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<http://www.gulfcoastregionscca.org>

R.E.DITOR NOTES

Once again, another site has been looked into. This time it was the Fairgrounds in Mobile. After several phone conversations with the manager, it was deemed to be unusable for the following reasons;

1. Their insurance company would not allow any automotive type events.
2. The site is booked up almost every weekend through next June.
3. The parking lot is not useable after a Saturday event, due to the amount of trash left behind, including broken beer bottles. They do not clean up until Monday.

The first reason appears to be the most difficult hurdle to overcome at any location. With the insurance trends, and hungry lawyers, it is extremely hard to get approval from the land owners. This is why I request you contact the owners of the property to see if they would be willing to allow our type events. I am no longer in a position to drive all over our Region to find a site. It will be up to each of you to search for a location and then, if you find something suitable, contact the owner to see if it is possible to have an event there. Copies of our insurance can be mailed either electronically or by postal service, on request.

Following up my request at the last meeting, I need volunteers for a Site Acquisition Committee. Paul Neal was the only volunteer that came forward. I would prefer having about 4 – 5 people on the committee. They would then search out sites and get the necessary approvals. Another committee that must be formed, by direction of our by-laws, is the nominating committee

for our elections. This is also a call for volunteers even though in the past, some have had to be appointed! As far as I know all positions are open for nominations, so, if you so feel inclined to run for an office, get on the nominating committee and nominate yourself, or, let the nominating committee know of your intention to run for office.

The mid-year SEDIV meeting went quite well, even with a mix up for the Friday night social meeting. The main discussions were about the Spec Tire rules for Spec Miata and IT7 classes. The majority of the RE's voted to keep the rules as they were voted on last year, which was to keep the Spec Tires until a more definitive poll could be taken. Of note, during 2007 there will be at least 9 PDX events in SEDIV. Five of these events will be held at Road Atlanta during quiet hours, these are for workers and crew. The other four will be in the Carolinas with two each at Rockingham and Carolina Motor Sports Park. Alabama Region has not come up with a date for Barber yet. As for our Region putting on such an event, I will leave it up to the new officers. I asked, and only got the normal two responses, what would you do?

Wiregrass Region is planning on putting on a dual event at Skelly Field next year. They will be looking for volunteers to help run the event, (would any of you like to commit to helping?) The event is being planned for Memorial Day, with a Track Trial and Club Trial or Solo Trial if the BOD approves that venue.

Since it takes me more than a day or two to write this article, some new developments have come

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TREASURER'S REPORT

Beginning Bal.	6/30/06	\$ 4914.89
INCOME:		
Member Dues		45.00
Interest Earned		1.55
		46.55
EXPENSES:		
Pylon		25.18
Web Site Annual Fee		250.00
Supplies		10.69
		285.87
Ending Bal.	7/31/06	\$ 4675.57

SOLO II

2006

SCHEDULE TO BE DETERMINED

New Site must still be found:

**Tech & Registration 8:00 am
Registration closes at 9:00 am**

SCCA Members	\$ 10.00
Active/Retired Military	\$ 15.00
Non-SCCA Members	\$ 20.00

**PLEASE - NO PETS - Also Children MUST
be under adult supervision at ALL TIMES !!**

PLEASE HELP FIND A SITE

COMING EVENTS

Aug 24 2006	Gulf Coast Region Meeting at Fire Mountain 9006 Pensacola Blvd (Hwy 29) 7 PM dinner, 8 PM mtg .
Sep 10 2006	Wiregrass Region Solo II, Hunt Stage Fld, Ozark, Al
Sep 21 2006	Gulf Coast Region Meeting at Fire Mountain 9006 Pensacola Blvd (Hwy 29) 7 PM dinner, 8 PM mtg .
Sep 30 Oct 1 2006	Crow Mtn Hill Climb. For info and entry: http://www.crowmountainhillclimb.org
Oct 8 2006	Wiregrass Region Solo II, Hunt Stage Fld, Ozark, Al
Oct 14-15 2006	Nashville Super Speedway Track Trials. For info and entry: www.rivergate5speed.com/scca

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GULF COAST REGION SPORTS CAR CLUB OF AMERICA

Minutes of July 20th 2006

The meeting was called to order by Walt Wurzbach, R.E. Minutes of last meeting approved as published in The Pylon. Current balance in the treasury is \$4,629.02. Expenses of \$285.87 and no income. With Web site fee and news- letter printing being the main expenses.

SOLO - More sites have been looked at with no luck. It was a big disappointment to learn that the Navy has flatly denied permission to run on Bronson Field. The old Sam's parking lot in Mobile was checked, had no luck in contacting the manager, calls went to the fax machine. Checked Eastern Shore Shopping Ctr, NO – Checked Battleship Park, NO – Ladd Stadium, NO – Have asked for info on old Kmart Parking lot, none yet – Eglin AFB and OWJC, Paul Neal is checking on these.

TIME TRIALS –_PDX – The question was asked in the last newsletter with one response. For those that did not know what it was, they were directed to the SCCA web site. Question was asked why would we want to run a PDX, Topper explained the amount of seat time that would be available. Talladega Gran Prix track is shutting down as of 1 August for major reconstruction due to highway relocation.

OLD BUSINESS – The summer party was brought up, Walt will not be able to have this at his house, other sites were discussed, but in all there was not too much interest.

NEW BUSINESS – Walt will not be running for RE in 2007. He requested volunteers for a nominating committee, no response. He also requested volunteers to form a site acquisition committee, Paul Neal volunteered.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Attending: Walt Wurzbach, Anthony & Diane McIntire, Gerald & Molly Reyenga, Don Bland Jr, Charina Narciso, Topper & Marianne Jones, Allen Givens, Paul Neal, Bob & Cindy Malcolmson, Jack Handy, Jon Pech, Gerry Swetsky, Ron Davis, Raymond Worden, RP Flueck III, and Mike Dorohoff. (I apologize for mis-spellings)

Submitted by,

Panasonic

WORKERS NEEDED !

SCCA Road Race – Nashville Superspeedway – (Sept. 1 – Practice Day) – Sept. 2 & 3

Atlanta Region is sanctioning the first SCCA Road Race at Nashville Superspeedway on September 2 & 3.

They have scheduled a Practice Day on Friday, September 1. They have asked that Chattanooga Region and Tennessee Valley Region arrange staffing for the Practice Day. Last I heard, TVR has five of the about 14 people needed lined up already. We need volunteers for flagging five corners plus SF, pit, grid, registration (simple for Practice Day) and perhaps someone to (wo)man the Media Center. Our Region will be compensated for our help, and we can sure use the money.

In addition they will need some volunteers from us for the race weekend. All the usual jobs, but especially Registration. It should be an interesting weekend of racing with a 7 lap qualifier race, in addition to the 22 lap SARRC races for each group. The 7 lap qualifier is very Old School, and should be lots of fun! Racers having to Get-It-On -Now. There should be lots of Chattanooga Region racers there to pull for - maybe all of them.

Please help out. Let me know what you would like to do at this event at:
Contact Bill Perry at: 423.332.2038 evenings, 423.332.2030 days or e mail at

wbperry@comcast.net

SCCA Track Trials – Nashville Superspeedway – Oct. 14 & 15

Chattanooga Region is holding the second annual SCCA Track Trials at Nashville Superspeedway on Oct. 14 & 15.

Workers needed – all the usual jobs, but especially Registration! Worker driver-arounds both days!!! Door prizes!!!

Please help! Contact David McDaniel at 706.695.6386 (before 10 PM) or

hoserracing@charter.net.

Check out the website: www.rivergate5speed.com/scca

Open Track Day at No Problem Raceway!

Saturday September 30, 2006

From 8am-4:30pm

Hosted by **Strange Concepts**

We will be running the full 1.8 mile 14 turn course!!!

Price: \$130/driver before midnight September 17, 2006

\$140/driver after September 17, 2006

This event promises plenty of "on track time", so come and race what you bring. Food will not be served so bring you own refreshments.

Drivers will be expected to participate as flagmen. You may bring someone with you as a substitute, but you will be responsible for seeing that your shift is covered. 5 are required to run the full 1.8 mile course. We plan to break up flagging shifts into 1-1.5 hour shifts, that way everyone will still have plenty of track time per driver.

For more info check out www.strangeconcepts.net. Thanks.

When signing up, whether by paypal or mail, please include your full name, address, e-mail, phone number, and vehicle make and model.

If a cancellation due to weather is called at 8:00 Saturday morning a refund will be given.

To sign up send payment to

Paypal: adam@strangeconcepts.net

Mail: Adam Strange

2207 Cooks Corner Road

Lucedale, MS 39452

Note: Your will need to have a working seat belt or restraints in your car and you will need a helmet on the course, and make sure it is Snell or DOT approved.

THIS EVENT IS NOT SANCTIONED BY SCCA !

Hello Friends!

It's almost Hillclimb time again in North Alabama... hope that you will join Tennessee Valley Region, SCCA, for the second running of the Crow Mountain Hillclimb Sep 29- Oct 1 in Jackson Co. Alabama.

We had an outstanding inaugural event and it was amazing how everyone pulled together to make it happen... hope that everyone had a good time and those who couldn't make it can join us this year.

Drivers: please send in your (updated) bio information, and a picture of the car to Greg Marvin, the CMHC webmaster – greg.@crowmountainhillclimb.org please give us as much info as possible, you could even send more than one picture of yourself, and maybe even a headshot if you're not shy.

Workers: big thanks again to all who helped out last year... we would like your help again! please send me an email, call me, carrier pigeon, whatever method you prefer to let me know if you're coming to help and if you have a preferred work assignment.

* hotel/lodging info is on the website <http://www.crowmountainhillclimb.org> or <http://www.jacksoncountychamber.com/tourism.html#1> in addition to volunteers along the course, we are in need of some spectator marshalls (keeping an eye on the safety of our spectators) and some volunteers to help with the traffic flow in the parking/paddock areas. Let us know if you someone who can help. If you know anyone else that would enjoy being there as a driver, a worker, a sponsor or a spectator, please let them know (you could even forward this email to them) - we would enjoy the company!

Sincerely,
John Barnett
crowmountainhillclimb@yahoo.com
<http://www.crowmountainhillclimb.org>

Entry forms are posted on the site !!!!! download and mail to:
Criag Farr registrar@crowmountainhillclimb.org

John Barnett john@crowmountainhillclimb.org
or crowmountainhillclimb@yahoo.com

Greg Marvin (webmaster) greg@crowmountainhillclimb.org
Eddie Jory (Treasurer) treasurer@crowmountainhillclimb.org

Please let any racers you know outside the "normal TT gang" that roadrace or do other series about the hillclimb.

Would also like to thank Rich Shafer for once again being our title sponsor this year! We will have Cool Shirt decals for your car at registration if you do not already have some...

At the 2006 National Convention I stood up in front of REs and boldly stated that SCCA's *Inside Line* would become a true e-newsletter in 2006.

Not too long after the convention I was thinking I would be eating my words, but I was somewhat comforted in that I hedged the bet and didn't say exactly when in 2006 that milestone would be accomplished. I have learned well over the years (in most cases).

Well, the culmination of some hard work by talented web-savvy staff members has come to fruition, and this e-mail is announcing the next iteration of *Inside Line* as a true e-news letter. Yes, for all of you dial-up users and those cursed with slow servers, you can stop casting aspersions this direction when trying to download that huge .pdf file which was the previous iteration of *Inside Line*.

This and future editions will feature an interactive Table of Contents permitting you to select the article you wish to read without opening the entire document. Links are also being provided to relevant stories and other web articles.

Plus, you will have the ability to download, print, and archive the entire document should you find the need.

With these new capabilities, *Inside Line* will be able to expand to a larger audience and present more relevant articles to SCCA leaders and members. It is conceivable that any SCCA member with an e-mail address can be subscribed to *Inside Line*, free of charge, creating another benefit of SCCA membership.

You still may find some bugs as we work through some of the technical issues of producing this e-newsletter, which is done strictly in-house. Please bear with us, but also please let me know if you find problems in opening or downloading issues. When doing so, please identify the problem and also the web server you are using.

Thanks for your patience. We are striving to ensure this newsletter is useful and meaningful to you as an SCCA leader and member.

This issue can be found at www.scca.com. Please enjoy the June/July issue of *Inside Line*!
Best Regards,

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Region Officer Job Descriptions

Regional Executive

- Chief Executive Officer of the Region.
- Official Spokesperson for the Region.
- Presides at all meetings of Members and Directors.
- Shall report on the status of the Region at each meeting.
- Shall call any special meeting of Members and Directors in accordance with the Bylaws of the Region.
- Prepares and adheres to agendas for all meetings.
- Shall appoint or discharge necessary and appropriate positions and committees.
- Shall sign and execute, together with the Treasurer (or his assignee), all contracts, notes, and drafts in the name of the Region.
- With the Treasurer, participate in creating and assist to determine the Region's budget for the coming year.
- Shall perform or cause to be performed all duties assigned to him/her by the Sports Car Club of America, Inc.
- Shall cause books, statements, reports and other certificates and records to be filed as required by law.
- Shall complete (with aid of Assistant RE) Region SCCA Charter Documents and submit to the National Office no later than February 15th of each year.
- Shall complete SCCA Directory information for the Region and submit to the National Office no later than December 31st of each year.
- Shall enforce Region's Bylaws and perform all duties incidental to the office of Regional Executive.
- Shall supervise all activities of the Region.
- Shall have other such duties and authorities as prescribed by Bylaws or Regions Board of Directors.
- Work closely with Region Board of Directors to create and monitor one year and five year plans using guidelines offered in the Mission Statement and Strategic Plan of SCCA, Inc.
- Communicate as needed with Executive Officers of other local sports car clubs, SCCA Regions, and SCCA Divisions.
- Shall maintain communications with the responsible SCCA Area Director.

Assistant Regional Executive

- Performs duties of the Regional Executive in that person's absence or incapacity.
- Performs other such duties as assigned by the Regional Executive.
- Performs duties as assigned by the Region's Board of Directors.
- Shall attend all meetings of the Members and Directors.
- With the Regional Executive, shall prepare the Region's SCCA Charter Documents and submit to the National Office no later than February 15th of each year.
- Work closely with Region Board of Directors to create and monitor one year and five year plans using guidelines offered in the Mission Statement and Strategic Plan of SCCA, Inc.

Secretary

- Shall keep minutes of meetings of Members and Directors.
- Shall be the custodian of all records of the Region.

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up in regard to the Gulf State Fairgrounds. Roger Koby, our sponsor, is furthering discussions with the managers of the Fairground. I have sent him the SCCA packets which explain the insurance we carry and will hopefully give us an inroad to running there.

On another note, my oldest son, Walter, has just completed his first race at the dirt track which is located just north of Loxley on Hwy. 59. The cars are not pretty, show quality, but do have the safety equipment. The drivers sign the same

waiver and are covered by track insurance. The interesting part of dirt track racing is the minimum cost for the enjoyment of the drivers. Entry fees were \$ 35.00, he could have had 90 minutes of actual track time, (oil leaks prevented him from going out on one session), finished sixth and took home \$ 75.00 ! The big kicker to all of this, it is local and held every weekend, no long towing, no motel bills, etc. Where have we, SCCA, gone wrong? The drivers provide the entertainment, yet they foot the total cost for the event.

Walt W. R.E.

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- Shall attend all meetings of the Members and Directors.
- Work closely with the RE and Region Board of Directors to create and monitor one year and five year plans using guidelines offered in the Mission Statement and Strategic Plan of SCCA, Inc.
- Shall maintain the Region's calendar of events.
- Shall submit the Region's calendar to newsletter and website.

Treasurer

- Shall have care and custody of, and be responsible for all funds, merchandise, and assets of the Region.
- Shall have custody of monies, debts, and financial obligations of the Region.
- Shall attend all meetings of the Members and Directors.
- Reports financial status of Region to Members and Directors.
- Shall maintain accounting records in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles.
- Pays listing or sanctioning fees in advance of any SCCA event.
- Shall transmit dues and income information received from the SCCA National office to the Region's Membership Chairperson.
- Shall make monthly, or more often if required, deposits to the Region's bank account.
- Obtain tax exemption certificate if required.
- With the Regional Executive, participate in creating and assist to determine the Region's budget for the coming year.
- Work closely with the RE and the Region Board of Directors to create and monitor one year and five year plans using guidelines offered in the Mission Statement and Strategic Plan of SCCA, Inc
- Shall ensure preparation and filing of tax returns in accordance with the Internal Revenue Code of the United States and other controlling jurisdictions.
- Shall notify the Region's bank(s) when changes are made with respect to addresses, signatures, and other contact information for new officers or check signers.

CLASSIFIEDS

"Going out of the Fiat Business" Sale. For sale, a 1983 Fiat/Bertone X1/9 (yellow) D Street Prepared Autocross car. A 1988 Fiat X1/9 street car. Both need work. A very nice, medium size, light weight, single axle, tilt car trailer. Over \$ 3000 worth of new and used, stock, high performance and racing Fiat X1/9 parts. All for \$ **3500**, you load and remove. For more information call Anthony McIntire "Mac" at (850) 458-6060.



For Sale
88 Swift SE3

Legal as Formula Continental or Club Formula Continental in SEDiv.
Fast and very reliable with lots of spares. Several sets of front wings, spare rear wing.
Two sets of wheels, three sets of tires, numerous A-arms and rockers and lots more.

All recent maintenance handled by Walt Wurzbach.

Contact Topper Jones at 251-943-7630 or gbrt@yahoo.com

\$9000

2006 COOL SHIRT SEDiv TT Schedule

March 4-5	Gainesville	Central FL Region
April 8-9	CMP-Kershaw, SC	Central Carolinas Region
April 22-23	TGPR (*TT event & School*)	Alabama Region / Tenn Valley Region
August 5-6	Blueridge Hillclimb	Central Carolinas Region
Sept 30- Oct 1	Crow Mt Hillclimb	Tenn Valley Region
Oct 14-15	Nashville Super Speedway	Chattanooga Region
Oct 28-29	VIR	North Carolina Region
Nov 4-5	Roebing Road / Savannah	Buccaneer Region

Most Regions will have entry forms posted on their web sites!



Membership Application

Dear Prospective SCCA Member:

To apply for membership in the Sports Car Club of America, the world's largest member participation automotive organization, please complete the form below in full and return, with payment, to your region or the SCCA Membership Department, P.O. Box 19400, Topeka, KS 66619-0400.

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE

Name _____ Birthdate ____ / ____ / ____

Address _____ Telephone (____) _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ County _____

E-mail _____

Single Married Spouse's Name _____ Birthdate ____ / ____ / ____

Spouse Member Number If Current Member _____

IF APPLYING FOR FAMILY MEMBERSHIP (husband/wife and children), list names and ages of children under age 21:

03 Name _____ Birthdate ____ / ____ / ____

04 Name _____ Birthdate ____ / ____ / ____

05 Name _____ Birthdate ____ / ____ / ____

06 Name _____ Birthdate ____ / ____ / ____

Have you been an SCCA member before? No Yes: Year _____ Previous Member No. _____

Please send me a Crew License (check box)

PRIMARY INTEREST(S) IN SCCA:

Please indicate the area(s) of SCCA in which you plan to participate, or which interest you most. Your response will be used to allocate your national dues to the areas you indicate. Thank you.

Club Racing Pro Racing ProRally RoadRally Solo

	Annual National Dues		Annual Regional Dues	=	Total
01	<input type="checkbox"/> Regular Member \$60.00	+	Regular Member \$15.00	=	\$ 75.00
03	<input type="checkbox"/> Spouse Member \$20.00	+	Spouse Member \$ 5.00	=	\$ 25.00
10	<input type="checkbox"/> Family Membership \$95.00	+	Family Membership \$20.00	=	\$115.00
	<input type="checkbox"/> First Gear \$ _____	+	First Gear (Reg. dues) \$ _____	=	\$ 45.00
	(you must be 21 and under)				

National Office Use Only

C- _____ \$ _____

C- _____ \$ _____

C- _____ \$ _____

Source

Enclosed is my check or money order for \$ _____ U.S. DO NOT SEND CASH.

VISA MC No. _____ Expiration Date _____

I hereby apply for membership in the Sports Car Club of America, Inc. and its GULF COAST / # 12
 Region and agree to abide by the bylaws. (Region Name/Number)

Applicant's Signature _____ Date _____

*Dues include payment for subscription to SportsCar (\$24 value)
 (Dues are not deductible as charitable contributions)*