



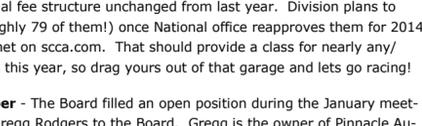
Where Texas' Best Amateur Drivers Race!

ROUNDUP Newsletter

Your "RE-Source" - Bob Neff, Regional Executive

Howdy, Texas Region, and welcome to 2014, which has started off with a bang! We're just over a month in and things are already happening all over. There's a lot to talk about, so here goes...

SOWDIV Meeting - The Division's Annual Meeting was held January 11 in Austin. Charles Orea, Mary Hummer and Vince Hummer were re-elected VP, Secretary and Treasurer respectively. The Division funds declined by \$12,355 over the year, but that included over \$10K for non-recurring planned purchases of equipment as well as expenses of \$18K for closeout of the SRO program so Division finances should improve significantly in 2014. Dan Helman reported on a new web site template available from National office; move to 2-license structure for Club Race (Novice and Competition) as well as reduction in renewal requirements (and Dan reminded everyone all that has been posted in Fastrack); new medical appeal committee; and SCCA financials. Dan also noted a significant lack of feedback to Terry Ozment for worker recognition, so all you Club Racers should keep that in mind and download the form from scca.com if you find a worker worthy of recognition this year. After much angst and discussion over the Majors program - and realization that it's here to stay so we'd better figure out how to deal with it - a Divisional Race Administrative Council was formed to manage SOWDIV Majors events at a Division level, with an agreement for sharing of risk/reward among the 3 racing regions (Texas, Houston and Lone Star). Budget was set and agreed upon, with Divisional fee structure unchanged from last year. Division plans to allow all regional race classes (roughly 79 of them!) once National office reapproves them for 2014 and posts rulesets in the File Cabinet on scca.com. That should provide a class for nearly any/ every car to run the SWRRC series this year, so drag yours out of that garage and lets go racing!



New Board Member - The Board filled an open position during the January meeting by appointing Gregg Rodgers to the Board. Gregg is the owner of Pinnacle Autospports, located at Eagles Canyon Raceway, and is an active supporter of Texas Region. Welcome to the Board, Gregg, and thanks for volunteering - I'm sure the ECR re-paving will get done even faster now, right?

Annual Awards Banquet - The annual banquet was held January 18, once again at the Haggard building in Dallas, and was a great success thanks to lots of hard work by Jen Maxcy and her committee. The food was great, and trophies were handed out for Race, Rally and Solo class winners. Major Region awards went to Gary Tomlin (Ass Buster of the Year), Ron Bashore (Worker of the Year), and Keith Verges (Driver of the Year). Jen Maxcy received the Soloist of the Year award. And the Region's highest honor - Member of the Year - went to Robey Clark for his outstanding contributions to the Region's success in 2013 (see article below).



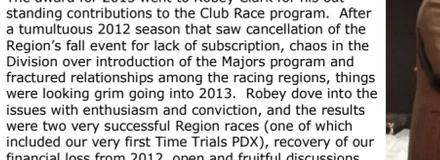
Polar Prix - What a weekend! We held our first Club Race of the year in late January, which included a Super School and our first ever Club Trials event. Things were looking pretty ugly on Thursday when the snow and ice arrived in San Antonio and Houston but it was dry (albeit frigid) in Cresson. Most entrants were able to make it to Motorsports Ranch in spite of the snow and ice, and the weather turned gorgeous for the weekend. If you didn't make it out, you missed a great event. Forty racers took to the track on Saturday, along with 13 school students and 26 Club Trials entrants. Forty-six racers competed on Sunday, with 10 students included in the race groups and 8 of those students waived to full Competition Licenses by day's end. This was Texas Region's first try at a Club Trials event, the second level of SCCA Time Trials. Club Trials is a step up from PDX and is a timed competition but not direct wheel-to-wheel racing and doesn't require a caged car or full race safety gear. That said, their run group of 26 cars was pretty sporty with Terry Fair leading the way with a blistering 1:18 best lap in his well-prepared Mustang for Top Time of Day, followed closely by Ken Orgeron at 1:22 in his BMW and Terry's wife Amy (yes folks, we have some darn fast ladies in Texas Region) at 1:23 to complete the podium. Todd Eaddy, our local Discount Tire guy, earned the "best spin of the day" award when his engine seized but he still left the track with a smile and a vow to continue working toward his competition license.



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Whew! All that and we're just getting into February! And things don't slow down much from here. We just had the first of two SOWDIV Majors events in New Orleans, and our first Road Rally of the year, a benefit event for Scottish Rite Hospital, is coming on February 22nd. The first Solo event, including a Novice School, happens in mid-March. So if you haven't done so already, shake off those winter doldrums and come on out to a Texas Region event. You can send pictures to all those folks up North still shoveling snow, with an invitation to come on down and join us!



2013 Texas Region Member of the Year

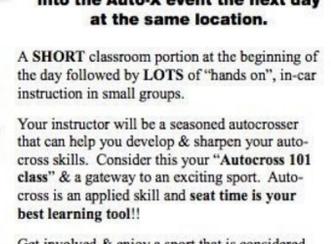
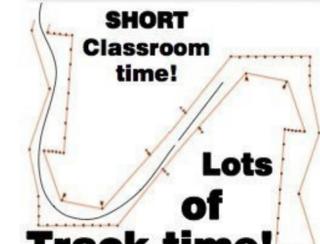
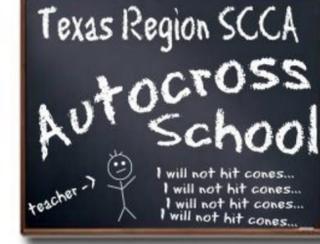
Member of the Year is the highest honor bestowed by the Texas Region and is given to the individual Member who, in the judgment of the Board of Directors, has made the most significant contribution throughout the year to the success of the Region.

The award for 2013 went to Robey Clark for his outstanding contributions to the Club Race program. After a tumultuous 2012 season that saw cancellation of the Region's fall event for lack of subscription, chaos in the Division over introduction of the Majors program and fractured relationships among the racing regions, things were looking grim going into 2013. Robey dove into the issues with enthusiasm and conviction, and the results were two very successful Region races (one of which included our very first Time Trials PDX), recovery of our financial loss from 2012, open and fruitful discussions among the racing regions that resulted in a new Divisional structure to manage the Majors, and a full SOWDIV Race schedule for 2014 including two of those Majors events.



While many others spent time and effort to help in achieving those results, they wouldn't have happened without Robey's leadership and persistence and he is to be congratulated on this well-deserved honor.

More Annual Banquet and Polar Prix pics...



Results and Upcoming Events

Texas Region SCCA
Solo
 ...Or just feel the need for a little instruction by a seasoned driver??



Texas Region SCCA Autocross School
 teacher -> I will not hit cones... I will not hit cones... I will not hit cones...

Saturday March 15 at Pennington Field - Bedford
 Limited to first 45 entries
 Walk-up entries will not be accepted
 School fee is \$75 for SCCA members.
 \$85 for Non-Members.

SHORT Classroom time!
Lots of Track time!

Includes entry into the Auto-X event the next day at the same location.

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A **SHORT** classroom portion at the beginning of the day followed by **LOTS** of "hands on", in-car instruction in small groups.

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Your instructor will be a seasoned autocrosser that can help you develop & sharpen your autocross skills. Consider this your "Autocross 101 class" & a gateway to an exciting sport. Autocross is an applied skill and seat time is your best learning tool!!

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Get involved & enjoy a sport that is considered by many to be the best way to learn car control. You & your car competing against the clock!

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For more info on the school, please contact Tim Bergin at: tabergin@gmail.com



EAGLES CANYON RACEWAY—DECATUR, TEXAS—March 15-16, 2014

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