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The plan is for *The Bulletin* to go to press on the Monday after the last Chapter meeting of the month (see *Where NCR Meets*, on the last page of this document, for Chapter meeting schedule). There is no hard and fast deadline for editorial submissions, but they should be in by the weekend after the last Chapter meeting for inclusion in that month's issue.

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## High Rock Raceway Construction to Begin this Fall Following \$30 Million Loan Commitment

SPENCER – August 1, 2008 – High Rock Raceway announced today that it has accepted a \$30 million construction loan commitment from Vanderbilt Commercial Lending, Inc., headquartered in Sacramento, Calif.

The \$30 million construction loan will be used by High Rock to build 120 Race Townhomes and the 2.15-mile road course that comprise Phase I of the High Rock Raceway. High Rock anticipates closing on the construction loan before the end of September and completing construction of the track and 120 Race Townhomes by this time next year.

“We are excited to accept this loan commitment from Vanderbilt as we continue to move forward with our project,” said Rich Combs, chief operating officer of High Rock Raceway. “We anticipate that quite soon we will be in full construction mode,” said Combs.

Dan Brennan, chief executive officer of Reserve Capital LLC of Chicago, Illinois, represented High Rock in the negotiation of the loan commitment with Vanderbilt. The construction loan funds will be provided through Vanderbilt with commercial mortgage-backed securities.

High Rock Raceway is being constructed on a portion of the land once occupied by the North Carolina Finishing Mill, which housed Color-Tex at the time the plant closed. A portion of the proceeds from the construction loan will be allocated to paying more than \$100,000 in back wages to former Color-Tex employees.

The loan commitment announcement comes on the heels of an approval of the wetland tributary restoration by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The wetland tributary will also need to be reviewed by the North Carolina Department of Environmental and Natural Resources (NCDENR), which Combs said he anticipates happening in the coming weeks. Wetlands around the track, which sits on the Yadkin River, are important for flood and water quality control. Once the NCDENR approves the wetland tributary, the final step will be landscaping, when the weather cools this fall. Raceway officials will work with Catawba College's Center for the Environment on this final step in the process.

“We're glad our efforts are improving the environment in the area,” said Combs. “The community will see tremendous growth with the project in the coming months, and we are looking forward to construction beginning on the townhomes in the near future.”

Once complete, High Rock Raceway will be the only “green” track in the nation. Its design includes consumption-reducing materials and renewable energies and will feature alternative fuels. The track also will be made available for free to companies and researchers working to develop alternative fuels and vehicles.

### About High Rock Raceway

High Rock Raceway will be the first and only dedicated road course in North Carolina. This world-class road course, designed by legendary road racer Elliott Forbes-Robinson, will feature 14 turns and span 2.15 miles. The Raceway will host both amateur and professional car and motorcycle race events. The property is located in Spencer, North Carolina, directly off Interstate 85 and approximately 40 minutes north of Charlotte and 45 minutes south of Greensboro.

Go to [racehighrock.com](http://racehighrock.com) for more information.

# Triangle Chapter Notes

by James Shanks

The July meeting of the Triangle Chapter was held on the 2<sup>nd</sup>, right before the 4<sup>th</sup> of July long holiday weekend, but more importantly just after the combined CCPS/ECR/PDX event at Rockingham. It seemed that before the meeting got started that was all anyone could talk about. I had a hard time following all the different stories, but the general consensus was that the event was a blast and combining a PDX with racing groups was a good idea, because it not only livened things up while allowing the corner workers to get a little rest when the PDX groups were on track. Only one worker had to be active during those times. What else did I hear? Well, I heard that Brian Eldredge and Carl Cason, Jr., who were not present, took third in SM during the ECR. "Nice drive!" someone said. And Steve Rose mentioned that he got his novice permit signed off after the Carolina Cup race, where he managed to get around teammate Scott Gallimore in IT-7. Way to go Steve! Pepe noted that Scott would have fought harder for that position had he not thought that Steve was a lap down. Hmm. Maybe you guys should get car-to-car radios installed in your helmets! I also heard that Pepe took second in IT-7. He just couldn't catch the first place car of Paul Perez, the race leader and leader of the Perez-Gallimore-Rose team. Shall we call them "Team Perez"? How about "Scuderia Perez"? Assistant RE Rex Deffenbaugh said he was happy with his third place finish in IT-7, but the Deffenbaugh everyone was talking about was his youngest son, Blair. Blair entered the PDX in an '87 Honda that he had rebuilt himself with dad's guidance and he showed some natural talent getting that old mount up to speed. Or at least that's what his instructor, Dave Dunn, told Rex. Could this be the start of another North Carolina dynasty like the Pettys? Could we soon see Rex, Justin and Blair all out in the same race? Who knows what the future will bring?

It's really too bad that the August meeting brought the news that the loss from the June PDX looked quite substantial. We lost considerable money at the combined SARRC-ECR-PDX event, primarily because the entries for the racing events did not cover the cost of adding them to the program, so at the July BoD meeting the Board voted to restrict the September event to a one-day, PDX-only event, Saturday September 13. It's a bargain at just \$100 per person for members, \$125 for non-members. In fact, one prospective member, David Melhado, who attended in August, specifically to talk about the PDX (he plans to run his purpose-built Mustang in it), said he was amazed that our events were not better subscribed because they offered such value for the money. He urged us to post notice of them on every car club and "marque" club forum we could find. David graciously offered to add a post to all those to which he subscribes. Hey, thanks man!

In other news, Boz Marchi announced that he will be taking his car for display at the Fayetteville Area Transportation museum for a car show on Friday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>. Thanks, Boz! The museum is a designated state park, and the ranger there wants to show the public the non-NASCAR side of racing. In exchange for participating in this event, the Board of Directors voted to give a free entry to the Goblin's Go to two volunteers, and there is one more waiting to be claimed besides the one that Boz will get. So if you'd like to volunteer to participate along with Boz and show your car, send the Membership Chair (that's me) an e-mail. It's a great way to publicize your sponsors!

The August meeting brought news from the West Chapter that High Rock Raceway has received its grading permits and that grading will begin shortly. According to what we were told, the track has pre-sold 94 condos at \$275K apiece, and that they expect to open for racing by this time in 2009. Yee-hah! There was a lot of interest among the members in having another place to play. However, in response to an e-mail I received from a member of another club, none present were at all interested in RallyCross (RallyX). Not only were the assembled members not interested, they knew of no one else in the Club who was doing it. The consensus was that we lost all those folks when the SCCA BoD suddenly cancelled Pro-Rally after a secret closed-door meeting in 2004.

The business portion of each meeting was thankfully short. In July we noted that the Budget and Finance committee has produced a combined budget for the rest of this year and that will be used to forecast our expenses in 2009. This is a significant milestone in the evolution of how the Region manages its income and expenses. The Chapter applauded committee member Steve Keadle, who was present, and the others for the hours of effort they had put forth. In August it was reported that two of NCR's club racing stewards, Clyde Kiser and Sara Snider, attended the last NCR BoD meeting in person to discuss safety concerns raised by the Board in response to some on-track

incidents earlier this year. At RE Glenn Long's request, they will be brainstorming with others to try to come up with some new procedures to keep our club racing as safe as it can be. We may see some new things tried as early as the Goblin's Go.

Prospective race dates for 2009 were also announced. I am certain they will be listed more authoritatively elsewhere, so I won't do that here. The salient points are that we are expecting the MARRS folks to rejoin us for the Al Fairer SARRC/MARRS Challenge on Mother's Day Weekend in May, which remains a two-day event. And the most important thing is that we have back the three days we initially wanted for the Oak Tree Double National, April 17-18-19, so that it will NOT be on Easter Sunday in 2009.

We closed both meetings in round-robin fashion, each of us introducing ourselves to the new attendees, to make them feel more at home and give names to our faces. In July we met Jeff Hall, a prospective member who dropped by to see what we were all about. After hearing the stories, I think we can expect Jeff to sign up and participate at the next PDX at Rockingham in September. Hope to see you there, Jeff! Ditto for David Melhado who dropped by in August as I mentioned above. And we also learned that long-time members Paul and Christine Newton are retiring and moving to their condo at Carolina Beach. So, they'll become members of the Cape Fear Chapter. Paul said he hopes that retirement will allow them to make more events, and perhaps even participate in an autocross or two. By the way, Chapter member Wayne Quick trailered the Newton's collector car, a '57 Cadillac in original condition once belonging to Christine's father, to the beach for them. Thanks, Wayne! I can see them now, channeling Elvis and stylin' as they cruise around Carolina Beach.

In August we learned that Anne Keller had just been signed off on here provisional NASA license and that with two more successful events, she'll earn a full one and can come play with us too, now that NASA licenses are accepted at SCCA events. Way to go, Anne! We are looking forward to having you join us! And bring the big grumpy guy you came with too – what's his name? Brent? Kent? He says he can drive too, so let's find out.

And we also learned that Chuck Hines and Gary Gentry are looking for others who want to caravan, or at least be part of, an NCR group of racers at the Double SARRC/ Pro IT event at Barber Motorsports Park in Alabama at the end of this month. Chuck said it's always been fun to be part of a bigger group and you will always have friends to party with. Contact him at [fourdoorvette@aol.com](mailto:fourdoorvette@aol.com) if you want to be part of this.

Before I close I have to observe that the August meeting of the Triangle Chapter, held on the 6th of that month, marks the second month in a row that no one had thought to bring any video. The conversation was lively, sure, and everyone seemed to be having a great time. But with plenty of racers in attendance, there was still no video. Come on you guys! Do you think people come to these things to hear me speak? Not on your life, Bucky! So please bring some video next time to keep the masses entertained, lest I get run out the restaurant in a hail of tortilla chips!

Hey! Maybe one of you guys that are caravanning to Alabama can bring back some in-car video we can show at the Chapter meeting the following week, September 3<sup>rd</sup>. I'll be there and I see you all there . . . or at the races!

## **West Chapter Notes**

*by Ed Wentz*

It's another hot one, yet in about three or four months we'll be complaining about the cold! And with the cold usually brings less racing, though in my opinion the racecar is a lot more comfortable in the cold than in the heat. And the engine makes more power also in the cold since the air is denser. If we could just keep the ice and snow away, maybe we could have some good races in the winter! But don't hold your breath for a major schedule change.

This year there has been a lull in racing activity for the North Carolina Region as this is the first year that our National race had been moved up to April from the previously traditional (and extremely HOT) race in August. And, the April race is now a Double National race weekend. I hope you have kept your racing appetite whetted in other SCCA regions, as there are plenty of races across the country. This coming weekend (August 9 & 10), which will be past us as you read this, the Improved Touring Festival will be held at Mid-Ohio Raceway. Anyone in our Region participate in this event? Or for that matter, anyone participate in any out of Region events? Personally I would love to spend a

season trying to race at as many tracks across the country as possible, and it's not an easy task! I'm not sure it could be done in one year.

Some of you are aware that I worked as a crew member for Holbert Racing back in the glory days of the Lowenbrau Special 962 Porsche. I was tallying up the number of road racetracks that I have visited (not raced), which also includes tracks I've been to post-Holbert Racing (such as Indy, for the first F1 race in 2000, and our own VIR). Some were temporary street courses, such as the Miami Grand Prix, the San Antonio Grand Prix (where we had none other than Anthony Joseph Foyt, Jr. as a driver in our second 962...yes, AJ himself, and he is quite pleasant when he's not in his own race car), the San Diego Grand Prix and the West Palm Beach Grand Prix (my most hated venue). While IMSA didn't race there, I did watch my boss, Al Holbert, race in CART Indy Cars at the Meadowlands Raceway in NJ (now there was a confusing course for spectators). Others are dearly departed, such as Riverside Raceway in California. Others just aren't used, such as the road course at Michigan Speedway. Anyway, my total is about 23 road race courses visited. I'm sure someone out there can beat that. If so, contact me at my email address (*see pg.2*). I cannot claim any courses outside the country either, such as Mosport and others, but maybe you can. And if you have been to tracks overseas, that will count also.

We just had our August meeting of the West Chapter of the NCR, and were pleased to have 23 people in attendance. We had two new faces, Steve Franzen and Alan Martin, come out to join us. Steve works for Bill Black Cadillac/Chevy/etc./etc., and crews for him. He was telling us about having to replace a cracked engine block in the boss' entry for our upcoming 13 Hour Race, and that they might be entering the Caddy and the Cobalt. Alan has recently retired and is looking for something fun to do now; he met up with veteran flagger Pete Romanowski at the meeting and can't wait to start flagging at our next event. Welcome Steve and Alan, we hope you enjoy your time with us.

It was also good to see Pete Papas show up at our meeting. He let us know he is doing well after a few days in the hospital, and glad to be still with us. Typically he can't make it to the meeting since he is a second-shifter, but was able to work around it this month. Glad to see you back on your feet, Pete!

At our last event, the PDX/ECR/CCPS weekend at Rockingham in June, we were able to raise a small amount of money, about \$100.00, during our lunch-time drive around on Sunday only. Since we didn't have a declared charity, it was decided at the last NCR Board of Directors meeting that we would donate this money to the Marine Auxiliary Toys For Tots, of which NCR member Brendan Scullion (Scully to you) is a member, and has expressed interest in his Auxiliary Unit doing more with NCR. Scully and his Auxiliary Unit were surprised and please to receive the donation. I hope we can continue to work with this organization.

If you haven't heard, for the time being our Board of Directors meeting, which is on the third Wednesday evening of each month, is being held at the Cutting Board restaurant in Burlington. If you haven't ever been to a BOD meeting and are interested in learning what we do there, feel free to show up; it is open to all NCR members. And the Cutting Board has a great menu as well. For directions, visit the NCR webpage, or for additional information see the restaurant's website: [www.cuttingboard.com](http://www.cuttingboard.com).

Our next event is a one-day PDX in September at Rockingham. This is a great event to get track time; it's for novices and experienced drivers alike. SCCA membership is NOT required for this event. Only a motorcycle helmet is required as well as appropriate clothing (see [ncrscca.com](http://ncrscca.com) for details). If you have a child of driving age, spouse, sibling, parent, significant other, crew person, friend, etc. that would like to drive on the racetrack, this is an excellent event for them to start. They can use their own street car. Participants progress at their own pace. And you can't beat the price for the amount of track time!

Until next time, see you at the racetrack and our West Chapter meeting!

# **Bench Talk, August 2008 part 1**

## **PDX at The Rock...**

Where to begin? First off all I would like to thank everyone for the hard work behind the scenes to make the first N.C. Region PDX of 2008 a reality. Also big thanks to all the corner workers who kept us in line while we were out on track. I would also like to give a big thank you to Wayne Quick and Rex Deffenbaugh for being brave enough to ride with me as instructors. As a true first timer, I must say that this was a great event. I feel that the inclusion of the PDX with the Club Racing event was also a great fit. Having no previous road course experience, the first time pulling out on the high-banked pavement at Rockingham Speedway was a little intimidating. That feeling quickly diminished as I was able to get in a rhythm of turning lap after lap. Unlike an autocross, I was able to recognize a mistake I made and try my best not to make it on the next lap. Before I knew it my first session was over. What a rush!!

After the first day is over, it hits me just how great of an experience this was. Where else can you show up in your street car, strap on a helmet, and then run side by side with other people who have the same passion for racing. At one time I was running with an Audi R8, a Lotus Exige, and a high-horsepower Ford Mustang. The PDX program is a great place for SOLO competitors to get a taste of wheel to wheel racing without having to invest in a dedicated track car. Interested? Our next PDX is scheduled for September 13<sup>th</sup> at Rockingham Speedway. I will be there once again in my 1991 Nissan NX2000. If you see me coming up in your rear view mirror, do not hesitate to give me the passing signal!

## **Upcoming Events!!!**

I do not have any SOLO events to summarize at this time, but as you are reading this our Hot August Nights Autocross Series will be well underway! Look for full write ups next month! As always, stay tuned to [www.ncrscca.com](http://www.ncrscca.com) and [www.myautoevents.com](http://www.myautoevents.com) for any schedule updates!

## **Send me your e-mail!**

I am currently working on updating the Cape Fear Chapter SCCA E-Mail List. If you would like to receive regular e-mail updates about upcoming SOLO events, SCCA special events, or GSM track days, just send your e-mail address to [draughonb@yahoo.com](mailto:draughonb@yahoo.com).

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# **Bench Talk, August 2008 part 2**

## **Sounds of Freedom Auto-X at NRAS!!!**

With Tropical Storm Cristobal looming off of the Cape Fear Coast, the Sounds of Freedom Auto-X at New River Air Station was moved to its scheduled rain date of July 27<sup>th</sup>. A total of 42 competitors took to a very challenging course with a good mix of very tight slaloms and wide open straights. Traction was at a premium with a tricky surface transition from asphalt to concrete. Fast time of the day went to Richard Franklin in his orange Formula Continental with a time of 60.143 seconds. Top PAX honors went to Ken Porteous in his turbo Mini Cooper S. I would like to thank all competitors for making generous donations to the NRAS Single Marine Program. With matching funds from the North Carolina Region, we raised \$250!! Special thanks to National Speed for providing lunch, water, and some much needed cover from a passing rain shower during our lunch break. Also, special thanks to the Cape Fear Corvette Club for a great turnout from their members. And as always, thanks to Walt Driver for making this event a reality. We will be back there October 18<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> for our Novice Auto-X School on Saturday and the XXX Auto-X on Sunday. Pre-registration is now available at [www.myautoevents.com](http://www.myautoevents.com). Register early to guarantee your spot!

### **Pylons in Pender Auto-X Update...**

Due to unusual circumstances, the rescheduled event planned for August 2<sup>nd</sup> at Cape Fear Middle School was cancelled. Once again, I apologize to anyone who was inconvenienced by this last minute cancellation. Since there is very little time left in the season, there will not be a rescheduled date for this event site. Steps are being taken to ensure that this will not happen in 2009.

### **RiverFront Grand Prix, Under the Lights!!!**

Autocrossing on a Saturday?? That's right, the Cape Fear Autocross Championship returned to beautiful Downtown Wilmington on August 16<sup>th</sup> for the RiverFront Grand Prix. 64 competitors took to the black top at Cape Fear Community College for our 7<sup>th</sup> event at this site! The club obtained a Noise Ordinance Permit from the Wilmington Police Department and was given permission from the City of Wilmington to close two streets for this event. With a 3pm scheduled start, we took to a fast and challenging course with the famous "Horsepower Hill" we all know and love so much. As the sun went down and the lights came on, the downtown crowd enjoyed watching us race until just before 10pm. Top PAX and FTD honors went to Jacob Lokken in his '06 Subaru STi with a run of 43.176 seconds. This blazingly fast time eclipsed the rest of the field by nearly a second! Thanks again to National Speed for providing food to competitors and spectators. Special thanks to Marcus Wormer and Wormwood's Bar and Grill for hosting the unofficial after party. I would also like to thank all those who came early to help set-up and stayed late to help clean up. This event would not be possible without your help! We return to Downtown Wilmington November 16th for the RiverView Charity Grand Prix. This will be the final SOLO event for 2008! As always, stay tuned to [www.ncrscca.com](http://www.ncrscca.com) and [www.myautoevents.com](http://www.myautoevents.com) for any schedule updates!

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# **NCR Board Meeting Minutes, June 18, 2008**

**Present:** Jerry Pell, Joedy Pennington, Buddy Matthews, Heather Powers, Brad Draughon, Blair Stitt, James Shanks, Ginny Condrey, Steve Keadle, John Uftring and Chris Turner. *Note: the meeting minutes were recorded by Ginny Condrey.*

Jerry Pell called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

**Motion (Shanks, Pennington) to approve the minutes from the last meeting as submitted. PASSED**

## **Old Business:**

**Board Meeting Location:** A location has been found for Board Meetings that would provide a private room and allow for teleconferencing at "The Cutting Board" in Burlington. Ed Wentz found this location and will be asked to confirm a reservation for July's meeting and beyond.

**Online Registration:** Ginny informed the Board of some issues regarding the online registration systems, both the DLB system and FinGroup system that we have used in the past. Because neither system can be accessed for the PDX, MyAutoEvents.com has been used, but no online registration is in place for the ECR and CCPS races that are quickly approaching. The MyAutoEvents site can be used for those events as well, but will need to be set up as separate events. In addition, the turnout to-date is extremely low. Many of the Board members felt that was due to the lack of an online registration option.

**Motion (Stitt, Matthews) to set up the MyAutoEvents.com site for the ECR and CCPS races and to waive the late fees for the events. PASSED**

## **New Business:**

**SEDIV Mid-year Meeting:** Sara Snider has volunteered to attend. Steve Keadle is also willing to go with Sara. The Board discussed some history regarding past meetings as well as some topics that may be discussed at this year's meeting.

**June Fastrack:** James Shanks voiced concerns regarding some of the changes approved by SCCA Board, some of which have since been rescinded. No official response from the Board is needed at this time.

**Dash Plaques:** Ginny reported that the Region's supplier for dash plaques has discontinued making them. In the meantime, orders were placed with another supplier, only to discover afterward that the price was higher than anticipated. Because of that, we did not order dash plaques for the May event. Janet Bruce and Ginny are looking into other suppliers, but they also wanted to verify that the Region still wanted to offer them. Only a few people mentioned not getting them in May.

The chapter coordinators are asked to get input from the membership by the August Board Meeting. Something should be put in the Bulletin as well, and John Uftring will put something on the website.

## **Reports:**

**Cape Fear Chapter:** Brad reported that 14 were in attendance. They discussed the upcoming PDX and Solo events.

**Triangle Chapter:** James noted that 27 attended the June meeting, and they discussed the BOD minutes and latest Fastrack.

**West Chapter:** Heather reported in Ed's absence. The members watched video from the Double SARRC event and discussed some of the incidents at VIR regarding EV.

**Budget & Finance:** Ginny provided a review of the Profit-Loss and Balance statements as well as an overview of the projected budgets received from the specialty chiefs and committee chairs. The goal is to have financial reports for the Board by the August meeting that show budgets versus actual expenses in all categories.

**Competition Board:** No meeting has taken place since the last Board of Director's meeting. Ginny indicated that some additional information is necessary to move forward on the September event at Rockingham and that with the

time constraints, it would be best to get some directives from the Board of Directors.

The Board determined that the races to accompany the PDX will be three 30-minute restricted regional races using the road course configuration and divided into the following groups: big bore, small bore and open wheel.

**Solo Program:** Brad noted that the timer used for solo events was having problems and needed repairs.

**Motion (Draughon, Shanks) to send the timer to Race America for repairs and purchase the necessary case to protect it for future use. PASSED**

**PDX Program:** The PDX rules state that arm restraints are required for T-top cars and that it may be an issue for some potential participants. It was noted that this would not be an issue if the T-tops remain in the car.

**Membership:** Jim Greathouse, of the Fayetteville Area Transportation Museum, is still looking for up to 2 drivers/cars to attend the August 22<sup>nd</sup> "Fourth Friday" celebration. James recommended offering free entries, for up to 2 drivers, to attend this event and promote both the Region and SCCA.

**Motion (Shanks, Pennington) to authorize offering up to 2 free entries to the Goblins Go event for setting up a booth at the August 22<sup>nd</sup> event. PASSED**

James noted that the Volunteer Participation Incentive Program is now available online at [www.scca.org](http://www.scca.org).

**Charities Committee:** Blair recommended the removal of the "\$5" minimum from future Supps and information. The forms would just state that a minimum donation would be required.

**Motion (Stitt, Matthews) to remove the \$5 minimum from future entry packet forms. PASSED**

**Publicity:** John Uftring presented his proposal for Advertising to the Board at that time. Those figures will be reviewed by the Budget and Finance committee for recommendations.

John inquired if a charity had been selected for the Goblins Go event as yet. He would like for the Region to consider the "Children's Speedway Charity" since that may also tie-in with advertising through media promotions. John will get more information to the Charities committee about this.

**Motion (Pell, Stitt) to adjourn the meeting at 9:03 PM. PASSED**

## **SEDiv Worker Of The Year**

It is time to start considering your nomination for the 2008 SEDiv Specialty Worker of the Year award. Nominations are open until December 1, 2008 and the awards (a nice personalized jacket) will be presented at the January 2009 annual awards banquet.

The recipients in 2007 were:

F&C ..... Ray Marsh/Peggy Barten (tie)

Pit & Grid ..... Karl Enter

Registration..... Betsy Speed

Scrutineering..... Herb O'Toole

Starter..... Larry Kurkowski

Timing & Scoring .... Clyde Bales

Any SEDiv SCCA member may submit a nomination, either by e-mail ([se.woty@yahoo.com](mailto:se.woty@yahoo.com)), or by snail-mail to the administrator (address below). The nomination should include the worker's name, their region, their specialty and a brief description of why the submitter feels that the nominee is entitled to the award, as well as the name of the person making the nomination. DAs are urged to submit nominations for their respective specialties.

US Postal mail to: WOTY Administrator, 4640 Imperial Hills Ct., Tucker, GA 30084-2821.

## **SCCA, SPS Launch New Merchandise Web Site**

**TOPEKA, Kan.** - Sports Car Club of America, Inc. and SPS, LLC has announced a formal agreement naming SPS as national merchandise partner as well as the launch of [sccagear.com](http://sccagear.com), the official source for SCCA-related merchandise and apparel.

As part of an agreement, SPS will develop SCCA-branded and event products for SCCA members and the general public. In addition to its online store, SPS will be on-site for many of SCCA's biggest events, including the Tire Rack® Solo National Championships, SCCA National Championship Runoffs and SCCA National Convention as the official SCCA merchandise partner.

“SPS is run by longtime Club members who have a keen knowledge of what our drivers, crews, volunteers and fans want and expect,” SCCA Vice President of Marketing and Communications Eric Prill said. “We look forward to working with SPS and expanding our merchandise product line and distribution.”

“We are excited for the opportunity to partner with SCCA and apply our sales expertise, along with our knowledge of the club, in order to provide quality merchandise and apparel to volunteers, members, crew and participants in SCCA events,” SPS Managing Partner Dave Whitworth said.

The SCCAGear.com site will service branded apparel and merchandise needs, while large supply orders (decals, patches, materials) will still be taken through SCCA's customer service department.

SCCAGear.com is now open for business, with new products expected to be added soon.

## **SCCA Announces Runoffs Rookie Program**

**TOPEKA, Kan.** - Sports Car Club of America has announced a new program designed to help acclimate SCCA National Championship Runoffs rookie drivers to the week-long event, held this Oct. 6-12 at Heartland Park Topeka.

“Coming to the Runoffs for the first time is both exciting and somewhat daunting for drivers,” SCCA Vice President of Club Racing Terry Ozment said. “Through feedback from our drivers, we've been able to put together a program in 2008 that starts the ball rolling for a rookie program that has the potential to expand in the coming years.”

The Rookie Program includes:

- Pairing with a Runoffs veteran for guidance and mentoring throughout the week. This is not necessarily a driver coach, but rather someone who can help understand the procedures and activities surrounding this important event.
- Special orientation laps in an official SCCA event vehicle with their mentor after testing concludes Sunday, Oct. 5.
- Special meeting time with the Club Racing Board, Chief Steward and key event staff during the week.
- Sponsorship by a local business or entity that could include some meals or other gifts.

Only drivers who have never participated in previous Runoffs are eligible for the program. Rookies are asked to contact Deanna Flanagan at SCCA ([runoffs@scca.com](mailto:runoffs@scca.com) or 800-770-2055) to be included in the program. Inclusion is not automatic and the deadline to register is Sept. 26, 2008.

SCCA is seeking veteran drivers interested in being mentors. Interested drivers should contact Deanna Flanagan as well. All participating mentors will receive a special merchandise gift from SCCA.

## **2008 NCR Schedule**

- February 23** Crash & Burn School - VIR South Paddock 9am to 3pm
- February 24** "Spring Fling" Autocross - UNC-Wilmington - Auto-X
- March 8-9** "March Memories" SARRC/ECR/CCPS - VIR North course - VIR test day on March 7
- March 30** Global TransPark Solo Challenge, GTP - Kinston
- April 11-13** Inaugural "Oak Tree Double National" - VIR full-course - VIR test day on April 10
- April 20** "Indy at the Park" - Smith Creek Center - Wilmington - Auto-X
- May 10-11** "Al Fairer Double SARRC Challenge" - VIR full-course - VIR test day on May 9
- May 17-18** "MayDay on the Runway" - New River Air Sta.(Sat. Novice School)(rain date May 24-25) -Auto-X
- June 22** "Pylons in Pender" - Cape Fear Middle School, Pender County- Auto-X (non-points event)
- June 28-29** ECR/CCPS/PDX - Rockingham Speedway
- July 20** "Sounds of Freedom" - New River Air Station (rain date July 27) - Auto-X
- August 2** "Pylons in Pender" - Cape Fear Middle School, Pender County (Saturday night finish - Auto-X
- August 16** "RiverFront Grand Prix" - Cape Fear Community College (Saturday night finish) - Auto-X
- Sept. 13** PDX - Rockingham Speedway (Saturday only)
- September 28** "Cross of the Titans" - Trask High School, Pender County - Auto-X
- Oct. 18-19** "Rumble at the River" - New River Air Station(Sat. Novice School)(rain date Oct. 25-26) - Auto-X
- Oct. 25-26** "Goblins Go" 2009 SARRC/2008 Double ECR - VIR full course - VIR test day on Oct 24
- Oct. 31-Nov. 1** 13 Hour "Charge of the Headlight Brigade" Enduro - VIR full-course
- November 16** "RiverView Grand Prix" - Cape Fear Community College (Season Finale) - Auto-X

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