



THE PYLON

GULF COAST REGION 12



OCT 2005

<http://www.gulfcoastregionscca.org>

R.E.DITOR NOTES

Yes, I am back home again, not that I really wanted to, as that area of New York State is just gorgeous this time of year.

If my memory serves me right, Topper asked at the August meeting, if we should have a meeting in September while I was gone. The consensus at that time indicated a meeting was in order. What happened? I see by the minutes only four people showed up. ! Also, no report was available from the nominating committee. Why not? We need to have officers of the club in order to comply with the approved by-laws of not only our Region, but also those of SCCA. Over the years; I have graciously held most of the tedious positions of the club, along with a few others, while the majority of the members have the attitude of "what is in it for me, I just want to run in the events." We, the few, honestly need some help in running the club, and it is time for some others to step forward and volunteer for something other than just driving their cars and having a good time.

On a better note, I received the following letter from the Salvation Army concerning our donation.

Gulf Coast Region Sports Car Club of America,
Inc.

13575 Leathrbury Rd.

Loxey, AL 36551

Dear Mr. Wurzbach:

Thank you from the bottom of my heart for your wonderful gift to The Salvation Army's 2005 *Neediest Families Disaster Assistance Campaign*.

Many people have been hit hard this hurricane season and due to generous benefactors, such as you, we are able to help these people who are in such dire straits.

Your \$500.00 gift will provide:

Food and clothing

Medical and dental costs

Appliances and furniture

Other disaster assistance necessary

On behalf of these families who will receive these benefits, let me say a deep down heart-felt thank you for giving these people HOPE. God bless you!

Sincerely yours,

Major David W. Waite

Area Commander

Mobile / Baldwin Counties

Tennessee Valley Region successfully completed their first ever hillclimb with just some minor incidents. Our own Richard Felis was right there in the battle until he broke the shifter cable. Richard ended up finishing 5th overall and of course 1st in class. George Bowland, in his special, set a hill record that will be hard to beat in any future events, the next fastest time to his was 9 seconds back !

I hope to see a large turnout for this month's meeting which is on the 21st, that is this Thursday ! We need nominations for officers, and a volunteer to work on our annual banquet which is scheduled for some time in January. See you all on Thursday.

Walt W. R.E.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Beginning Bal.	7/31/05	\$ 5106.44
INCOME:		
Member Dues	290.00	
Interest Earned	2.99	
		292.99
EXPENSES:		
Mid Year Meeting	154.43	
Salvation Army	500.00	
Pylon	26.07	
		680.50
Ending Bal.	9/30/05	\$ 4718.93

SOLO II 2005

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

Oct 21 2005	Gulf Coast Region Meeting at Fire Mountain 9006 Pensacola Blvd (Hwy 29) 7 PM dinner, 8 PM mtg .
Oct 22-23 2005	Track Trial event at Nashville Super Speedway. Forms available at: http://www.rivergate5speed.com/scca/timetrials/nashville05.html
Nov 5-6 2005	Track Trial event at Roebing Road, Ga. Forms available at: http://www.buccaneerregion.org
Nov 17 2005	Gulf Coast Region Meeting at Fire Mountain 9006 Pensacola Blvd (Hwy 29) 7 PM dinner, 8 PM mtg .

*Editor: Walt Wurzbach
(251)945-6150* **THE PYLON** is the official publication of the **Gulf Coast Region - Sports Car Club of America.** Opinions expressed herein are those of the editors and authors who have submitted articles. The editor reserves the right to edit all material for clarity and space. Articles must be submitted prior to the 10th of the month to be included in the current month's issue.

CLUB WHEELS:

Regional Executive: Walt O. Wurzbach 13575 Leatherbury Rd. Loxley, AL 36551 (251)945-6150	Asst. Regional Exec: Topper Jones 10124 Willis Rd. Foley, AL 36535 (251)943-7630	Secretary: Roberta Speh P.O. Box 1203 Foley, AL 36536 (251)943-4114	Treasurer: See R.E. Editor Walt Wurzbach wurzbach@gulftel.com	Area III Director: Bill Weston 20821 Sonrisa Way Boca Raton, FL 33433 (561)483-7818
Director-at-large: Earl Walker 4 Frisco Rd. Pensacola, FL 32507 (850)458-1212	Director-at-large:	Solo II Chairman Topper Jones 10124 Willis Rd. Foley, AL 36535 (251)943-7630	Solo II Co-Chairman Richard Felis 954 Palmetto St Mobile, AL 36604 (251)-432-0025	Area XII Director: Kaye Fairer 145 Fenton Place Danville, VA 24541 (434)-793-4235

GULF COAST REGION SPORTS CAR CLUB OF AMERICA
Minutes of August 25, 2005

The meeting was held at Fire Mountain in Pensacola with 12 people attending. It was called to order by R.E. Walt Wurzbach. He announced that no Pylon would be published in September because he would be out of town. There were no Minutes from the July meeting (oops, secretary misread her meeting calendar). Treasurer W. W. reported a balance of \$5,035.94.

R.E. reminded that election ballots would be sent out with October's Pylon and requested volunteers for the Nominating Committee. The following agreed to serve: Mike Dorohoff, Richard Felis, and Allen Givens.

Discussion of the Christmas party and all in agreement to hold in January.
Need ideas for where and what format.

Discussion of Solo II sites and Site C-3. George Lowe offered to do what checking he could re. availability; noted that C-3 is mostly electronic warfare which is restricted. Discussion of Mobile Speedway and Grand Bay. The long distance for most people would be a problem. Bob Malcomson checked out Ellyson Field; different parts of field are leased to different people which complicates it unrealistically. There was suggestion of talking to Foley mayor again re. Barin Field.

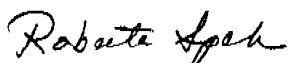
Discussion of cancelling September meeting; decided to continue as scheduled.

Bob Malcomson brought photos from Barber Motorsports Museum; highly recommended visiting.

More discussion of possible sites. Meeting adjourned.

Attending: Walt Wurzbach, Topper Jones, Ray Warden, Jim Cromwell, Mr. & Mrs. Gorge Lowe, Richard Felis, Roberta Speh, John Barber, Bob Malcomson, Allen Givens, Mike Dorohoff.

Submitted by:



Roberta Speh
Secretary

GULF COAST REGION SPORTS CAR CLUB OF AMERICA

Minutes of September 22, 2005

The meeting was held at Fire Mountain in Pensacola with four people attending. In the absence of R.E. W.W., the meeting was called to order by Asst. R.E. Topper Jones. In the absence of the treasurer, there was no financial report. The Minutes of the August meeting were read and approved.

There was no report from the Nominating Committee. Topper noted that an opening for Director-at-Large existed (Zal Chitty) and that Earl Walker needs to be contacted re. staying in his slot. Topper and Walt have agreed to stay in their offices, Roberta agreed to stay at Secretary. The committee was instructed to meet and report to the R.E. in time for ballots to go out with the October Pylon.

There was nothing new to report on the rescheduled annual party. Some discussion on ideas.

Solo II sites: Still nothing. Several sites have been checked out, but none feasible.

Topper reported on the response by many SCCA divisions to give donations to the Red Cross for Katrina victims. He noted that a meeting of the Gulf Coast Region Board decided to give \$500 to "The Salvation Army Neediest Families Campaign." He read the following letter:

The Gulf Coast Region of the Sports Car Club of America would like to donate \$500 to your campaign. We cover an area from the MS/AL line to the Walton/Bay County line in Florida. To the north our area includes Choctaw, Clarke, Monroe, Conecuh and Escambia Counties in Alabama. We also have several members that live in Mississippi. As of now, we have not been in contact with them. They are the John Morgan family of Bay St. Louis and the JR Lane family of Moss Point. We are a small Region of the Sports Car Club of American with only 100 members but feel that we need to help in any way we can.

Topper noted that since sending the letter, word has come that the Morgans are OK and have relocated to Tennessee since their home suffered extreme damage. Still no word on JR Lane. A New Orleans member, Mark Kwong and family, are OK; their home and cars survived the storm but were destroyed by one of the many fires after the storm.

Events: Several members will be participating in the season finale at Roebling Road. October 22, Koby Subaru is one of the sponsors at a Subaru event in Gainesville.

Topper displayed a really nice poster of LeMans that was given to him by Southern Chevrolet in Foley.

Topper reported that he had checked Bronson again and "it's the cleanest it's been." The word is still that work will be starting soon on Air Force parasail program. No further business, the meeting adjourned. Attending: Topper Jones, Allen Givens, Bob Turman, Roberta Speh.

Submitted by:

Roberta Speh

Roberta Speh, Secretary

UPCOMING ELECTIONS INFO

As most of you know, I am running again for the Director's position, and I would like your support. I promise to work hard, keep you advised and seek your advice on matters as they occur, and to represent Area 3 and the SCCA to the best of my abilities. Please consider giving me your vote, & asking your SCCA friends to do so. References on request. Thanks much, K P Jones

My name is Bob Ricker and I am running for Director of Area 3 of SCCA. I am a WORKER. I have worked races since 1966. I started at Palm Beach International Raceway (Moroso). I worked for O. E. (Penny) Pennington at Sebring and Daytona. I have organized and participated in SOLO and Rally. Currently I am the Road Rally Steward and the Asst. RallyCross Steward for SEDIV. I believe that SCCA has been under a reconstruction with Steve Johnson at the helm and this needs to be continued. I have dealt with the "National Office" now for almost 40 years, and it has gone from a nightmare to a tolerable experience over the years. The office is there to serve the needs of the regions, not to dictate how to do things. Most of our regions have the expertise to run safe events; the office should provide the tools necessary to accomplish this goal. I also believe that there should be more service in the way of training and "Customer Service", yes, we are all "Customers" of our regions and the SCCA. My training in guest services with International Speedway Corporation could be used to make our events more user friendly. When I am elected I will try to communicate with all of our regions and participate in as many meetings as possible.

R.E. suggests voting for KP Jones. He has served us extremely well in the past and I am sure he will always keep our best interests in mind. Whatever you do, PLEASE VOTE . Walt

TO THE FUTURE

Yikes! The Ballots are coming! The Ballots are coming!

It is election season SCCA style. And, like our public elections, it is your right, your privilege, indeed your duty to cast your vote to select who will represent your interests and concerns on our Boards of Directors.

Ah, but who to vote for: that is the question.

The ballot in some Areas and Regions has only one candidate for office listed on it. Well, that was limiting. Hopefully that candidate is skilled, knowledgeable and capable or it could be a long year (or two or three). Other Areas and Regions will have multiple candidates for a position and you will be faced with making a choice.

The ballot arrives and you see names on a piece of paper; some you know, some you've never heard of before now. Silence; oh, boy; now what; you have to cast a vote for one. AAARRRRHHHHH...(as the theme from "Psycho" plays in your mind). HOW DO I CHOOSE?

Well, you can default to just picking the first name listed or picking a name you know or have heard a time or two. (And then you can live with whatever they do for the next year [or 2 or 3]). Or you can ask some questions and select the candidate from the answers that make the most sense for you.

There are two sides of the "who to vote for" equation. Side one is to ask yourself what you need to have from an elected official. The second side is to ask what the candidate's qualifications and goals are for securing a seat on the Board. The balance in the equation comes from appropriately matching

(Continued on page 6)

(Continued from page 5)

the answers to the questions. Let's take a look at those questions and answers.

Side 1: How to determine what you need from your elected official:

First and foremost you need someone that will represent your interests and concerns. And those would be.....what? Precisely! Until you are clear about this it will be a challenge to determine who will best represent you.

SCCA is our Club. It is where we come to enjoy our hobby and the camaraderie of friends and fellow members. Because it is our Club, our hobby, we want things our way, we want what we want, we pretty much don't want to be bothered with how things happen: just make them happen. Others of us want to be the ones to make things happen— don't bother me with what you want, thank-you very much. We may be focused on our specific needs (where will my car be classed and so forth) forgetting that in order to support our specific needs, the needs of fellow members and of the organization overall must also be supported. This leads to our first critical question:

“Should I vote someone onto the Board because they will focus on my specific needs or focus on the needs of everyone in the organization?”

This is a good but tough question; one where the options may seem mutually exclusive. They aren't. SCCA has in place processes that address individual and group concerns regarding just about anything SCCA. The committees and groups that are responsible for those processes report to the Region or National Board of Directors. The system of information flow, feedback, and accountability is in place. If you are voting for someone who will represent your specific needs, is the Board the appropriate place for them to be? And, if you are voting for someone to represent your specific needs, are you looking at a broad enough view of your needs?

Boards, because of their legal standing within their Articles of Incorporation, basically have final decision making authority on all matters facing the organization. Subsequently, interests and concerns can mean anything from deciding on a competition rule or adjustment (via event supplemental regulations, or directly with the CRB, SEB, or Rally Board if you are voting for Area Director) to how we are going to recruit more active members to club longevity and financial stability to event and activity dates to what color the banquet table cloths should be. But, do we want interests and concerns for a Board to be that all encompassing? Ask yourself this: “Do I want someone to serve on the Board to govern, manage, micro-manage or just plain do the job for us?”

Hmm...let's see. From an event and activity perspective we have members who chair our committees, serve as event and activity chiefs, they accomplish our Region and event tasks. The task doers report to the chiefs, the chiefs report to the committee chairs, the committee chairs report to....the Board! The managing (hopefully no one engages in micro-managing!) and doing is covered quite nicely through that system of information flow, feedback, and accountability.

It would seem that you want is to have someone on the Board to govern. (For an understanding of governance, see “Thinking of Running for the Board?” Inside Line, September, 2005, pages 5-6.) It would also seem that you want to fulfill your specific needs by engaging in local events and activities and by working with existing committees, program boards, and processes. It would further seem that you want to fulfill your broader needs (such as SCCA's longevity and stability to continue providing our Club's activities) by electing candidates that will govern through oversight ensuring that the managers and doers are managing and doing.

Side 2: How to determine who the appropriate candidate is?

Once you are clear about your needs, begin to ask what qualifications and goals the candidate brings

(Continued on page 7)

(Continued from page 6)

to the position we are asking him or her to fill. Here are some of the specific items to look at and questions to ask the candidates:

Candidate Qualifications Skill set

What is the Candidate's skill level relative to:

- problem solving • communication • interacting effectively with others (within and outside of SCCA) • organizational planning • setting long and short term goals.

Knowledge base

Does the Candidate know and understand:

- SCCA processes • SCCA culture • how to learn from others • how to share their knowledge with others • Board processes and obligations • legal and financial concerns, considerations and compliances.

Capabilities

Is the Candidate able to:

- work within a group or team • make, implement and support decisions • attend meetings and activities as appropriate and necessary • follow codes of: o confidentiality o conduct o conflict of interest o core values and ethical principles • set aside personal interests for the interests of their constituents • embrace diversity of thought and opinion among fellow Board members
- respect all viewpoints • reach consensus on issues • publicly support and explain Board decisions and Board position on issues.

Candidate Goals

Some candidates may have already published in their Region newsletters, on their Region, Division or Area web sites statements of intent and philosophy outlining their qualifications for office and some of their goals. If a statement doesn't exist or if you haven't found it, contact the candidate! Telephone or email him or her to find out the answers to your questions. How else will you know? If they are not interested in taking or call or responding to your

email, well that ought to tell you something about their ability to represent you or their interest in doing so. Ask them not only about their skill, knowledge and capabilities, but ask what their opinion is on specific topics of concern to you. Ask them to share their vision of the future of SCCA. Ask them about their most difficult decision making experience and how they handled it. Ask them how long they've been with SCCA (longer is not always better, maybe your Board needs other ideas and ways of doing things). Ask them what their personal goals are and what their goals are for the organization. The point here is don't be afraid to ask and only by asking will you know if a candidate is an appropriate match to the job you need to have done.

Vote in the balance=the sound equation

SCCA is about all of us--all 60,000 of us that comprise our Regions, Divisions, and Competition Programs. We are a broad, interest diverse Club. One individual's or group's issue is not another's and vice versa. Yet we coexist, play together, party together and share governing Boards. Do our Boards represent our diversity? As you determine your vote, think of your needs and also the needs of our fellow members. Think of what each candidate brings to the position. Match the needs and goals with the qualifications and goals. Do that effectively and you will vote in the balance. Happy Voting!

Barbara Lundquist, CVA
SCCA University
blundquist@scca.com

Solo Participant Bulletin

Date: October 7, 2005

From: National Office

To: All Solo Participants

Subject: Helmet Certification

The Snell Memorial Foundation (www.smf.org) has officially released the SA/K2005 and M2005 helmet standards and the distribution of these helmets has begun. After 01/01/2006 the only helmet certifications that will be acceptable for use at SCCA Solo Events will be:

SA95, M95, K98, SA2000, M2000, SA/K2005, or M2005

SFI 31.1A, 31.2A, 41.1A, and 41.2A (www.sifoundation.com)

As an additional reminder, please check your helmet(s) for any structural damage such as cracks or deterioration of impact-absorbing materials under the inner lining. Also, when purchasing a new helmet, size and fit is very important for the best effectiveness.

SCCA Executive Succession Search Outlined

TOPEKA, Kan. (Sept. 14, 2005) – Sports Car Club of America, Inc.'s Board of Directors revealed its plan for the succession of SCCA President and CEO Steve Johnson, who will vacate his post Sept. 15 and move to Champ Car.

The Board released the following statement:

“The Board of Directors has appointed an internal Search Committee, which is in the process of reviewing resumes already received and those to be received in the near future. If a suitable candidate is not identified within a reasonable time, SCCA will retain an executive search firm to continue the search.

The Board intends to be thorough and deliberate in its search for a new President of SCCA, Inc. We intend to take as much time as may be needed to find the right person. In the meantime, in accordance with the Bylaws, the Board has directed the Chairman to assure that the Club continues to be well managed, and to spend as much time at headquarters as may be necessary to assure the continued smooth running of the organization.”

Current SCCA Chairman of the Board Gary Pitts will oversee SCCA's management team in the interim. A member of the San Francisco Region, Pitts has served as the Chairman for the last two years and has served on the BoD for nearly six years. In private life, Pitts is a biochemist (Ph.D.) and an attorney and provides technology development services under contract to the Pharmaceutical and Medical Devices industry. He is a former Vice President of Johnson & Johnson and other large, multinational drugmakers.

SCCA Region and Member Efforts to aide victims of Hurricane Katrina

SCCA Regions and members have responded to the call to aide those in need in the Gulf Coast states affected by Hurricane Katrina. The SCCA Regions that comprise the Hurricane Katrina Gulf Coast states are: Delta, Gulf Coast, Central Louisiana and SW Louisiana. The SCCA has been in continual contact with the REs of each Region through email and phone conversation. The consensus of these Regions is that Delta Region was most affected and efforts should be focused on the New Orleans area.

The SCCA Region Development Department will serve as the communication funnel point for information of efforts by SCCA Regions and members. What follows is a list of efforts that Regions and members have activated for immediate assistance.

We will also be publishing a list of ideas and suggestions from members that will aide in the midrange (through the end of 2005) and long term (into 2006) rebuilding of Delta Region and its members. We invite all suggestions and ideas; please address them to the SCCA Region Development Department: blundquist@scca.com or mdicker-son@scca.com or post them on the RE's forum on www.scca.com. The forum is monitored daily.

To date we do not know specific SCCA members that have been affected and what their needs may be. As this information comes to us we will compile a listing if you choose to directly donate to or help a specific family.

Current projects:

Cash donations:

Houston Region (www.houscca.com) has established an account at a bank for the purpose of collecting funds to go directly to SCCA families. The account is named "Houston Region for Delta Region Katrina Victims". Checks and money orders made payable to Delta Region and sent to Vasso Gizikis, 22 Wildflower Trace Place, The Woodlands, TX 77382.

Member Chris Brannon is also collecting donations. Here is what he says: "Any money sent to me goes directly to the grocery store and Walmart who are giving me discounts on my purchases. I already have access to 3 semi loads of clothing so I think I have that squared away."

Please send to:

Chris Brannon
c/o Katrina Relief
1116 Ozark Ave.
Mountain Home, AR. 72653

Non-perishable goods: canned goods, clothes, bedding, and the like can be sent to members who are transporting them directly into Louisiana. Here is the contact information for each transport effort:

Vasso Gizikis
22 Wildflower Trace Place
The Woodlands, TX 77382

CLASSIFIEDS

RaceQuip Racing Suit - SFI 3-2A/5, two layer, red, size: ML (I'm 5'6", 175 lbs and it's slightly baggy on me), never worn - \$100 (paid \$299 + s&h) Contact Derric Tubbs at — tubbsd@yahoo.com Derric has moved to New Mexico and needs to sell this suit. (8/05)

Overloaded with projects, NEED TO SELL SOME ! I have two Nissan 300zx 2+2 cars. One is silver with a good body and interior but a bad motor and automatic transmission. The second one is wrecked but has a good motor and standard 5 speed transmission. This was supposed to be a project to put the good motor and 5 speed into the silver car but has just not happened. Neither car is driveable at this time, however they can be moved. Please make me an offer. Contact: Walt Wurzbach, wurzbach@gulftel.com or (251) 945-6150 (8/05)

1982 Mustang hatchback. 5.0 with Cobra Intake, Edelbrock 4 barrel carb, dual exhaust with Flowmasters, T-Tops, A/C and nice CD/Stereo. Good condition in and out, looks, runs and sounds great. Never raced! **\$3,400 obo.** Call **Bob Frassetti (850)206-1073** for more info. Located in Gulf Breeze, FL (6/05)

Advertisers – Please let me know if you still want to keep these ads in the newsletter. Six months maximum, and several are due to be dropped, unless I hear from you !



SCCA
Sports Car Club of America

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 \$55.00	+	Regular Member \$ 15.00	=	\$ 70.00
03	<input type="checkbox"/> Spouse Member \$15.00	+	Spouse Member \$ 5.00	=	\$ 20.00
10	<input type="checkbox"/> Family Membership \$85.00	+	Family Membership \$ 20.00	=	\$105.00
	<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)*