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R.E.DITOR NOTES

I am going to be very brief this month, mainly because I do not have much news to report.

Ann and I attended the Memorial Service for Ron Gillman, past R.E. of Wiregrass Region, who passed away on Sept 8th. Ron and I had been friends since the late 60's when we were both running autocrosses in Pensacola. He will be missed by all that knew him. We did spend some time with his three children, who we watched grow up over the years.

Nothing new to report on Solo sites, however, the big news is that a new complex of race courses – Oval, Road, Dirt and Drag, to be built in either Baldwin or Mobile Counties. Expected completion will be late 2009, with racing starting in 2010. It will be named Ala-

bama Motorsports Park, A Dale Earnhardt Jr. Speedway

As noted in the meeting minutes, a nomination committee has been formed. If you would like to run for any of the offices of the Region, contact Mike Dorohoff @618-791-3458 or Allen Givens @850-982-0394. I do not intend to run for R.E. this year, however, I will continue as the Treasurer and Editor unless someone else would like to take these positions over. There are many other appointed positions also that will need to be filled by volunteers.

The next meeting is Thursday, the 21st of Sept. Please try to attend. The Nominating Committee will have results by October and then ballots will be sent out by email and snail mail.

Walt W. R.E.

Alabama Motorsports Park

Baldwin County Site Plan



Mobile County Site Plan



TREASURER'S REPORT

Beginning Bal.	7/31/06	\$ 4675.57
INCOME:		
Member Dues	90.00	
Interest Earned	1.23	
		91.23
EXPENSES:		
Pylon	21.28	
Mid Year Mtg.	162.09	
		183.37
Ending Bal.	8/31/06	Ending Bal. \$ 4583.43

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

Sep 21 2006	Gulf Coast Region Meeting at Fire Mountain 9006 Pensacola Blvd (Hwy 29) 7 PM dinner, 8 PM mtg .
Sep 23 2006	Autocross at Pensacola Fairgrounds, call Frank at 850-525-2540 for information. <u>This is not a SCCA Sanctioned Event</u>
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 August 24, 2006

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m. by R.E. Walt Wurzbach with 12 "homeless" drivers in attendance. The July Minutes were accepted as printed in The Pylon. As Treasurer, Walt reported a balance of \$4,492.20.

Walt reviewed a number of emails. The Navy has stated categorically that no events can take place on airfields, vacant or not. Mobile Fairgrounds are also out of the running because their insurance will not allow. Still working on site C-3 and another

in Okaloosa County. Tallahassee has a new kart track and there may be a possibility of cars being allowed at some future time, however, the site belongs to Dixie Region.

He noted that Race America has announced an upgrade; are we interested?

Old Business: Site Acquisition Committee. At the last meeting, Paul Neal volunteered. Bob Malcomsen and Allen Givens agreed to join them. Walt explained that before any sites are turned in for him to check, the committee needs to determine who owns it, what their schedule of use is and will they consider SCCA. The next point of discussion was the amount drivers will be willing to pay. Various amounts were proposed, but no agreement..

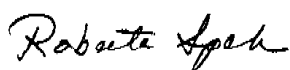
Discussed the possibility of renting No Problem Raceway occasionally, but doesn't seem to be a viable plan. Walt stated no idea when Talladega GranPrix track will be reopened after being redesigned.

New Business: Nominating Committee. Two volunteers for this task: Mike Dorohoff and Allen Givens. Walt requested that they present slate by October. He will not be running for office.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Attending were: Walt Wurzbach, Mike Dorohoff, Raymond O. Worden, Garry Crook, Topper Jones, Richard Felis, Steve Sisler, Jack Handy, Allen Givens, Bob Malcomsen, Roberta Speh, Miles Schuler.

Submitted by,



Roberta Speh, secretary

SITE ACQUISITION REPORT

People often ask what sites we've looked at or attempted to obtain for our autocross use. Foolishly I haven't kept a written log of all the sites we've looked over. Since we now have a team helping us look for sites I'm going to list the sites that I can remember off the top of my head. This is by no means going to be a complete list and I'm going to leave out the sites that are not in our Region or even Division that thought has been given to.

I'll start with Bronson Field. We've worked hard to get it back even if only for a short time. We've had no luck what-so-ever. The following is a list of Military areas we've attempted to gain permission to use. Saufley Field, Pensacola NAS, Whiting, Wolf Field, Summerdale Field, Silverhill Field, Eglin, Hurlburt, and several others in the Escambia / Santa Rosa county areas that I can't remember the names of at this time. We have been completely shut out by all local Navy fields.

Other sites: Orange Beach Sports Complex, Baron Field (Foley) Foley City Airport, Mobile Fairgrounds, Fort Walton Fairgrounds, Pensacola Fairgrounds, several privately owned airports, Holt Drag Raceway, Five Flags Speedway, Mobile International Speedway, Sunny South Raceway, Deep South Raceway, Atmore Dragway, the old Mobile Sam's Club, the old Mobile K-Mart, a closed shopping center on Navy Blvd. the old Winn Dixie on Mobile Highway, Faulkner State Community College, Pensacola Junior College (two campuses), University of West Florida, Okaloosa-Walton College, Tate High School, Woodham High School, Foley High School, Robertsdale High School, Hank Aaron Stadium, Ladd Peebles Stadium, University Mall, Malbis Center, Old Gayfers Center, Bel Air Mall, Fireworks World, the old Gulf Chrysler dealership, Pensacola Auto Auction.

I'm sure if I was willing to sit here at my desk, rack my brain, I could come up with at least 20 or 30 more sites that have been looked over by myself, Walt, or a few other members. It is frankly disheartening. We've traveled to likely sites and made contact with dozens of people only to find the sites lacking size, safety, or suitable surfacing. Other times we have been shot down by the Navy or by owners or their insurance companies. It's no secret that a private individual has reportedly obtained a site for an event that turned us down two years ago. I find this very interesting because I personally met with two individuals that claimed to control the site. While the site surface was certainly lacking it beat having nothing to run on. When we tried to set up a second meeting with these individuals to finalize things we were told in no uncertain terms that we were not welcome on the site. Case closed, we were shut down and left with the impression that we shouldn't bother them again. This was interesting because when we expressed an interest in the site they actually came to me telling me they wanted us on the site. The private individual who is planning to hold an event has stated that he hopes to work with us to hold SCCA sanctioned events in the future. I have not met him and know nothing about him but I wish him well. I also hope that he will work with us on future events to benefit both his business and our club.

Topper Jones

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 know 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...

To All REs,

The 2006 National Championship Runoffs at Heartland Park Topeka is not far off! The event is coming together very nicely for what promises to be the best SCCA National Championships ever. The efforts put into the 2006 edition are all geared to establishing the prestige and importance deserved of the SCCA National Championships. The Runoffs are well on their way to being recognized as this country's most significant motorsports championships.

The Club Racing Department is seeking specific assistance from medically trained members for the 2006 event. Our medically trained members have not traditionally had an opportunity to be part of the Runoffs team and we want to make sure they know we now have a meaningful place for them to participate. Please put the word out to your Region's membership if there is anyone interested in supporting this great event. For those that have never been to the Runoffs, the week promises to be full of fun, SCCA camaraderie, and oh yeah, there is going to be great racing deciding 25 National championships!

If you have members interested in attending to be part of the Emergency Services team, please contact Terry Ozment at tozment@scca.com or you can call her at 800.770.2055, ext 304. Thanks and I hope to see you at Heartland Park Topeka in October!

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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- 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.

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

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.

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
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

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)
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