

Howdy Texas Region!

by Bob Neff, RE

SCCA Membership - what's in it for me?

I seem to get that question a lot, especially when I'm involved in promoting the Club during one of our events, or recruiting activities like Track Night in America.

The 30-second elevator pitch answer is easy:

- ➔ Best amateur motorsports competition in the country.
- ➔ Fellowship of like-minded folks (come for the events, stay for the people).
- ➔ More ways and events to have fun in your car than anywhere else.
- ➔ Passionate members eager to share expertise and knowledge.
- ➔ Worker specialties and training that can get you involved in major pro racing events.
- ➔ The best event-related insurance program in motorsports.
- ➔ A subscription to *SportsCar Magazine*.

All that is true enough but we're asking folks to pony up \$80 every year in hard cash to be a regular member when they can get most of those things through the weekend membership program, so what else could be said about the benefit of membership?

Well, how about saving money by spending that \$80? Say what??? Well, here's how that works.

First, regular members get discounted entry to events, by the \$15 weekend membership fee, so if you run just three events during the year you've just gotten back over half that \$80. Up to three weekend membership fees paid during the year can be applied to that full membership fee so after those three events a regular membership is only \$35. And if you run six or more events during the year you've actually saved money by spending that \$80 up front.

Second, once you're a member there's real savings to be had through the hard work of our National staff (thanks India!!) with SCCA's many partners. Most everyone knows about the contingency programs but unfortunately those benefit only the top 5% of competitors and don't offer workers any benefits at all, however there are many partners that offer benefits to the other 95% of us.

- ➔ Need brakes? Hawk knocks \$20 off a \$200 purchase and Porterfield gives a 10% discount on purchases as does G-Lock.
- ➔ Need parts? RPW gives members a 10% discount as does Penske Racing Shocks, MOMO and S&W Race Cars, Speedhut gives a 15% discount and Eibach knocks \$20 off a \$200 purchase.
- ➔ Need a roll bar or cage? Autopower gives members 10% off on those.
- ➔ Need tires? Maxxis (my personal favorite trailer tire) gives members a 10% discount. *(Continued on page 2)*

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We've got new Champions!

See who won what this season and add to your list of reasons to pop champagne and dispense high-fives! Texas Region members make us proud everywhere they go! Way to represent, y'all!!!

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Are you coming to Time Trials?

You'd be a whole lot cooler if you did! Check out the final events of the year November 10th and December 1st. Details inside!

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- ➔ Need a rental car? Alamo, Budget, Hertz and National all give member discounts of 15% to 25%.
- ➔ Need a hotel room? Choice Hotels (20%) and Motel 6 (10%) both offer member discounts.

For anyone who participates even less than frequently, those discounts can add up and for many it can save hundreds of

dollars per year. And that's only a partial list of what's available; for a full list of partners and benefits go to scca.com/benefits, scca.com/referral, and scca.com/contingency.

So there you go – SCCA membership can actually pay for itself! Is that a deal, or what!! Well then, what are you waiting for out there – join or renew your membership today and take

advantage of everything that's available. As some TV commercial once said – membership has its privileges.

Until next time,

Bob Neff, Regional Executive
Texas Region SCCA, Inc. ■

Texas Region Top Performers

Check out our newest Champions!!

Both the U.S. Majors Tour and the two national Solo season-ending events, the ProSolo Finale and the National Championships, have now been completed and Texas Region was well represented.

U.S. Majors Tour

In the Northern Conference, **Richard Dickey** was crowned the Champion in Touring 4.

In the Southwest Conference, **Brad Yake** was crowned the Champion in Formula Mazda.

In our own Mid-States Conference, the following class Champions emerged:

- ➔ **James Michael** Formula Mazda
- ➔ **Robert Vanman** Formula Enterprises
- ➔ **David Fiorelli** Super Touring Under

ProSolo Finale

Once again the dynamic duo of **David and Kim Whitener** stood on the top step of the podium, in Street Touring Sport and Ladies 3 respectively.

Solo National Championships

Texas Region sent 36 representatives to the Championship event and 10 of those folks came home with trophies, including one new National Champion – **Jeremy Foley**, in B Street.

Four other Texas Region members recorded podium finishes as well:

- ➔ **Cameron Goode** in H Street
- ➔ **Donna Marx** in X Prepared Ladies
- ➔ **Mark Madarash** in C Prepared
- ➔ **Perry Simonds** in D Prepared.

Other trophy winners included:

- ➔ **Kenny Baker**
- ➔ **Brad McCann**
- ➔ **Tyler Kvetko**
- ➔ **Wayne Atkins**
- ➔ **Gary Kramar**.

Congratulations to all these folks and thanks for representing Texas Region at the highest levels of SCCA competition! ■



Texas Time Trials Has Something For Everyone!

by Brad Flack

Texas Region's Time Trials program has become one of the area's most exciting motorsport events! We have a growing field of competitors running hard to finish off the last events of 2018. Look for this exciting way to get your car on track **November 10, and December 1**. This series is created to allow drivers of all kinds of cars to get on track and compete in a yearlong series of events on road course tracks and pit their skill against a clock and other similarly set up cars. All that is needed to join the excitement is: You provide the car and we will rent you a transponder and track time to show who is the best in your class of car! Our scheduled

events can be found at texascca.org.trials to help you navigate your way to our season championships, or just a few events to enjoy driving with other enthusiasts.

Our July event was held at the last competitive event for Eagles Canyon raceway in their version 1.0. The fun day was filled with drivers setting personal bests for



lap times, previews of the new Eagles Canyon membership advantages and a snow cone truck serving everyone in the Texas heat some sweet relief. After the event, Vorshlag sponsored a great post event party in the clubhouse where the corner workers, grid staff and drivers were feted with beer and bench racing fun. Join us at one of these great events even if you are just curious and not yet ready to drive in competition. ■

Seventh Running of the DFW Shortest Distance Map Rally

Grapeful Dead Tour - The Sequel



The DFW Map Rally was run on Wise County country roads on August 18. This was the seventh consecutive year using the shortest-distance format. We gave teams a map and a list of questions to be answered by visiting specific locations on the map. With this year's theme – Grapeful Dead Tour - locations to be recorded along the way were vineyards, wineries, cemeteries... and a couple of naturist resorts. The rally teams had to determine their route, go to each location, and answer a question to verify that they had been there. The teams who visited all the required landmarks in the shortest distance were awarded trophies in each of several entrant classes.

We had 20 teams complete the rally, six of them in MINI Coopers and the rest in a cross-section of auto marques. The rally began with an odometer calibration run that led off from The Horny Toad Café & Bar in Denton and ended in Decatur. After plotting their routes, teams set out to see how efficiently they could complete their journey through Wise County, ending the rally at Catfish O'Harlie's in Decatur.

With 17 waypoints, this year's event was particularly challenging, as evidenced by the spread of covered mileages. The shortest distance recorded was 90.2 miles, with the other end of the spectrum adding up to 146.5 miles (including time penalties). The latter team earned the "Long and Winding Road Award", while getting to see the most of scenic Wise County.

Despite the August heat, a great time was had by all, and I'm confident everyone left with sharper orientation, navigation and communication skills. We hope to see everyone back at our next event – the Clear Blue Sky Rally – on October 20th. ■

by John Poulos

ARE, Road Rally and Map Rally Rallymaster



Dickey Wins Northern Conference Championship!

by Dickey Racing



The Northern Conference begins competition in Northern Illinois with a Majors race at Blackhawk Farms Raceway, during the first week of May. A time when some of the other conferences are completing their season. The Dickey Racing Mazda RX-8 was prepared for battle, as was the driver. Dickey came in second to James Ebben in his MX-5 on Saturday, but got fast lap and the pole for Sunday's race. Dickey took the lead and held off Ebben until a brake issue slowed the Texas Region driver to a second place finish.

The month of June fired off the Hoosier Tire Super Tour races in the Northern Conference. Mid-Ohio was first up. Gresham Wagner had the field covered both days, but Dickey and John Heinricy had a spirited race for second place both days. Dickey beat Heinricy on Saturday, but was relegated to third on Sunday.

Next up, the prestigious SCCA June Sprints at the very fast Road

America. The RX-8 pilot had good success at the Super Cat Majors in 2017, taking an intense from-behind win at the line from Thomas Bernacki and the T4 track record. At The Sprints this year, Dickey took the pole both days and won Saturday, but Sunday suffered a spin with a T3 car on the first lap and finished third.

The end of July put Dickey Racing back at Road America for the annual Cat Majors. Again, Dickey showed the dominance of the RX-8 by winning the pole both days and

following that up with two more wins. When asked about this season's success Dickey explained, "We really set our sights on Elkhart Lake this year. We fought engine problems last year, until it went terminal and blew up, which forced an engine change. That solved lots of problems. We were up to ninth at Indy, but got black flagged due to a

broken exhaust, initiated by a first lap incident. So, the car has been really strong. My wife Heidi has been managing our tires, which is particularly important since the RX-8 is restricted on tire size. Heidi has even had personal instruction on scraping clag off tires from racing great Jim Downing, who does his own tires by the way." Dickey went on to say, "I have to give John Staples a thanks for working with me to optimize the exhaust on this rotary motor. I've been really happy with our performance this year and I recently heard that the SCCA Runoffs will be back at Road America in 2020. We'll be ready."

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