

Texas Region SCCA

## Roundup Newsletter

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### Your "REsource"- Bob Neff, Regional Executive

Howdy Texas Region!

Well here we are, about to wrap up another successful year of competition and Region growth. Last quarter I noted how well Texas Region was represented in the final Mid-States Conference Club Racing results, so this quarter I'd be remiss if I didn't comment on our participation in the national Solo Championships.

This year there were 1,305 competitors at the Solo Nationals event, a new record, and in 71 classes there were a total of 396 trophies awarded. Texas Region was well represented, with 37 competitors making the trek to Lincoln and 12 of them earning trophy positions including Wayne Atkins, Lane Borg, John Clark, Jeremy Foley, Donna Marx, Mark Madarash, Brad McCann, Michael Parker, Jim Reyenga, Scott Steider and Gerry Terranova. And once again claiming victory was David Whitener, our only National Solo Champion for 2016.

Texas Region also scored class trophies for the National ProSolo Season, with Sue Brude, Mark Madarash, Bob Neff, and Kim Whitener all receiving trophies in their respective classes for the season and David Whitener once again reigning supreme with another class championship.

Congratulations to all those trophy winners!

So with the exception of the December 3<sup>rd</sup> Children's Book Run Rally, the 2016 competition season is over. It's been a very successful season for Texas Region and I'd like to personally thank everyone who contributed to that success by competing in our various programs. And I'd like to extend special thanks to the organizers and workers who make those programs possible. Without workers we wouldn't have these events and the dedication of those folks, with little compensation and hardly any recognition, never ceases to impress me so thanks again to all of you!

We're now tallying points for the SWRRC and the Region Solo class winners, and planning for trophy presentations at our annual Region Banquet on February 4<sup>th</sup>. I hope many of you will make time to attend the Banquet to recognize your fellow competitors and join in a night of festivities to officially end the 2016 season. Details will be published as they become available.

We're now well into the planning process for 2017. We have a tentative SWRRC Club Race schedule and since the Southwest Division is also now the Southern Conference for the Hoosier Super Tour Majors (cont'd)



(cont'd) Series, we have three Majors weekends and three Super Tour weekends on the schedule. At this writing the final schedule is still pending ongoing negotiations with one specific track, but it should be released very soon.

And it will be a very busy schedule for our Solo team next year. It looks like we'll be hosting three National events in 2017 so stay tuned for some exciting announcements and keep your calendars open.

I'm also very pleased to report that our Time Trials program, under the direction of Brad Flack, is thriving and Brad is working on plans for a full year competition season in 2017. We're still working out classes and point structure but we already have four confirmed event dates and will hopefully be adding at least two more during the year. We'll post details on the Texas Region web site as they become available but the first event is January 28<sup>th</sup> at MSR Cresson, so put that on your calendar and plan on competing for a year-end trophy!

I'm also extremely pleased to note our Region growth continues to be very positive. As I mentioned last quarter Texas Region has now moved up to "Jumbo" region class (800 or more members) so we're now competing in growth and retention with regions as much as three times our size, and through October we are the Number 1 region in membership growth. With 912 current members, we've grown 8.3% in 2016 and lead the next closest regions (Central Carolina with 5.4% and Chicago with 5.1%) by a wide margin. I attribute that growth to the splendid work that our event organizers and workers do to provide our members with many and varied opportunities to have fun with cars. I thank each and every one of you for your contributions in that regard and hope you'll continue that participation in our events in 2017.

Until next time,

Bob Neff



*Ann Bergin all smiles after winning W-PAX class on the day at TMS with a great drive!*

**We wish everyone a safe and  
happy holiday season!**





*We followed a great battle in E-Street (Above)*

## 2016 TMS Road Course Event Recap

On October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2016, the Texas SCCA Solo program made our annual trip to the Texas Motor Speedway infield road course, which is our biggest and most well attended regional event of the season each year. This is an event that competitors locally and from afar mark their calendars for as the challenge of an Autocross event on the infield road course at the TMS facility is a draw.

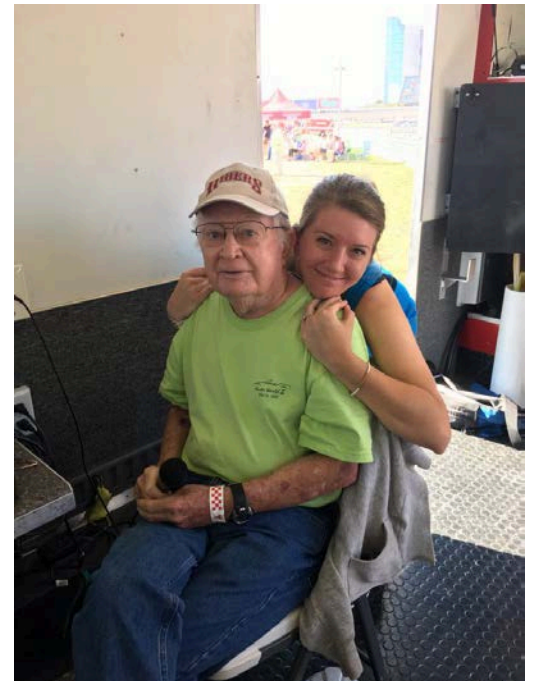
Highlights from this year's event included 147 timed entries with great weather and some amazingly quick times on the circuit. Leading the day with the top overall PAX time was Jeremy Foley in his 2011 BMW 1M running in our X-Pro class on a B-Street Index. Jeremy would edge another fellow BMW competitor in Ken Orgeron in the F-Street BMW M3.

David Whitener returned from his 4<sup>th</sup> National Championship in Lincoln to attend the event in his STS 1992 Mazda Miata where he would take the class victory over a very strong class of 11 competitors that included several nationally competitive drivers from our region.

Anne Bergin would gain a very nice victory in the Women's PAX class over out of town rival Jan Rowe. Ann would resist Rowe charging hard throughout the runs and continue to best her own times to put her 2008 Volkswagen GTI in the top spot and gain a cool win in the season points chase for Women's PAX.

In some of the bigger class battles we followed on the infield road course we would see Nicholas Schnick win a tight E-Street battle of 11 competitors edging out Buck Enriken and season points leader Mick Harrison. Taylor Burnidge would continue to impress in our Novice class with another victory on the year against a field of 14 strong. Look for Taylor to make some headway next year in the regional F-Street battle.

-David Anderson



*Hailey meets a new friend in the Announce Trailer as we celebrate our biggest local event of the season*



## Upcoming Events

### **Rally #6, Children's Book Run**

**December 3 @ 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM**

*Subaru of Plano 4480 W Plano Pkwy  
Plano, TX*

*Our annual charity rally will help a hospitalized child have a happier time while indisposed, and give you a fun drive in the country. Course following will be easy, but finding signs and other fun tasks for a score will be tough. No calculator or maps required!*

### **Board of Directors / Membership Meeting**

**December 12 @ 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM**

**January 9, 2017 @ 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM**

*Fuddruckers, 2001 N. Highway 121  
Grapevine, TX*

*The meeting agenda will include reports from the various competition specialties on recent and upcoming events. .*

*All Region members, guests and interested parties are invited to attend. See you there!*

# Thanks for an amazing 2016 everyone!