



THE PYLON

GULF COAST REGION 12



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<http://www.gulfcoastregionscca.org>

R.E.DITOR NOTES

Well hello there ! I bet you all thought I had forgotten how to type and get a newsletter out. The problem is, no news, not much of a newsletter. I will attempt to get what little news I have out to everyone.

We had an election, of sorts, as no one wanted to run for any of the positions in particular, but two members wanted a voice in the club, so, two more directors at large were added. Thanks for wanting to get involved, John Handy and Jay Scott.

Next up, a party was planned for January, Roger Koby had offered the use of his showroom in Mobile, but when I discussed the small response we had in the past years, he withdrew his offer. A questionnaire was sent out to 44 members with only 18 responding. We did have a small gathering at The Cock of the Walk in Pensacola, enjoying the good food and conversation. It was decided by the 18 people in attendance to forgo the January meeting.

The Jemisons and Wurzbachs attended the Annual SEDIV meeting. There was much discussion at the Time Trial meetings about the new rules that were proposed for the Hillclimb cars. This was also covered when Ann and I went to the National Convention. Basically, some of the members of the Safety Council feel that all cars that run Hillclimbs must have a full roll cage installed by 1/1/2012. Watch for the rule proposals to appear in Fasttrack, and when they ask for member input – DO IT ! I have tried my best

to keep the requirement as it presently is, but I am but one person. The input that I have gotten from several people, is this will ruin our entries for the few hillclimbs that we run in the South East. For all who have told me of the errors or discrepancies in the TT Rules, I sent a full page of corrections to the TT admin council for action, after they told me at the meeting in San Antonio, they had gone over the rules and could find no corrections to be made.!

Topper and I had a meeting with the new manager of Sunny South raceway in Grand Bay, AL. He is quite receptive to us using the site, however, the monetary details have to be worked out. It will in no way be anything like Bronson. The paddock/pit, or whatever you want to call the area, will be on dirt so that we can have the max amount of area for the course. There is a building in the middle of the course area and working out the location of the timing equipment will also have to be worked out once we get approval to run there. We will not be able to have the course set up on Sat. night as we used to, so set up will have to be done early on Sun morning. I will no longer be able to supply the motor home for use as the timing vehicle, so bear with us as we utilize the club trailer for this. Keep in mind that we may have to limit the number of cars competing due to the site limitations.

Meeting dates for the year have been posted on the web site, which is now being hosted by one of our members, Bob Frasseti. Many thanks to Bob for offering to take over

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TREASURER'S REPORT

Beginning Bal.	10/31/06	\$ 4594.83
INCOME:		
Member Dues	140.00	
Interest Earned	2.38	
		142.38
EXPENSES:		
Pylon	15.60	
Web Host	100.00	
Uniform Bus. Rpt	61.25	
SEDIV Council Fund	67.00	
Attend SEDIV Mtg	73.60	
		317.45
Ending Bal.	1/31/07	Ending Bal. \$ 4519.76

SOLO 2007

SCHEDULE TO BE DETERMINED

New Site must still be found:

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

SCCA Members	\$??.00
Non-SCCA Members	\$??.00

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

PLEASE HELP FIND A SITE

COMING EVENTS

Feb 22 2007	Gulf Coast Region Meeting at Fire Mountain 9006 Pensacola Blvd (Hwy 29) 7 PM dinner, 8 PM mtg .
Mar 22 2007	Gulf Coast Region Meeting at Fire Mountain 9006 Pensacola Blvd (Hwy 29) 7 PM dinner, 8 PM mtg .
Apr 7-8 2007	Spring Fling Track Trial/PDX, Carolina Motorsports Park. Kershaw, SC. 321-259-6181
Apr 19 2007	Gulf Coast Region Meeting at Fire Mountain 9006 Pensacola Blvd (Hwy 29) 7 PM dinner, 8 PM mtg .

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GULF COAST REGION SPORTS CAR CLUB OF AMERICA

Minutes of November 16, 2006

Prior to the meeting, Ann Wurzbach conducted Safety Steward training for four new people. The meeting was called to order by R.E. Walt Wurzbach... 18 people attending. The Minutes of the October meeting were approved as published in The Pylon. Noted that he is now printing the newsletter on home computer. Treasurer Walt W. reported a balance of \$4679 with an income of \$90 for dues, will bring to \$4777.

2007 election: same officers but changes in directors: Richard Felis, Dean Allen Givens, John C. Handy and James Scott. Givens will be Solo Chairman.

SOLO: Noted Valhalla Racing has increased their fees due to increase in insurance costs. Wiregrass Region will hold December and January events. Annual Axis vs Allies event will be held at Cecil, GA (just north of Valdosta.) "Great track; real bathrooms!"

Report on emailed suggestions for sites: Mobile Fairgrounds (has already been ruled out) and Coast Guard Station in Mobile...helicopter pad is not used on weekends (unless there is emergency) Discussed and agreed it bears looking into so will see what possibilities are.

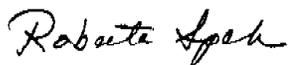
Pensacola Fairgrounds: we are still considering. Topper commented there will probably be an event sometimes next year. Paul Neal reported on several sites he has scouted: parking lot at Jr. College in Okaloosa County; Site C-3 is still a possibility but will need cleaning; Eglin AFB on-base parking lot will be explored. Walt said our contact from Naval Hospital reported that fenced area on Hwy 98 across from hospital is being used for some type of auto training by police. Worth looking into.

Christmas Party in January: discussion of where to hold. Agreed to accept Roger Koby's offer of his Mobile showroom with a catered meal. Selected Sunday, Jan. 7. Walt will confer with Roger. Noted there will still be regular meeting in January but none in December.

Noted that possibility of race track in Baldwin County remains open with Summerdale being considered.

Urged more members to take advantage of the seminars and networking offered at SEDIV annual meeting...at Jekyll Island.

Submitted by



Roberta Speh, secretary

Attending: Walt & Ann Wurzbach, Jay Scott, Raymond Worden, Bob Malcomsen, Mike Dorohoff, Topper Jones, Jeffrey & Roberta Wezel, Anthony & Diana McIntire, Bob Lembcke, Roberta Speh, Allen Givens, Jeff Hackman, John Handy, Paul & Christina Neal.

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this task from Derric Tubbs who is now living in Seattle WA. For those who do not know Bob Frassetti, he is a real estate broker living in Gulf Breeze, FL and is currently driving a vintage Formula V.

Come to the meeting this month, Jay Scott attended all of the Solo meetings in San Antonio, thus becoming the resident expert. I will try to twist his arm to divulge all that he learned ! I for one had a chance to meet with some of the folks at National that until now had just been voices on the phone or the senders of all the emails I get from them. Also had a chance to talk with some folks that I had not seen since around 1980.

If and when the new racetrack becomes a reality, several people from around SEDIV have offered to help us, Gulf Coast Region, get a race program underway. This may be a long way off, and we might start slowly by trying to get a Track Trial first. Much of this will be dictated by the rental cost of the track. At present we do not have any of the workers that would be required to run an event. From what I am hearing from other Regions, this also has become a problem for even the established " Racing Regions". I can think back to my early days in SCCA, we used to fight for the chance to work a corner at a race, just to get close and personal with the racers. Now with the advent of more private events that pay the corner workers for the service, it is more difficult to find a volunteer that is willing to work a weekend of races. Without the support personnel, there will be no races. Presently there is a desperate need for corner workers at the Tom Nehl National race at Roebing Road. Several Regions have put out pleas for more workers to sign up, according to one email, if not enough workers sign up, the event could be cancelled.

Something for all of us to think about; what is the maximum entry fee that you would be willing to pay for a Solo event ? In the past 30+ years, we have been very fortunate to have a free site, this will no longer be the case. If a site can even be found, there will be a rental or use fee that might be quite high. Using the following figures for 35 entrants, Track Rental – \$350 (if we are lucky), Insurance/Sanction – \$306.25, Trophies – \$200 = \$856.25 or a cost of \$24.46 per entry. If the track rental goes to \$500 the cost per entry then goes up to \$28.75. I personally do not expect to have the 70 to 80 entrants that we had at Bronson. In fact the area at Sunny South can not handle much more than 50 entrants. We will no longer be able to run two cars at a time in the small area that is available.

The courses will be basically first gear only, and no high speed runs that people were used to at Bronson. Would I run my car there, definitely no ! I tried this once many years ago when we tried to use the old Gayfers parking lot in Daphne. We will, also, have to watch out for any cars with loud exhaust and limit the DB level.

We will have another meeting with the manager of Sunny South offering him a proposal that will include possible free advertising for him in this publication and also on our web site. Come to the meeting this Thursday, let us know you are interested in the club.

Walt. W. R.E.

2007 Southeast Division Schedule

Please see <http://www.sediv racing.org> for updates

Code: Strike thru = cancelled **Bold** = Spectator + = Addition/Change

(T) = Tentative **v** = vintage ***** = double **#** = enduro

MARCH 07

3-4	Tom Nehl National	Bucc	Roebing Road	http://www.buccaneerregion.org
10-11 + #	SARRC/ECR/CCPS	NCar	Rockingham	http://www.ncrscca.com
24-25	National/Pro IT/PDX	Atl	Road Atlanta	http://www.atl-scca.org
24-25	Time Trials	CFR	Gainesville Raceway	321-259-6181
Mar 31-Apr 1 *	Buck Muse Memorial-SARRC/ SARRC	SCar	Carolina Motorsports Park	http://www.scsportscar.com
Mar 31-Apr 1	Divisional RallyCross	Tn		www.sedivallycross.com

APRIL 07

7-8	Spring Fling Track Trials/PDX	CCar	Carolina Motorsports Park	803-831-2523
20-21 + #	Kumho Tire 12 Hour Race Fla		Homestead	http://floridaregionscca.com
21-22	PDX/Track Trials	NCar	Rockingham	919-662-7502
28-29 *	Jim Stark-SARRC/SARRC	Bucc	Roebing	http://www.buccaneerregion.org
28	Divisional RallyCross	TVR		www.sedivallycross.com

MAY 07

5-6 #	National/ECR	CFla	Daytona Int'l Speedway	http://www.cfrscca.org
12-13 * +	The Al Fairer SARRC/MARRS Challenge SARRC/SARRC/MARRS/MARRS	NCar	VIR	http://www.ncrscca.com
12-13	SARRC	Fla	Moroso	http://floridaregionscca.com
19-20	Driver's School	CFla	Daytona Int'l Speedway	http://www.cfrscca.org
19-20	Track Trials	Chatt	Nashville Superspeedway	hoserracing@charter.net
19-20 +	Hillclimb		CCar Wolf Laurel, NC	http://www.ccrscca.com
26-28 *#	Memorial Monster SARRC/SARRC ECR/CCPS	CCar	Carolina Motorsports Park	http://www.ccrscca.com

JUNE 07

2-3 *	SARRC/SARRC	CFla	Sebring Long Course	http://www.cfrscca.org
2-3 +	National/Pro IT/SARRC/PDX	Atl	Road Atlanta	http://www.atl-scca.org
9-10 #*	Driver's School/ECR/ECR/FES	Fla	Homestead	http://floridaregionscca.com
9-10	Time Trials/School	Al/TVR	Talladega GP Raceway	256-586-2886
16-17 #	SARRC/ECR/CCPS	CCar	Lowes' Motor Speedway	http://www.ccrscca.com
Jun 29 - Jul 1 *	Lou Ella Cook Double National	SEDiv	Roebing Road	http://www.sediv racing.org
Jun 30- Jul 1	PDX/CCPS	NCR	Rockingham	http://www.ncrscca.com

JULY 07

7-8 * +	SARRC/SARRC	Al	Barber Motorsports Park	http://www.alscca.org
14-15	Drivers' School	CFla	Sebring Club Course	http://www.cfrscca.org
14	Divisional RallyCross	Chatt		www.sedivallycross.com
21-22 #	SARRC/ECR/Pro-IT/PDX	Atl	Road Atlanta	http://www.atl-scca.org
28	Mid-Year Meeting	Atlanta		

Editor's note: June Time Trial @ Talladega GP was changed from SEDIV Schedule which was wrong. Also the PDX at Barber scheduled for June was deleted per email from AL R.E.

CLASSIFIEDS

For Sale, make offer. 1969 March 708 Formula Ford. This is a Vintage formula car one of maybe only three built. The frame has an Arch Motors number stamped on it. The history behind the car is that Jack Baldwin brought the car back from England when he drove in the Formula Ford World Cup of 1972, in which I also drove. I bought the car in 1978 from an individual in Florida. The car has been used for Solo and Hillclimbs in various classes. Call Walt Wurzbach, 251-945-6150 for more details if interested.

1999 Miata, Tenth Anniversary Edition, 6 speed, new bright blue paint and black canvas top, AC, power options, two tone leather interior, comes with second set of wheels, Hard Dog Roll Bar, harness, after market big front sway bar, custom lighter exhaust, Bilstein shocks, sport suspension, Thorsen differential, driven a lot in short 60 second bursts, pretty car, fun to drive, 100% SCCA Stock. \$7000 firm, 251-947-7965, Gerald Reyenga

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City _____ State _____ Zip _____ County _____

E-mail _____

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

Spouse Member Number If Current Member _____

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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)				

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

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 Region and agree to abide by the bylaws. (Region Name/Number)

Applicant's Signature _____ Date _____

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