

Texas Region SCCA

Roundup Newsletter

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Your "REsource"- Bob Neff, Regional Executive

Hello Texas Region!

We're nearly half-way through the year now and there's mostly good news to report for the Region.

- Our rally program continues to be one of the most well attended and most successful in the nation, and Sasha Lanz reports that the percentage of his entrants who are regular Texas Region members continues to grow. If you haven't tried a road rally yet, you should. Check out the event schedule at <http://www.texascca.org/rally/> In spite of some unfortunate weather early in the year the Solo program continues to get even better with every event, and is experiencing terrific growth in new and first-time participants as word spreads regarding how efficient the events run and how terrific the competition is.
- Texas Region has been selected to host not one but two National Solo events this year, in Mineral Wells; the CAM Challenge coming up May 21/22, and our traditional ProSolo on June 4/5. If you're an autocrosser and you've never run a ProSolo you've missed out on the ultimate adrenaline rush – get your "fix" here: <http://www.scca.com/events/1981912-2016-tire-rack-mineral-wells-prosolo>
- Our initial Street Survival event was so successful we have folks waiting in line for the next one, coming up on June 18th at Dragon Stadium in Southlake. If you have a teen driver in your family you really should get them into this program that teaches them how to survive those early driving experiences! And if you have some time available, our SS coordinator Sam Graff is always looking for volunteers to help put on these events. Here's the link for the June event: <https://www.motorsportreg.com/index.cfm/event/register.trss/uidEvent/48AE91A5-9E7C-F16E-B9C817BF8A261BFA>
- Texas Region held its first stand-alone Time Trials event at MSR Cresson in May. Thanks to our Time Trials Coordinator Brad Flack the event went off without a hitch and participants are already asking when the next event will be offered. Unfortunately our June 12 event had to be cancelled due to a schedule conflict, but we're looking for alternative track dates so stay tuned. And keep an eye on our web site (www.texascca.org) for future announcements.
- It seems we must be doing a lot of things right, because our membership continues to grow.

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In case you missed it in the most recent issue of Sportscar, not only has Texas Region returned to the ranks of “Jumbo” regions (those having 800+ members) but through March we were the #1 Jumbo Region in growth. That’s just absolutely exceptional, and is a direct testament to all the work that our Board, our ARE’s and our event organizers do – so, THANKS! to all those folks.

Did I mention there was “mostly” good news? Well unfortunately our Club Race program falls to the other side of that news. The first two of our three events for 2016 fell well short on entries and we lost money on both. Hopefully TWS will stay open and our November season-ending event will help us recover from a budget standpoint, but we really need our regional racers to turn out and support the event to enable that. The real challenge for Club Race is the loss of our Race Chair. With his move to Austin, and as the new CEO for SCCA Enterprises, Robey Clark can no longer serve in that position and no one has stepped up to take over. Robey has graciously committed to help us out with our November event and has provided a “job description” of the tasks the ARE is responsible for, and Ron Bashor will be working with Robey to make sure things don’t fall through the cracks for this year. But we need to be looking ahead now to 2017 and working on schedules/track dates for next season, and without a Race Chair that’s not happening. I’ve asked before, and am asking again, for folks on the Club Race side to step up and commit to helping manage this program; y’all need to understand very clearly, these races don’t just happen and without member participation there may be no Texas Region race season next year. Texas Region has a long and illustrious racing history and I just can’t believe our Club Racers are going to let that fall by the wayside simply due to lack of attention and initiative. The phone lines are open, Ron and I are ready to talk about what needs to be done, so let us know you’re willing and able to help.

That’s it for now. Until next time, thanks for your attention and thanks for your membership in Texas Region SCCA!

Bob Neff, Regional Executive

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Texas Region Solo event #1 Recap by Phill Osborne

The first event of the Solo season is dedicated to those in the Solo community whom have passed.

Wow! What an opener! 188 drivers found their way to the asphalt surface that is Lone Star Park's large parking lot. We were treated to an excellent course, again through the efforts of Jerrett Jan and his team of set-up folk who somehow manage to arrive well before light of day, set up a course, make necessary tweaks, and have it ready for early arrivals to walk as sun rays began peeping over the horizon. Jerrett and his crew continue to do an amazing job year after year, a tribute to dedication to the club and love of the sport.

Our infamous Solo leader, taking on the duties of Asst. Chief of Solo for the second year in a row, (this after assisting her hubby, Brad for several years) Jennifer Maxcy worked her magic to have everything in place by the time the driver's meeting took place. It was a beautiful sight looking out over the crowd of nearly 200 entrants anxiously awaiting the end of the meeting to head out to their various assignments. To say it was an enthusiastic crowd would be an understatement.

First Heat would find the battle of two SSR Corvettes competing on R compound tires put down the quickest times of the heat for cars with doors, with David Jones putting down a 56.522 in his C6 Z0 6 Corvette, while Charles Cram trailed by a scant .249 seconds in his C5 Z0 6, posting a 56.771.

Here's the list of winners:

H Street- Mike McShane: Mini Cooper, 58.669

G Street- Paul Kurtz: Focus ST, 59.506

CSP- Bob Neff: STS Miata, 58.715

FSP- Dave Spencer: 87 Corolla FX 16, 63.198

A Street- Clemet Jones: Corvette, 60.174

ESP- Stuart Maxcy: Mustang GT, 56.262

E Street- Mick Harris: Miata, 58.843

STS- John Clark: 89 Honda Si, 55.714

STX- Sam Graff: Subaru BRZ, 56.885.

STR- Armstrong Vongsavoth: S2000, 56.276

C Street: Tyler Kvetko: Miata, 56.985

D Street class- Phil Osborne: Mini Cooper, 58.837

F Street Ken- Orgeron: BMW M3, 56.633

STU- Colin Clark: BMW M3, 60.933

Street Mod- Tim Bergin: Subaru STi, 54.608

SSM- Jon Wagner: Miata and 58.911

Street Mod F- Tristan Lazano: Elantra GT

CAM C- Tim Bouche: 2013 Boss Mustang

CAM T- Feras Qartoumy 72 Nova, 60.616

CAM S- Chase Reeves: Corvette, 56.493

X Class- Brad McCann: Genesis Coupe, 46.760

WPAX- Jennifer Maxcy: BMW 328, 48.732

ASL- Kimberly Flack: Solstice GXP, 61.129

Congratulations to the following drivers winning their respective classes by default: ASP to Brian Lee, BSP to Yu Yang, DSP to Jordan Everard, CP to Steven Brantly, BP to Stephen Simonds, EP to Brian Freeman, AM to Jackson Elliott, CM to Jon Segel, EM to Joshua Jach, and STP to Tyson Henry in a 2015 Mustang. *(cont'd)*



Top Time of day goes to the SAE team from UTA, specifically Wyatt Langston with a super low time of 50.036. His co driver set second top time of day posting up an extremely quick 51.813. Congrats to both those guys. That is blindingly fast.

Last, but not least, we have our Novice indexed class. As explained above in the X class, all classes have an SCCA approved index, and regardless of the class these cars would normally run, since Novice is made up of a diverse group of cars, the index system works very well. Thanks to the Novice School held the previous day, we had over half of those participants return for this event, and twenty five drivers participate, making it the real largest class of the day. Trophy positions went to the top 6 qualifiers based on their respective index. First place Novice for this event goes to Jimmy Chen driving his Infiniti G 35 in an F Street index. His real time was 62.551, with an indexed time of 50.916. Congrats to all novice participants, and remember, you have already accumulated points toward the year end Novice championship, so keep up the attendance and continue that point accumulation. We really appreciate your attendance since you folks are the future of our club.

-Phill Osborne

Quick Calendar

June 12: Club Trials:
MSR Cresson

June 13: Board of Directors/
Membership Meeting, 7pm
Fuddruckers in Grapevine

June 26: Solo #5, TMS Bus Lot
7am- 4pm

July 11: Board of Directors/
Membership Meeting, 7pm
Fuddruckers in Grapevine

July 31: Solo #6, Lone Star
Park, 7am- 4pm

August 8: Board of Directors/
Membership Meeting, 7pm
Fuddruckers in Grapevine

August 27: Rally #4, Clear Blue
Sky, 10am-4pm

