollinger	Yellow 66 Austin Healey Sprite	SBR	30.436	30.517	30.374	30.504		30.374
'G Prepared Ladies' - Total Entries: 1 Trophies: 1				Region	Times				Total	
1Tm	94	Kim Bollinger	Yellow 66 Austin Healey Sprite	SBR	34.665+1	32.768	32.137	31.832	31.262	31.262
'A Modified' - Total Entries: 1 Trophies: 1				Region	Times				Total	
1T	44	Daniel Martin	White Electric Car		44.474	42.685	47.812	42.550	42.641	42.550
'E Modified' - Total Entries: 2 Trophies: 1				Region	Times				Total	
1Tm	17	Alex Pancheri	red 93 Mazda Miata	SBR	35.798	35.226+1	35.975	35.407	36.216+1	35.407
2 m	11	Donald Pancheri	red 93 Mazda Miata	SBR	36.873	35.253+1	35.679	35.954+1	35.512	35.512
'F Modified' - Total Entries: 1 Trophies: 1				Region	Times				Total	
1Tm	90	Scott Nardin	White 86 Solo Vee Werks	SBR/SVR	29.888+1	29.599	29.904+1	29.348	29.196	29.196
'Formula 125' - Total Entries: 2 Trophies: 1				Region	Times				Total	
1Tm	29	Randy Easton	Black/Whit 03 KGB Shifter Kart	SBR	31.192+DNF	31.733	29.597	29.413+DNF	29.949	29.597
2	428	Jeff VanDenBerg	Kart	SBR	33.711+DNF	36.405+DNF	31.226+DNF	32.564+DNF	33.455	33.455
'Formula Junior B (8-11 yrs)' - Total Entries: 1 Trophies: 1				Region	Times				Total	
1T	8	Carrie Easton	Blue 03 Iner Kart Briggs	SBR	73.474+DNF	64.220	59.573	54.642	53.962	53.962

SBR Calendar of Events

Oct 3 **SBR Membership Meeting**

Oct 15 **SBR Solo #8**
Final solo for 2006, don't miss it!
(Tire Rack)

Oct 14 **PitBoard submission deadline**

Nov 7 **SBR Membership Meeting**

Nov 18 **PitBoard submission deadline**

Want more info?—www.sbrscca.org



CLASSIFIEDS

Classifieds are free to South Bend Region SCCA members. Non-members may advertise for \$5.00 per add month. Ads submitted by members will be run for 2 issues, unless the editor is notified. Non-member adds will run based on payments received. To place an ad, please contact the Pit Board editor at pitboard@sbrscca.org

SCCA Launches Program to Encourage Runoffs Worker Participation

Mike Dickerson— SCCA Regional Development Manager (edited for print by Jeff Pontius)

At the National Championship Runoffs this year, SCCA is making a special effort to get more members involved in our club. There are a few programs already in place (the Region Road Trip Challenge for one) that has generated a lot of interest and some friendly competition among Regions.

The SCCA Membership Hub will highlight many aspects of SCCA participation. One of the planned activities is being called the SCCA VIP Volunteer for a Day program. During the SCCA Runoffs at Heartland Park Topeka, we will have a daily drawing, beginning Thursday, for two non-licensed SCCA members (Temporary Membership is included) to participate in a specialty of their choice “up close and personal.” The members will select which drawing they want to be part of, so hopefully we will have two winners per specialty per day.

Participation is loosely defined in that the intent is not to put a rookie on a corner, for example. The intent is to bring that person right to the hub of activity and be an observer in a position that won't negatively affect operation of the specialty. However, if the local area manager (Corner Captain, i.e.) feels the VIP is capable, then that person can perform rudimentary functions.

We will also award two SCCA membership renewals per day (eight total) of those that have entered the drawings.

All of the specialty National Administrators are in support of this program, and hopefully we can gain not only new recruits to the various Club Racing specialties, but instill the enthusiasm needed for new memberships and a more activated membership.

Members interested in more information can come to the SCCA Membership Hub beginning Thursday of Runoffs week for details. For questions before the Runoff's, please contact Mike Dickerson, SCCA Region Development Manager at (785) 862-7158 or mdickerson@scca.com