

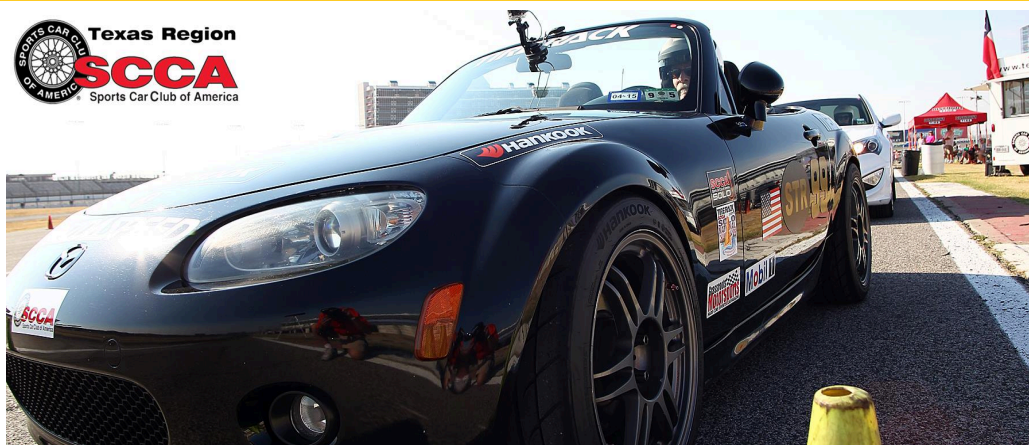
Texas Region SCCA

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Your "REsource"- Bob Neff, Regional Executive

Howdy Texas Region!

As we near the end of summer and the 2016 racing season, I thought this would be a good opportunity to give an update on Club Racing. The Majors season has concluded for this year and Texas Region is well represented on the Mid-States Conference podium. Here's how we did:

- In B-Spec, Marc Sherrin placed 2nd.
- In E Production, Paul Pineider placed 2nd
- In Formula 500, Joe Palmer tied in points for 3rd.
- In Formula F, Megan Sauce placed 3rd.
- In Formula Mazda, Paul Ravaris placed 2nd and the strength of Moses Smith and Sitara Wilson's program was evident, with Texas Region taking 7 of the top 10 positions in class.
- In Formula Vee, William Calkins placed 3rd.
- In GT1, David Fershtand placed 2nd.
- In GT2, our Board member Brad Gross placed 2nd.
- In GT3, Alan Marshall placed 2nd.
- In Prototype 1, Peter Outarsingh tied with Jim Downing for 2nd
- In Spec Racer Ford 3, and with two terrific wins at High Plains in the last race of the season, Keith Verges place 2nd in the largest Conference class – 66 competitors!
- In Super Touring Lite, John Roberts placed 3rd.
- In Touring 1, Andrew Entwistle placed 3rd.
- In Touring 4, James Place finished 3rd.
- And an honorable mention goes to Chris Haldeman, who finished just off the podium in Spec Miata, the second largest Conference class with 54 competitors, just beaten out of the spot by multi-time national champion Jim Drago.

Congratulations to all the Texas Region racers who participated in the Mid-States Conference Majors this year, and best of luck to those heading to the Runoffs! We also have one more race left in the SWRRC series for 2016, on November 5. With this very likely to be the last opportunity to *(cont'd)*

race at Texas World Speedway, and with double points available for those chasing a class championship, we should have a great turnout – don't miss it!! And for all our other track junkies, that November race at TWS will include a Club Trials event on both Saturday and Sunday. We've said it before but I think this truly is the last chance to run at one of the country's most storied tracks so don't miss out on the opportunity. Registration is open for TWS, both Club Race (dlbracing) and Club Trials (msreg), on our Texas Region web site. And for those planning to attend both days, book your hotel early – another big weekend at A&M so rooms will fill up fast. In closing, and in case you missed it, our membership has grown to over 800 so we're now a Jumbo Region, and only slightly smaller than Houston. We continue to evolve and improve our programs to serve you our members and thanks to the diligent efforts of our various specialty groups that all seems to be working, but remember we meet every month to talk about our programs and everyone is invited and welcome to attend and provide input on how we can make things even better. Next meeting is September 12 and we'll be talking about 2017 planning so come on out and join in – Fuddruckers in Grapevine, at 7pm. Thanks again for your membership and participation with Texas Region SCCA!

Until next time,

Bob Neff, Regional Executive

Good Luck
to everyone competing at
Solo Nationals and Runoffs
this month!



Club Trials at Texas World Speedway

Texas Region SCCA is hosting a level 2 Club Trials event at Texas World Speedway November 5 and November 6. This is the Last "Last" event at TWS based on the site no longer be available for racing. In January 2016, the track is planned to close permanently, and the land will be redeveloped as a housing development known as "Southern Pointe".

This will be your last chance to run in a Time Trial format at a world famous venue that has hosted Nascar, IndyCar, Formula One, IMSA and more! Walk through the paddocks and grounds where Willie Nelson hosted his summer barbecue with Jimmy Buffet. Sign up now for a spot as we are limited to a maximum number of cars on track Saturday and Sunday.

Sign up here –

<http://www.motorsportreg.com/events/scca-november-club-trial-texas-world-speedway-solo-473813>

Clear Blue Sky Rally

They call it the “Majors” now, but you know that the Texas Region is a part of National racing. And we put on National solo events here, for the Solo Dept. in Topeka. But did you know that we participate in National-level road rally? We just did it again, a couple of weeks ago. “Clear Blue Sky” has been a success since 2010, usually being the event with the largest turnout for the year. This year we had a National-level rally veteran from Arizona entered, and he and his driver won first overall, but not by very many points. We had four Texas cars enter from cities over 200 miles from McKinney.

Since rally has no “runoffs,” competitors earn points that can earn them year-end trophies. And National rallies earn double points. Two of our teams have earned these trophies in the past, Mark and Catherine LaCroix, and John and Michelle Poulos. We have a good chance of having a winner (or winners!) this year.

Clear Blue Sky began at Dodge City of McKinney, with 29 teams ready to tackle the roads of Collin County and the tests created by Rallymaster Liz Witt. It had been raining for days, but the rain quit at just about the same time as Car 1 left the start line. Exactly one mile later, they came to the instruction

A) Right at “STOP” on Wilson Creek Rd

B) Right at STOP on Wilson Creek Rd

C) Right at T on Wilson Creek Rd

The rules for the event gave you everything you needed to know whether the answer was A, B, or C. You had to determine if the STOP was on the right of the course you would have taken if the STOP had not been there. There was a stop sign; there was a “T”. Putting the correct letter on your scoresheet got you points.

After several of these puzzles, the teams were offered the chance to run the rest of the event the easy way, by opening a “panic envelope” with hints for each of these special intersections. Only two teams chose this option.

What kind of cars enter our events? Corvettes, Mustangs (7 entered), Honda S2000, BMWs, Miata, Cadillacs, Mercedes, VWs, Minis, WRX, Nissan Z-cars, Mazda3, Volvo, Fiat, and a Ford F150 pickup. It might have been a better story if the winner had been the pickup (actually, it was a BMW), but the pickup, built in 1968, drove 257 just to get here and run, then drove 257 miles home...a winner, in my book.

Our next event, the annual Map Rally, is on October 8 th . Our Region’s annual charity rally, benefiting Scottish rite Hospital, will be held on December 3 rd . Come give our sport a try! It’s the only thing SCCA does where a driver and spouse (or SO) can compete together. Join us!

-Sasha Lanz

The next meeting is September 12 at Fuddruckers in Grapevine, at 7pm! Come join us as we plan next year’s fun!