



THE PYLON

GULF COAST REGION 12



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Club Racing Volunteer Incentive Program

We are excited to announce the new Volunteer Incentive and Recognition program that was approved by SCCA's Board of Directors at their May meeting. Many of you saw this program at the 2007 SCCA National Convention and we thank you for your valuable input and support. This new program provides incentives and lower dues for new volunteers, and rewards and recognizes current volunteers for their contributions. The program is being implemented in two phases, the first phase begins June 15, and is aimed the new volunteer. The second phase is directed at current and established volunteers and begins with the start of the 2008 race season.

New volunteers will be able to participate as a volunteer for one weekend, and then join the SCCA for \$30. Depending upon the Region joined typical dues for an individual are \$75 annually. The new volunteer will be able to renew membership for a second and third year at the reduced rate by working four days each year prior. The Volunteer Incentive Program Membership form will be available on the SCCA web site and emailed in PDF format to Region and Divisional officials by June 8.

For established volunteers the program, depending upon the number of days worked, provides for dues discounts up to \$30, special membership cards, and recognition in SportsCar. Again, this phase of the program begins with the start of the 2008 race season. **Full program details will be available and e-mailed to you by July 1.**

TREASURER'S REPORT

Beginning Bal.	4/30/07	\$ 5035.63
INCOME:		
Member Dues	50.00	
Solo Event	955.00	
Bad Ck Recovery	31.00	
Interest Earned	.85	
		1036.85
EXPENSES:		
Bank Chg. Bad Ck	31.00	
Track Rental	350.00	
Sanction/Insurance	262.50	
		643.50
Ending Bal.	5/31/07	Ending Bal. \$ 5428.98

SOLO EVENT

6/24/07

**Sunny South Raceway
Grand Bay, AL**

Look for SCCA sign just East of Grand Bay

**Tech & Registration 8:00 am
Registration closes at 10:00 am**

**SCCA Members \$ 25.00
Non-SCCA Members \$ 35.00**

**PLEASE - NO PETS - Also Children MUST
HAVE A MINOR WAIVER SIGNED BY
BOTH PARENTS and be under adult
supervision at ALL TIMES !!**

PLEASE COME EARLY

COMING EVENTS

Jun 21 2007	Gulf Coast Region Meeting at Fire Mountain 9006 Pensacola Blvd (Hwy 29) 7 PM dinner, 8 PM mtg .
Jun 24 2007	Gulf Coast Region Solo. Sunny South Raceway, Grand Bay, AL
Jul 19 2007	Gulf Coast Region Meeting at Fire Mountain 9006 Pensacola Blvd (Hwy 29) 7 PM dinner, 8 PM mtg .
Jul 22 2007	Gulf Coast Region Solo. Sunny South Raceway, Grand Bay, AL
Aug 23 2007	Gulf Coast Region Meeting at Fire Mountain 9006 Pensacola Blvd (Hwy 29) 7 PM dinner, 8 PM mtg .
Aug 26 2007	Gulf Coast Region Solo. Sunny South Raceway, Grand Bay, AL

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GULF COAST REGION SPORTS CAR CLUB OF AMERICA

Meeting of May 17, 2007

The meeting was called to order by R.E. Walt Wurzbach; welcomed visitors. As treasurer, he noted that the balance is as reported in The Pylon plus an additional \$50 which just came in. Membership is now at 68.

SOLO - Allen Givens

"Thanks to Topper for good writeup of Sunny South event." "This month will be a lot less confusing as well as faster." He reported 26 entrants were registered. Because of the delays caused with having to go off-site for food, he is checking into getting Sunny South to open their snack bar. Noted need for non-drivers to volunteer to work event.

Discussion of other possible sites. Events are being held at Pensacola Fair-grounds although the area is rough. Suggestion made to alternate monthly between Mobile and Pensacola. Suggestion to investigate Pensacola Auto Auction which has a good lot. Topper noted that a lot depends on their contract with the Fairgrounds. The distance to Grand Bay/Sunny South seems to be discouraging some people to enter. Conclusion: Walt, Allen and Topper will plan to meet with Fairgrounds people later in the summer.

Discussion of problem that came up at last event over amount of nonmember fee. People were undercharged \$5. emphasized importance of having accurate information when registering people. Also need to stress "no animals" and "no kids" unless the kids have a supervising adult with them at all times.

OLD BUSINESS - Event proposal from US. AL engineering dept. Representing the SAE were John Hamilton (SCCA), Lew Childre, and Frank Lansdon.

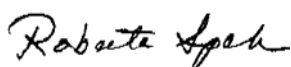
R.E. stated categorically that he is opposed to putting on such an event on campus with the main negatives being crowd control and necessity for minor waivers for anyone under 19. Discussion followed on ways of addressing these concerns. The proposed Solo event at USA is based on engineering class goal of building a competition car for which they need to raise \$350. In addition to raising this amount, they support the event as a good way to create exposure for the project and to stimulate interest among students involved. Students asked for GCR to give them written list of our concerns so they can address them. Topper suggested that a possible way of dealing with the main GCR concerns would be for USA to be in charge of putting on the event with GCR acting simply in advisory capacity which would resolve liability issues. Conclusion: further discussion is needed.

R.E. noted a recent article in the Mobile Press Register states that plans are going ahead with the race track in Mobile. Construction is planned to start early 2008 if permits are approved.

NEW BUSINESS: R.E. noted 2008 national convention will again be in San Antonio. If you are interested in attending or want more information, email Walt.

No further business; meeting adjourned. Attending: Walt Wurzbach, Robert Wurzbach, Allen Givens, Ray Worden, Topper & Marianne Jones, Steve Vanlandingham, Brad Allen, Paul Babb, John Hamilton, Lew Childre, Frank Lansdon, Jack Handy, Roberta Spéh.

Submitted by,



Roberta Spéh, Secretary

EVOTRACK

EMERGENCY VEHICLE OPERATION CENTER
Zachary, Louisiana
EvoTrack 1.0: Saturday, June 30th 2007
www.evodrift.com

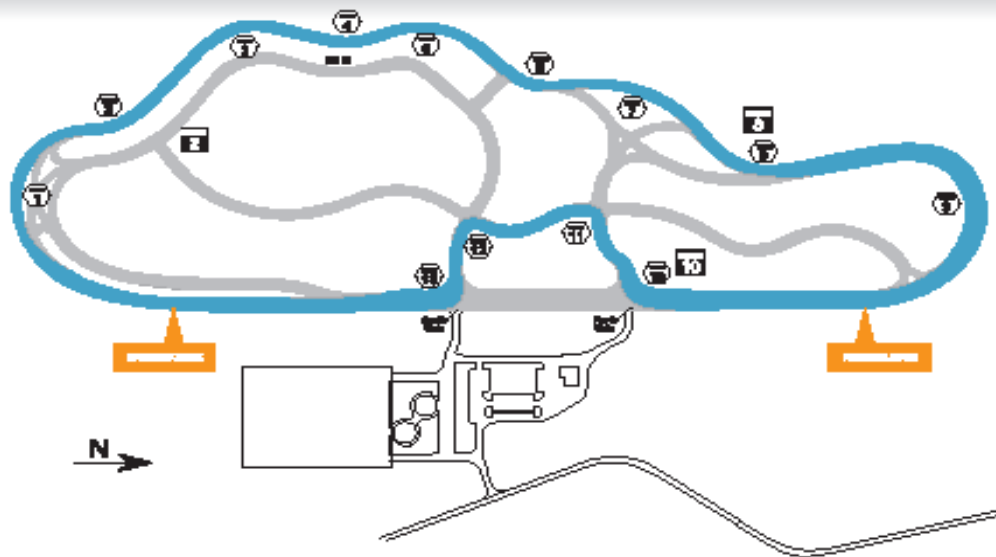
EVOC is the Emergency Vehicle Operation Center located in Zachary, Louisiana (15 min north of Baton Rouge). The 2.1 mile road course features simulated interstate and country roads in a challenging 13-turn track. Driving sessions are 20 minutes long, and concessions are available.

Entry Fee: \$100 before 6/16/2007 (\$150 after)

Schedule: 7am-8am -- SETUP
8am-8:30am -- Drivers Meeting
8:30am -- First Car Out
4:30pm -- Off Site

Entry is limited, so qualified drivers should pre-register at Evodrift.com

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I thought I would pass this on. Last time we did a track day at NPR some of the GCR guys came out. So I figured there would be some interest in this. We will be running a lapping day at EVOC on the 2.1 mile course on 6/30. Although this is not an SCCA event, some of the Cenla SCCA region members have rented the full roadcourse for a track day at their site, the EVOC. EVOC = Emergency Vehicle Operations Center. This is a state police and EMT training facility. Cenla uses this facility to autocross on the skills pad. But the weekend of 6/30 we will be running the full 2.1 mile road course and the skills pad will be open for the drift crowd as well. The contact for this event is Chris Carver, ccarver@lamar.com
Eric Trigg

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PICTURE OF THE
BOOK COVER

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www.SCCA.com

Go Ahead – Take the Wheel

SCCA Edition of Book Guides Prospective Racers

TOPEKA, Kan. (May 10, 2007) –Sports Car Club of America, Inc. (SCCA) announced today a partnership with Dragon Publishing to distribute its comprehensive guide to motorsports participation, “Go Ahead – Take the Wheel.” The special SCCA Edition of the book provides step-by-step instruction for racing enthusiasts with aspirations of racing in their own racecar.

“I grew up watching races and always dreamed that one day it would be me out on the track,” Dave Gran, author of “Go Ahead – Take the Wheel” said. “Unfortunately, when I first attempted to get into the sport, I listened to the wrong people and thought that racing is only a sport for the rich. Of course now I know better.

“When I was getting into racing, I faced several hurdles and all too many times did things the hard way. I later realized that I was not alone and many others face the same obstacles, or even worse, choose to never pursue racing as a hobby. This inspired me to write a book that clearly shows how anyone can become involved in motorsports and how to overcome the most common road blocks. Trust me, if I can do it, so can you!”

Gran’s book guides readers through various forms of racing starting with Solo events held on large open paved lots, Performance Driving Experience events (PDX) held on permanent road course race tracks, and competitive wheel-to-wheel Club Racing with a racecar. “Go Ahead – Take the Wheel” also describes what the prospective racer can expect when entering the world of SCCA Club Racing, steps on building or purchasing a racecar, safety considerations, detailed costs for budgets ranging from economy to extravagant and much more.

“My goal with this book is to prove that racing is possible and affordable for the average person,” said Gran. “Most people would be surprised at just how attainable it really is to begin racing. Life is too short not to pursue our dreams.”

“Our average club racer is a regular person with a nine to five job and a really, really fun hobby,” SCCA President & CEO Jim Julow said. “Becoming involved in racing can sometimes seem intimidating, but it doesn’t need to be. “Go Ahead – Take the Wheel” provides

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clear and easy-to-follow instructions on becoming actively involved in motorsports with the SCCA.”

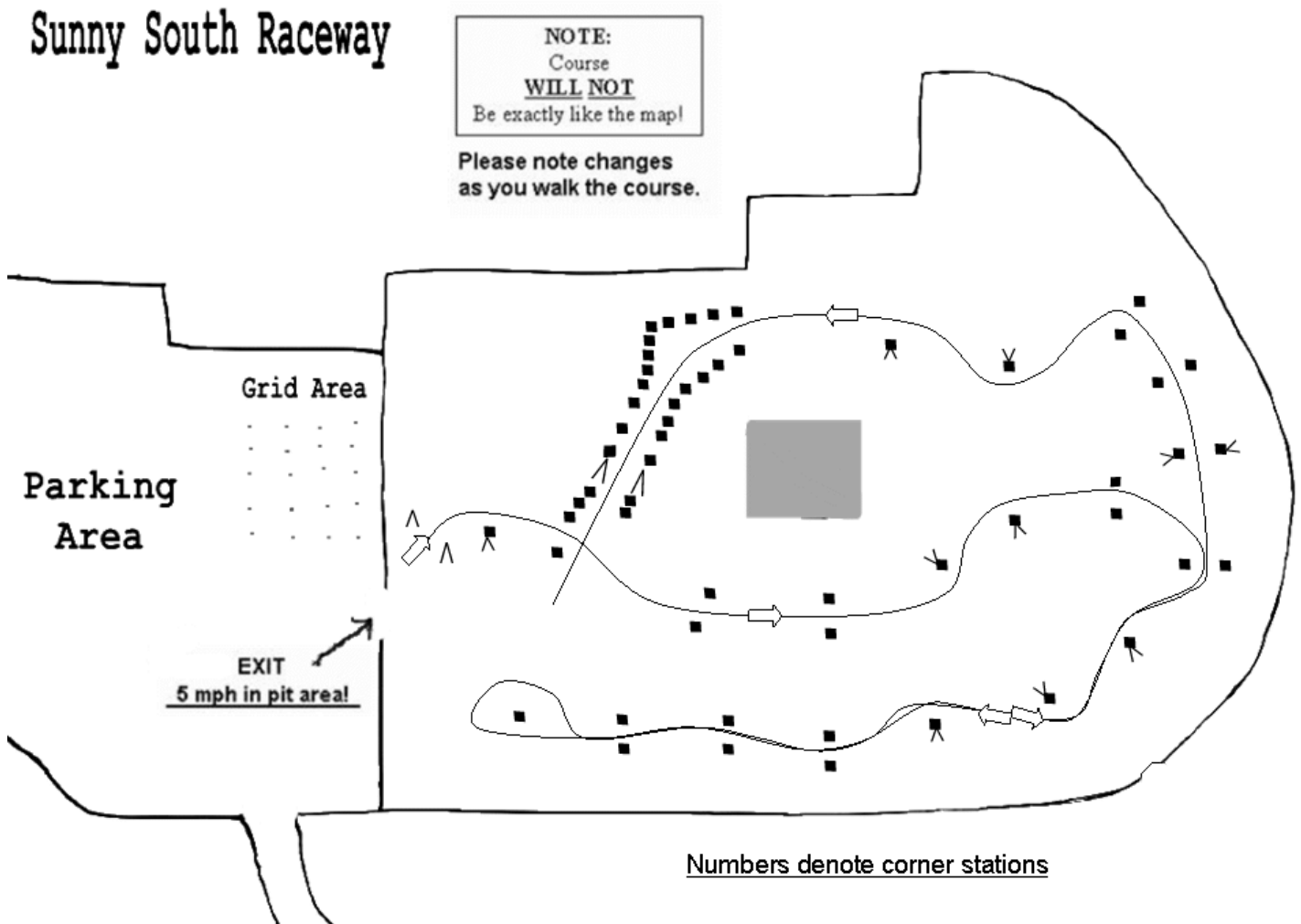
SCCA has scheduled the release of “Go Ahead – Take the Wheel” for early June 2007. Orders are being accepted now on the SCCA merchandise web site (www.SCCACollection.com) or by calling 888-267-2187 for \$16.95, plus shipping and handling.

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About the Author

Even as a little child, Dave Gran was always found running at full speed regardless of what he was doing. His passion for racing was fueled even greater by his father, Al Gran, who brought Dave to watch races at the local track, Lime Rock Park. Dave currently drives an 1987 Honda Prelude Si in the SCCA’s Improved Touring B class. He and his wife Melissa live in Connecticut.

JUNE 24 2007 COURSE



GULF COAST REGION
 Summary Results, #3 - 2007-05-20
 Timed Entries: 30

Pos.	#	Driver	Car Model	Total	Diff.

'C Stock' Total Entries: 1					
1	30	DOUG JONES	MIATA	41.480	-

'E Stock' Total Entries: 1					
1 m	9	BRYANT GEORGE	RX-7	43.076	-

'F Stock' Total Entries: 1					
1 m	48	ALLEN GIVENS	MUSTANG GT	41.416	-

'G Stock' Total Entries: 1					
1	88	CARL CADA VONA	240SX	44.694	-

'H Stock' Total Entries: 4					
1	4	JASON SAPP	MAZDA 3	42.100	-
2	5	LEW CHILDRE	CELICA	46.157	4.057
3	86	ANDY THAMES	COROLLA	46.246	0.089
4	85	CRAIG CHILDRE	CELICA	46.886	0.640

'D Street Prepared' Total Entries: 2					
1	06	GLEN PERRY	TIBERON	39.131	-
2	77	JASON DANIEL	PRELUDE	41.973	2.842

'E Prepared' Total Entries: 1					
1 m	43	PAUL NEAL	DATSON 510	40.845	-

'A Modified' Total Entries: 2					
1	77	JOHN HAMILTON IV	ZINK FV 69	38.660	-
2	911	ROBERT FOIL	F-VEE	48.941	10.281

'Street Touring (Tire)' Total Entries: 2					
1	77	JESSE SAGE	VW GTI	41.086	-
2	09	RYAN PAUL	CELICA GTS	41.319	0.233

'Street Touring 2 (Tire)' Total Entries: 1					
1	11	TIMOTHY PADILLA	MR-2	45.930	-

'Street Touring X' Total Entries: 3					
1 m	32	MATT BETTENCOURT	VW R 32	39.837	-
2	1	BEN BARRETT	CELICA	42.985	3.148
3	92	PHUONG TRAN	240 SX	43.848	0.863

Pos.	#	Driver	Car Model	Total	Diff.
'Street Touring U' Total Entries: 5					
1	83	THOMAS SANDLIN	WRX STI	38.639	-
2	1	ZACH CULBRETH	WRX STI	38.858	0.219
3	13	TRAVIS HART	WRX	42.059	3.201
4	692	ROBERT RISHEL	WRX STI	43.771	1.712
5	69	PAT VANLANDINGHAM	WRX STI	46.914	3.143
'Street Modified' Total Entries: 2					
1	5	ED CURTIS	EAGLE TALON	38.968	-
2	27	JEREMY POTTER	CIVIC	42.672	3.704
'Street Modified II' Total Entries: 3					
1 m	240	MARK HAAG	240 Z	38.144	-
2 m	13	BENSON YOUNG	S2000	38.780	0.636
3	37	RICHARD BIRGE	MIATA	41.819	3.039
'E Prepared Ladies' Total Entries: 1					
1	43	KATIE NEAL	510	DNF	-

EVOTRACK & DRIFT

Saturday June 30th

Mongo Racing is hosting a track and drift day with concessions on site. The 2.1 mile road course is available for all day use for \$150 (\$100 before June 16th).

Drifting will be available on the skid pad all day for \$100 (\$75 before June 16th).

Register for both events for \$175 (\$125 before June 16th).

Mail in your payment and receive a free lunch voucher upon entry.

Checks may be mailed to:

Chris Carver
P.O. Box 86334
Baton Rouge, LA 70879

REGISTER ONLINE AT:

EVODRIFT.COM



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nodrift.com

2007 Southeast Division Schedule

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

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

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

APRIL 07

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

MAY 07

5-6 #	National/ECR	CFla	Daytona Int'l Speedway	http://www.cfrscca.org
12-13 * +	The Al Fairer SARRC/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	Roebling Road	http://www.sedivrracing.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.sedivrallycross.com
21-22 #	SARRC/ECR/Pro-IT/PDX	Atl	Road Atlanta	http://www.atl-scca.org
28	Mid-Year Meeting	Atlanta		

August-07

4- CNX	Blue Ridge Divisional Hill Climb Sparta, NC	CCar		www.blueridgehillclimb.com
4-5 CNX	Regional	CFla	Daytona Int'l Speedway	http://www.cfrscca.org
11-12 +	RegionalCFla		Sebring Long Course	http://www.cfrscca.org
11-12 + *	National/Double CCPS	NCR	VIR	http://www.ncrscca.com
18-19				
25-26				

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

For Sale: Single axle, light weight, small car, "tilt" trailer with 12 volt electric winch, battery pack and remote cable, \$1000. Call "Mac" at (850) 458-6060.

For Sale: Rare 1988 Fiat X1/9. Black leather interior, recent valve job, new clutch disk and pressure plate. Needs paint, windshield and transmission 2nd & 3rd gear synchros replaced, \$1800. Call "Mac" at (850) 458-6060

For Sale : Am selling much,, have a gt6 plus for sale, also a spitfire needs gas tank and floor boards runs good both with clear titles, 2 spitfire engines complete, and much more ??? all for sale, questions for parts welcome. Jim cromwell
cromwelljl1@netzero.net

HOT NEWS

In case you missed the announcement in SportsCar, or at www.scca.com last week, SCCA has launched a new program designed to encourage membership growth by rewarding current members who refer new members to the organization.

For each new member referral generated, current SCCA members will receive a \$5 discount on their next renewal. In addition, new members referred to the SCCA receive a \$15 discount. For more details please click on the announcement link: <http://www.scca.com/News/News.asp?Ref=818>



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.

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	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 24 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)*